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REPORT.

To the Legislature of the State of New Jersey:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit herewith the sixteenth annual report of the Department of Motor Vehicles for year ending December 31, 1921, as required by Section twelve of Chapter 113, P. L., 1906.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

COLLECTION ACCOUNTS.

Paid State Treasurer	\$4,030,271.42	
Cash on hand 12/31/21 acct. 1922 collections...	239,250.20	
Commissions of agents.....	76,379.06	
Due from Banks, acct. 1922 collections.....	1,671,939.20	
Agents bank balances.....		\$1,671,939.20
Collections 12/1/20 to 12/31/21 (1921 business)		4,106,650.48
Collections 12/1/20 to 12/31/21 (1922 business)	239,250.20	
	<u>\$6,017,839.88</u>	<u>\$6,017,839.88</u>

DETAIL AND CHARACTER OF COLLECTIONS (DECEMBER 31, 1921).

<i>Items.</i>	<i>By Agencies.</i>
248,477 pneumatic tired autos, classified as follows:	
417 first class.....	\$ 1,788.75
227,071 second class	1,650,086.25
20,989 third class	309,255.00
24,517 solid tired autos.....	697,404.50
9,724 motor cycles	19,448.00
2,491 three set dealers	37,365.00
542 five set dealers	13,550.00
20 dealers (three set) motor cycles.....	300.00
16 manufacturer's licenses.....	400.00
489 livery licenses	7,335.00
52,849 transfers	71,524.75
10,011 duplicate certificates	10,011.00
116 pneumatic tired trailers.....	348.00
741 solid tired trailers.....	18,388.00
127 tractors	381.00
7,128 duplicate tags	6,805.00
348,886 auto drivers' licenses.....	1,046,658.00
8,352 motor cycle drivers' licenses.....	8,352.00
143,701 learners' permits	71,850.50
6,978 learners' permits (motor cycle).....	3,489.00
Interest on deposits—agents.....	4,723.07
Miscellaneous collections.....	140.25
10 drivers' badges	5.00
	<u>\$3,979,608.07</u>

By Central Office.

Interest on deposits—central office.....	\$ 2,139.83	
Fines for violation of the law.....	124,389.28	
Certified copies.....	179.75	
Miscellaneous collections.....	306.55	
Adjustment of fees.....	27.00	
		\$4,106,650.48

*ADJUSTMENT OF FEES.

Increased weight on trucks.....	\$27.00
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CLASSIFICATION OF SOLID TIRED VEHICLES.

(Classified by thousand pounds.)

Lbs.	No.	Lbs.	No.	Lbs.	No.	Lbs.	No.	Lbs.	No.	Lbs.	No.
2	3	7	1432	12	1181	17	633	22	700	27	120
3	75	8	1560	13	692	18	481	23	412	28	68
4	485	9	1919	14	412	19	298	24	264	29	23
5	4199	10	1940	15	638	20	659	25	139	30	51
6	2691	11	1607	16	770	21	933	26	132	---	---

Total 24,517

**MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

Gratuities offered Inspectors.....	\$	17.00
Registration fees collected for exceeding reciprocity privilege.....		60.00
Witness fees.....		1.00
Duplicate tag, specially manufactured.....		5.00
Return of expenses, recovery of stolen cars.....		31.50
Return on Premium of Liability Insurance policy.....		108.12
Forfeited bond.....		10.00
Mail orders incomplete.....		23.00
Sale of junk.....		49.93
For permit, account amount returned in mail.....		1.00
	\$	306.55

TOTAL COLLECTIONS.

Drafts (1921).....	\$3,979,608.07
Interest on deposits (Central office).....	2,139.83
Fines.....	124,389.28
Certified copies.....	179.75
Miscellaneous collections.....	306.55
Adjustment of fees.....	27.00
	\$4,106,650.48

COLLECTIONS BY AGENCIES.

Collections made by Agencies during the year and the commissions paid to agents as compared with collections made in 1920, are as follows:

	1921		1920	
	Collec- tions.	Commis- sions.	Collec- tions.	Commis- sions.
Asbury Park	\$76,121.94	\$1,900.00	\$64,652.05	\$1,600.00
Atlantic City	99,493.28	1,900.00	83,645.77	1,900.00
Boonton	24,170.50	1,100.00		91.66
Bound Brook	19,085.75	500.00	16,994.62	500.00
Bridgeton	45,916.00	1,400.00	40,277.75	1,100.00
Camden	210,163.03	2,700.00	187,556.61	2,500.00
Cape May	42,177.00	1,100.00	36,115.50	1,000.00
Cedar Run	11,110.50	350.00	8,857.75	250.00
Dover	43,398.63	1,400.00	43,509.17	1,100.00
East Orange	170,181.28	2,700.00	123,601.85	1,900.00
Elizabeth	110,372.82	1,900.00	91,023.41	1,900.00
Englewood	61,545.05	1,600.00	49,357.65	1,400.00
Englishtown	40,209.25	1,000.00	32,616.00	900.00
Flemington	37,276.50	1,000.00	30,293.75	900.00
Franklin furnace..	7,670.75	249.99		
Freehold	26,820.00	650.00	23,932.25	650.00
Hackensack	85,859.28	1,900.00	71,255.93	1,600.00
Hackettstown	25,152.32	900.00	21,475.71	900.00
Hammononton	20,983.32	500.00	17,911.42	500.00
Hoboken	66,411.91	2,275.00	75,339.67	1,600.00
Jersey City	285,519.92	2,700.00	265,780.42	2,500.00
Lakewood	33,184.85	900.00	25,426.13	650.00
Long Branch	36,932.07	1,000.00	30,536.89	900.00
Manasquan	28,579.75	650.00	23,311.75	650.00
Millville	18,231.00	870.77	4,384.00	395.83
Morristown	67,969.00	1,900.00	61,674.53	1,600.00
Mount Holly	91,113.16	1,900.00	75,345.25	1,600.00
Newark, No. 1.....	271,249.15	2,700.00	201,745.68	2,700.00
Newark, No. 2.....	257,772.82	2,625.00	346,866.34	2,500.00
Newark, No. 3.....	105,167.46	2,658.30		175.00
New Brunswick ..	81,790.24	1,900.00	72,201.02	1,900.00
Newton	26,870.79	900.00	23,025.74	650.00
New York City	187,150.55	2,700.00	167,867.17	2,700.00
Passaic	121,905.68	2,200.00	104,511.85	1,900.00
Paterson	200,968.74	2,700.00	204,862.51	2,500.00
Penns Grove	18,790.75	650.00	18,720.00	437.43
Perth Amboy	65,644.22	1,400.00	52,906.31	1,400.00
Philadelphia	11,386.11	650.00		389.25
Phillipsburg	48,839.50	1,400.00	42,615.00	1,000.00
Plainfield	91,134.09	1,900.00	78,155.70	1,000.00
Pleasantville	28,242.75	650.00	22,417.25	500.00
Rahway	28,264.75	900.00	24,808.65	650.00
Ridgewood	47,020.21	1,100.00		116.66
Red Bank	35,384.54	1,400.00	40,411.75	1,000.00
Salem	36,535.75	1,100.00	33,573.00	1,000.00
Sea Bright	13,699.75	350.00	11,351.76	250.00

