

**32. Goods-service Vehicles.**—All goods-service vehicles licensed under the Transport Licensing Act are examined by departmental Vehicle Inspectors every six months. The Certificate of Fitness which is carried on each vehicle sets out the maximum load which the vehicle is permitted to carry.

The following table gives the number of passenger and goods vehicles in operation in the four transport licensing districts :—

| District. |    |    | Passenger-service Vehicles. |               |                  |                   |               |                  |        |              |             | Goods-service Vehicles. | Total. |
|-----------|----|----|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|--------|--------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------|
|           |    |    | Omnibuses.                  | Service Cars. | Service Coaches. | Passenger trucks. | School Buses. | School Vehicles. | Taxis. | Rental Cars. | Ambulances. |                         |        |
| 1         | .. | .. | 384                         | 97            | 102              | 130               | 218           | 48               | 410    | 206          | 38          | 3,375                   | 5,008  |
| 2         | .. | .. | 297                         | 124           | 43               | 107               | 127           | 40               | 409    | 155          | 40          | 2,849                   | 4,191  |
| 3         | .. | .. | 172                         | 106           | 32               | 71                | 72            | 28               | 169    | 122          | 30          | 1,394                   | 2,196  |
| 4         | .. | .. | 109                         | 70            | 28               | 50                | 93            | 23               | 151    | 88           | 16          | 1,130                   | 1,758  |
| Totals    |    |    | 962                         | 397           | 205              | 358               | 510           | 139              | 1,139  | 571          | 124         | 8,748                   | 13,153 |

**33. Other Vehicles.**—All motor-vehicles other than those which come within the scope of the Transport Licensing Act are required to carry a warrant of fitness, issued either by motor-garages especially approved for the purpose or by municipalities which have established vehicle-testing stations.

**34. Age of Vehicles.**—As a result of the war, vehicles which normally would have been replaced have of necessity had to continue in service. The vehicles in operation to-day are in general relatively old, and the following table gives the ages of the vehicles licensed under the Transport Licensing Act :—

| Age (Years). | Omnibus. |      | Service Cars. |      | Service Coaches. |      | Passenger-trucks. |      | School Buses. |      | School Vehicles. |      | Taxis. |      | Rental Cars. |      | Ambulances. |      | Goods-service Vehicles. |      |
|--------------|----------|------|---------------|------|------------------|------|-------------------|------|---------------|------|------------------|------|--------|------|--------------|------|-------------|------|-------------------------|------|
|              | No.      | %    | No.           | %    | No.              | %    | No.               | %    | No.           | %    | No.              | %    | No.    | %    | No.          | %    | No.         | %    | No.                     | %    |
| 1 ..         | 90       | 9.4  | 9             | 2.3  | 29               | 14.1 | 28                | 7.7  | 27            | 5.3  | ..               | ..   | ..     | ..   | 3            | 0.5  | 12          | 1.7  | 752                     | 8.6  |
| 2 ..         | 28       | 2.9  | 3             | 0.7  | 13               | 6.3  | 22                | 6.2  | 4             | 0.8  | ..               | ..   | ..     | ..   | ..           | ..   | 5           | 4.2  | 621                     | 7.1  |
| 3 ..         | 31       | 3.2  | 1             | 0.3  | 4                | 1.9  | 4                 | 1.2  | 5             | 0.9  | ..               | ..   | ..     | ..   | ..           | ..   | 5           | 4.2  | 289                     | 3.3  |
| 4 ..         | 30       | 3.1  | 6             | 1.5  | 22               | 10.7 | 10                | 2.7  | 5             | 0.9  | ..               | ..   | ..     | ..   | ..           | ..   | 4           | 3.3  | 201                     | 2.3  |
| 5 ..         | 16       | 1.7  | 5             | 1.2  | 12               | 5.9  | 22                | 6.1  | 10            | 1.9  | 1                | 0.7  | 19     | 1.7  | 20           | 3.5  | 1           | 0.8  | 429                     | 4.9  |
| 6 ..         | 51       | 5.3  | 7             | 1.8  | 11               | 5.4  | 16                | 4.4  | 21            | 4.1  | 2                | 1.4  | 42     | 3.7  | 54           | 9.5  | 7           | 5.8  | 289                     | 3.3  |
| 7 ..         | 116      | 12.1 | 42            | 10.6 | 14               | 6.8  | 42                | 11.8 | 52            | 10.2 | 9                | 6.5  | 338    | 29.6 | 139          | 24.3 | 25          | 19.4 | 709                     | 8.1  |
| 8 ..         | 83       | 8.7  | 59            | 14.9 | 36               | 17.8 | 76                | 21.6 | 105           | 20.8 | 19               | 13.7 | 338    | 29.6 | 235          | 41.0 | 26          | 19.9 | 1,128                   | 12.9 |
| 9 ..         | 92       | 9.5  | 49            | 12.3 | 18               | 8.8  | 53                | 14.7 | 95            | 18.8 | 25               | 18.0 | 218    | 19.1 | 63           | 11.1 | 16          | 13.3 | 1,391                   | 15.9 |
| 10 ..        | 154      | 16.0 | 38            | 9.6  | 23               | 11.2 | 48                | 13.3 | 76            | 14.9 | 19               | 13.6 | 110    | 9.7  | 38           | 6.7  | 11          | 9.2  | 1,260                   | 14.4 |
| 11 ..        | 63       | 6.5  | 18            | 4.5  | 7                | 3.4  | 13                | 3.5  | 29            | 5.2  | 10               | 7.2  | 33     | 2.9  | 5            | 0.9  | 3           | 2.5  | 595                     | 6.8  |
| 12 ..        | 36       | 3.7  | 20            | 5.0  | 6                | 2.9  | 10                | 2.7  | 16            | 3.2  | 5                | 3.6  | 9      | 0.8  | 8            | 1.4  | 3           | 2.5  | 402                     | 4.6  |
| 13 ..        | 25       | 2.6  | 9             | 2.3  | 3                | 1.4  | 1                 | 0.3  | 6             | 1.1  | 7                | 5.0  | 3      | 0.3  | 1            | 0.2  | ..          | ..   | 140                     | 1.6  |
| 14 ..        | 40       | 4.2  | 17            | 4.3  | ..               | ..   | 2                 | 0.6  | 11            | 2.1  | 13               | 9.4  | 1      | 0.1  | ..           | ..   | 6           | 4.9  | 166                     | 1.9  |
| 15 and over  | 107      | 11.1 | 114           | 28.7 | 7                | 3.4  | 11                | 3.2  | 48            | 9.4  | 29               | 20.9 | 28     | 2.5  | 5            | 0.9  | 10          | 8.3  | 376                     | 4.3  |
| Totals       | 962      | 100  | 397           | 100  | 205              | 100  | 358               | 100  | 510           | 100  | 139              | 100  | 1,139  | 100  | 571          | 100  | 124         | 100  | 8,748                   | 100  |

**35.** During the past year the number of new passenger-service vehicles constructed in the Dominion was as follows :—

|                  |    |    |    |    |     |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Omnibuses        | .. | .. | .. | .. | 116 |
| Service cars     | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9   |
| Service coaches  | .. | .. | .. | .. | 54  |
| Passenger-trucks | .. | .. | .. | .. | 51  |
| School buses     | .. | .. | .. | .. | 65  |
| Ambulances       | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16  |