

C. "HIT-AND-RUN" DRIVERS.

The table hereunder indicates the number of claims and the amounts paid out under the agreement which was gazetted on the 29th October, 1931, at page 3023, and which relates to third-party insurance to cover the damage resulting from death or injuries due to the negligence of such drivers.

Although the numbers of claims arising out of this type of accident show only a small reduction since 1936, when heavier penalties came into force, this is probably due to its being more widely known that a claim for damages may be made under the above agreement.

Table of Claims.

Year ending 31st May,				Number of Accidents for which Claims made.	Amount paid to Claimants.			Expenses incurred in handling Claims.		
					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1932 (five months only)	..	..	..	5	595	0	0	145	3	6
1933	..	..	..	11	885	8	0	144	8	7
1934	..	..	..	12	720	2	6	151	10	10
1935	..	..	..	29	1,661	11	4	327	8	4
1936	..	..	..	38	1,224	9	6	517	5	2
1937	..	..	..	37	1,753	3	6	249	7	3
1938	..	..	..	25	1,557	2	10	133	2	8
1939	..	..	..	36	168	7	6*	45	8	9*

*Incomplete.

6. REGULATION OF COMMERCIAL ROAD TRANSPORT.

TRANSPORT LICENSING ACT, 1931.

A. PASSENGER SERVICES.

The degree of stability that has been attained in the passenger-service industry is reflected to some extent in the work of the Licensing Authorities for the year ended 31st March, 1939. Some 249 applications were considered for the renewal of passenger-service licenses, and, excepting for five applications which have been held up for further consideration, all the licenses were renewed. Included in these applications were the first of the licenses issued in 1935 for a three-year term.

Table No. 12 sets out full details of the applications for new licenses, amendments to licenses, and transfers of licenses dealt with by the Licensing Authorities during the year.

(1) APPLICATIONS FOR NEW LICENSES.

Some 187 applications were dealt with by the four District Licensing Authorities and 7 by the Metropolitan Authorities. Of these, 124 were granted, mainly for contract licenses, 23 were refused, and 35 were adjourned for further consideration.

(2) APPLICATIONS FOR AMENDMENTS TO LICENSES.

Of the 251 amendment applications received for the variation of the terms and conditions of licenses in force, 212 applications were granted, 2 were refused, and 31 adjourned.

(3) APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSFER OF LICENSES.

During the year 54 applications were considered for the transfer of licenses, 53 of the applications being granted and 1 adjourned.

(4) TEMPORARY LICENSES ISSUED.

The figures for temporary licenses issued, which are not shown in Table No. 12, are set out hereunder, together with comparative figures for the previous two years:—

Area.					Year ending 31st March,		
					1937.	1938.	1939.
No. 1 Licensing District	..	..	..	..	1,153	1,749	2,066
No. 2 Licensing District	..	..	..	..	976	1,179	1,189
No. 3 Licensing District	..	..	..	..	441	913	574
No. 4 Licensing District	..	..	..	..	438	1,028	1,072
Auckland Transport Board District	..	..	..	..	1,660	2,167	2,393
Wellington Metropolitan Area	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Christchurch Metropolitan Area	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
Dunedin Metropolitan Area	..	..	..	..	3	13	2
Total	..	..	..	..	4,675	7,019	7,298