

REHABILITATION.—During the year ended 31st March, 1948, 649 transport licences were obtained by ex-servicemen, compared to 856 during the previous year.

(a) The following table shows, by districts, the type of licences obtained by ex-servicemen during the year:—

District.					Class of Licence obtained during the Year ended 31st March, 1948.				
					Passenger.	Taxi.	Rental.	Goods.	Total.
No. 1	..	..	..	..	13	31	3	209	256
No. 2	..	..	..	..	19	45	7	117	188
No. 3	..	..	..	..	1	8	3	38	50
No. 4	..	..	..	..	11	14	..	24	49
No. 5	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	6
Auckland Metropolitan	..	..	..	..	..	28	..	..	28
Wellington Metropolitan	..	..	..	..	..	24	..	..	24
Christchurch Metropolitan	..	..	..	..	..	40	..	..	40
Dunedin Metropolitan	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	8
Totals	..	..	..	..	44	201	13	391	649

(b) The following table shows the number of transport licences now held by ex-servicemen, and also the total number of current transport licences, as at 31st March, 1948, by districts:—

District.	Class of Licence.										
	Passenger.		Taxi.		Rental.		Goods.		Totals.		
	Total.	Ex-servicemen.	Total.	Ex-servicemen.	Total.	Ex-servicemen.	Total.	Ex-servicemen.	Total Licences.	Total held by Ex-servicemen.	Percentage held by Ex-servicemen.
No. 1	481	39	428	156	59	13	2,057	776	3,025	984	33
No. 2	349	50	304	210	60	15	1,357	536	2,070	811	39
No. 3	125	11	81	26	29	8	524	207	759	252	33
No. 4	175	17	124	73	22	3	658	318	979	411	42
No. 5	69	3	33	16	6	4	129	43	237	66	28
Auckland Metropolitan	28*	1	375	137	..	..	..	..	403	138	34
Wellington Metropolitan	6	..	206	137	..	..	..	..	212	137	65
Christchurch Metropolitan	16	..	128	84	..	..	..	..	144	84	58
Dunedin Metropolitan ..	17	..	56	31	..	..	..	..	73	31	42
Totals	1,266*	121	1,735	870	176	43	4,725	1,880	7,902	2,914	37

* Excludes { 559 licences authorizing taxis to run to race meetings for separate fares } Temporary and short-term licences issued by Auckland
 { 37 licences authorizing taxis to run early morning services at separate fares } Metropolitan Licensing Authority.

The total licences held by ex-servicemen as at 31st March, 1948, have risen from 2,265 (the previous year) to 2,914, or by 29 per cent. over the preceding year.

GOODS-SERVICE CHARGES TRIBUNAL.—During the year ended 31st March, 1948, the Tribunal held hearings to deal with 10 applications for the review of area rates schedules, 5 for the review of city schedules and an application for a general increase in rates following a wages increase. In addition the Tribunal dealt with 77 general contracts and 65 mail contracts.