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TRANSPORT CO-ORDINATION BOARD

(ANNUAL REPORT OF).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly, pursuant to Section 11 (b) of the Transport Law Amendment Act, 1933.

The Right Hon. J. G. COATES, Minister of Transport, Wellington.

SIR,—

WELLINGTON, 1st August, 1935.

In accordance with the duty placed on us by section 11 of the Transport Law Amendment Act, 1933, we submit our first report.

We have, &c.,

S. S. ALLEN, Chairman.

HARRY BELL S. JOHNSTONE.

LISLE ALDERTON.

INTRODUCTORY.

1. The Transport Licensing Act, 1931, came into force on the 11th November, 1931, and under it machinery was provided for licensing commercial road transport. Ten District Licensing Authorities (later reduced to nine) and one Central Licensing Authority were set up for the purpose, and an Appeal Board was constituted to hear appeals from the decisions of the District and Central Licensing Authorities. At first licensing was confined to passenger-services, but this was extended later to goods-services also by virtue of Part III of the Transport Licensing Act.

2. The Transport Law Amendment Act, 1933, which came into force on the 18th December, 1933, abolished the Transport Appeal Board and transferred its powers and duties to a new Board termed the Transport Co-ordination Board, and these powers and duties were extended beyond the hearing of appeals from the Licensing Authorities. The extent of the functions of the new Board will be set out in later paragraphs.

3. Further duties were entrusted to the Transport Co-ordination Board by the Transport Licensing (Commercial Aircraft Services) Act, 1934, which provided for commercial aircraft services to be licensed, and which constituted the Board the sole licensing authority for such services without a right of appeal.

4. The functions of the Board as now constituted are defined by the three Acts of Parliament mentioned above. They may be summarized under four headings as follows:—

- (a) To hear and determine appeals from District Licensing Authorities and the Central Licensing Authority under section 43 of the Transport Licensing Act, 1931.
- (b) To conduct inquiries and investigations directed by the Minister of Transport under section 11 of the Transport Law Amendment Act, 1933, and as a result of such inquiries and investigations to make such recommendations as it may think fit "for the purpose of securing the improvement, co-ordination and development, and better regulation and control of all means of and facilities for transport and all matters incidental thereto.
- (c) To license commercial air services under the Transport Licensing (Commercial Aircraft Services) Act, 1934.
- (d) To institute and conduct inquiries and investigations of its own initiative under section 11 of the Transport Law Amendment Act, 1933, for the same purpose as those directed by the Minister. Under this heading also may be grouped the routine work of the Board incidental to the performance of its duties under this and other heads.