

For Equipment.

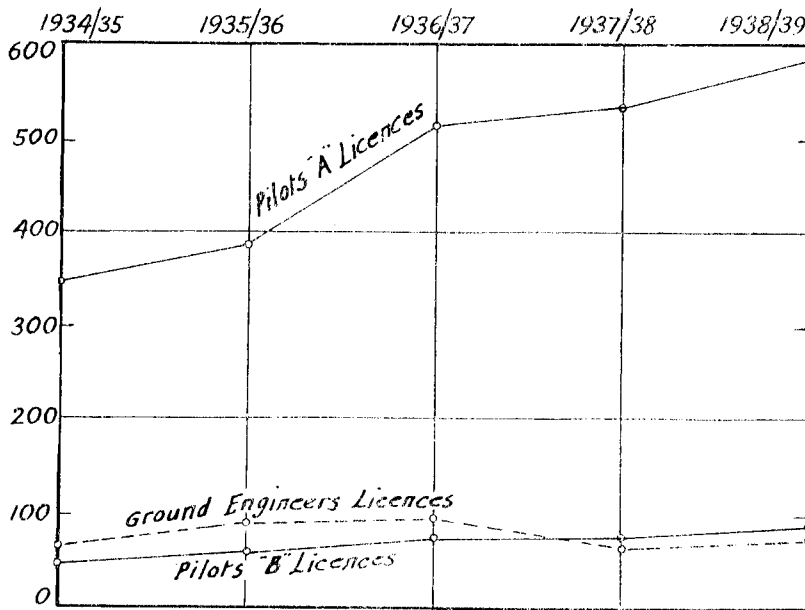
The following licences and certificates are issued in respect of equipment, &c. :—

- (1) Aircraft : Certificates of Registration and Certificates of Airworthiness.*
- (2) Aerodromes : Public Licences and Temporary Licences.†

Since 1921, licences and certificates have been issued in accordance with the provisions of the International Convention, but issues were very limited until the aero-club movement got under way in 1929. Previous to this date a few private pilots were trained at the Air Force station at Sockburn, but interest in civil aviation was spasmodic and the amount of civil flying done almost negligible. The table given hereunder sets out the number of licences and certificates issued since 1921 :

Licence or Certificate.	1921-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.
Personnel—											
Pilot's "A" Licence ..	8	72	102	146	100	130	135	146	181	216	205
Pilot's "B" Licence ..	23	10	7	11	11	9	14	16	25	15	26
Navigator's Licence, 2nd Class	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
Ground Engineer's Licence	29	15	14	18	4	7	21	30	16	12	16
Equipment, &c.—											
Certificates of Airworthiness ..	1	20	28	14	10	1	5	18	13	15	9
Certificates of Registration ..	1	21	31	11	10	1	9	18	17	33	22
Aerodrome Licences—											
Public ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	22	10	11	5
Temporary ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	42	34	16	12

The following graph shows the increase in the number of current licences of flying personnel from year to year :—

Current Licences of Flying Personnel.

During the year, 89 series of tests for Pilot's "A" Licences were conducted, in which 202 pupils of the aero clubs qualified for licences, compared with a total of 73 tests for 1937-38, in which 186 pupils qualified. An additional ten non-club pupils were tested and qualified for licences.

In the course of the year two series of technical examinations for "B" Pilot's Licence and one examination for Navigator's Licence were held. The result of the Navigators' Examination, the first to be held in the Dominion, was disappointing, no candidate being successful.

In the "B" Licence Examinations the results of the written papers were as follows :—

	August, 1938.	March, 1939.
Candidates sitting ..	23	18
Candidates passed ..	15	15
Candidates partially passed ..	4	..
Candidates failed ..	4	3

Nine Instructors' Licences were issued during 1938-39, compared with five for 1937-38. Details of Ground Engineers' Examinations are given on page 16.

* See also at page 16.

† See also at pages 13 and 14.