

WARRANTS AND EXEMPTIONS BY MINISTER.

Warrants have been issued for the purpose of bringing taxi-cabs in Christchurch Transport District under the provisions of the Transport Licensing Act, 1931 (*Gazette*, 1/7/37), adding to the list of approved multi-axled heavy motor-vehicles (*Gazette*, 24/2/38), and setting up the tribunal to report on the purchase of goods-services by the Government (*Gazette*, 29/7/37). In addition, numerous warrants have been issued fixing road classifications, areas of speed-limit restrictions or de-restrictions, and various approved types of vehicle appliances (*e.g.*, rear reflectors for bicycles).

During the year the Minister has approved of exemptions being granted for the following number of motor-vehicles :—

Number of Vehicles affected.	Nature of Exemption.	Authority for Exemption.
61	Exemption from license fees of vehicles designed for road-construction or road-maintenance purposes	Para. (3) of the Second Schedule to the Motor-vehicles (Special Types) Regulations 1937, and ditto (No. 2).
1	Exemptions from fitting mileage-recorder to vehicles subject to mileage-tax	Regulation 3 of the Motor-vehicle Special Taxation Regulations 1933.
55	Exemptions from passenger-service license in respect of vehicles carrying workmen to and from a public work	Section 14 of Transport Licensing Amendment Act, 1936.

8. COMMERCIAL AIR TRANSPORT.

Commercial air transport in the Dominion continued to expand rapidly during the past year. This expansion takes the form not only of an increase in the number of machines engaged (the number was 15 in December, 1937, compared with 10 in December, 1936), but also in miles of routes served (increased from 923 miles in 1936 to 1,613 miles in 1937) and in miles flown (from 706,233 in 1936 to 1,205,965 in 1937).

Details of the information relating to the licensed commercial air services are set out in Tables Nos. 15 and 16 in the Appendix.

During the year the Hon. the Minister of Transport, as Licensing Authority for air services, granted 2 applications for licenses to operate route services, 2 for licenses to operate air-taxi services, 6 for temporary licenses, and 30 amendments to existing licenses.