

E. APPEALS.

Appeals lodged during the year totalled 54, of which 42 were goods-service appeals and 12 were passenger-service appeals. Of the latter, 1 was in respect of a taxi service.

The following details are given regarding the above appeals, together with 27 goods-service and 3 passenger-service appeals brought forward from the previous year.

District.	Carried Forward from Previous Report.	Lodged during Current Year.	Appeals Withdrawn.	Authority's Decision upheld.	Decision modified.	Decision reversed.	Under Action.
GOODS-SERVICES.							
No. 1	14	13	6	4	3	2	12
No. 2	2	10	4	5	..	1	2
No. 3	2	5	2	1	..	1	3
No. 4	9	14	4	5	5	..	9
Totals	27	42	16	15	8	4	26
PASSENGER-SERVICES.							
No. 1 .. .. .	..	3	..	..	..	..	3
No. 2	1	2	..	1	1	..	1
No. 3 .. .. .	..	2	1	..	..	..	1
No. 4	2	4	..	..	..	..	6
Auckland Metropolitan ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Totals	3	12	1	1	1	..	12

7. CHANGES IN TRANSPORT LAW IN NEW ZEALAND.

The following amendments have been effected, during the year covered, to the statutes and regulations administered by this Department. Some of the alterations are dealt with in more detail in other parts of the Report.

A. STATUTES.

The only change in statute laws was effected by section 13 of the Finance Act, 1938, which is of a validating nature relative to fees for Warrants of Fitness of motor-vehicles.

B. REGULATIONS.

The following regulations were issued :

Motor-vehicle (Registration-plate) Regulations 1934, Amendment No. 5 (1938/58) and the *Motor-vehicle (Registration-plate) Regulations 1934, Amendment No. 6* (1939/27).—These amendments relate principally to the allotted registration-plates for rental cars and private-hire cars, and provide also a special plate for the High Commissioner in New Zealand for the United Kingdom.

Motor-vehicles Insurance (Third-party Risks) Regulations 1939 (1939/34).—These regulations form a consolidation of the pre-existing regulations with amendments relating chiefly to a revised scale of premiums as referred to in the relative section of this report.

Transport Licensing (Goods-service) Regulations 1936, Amendment No. 1 (1938/101).—This effects a small extension to the scope of the exemption of certain live-stock from the thirty-mile-rail-protection clause of the main regulations (Regulation 4 (a)).

Motor-cab (Hamilton and Thames) Regulations 1938 (Gaz. 9/12/38).—This relates to control under the Transport Licensing Act, 1931, of taxi-cabs in Hamilton Borough and Thames Borough.

Warrant re Rental Vehicles (1939/24) and the *Rental Vehicle Regulations 1939* (1939/25).—These bring under the provisions of the Transport Licensing Act, 1931, the type of vehicles hired out under the "drive-yourself" system.

Fitness Certificate (School Motor-car) Exemption Order 1938 (1938/95).—This relates to the exemption from Certificates of Fitness under the Transport Licensing Act, 1931 (but not from Warrants of Fitness), of certain cars, generally of a private nature, used only for carrying school-children to and from school.

C. WARRANTS AND EXEMPTIONS BY MINISTER.

Warrants have been issued (as included above) for the purpose of bringing taxi-cabs in Hamilton and in Thames and also all rental (drive-yourself) vehicles under the provisions of the Transport Licensing Act, 1931. Also numerous warrants have been issued fixing road classifications and areas of speed-limit restrictions or de-restrictions.