

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 1933-34 registrations cancelled on 1st June, 1936, in accordance with this section :—

Type of Vehicle.	Number.
Cars	2,808
Light trucks	1,700
Heavy trucks	715
Service cars	42
Taxis	21
Passenger trucks	..
Rental and private-hire cars	1
Motor-buses	15
Traction-engines	33
Trailers	472
Tractors	110
Motor-cycles	2,523
Other vehicles	26
Total	8,466

(d) MOTOR-VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES.

The following classes of number-plates were assigned during the licensing year 1936-37 :—

- (1) For private cars, plates *without initial letter* from 1001 onwards, the highest number manufactured being 185,000.
- (2) For "private-hire" and "rental" cars, plates without letter 1-999, 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 vehicles licensed on the register kept in accord 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 number of vehicles licensed have been estimated from month to month, and the averages for the years ending on the 31st March, 1934, to the 31st March, 1937, are given hereunder :—

Class of Vehicle.	Averages.			
	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.
	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.
Cars	117,867	124,204	135,220	152,819
Trucks, light, up to 2 tons laden	17,643	19,840	21,281	23,499
Trucks, heavy, over 2 tons laden	13,708	14,394	15,539	17,310
Omnibus	518	511	531	575
Taxis	1,493	1,518	1,627	1,659
Rental cars	131	215	333	474
Service cars	965	735	670	656
Dealers' cars	853	1,003	1,221	1,475
Local-body road vehicles	1,147	1,198	1,430	1,762
Government vehicles	1,378	1,444	1,546	1,806
Dealers' motor-cycles	127	123	128	133
Motor-cycles	21,113	21,063	20,602	20,631
Trailers	2,400	2,107	2,894	3,796
Passenger trucks	*	628	795	977
Totals	179,343	188,983	203,817	227,572

* Included under other headings for 1933-34.