

Section 10 of the Motor-vehicles Amendment Act, 1927, provides that after a registration has remained “dormant” for two complete years it is to be cancelled. The following sets out the 1932–33 registrations cancelled on 1st June, 1935, in accordance with this section :—

Type of Vehicle.						Number.
Cars	..	..	..	..	..	3,811
Light trucks	..	..	..	..	..	1,897
Heavy trucks	..	..	..	..	..	811
Service cars	..	..	..	..	..	50
Taxis	..	..	..	..	..	16
Passenger trucks	..	..	..	..	..	11
Rental and private-hire cars	..	..	..	..	..	6
Motor-buses	..	..	..	..	..	22
Traction-engines	..	..	..	..	..	22
Trailers	..	..	..	..	..	352
Tractors	..	..	..	..	..	69
Motor-cycles	..	..	..	..	..	2,812
Other vehicles	..	..	..	..	..	19
Total ..						9,898

(d) MOTOR-VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES.

The following classes of number-plates were assigned during the licensing year 1935–36 :—

- (1) For private cars, plates *without initial letter* 601–99999, inclusive, and *with initial letter* from XI onwards.
- (2) For “private-hire” and “rental” cars, plates without letter 1–600, inclusive.
- (3) Special plates for issuance to cycles.
- (4) Plates with initial letter “D” (both car and cycle) for dealers’ vehicles.
- (5) Plates with initial letter “E” for vehicles exempted from payment of annual license fees.
- (6) Plates with the prefix “GOVT.” for vehicles owned by Government Departments.
- (7) Plates with initial letter “H” for heavy trucks.
- (8) Plates with initial letter “L” for light trucks.
- (9) Plates with initial letter “P” for omnibuses.
- (10) Plates with initial letter “R” for trailers.
- (11) Plates with initial letter “S” for service cars.
- (12) Plates with initial letter “T” for taxis.
- (13) Plates with initial letter “V” for passenger trucks and “contract” motor-vehicles.

(e) VEHICLES ACTUALLY ON THE ROAD.

The number of “live” registrations on the register kept in accordance with the provisions of the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924, may be taken as a reasonable indication of the number of vehicles actually on the road. The numbers of these “live” registrations have been estimated for each month, and the monthly averages for the twelve-monthly periods ended on 31st March, 1932, to 31st March, 1936, are given hereunder :—

Type of Vehicle.		Monthly Averages.				
		1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
		Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.
Motor-cars		130,889	127,115	123,331	129,277	135,504
Trucks		26,232	26,907	29,863	33,314	36,073
Omnibuses		1,048	1,000	1,000	877	525
Traction-engines		123	136	140	140	160
Trailers		1,160	1,545	2,400	2,407	2,538
Tractors		426	561	600	600	800
Motor-cycles		23,487	21,995	21,171	21,110	18,431
Other motor-vehicles		441	421	420	400	400
Totals		183,806	179,680	178,925	188,125	194,431

The number of motor-cars on the road shows an increase of 6,227, or 4·8 per cent., and trucks 2,759, or 8·3 per cent., while omnibuses and motor-cycles have continued to decline.