

- (5.) That the most convenient tribunal to assess such value, if the same is not settled by agreement, would be a Compensation Court constituted under the existing provisions of the Public Works Act, save that a Magistrate's Court should have jurisdiction up to £2,000.
- (6.) That transport authorities requiring funds to complete and purchase under the foregoing provisions should have full statutory power to make all necessary arrangements for this purpose.
- (7.) That the following matters, now provided for by the Order in Council of the 6th May, 1926, should be provided for by Order in Council under powers conferred by the statute :—
 - (a.) The appointment of licensing authorities and other matters mentioned in Regulation No. 3 :
 - (b.) The creation of a right of appeal in connection with the issue of licenses and the conditions attached thereto, and other matters within the jurisdiction of a licensing authority :
 - (c.) The creation of Transport Appeal Boards, and the regulation of appeals :
 - (d.) Notice of accidents to be given to the Minister, now provided for in Regulation No. 11 :
 - (e.) An additional motor-omnibus fare for a licensed motor-omnibus, now provided for by Regulation No. 10 :
 - (f.) Motor-omnibus licenses in accordance with Regulation No. 5 :
 - (g.) Condition of motor-omnibuses in accordance with Regulation No. 8 :
 - (h.) For insuring against accident in accordance with Regulation No. 9, subsections (1) and (2) ; subsections (3) to (13) to be referred to the Government for consideration.
- (8.) That the statute should confer on the licensing authority power to make by-laws or regulations for the following purposes : The issue and terms of license, applications for licenses, and revocation of same as regards both vehicles and drivers, with power to impose licensing and inspection fees.
- (9.) That, in order to secure a measure of co-ordination, by-laws made should be subject to the condition of requiring Ministerial approval.
- (10.) That the licensing authority should be under obligation to see that adequate transport service, either by tram or motor-omnibus, is provided, and suggest that if 10 per cent. of the inhabitants in any district desiring a service present a petition to a licensing authority requesting such authority to see that such service is supplied, then in default of the supply of the service there should be an inquiry made as to the reasonableness of the application. The finding arrived at as the result of the inquiry should be given effect to.
- (11.) That consideration should be given by the Government to the question of establishing a Metropolitan Board of Control for the Auckland District, the Board to have power to take over the tramway and bus undertaking of the City of Auckland at a price to be assessed by some appointed authority, and power given to the Metropolitan Board to arrange the necessary finance and rating security over such metropolitan district.
- (12.) That consideration should be given by the Government to the possibility that the institution of municipally-owned omnibuses for privately-owned omnibuses may result in depriving certain local bodies of part of their present share in motor-lorry license fees, and that if this is so the present rights of such local bodies should be protected.

The minutes of evidence taken by your Committee are attached hereto [not printed].
31st August, 1926.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Motor-omnibus Regulations Committee desires to place on record its high appreciation of the ability and impartiality with which the Chairman, Mr. E. P. Lee, has conducted his duties and presided over its deliberations, and thanks him for the unremitting industry and attention which he gave to every aspect of the complex problem with which the Committee had to deal. It also desires that this resolution be recorded in the minutes of the Committee and be reported to the House.

31st August, 1926.

P. FRASER,
A member of the Committee.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Motor-omnibus Regulations Committee desires to place on record its high appreciation of the courtesy, attention, and services rendered by the Clerk, Mr. J. J. Smith, during the session. It also desires that this resolution be recorded in the minutes of the Committee and be reported to the House.

31st August, 1926.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Motor-omnibus Regulations Committee desires to place on record its high appreciation of the reporting carried out by the Committee reporters, Messrs. Harrison and Mitchell, and the general accuracy of their reports. It also desires that this resolution be recorded in the minutes and reported to the House.

31st August, 1926.

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