

Year ended 31st March,	Great Britain.	United States of America or Canada.	Other Countries.	Total Registration.
<i>Motor-cycles.</i>				
1927	70	30	..	100
1928	76	24	..	100
1929	80	20	..	100
1930	81	19	..	100
1931	82	18	..	100
1932	76	24	..	100
1933	73	26	1	100
1934	73	26	1	100
1935	75	24	1	100
1936	78	20	2	100
1937	86	14	..	100
1938	90	10	..	100
Totals ..	78	21	1	100

The above table shows a steady growth of the share of new cars obtained by Great Britain up till the depression year of 1933, when 60 per cent. came from that source. Then came a drop following upon the improving economic conditions, with a sudden increase for 1936-37 to 57 per cent., while for 1937-38 a similar percentage is maintained. This increase during a boom period is, no doubt, due to the increase in the general prosperity of the community and to the increasing popularity of the light, economical-running makes of cars.

Up to 1933-34 a somewhat similar trend is noticeable in the case of commercial vehicles, when 39 per cent. of the total came from Great Britain. Over the past four years this proportion has been slowly declining in favour of American and Canadian vehicles, and the imports from these two countries outnumber imports from Great Britain by over two to one. It should be noted that imports from "Other Countries" have been omitted from the percentage table; this is because practically all the figures under that heading refer to trailers, 2,639 of the 2,684 vehicles under that heading for 1937-38 being trailers.

In the motor-cycle field the British entry shows an increasing predominance since the depression years, and the slight swing-over to American machines has not been maintained. Foreign motor-cycles do not appear to be able to establish any hold on the New Zealand motor-cycle market.

C. MOTOR-VEHICLES LICENSED AS AT 31st MARCH, 1938.

The appended figures show the number of motor-vehicles licensed for the year 1937-38 as at 31st March, 1938 (the licensing year expires on 31st May each year):—

Type of Vehicle.	North Island.	South Island.	New Zealand Total.
Cars	126,476	64,078	190,554
Light trucks (2 tons and under laden)	17,558	9,032	26,590
Heavy trucks (over 2 tons laden)	13,821	6,609	20,430
Passenger trucks	963	432	1,395
Omnibuses	472	184	656
Taxis	1,178	577	1,755
Service cars	406	289	695
Rental and private-hire cars	424	289	713
Dealers' cars	1,274	563	1,837
Local-authority road vehicles	1,546	1,346	2,892
Government vehicles	1,850	853	2,703
Trailers	3,839	3,248	7,087
Dealers' motor-cycles	93	47	140
Motor-cycles	14,352	8,528	22,880
Totals	184,252	96,075	280,327

Table No. 1 of the Appendix shows the number of motor-vehicles registered as at 31st December 1937, grouped according to highway districts.

The number of motor-vehicles licensed as at 31st March, 1938, classified according to postal districts, are set out in Table 2.