

A summary of the number of certificates of fitness, or permits to run, that were issued during the year is as follows:—

No. and District.	Omni-buses.	Service Cars.	Service Coaches.	Passenger Trucks.	Total.
1. Whangarei	10	59	7	63	139
2. Auckland and Tauranga	204	157	20	21	402
4. Gisborne and Napier	64	142	8	32	246
5. Stratford and Taumarunui	17	89	2	26	134
6. Wellington	115	136	7	19	277
7. Nelson and Westland	22	109	..	36	167
8. Christchurch	51*	44	9	12	116
9. Dunedin	48	89	4	13	154
10. Invercargill	22	74	3	8	107
Totals	553	899	60	230	1,742

* Includes 11 electric trackless trams.

Vehicles condemned, total 22. Vehicles withdrawn voluntarily, 66.

General.—A considerable amount of work of a mechanical nature has been done for other Government Departments during the year, principally concerning the preparation of contract specifications, arranging and supervising contracts, and making payments.

The major work in this connection related to the following Departments, viz :—

Agriculture Department	Repair and purchase of tractors.
Cook Islands Department	Purchase of plant.
Defence Department	Steam services and cooking equipment, new barracks.
External Affairs Department	Purchase of plant.
Forestry Department	Purchase of plant.
Health Department	Installation of new boiler, Waikato District Hospital.
Industries and Commerce Department	Tourist and Health, heating hostels.
Justice Department	Heating courthouses.
Lands and Survey Department	Installation of pumping-plant.
Marine Department	Inspection of lighthouses.
	Installation of lighthouse plant at Baring Head and Tiritiri.
Mental Hospitals Department	Laundry equipment and water - supply, various institutions.
	Installation of plant at Auckland and Ngawhatu Mental Hospital.
Mines Department	Manufacture and repair of alluvial drills.
	Purchase of plant.
Native Department	Purchase of plant.
Navy Department	Purchase of plant for Naval Dockyard, Auckland.

After preparation of suitable specifications and advertising contracts, numerous items of road-making plant were purchased through the Main Highways Board for sale to local bodies on hire-purchase system. These comprised nine power-graders, being one each for the following counties: Grey, Wallace, Waimarino, Maniototo, Selwyn, Masterton, Waimate, Bay of Islands, and Vincent.

One tractor and planer was purchased for the Opotiki County.

One stone-crusher and elevator for Clifton County. Two motor-lorries for Grey County and one motor-lorry each for Maniototo County, Tauranga County, and MacKenzie County.

TRAMWAYS.

Auckland.—During the year under review the Auckland Transport Board constructed one new car, which was tested and put into service. Twenty-one cars were damaged as the result of accidents; sixteen were repaired, inspected, and returned to service. One car was damaged beyond repair by fire, the superstructure was reconstructed on a stream-line basis.

Four fatal accidents occurred, two of which were the outcome of passengers attempting to alight whilst cars were in motion, the other two resulted from tram-cars coming into collision with pedestrians. In all cases the Auckland Transport Board was absolved from all blame.

New Plymouth.—Progress is being made with the bonding of rails by welding. Two miles of trolley wire and fittings have been renewed. A hot-water system was installed in the tramway-sheds for the convenience of employees.