

**40. Goods-service Vehicles : Gross Carrying-capacities.**—The following schedule gives the percentages in heavy traffic license groups of the trucks operated under the Transport Licensing Act :—

Heavy Traffic Classification.			Gross Weight.	Percentage of Trucks.
			Tons.	
A	..	..	2 - 2½	2·6
B	..	..	2½ - 3	2·5
C	..	..	3 - 3½	1·0
D	..	..	3½ - 4	1·8
E	..	..	4 - 4½	2·5
F	..	..	4½ - 5	2·7
G	..	..	5 - 5½	3·1
H	..	..	5½ - 6	2·9
I	..	..	6 - 6½	9·5
J	..	..	6½ - 7	14·1
K	..	..	7 - 7½	12·9
L	..	..	7½ - 8	23·7
M	..	..	8 - 8½	4·0
N	..	..	8½ - 9	3·1
O	..	..	9 - 9½	2·5
P	..	..	9½ - 10	4·4
Q	..	..	Over 10	6·7
				100·0

**41. Goods-service Vehicles : Axle-types.**—Vehicles may be divided into four general types, dependent upon the number of axles, and the following gives the number of good-service vehicles in the various classes :—

Two-axle vehicles	..	..	..	8,103
Three-axle rigid frame vehicles (with trailing axle)	..	..	..	348
Three-axle rigid frame vehicles (double axle drive)	..	..	..	165
Multi-axle semi-trailer or articulated type vehicle	..	..	..	132

**42. Vehicles condemned.**—During the year 148 licensed vehicles were condemned and 1,532 were voluntarily withdrawn from service. This reflects the Department's policy of giving adequate warning to operators when vehicles are reaching the end of their economic life in order that old vehicles may be replaced without the possibility of dislocating licensed services.

**43. Rehabilitation of Ex-servicemen.**—The vehicle inspection staff made valuations of 473 vehicles in connection with the purchase of vehicles for the rehabilitation of ex-servicemen.

**44. Trolley-buses.**—Several municipalities have taken active steps during the year to acquire trolley-buses for passenger-transportation work, and it is possible that some of the new vehicles will be placed in service during the coming year. The Department has already indicated its willingness to grant concessions in regard to the width and overall length of trolley buses in order that the maximum advantage may be taken of this form of transport for urban services.

**45. Passenger Comfort.**—During the war period the general standard of passenger comfort has been affected by the use of old vehicles, which frequently operated in an overcrowded condition. Each week, however, new vehicles are now finding their