

LICENSES FOR PASSENGER CARS SHOW DECREASE

Licenses issued at the Manitoba automobile license office, government building, during March was below normal, according to officials of the department.

There was a decrease of 1,218 license applications for the passenger car plates, as compared with the first three months of 1929.

There was an increase of 608 in truck licenses over the same period in 1929, indicating that the truck is slowly but steadily superseding the horse as a drawer of vehicles. In all other branches the returns are smaller. The figures are:

	1930	1929
Passenger cars	16,232	17,500
Trucks	3,197	2,594
Permits	5,120	5,704
Motorcycles	170	194
Chauffeurs	2,540	2,850
Salesmen	322	400
Dealers	522	620

Licenses and permits are being issued, according to the clauses in the new highway traffic law, although it has not yet received a third reading in the legislature.

Not many new cars are seen on the streets, the bad condition of the streets owing to the spring break-up being a deterrent against owners showing up their new possessions.