	1921		1920	
	<i>Collections.</i>	<i>Commissions.</i>	<i>Collections.</i>	<i>Commissions.</i>
Somerville	38,734.50	1,000.00	33,200.25	900.00
Sussex	11,264.00	650.00	16,242.25	500.00
Trenton	233,629.55	2,700.00	216,359.75	2,300.00
Union Hill	116,768.81	1,900.00	87,816.33	2,100.00
Vineland	37,661.25	1,400.00	42,405.50	1,100.00
Woodbury	77,859.75	1,900.00	66,332.50	1,266.54
	<u>\$3,979,685.57</u>	<u>\$76,379.06</u>	<u>\$3,413,662.39</u>	<u>\$62,166.44</u>
Less Rev. stamps	77.50		101.50	
	<u>\$3,979,608.07</u>		<u>\$3,413,560.89</u>	

REMITTANCES TO THE STATE TREASURER.

Remittances were made to the State Treasurer, monthly, as follows:

1920	<i>Collections.</i>	<i>Fees.</i>	<i>Balance to State Treasurer.</i>
January	\$1,890,376.38	\$6,303.76	\$1,884,072.62
February	639,218.64	6,303.76	632,914.88
March	315,265.57	6,303.76	308,961.81
April	246,220.49	6,578.74	239,641.75
May	212,918.27	6,487.08	206,431.19
June	211,069.98	6,303.76	204,766.22
July	186,374.91	6,311.52	180,063.39
August	159,282.35	6,629.44	152,652.91
September	91,877.98	6,345.44	85,532.54
October	80,183.15	6,345.44	78,837.71
November	45,334.36	6,299.61	39,034.75
December	28,528.40	6,166.75	22,361.65
	<u>\$4,106,650.48</u>	<u>\$76,379.06</u>	<u>\$4,030,271.42</u>

The following statement will indicate the business done during a like period in 1920:

1920	<i>Collections.</i>	<i>Fees.</i>	<i>Balance to State Treasurer.</i>
January	\$1,257,383.72	\$5,045.40	\$331,915.50
February	636,193.62	5,162.05	920,422.82
March	318,492.33	5,124.59	631,029.82
April	240,811.73	5,212.09	313,369.49
May	217,141.41	5,162.08	235,599.64
June	265,263.81	5,162.08	211,979.33
July	187,383.29	5,162.08	260,101.73
August	142,012.19	5,120.42	182,221.21
September	100,346.57	5,141.25	136,880.77
October	66,238.29	5,095.42	95,216.07
November	46,458.96	5,028.76	61,143.12
December	26,210.84	5,750.22	61,890.82
	<u>\$3,503,936.76</u>	<u>\$62,166.44</u>	<u>\$3,441,770.32</u>

RETURNS FROM FINES.

Fines collected for violations of the Motor Vehicle Act amounted to \$124,389.28, this sum showing an increase of \$36,460.49 over the year 1920.

A comparative table follows, showing the collection of fines by months for the years 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917, and 1916:

	1921	1920	1919	1918	1917	1916
Jan.	\$5,600.00	\$2,680.25	\$2,131.50	\$1,115.45	\$1,532.85	\$1,163.75
Feb.	5,014.50	2,472.25	3,125.15	736.00	1,050.25	426.90
March ..	7,423.42	1,667.50	3,445.10	1,758.25	1,580.25	362.25
April ..	7,162.05	3,954.50	2,922.35	4,093.75	2,558.00	1,029.55
May	11,553.25	6,147.60	4,650.10	6,896.30	4,931.55	3,001.85
June	11,454.95	9,190.00	7,537.00	8,359.00	6,975.00	4,698.15
July	11,904.50	10,016.00	8,630.40	7,962.05	8,766.35	5,637.25
Aug.	18,245.90	9,132.77	6,427.20	7,141.75	6,653.40	5,862.85
Sept.	13,103.40	13,023.22	11,376.95	7,406.70	5,903.35	5,907.15
Oct.	11,398.50	11,662.45	5,899.55	5,323.80	7,038.00	7,017.60
Nov.	12,552.20	9,438.50	5,939.75	3,725.00	3,930.85	3,179.00
Dec.	8,976.61	9,543.75	5,990.75	5,552.60	3,724.50	2,872.80
	<u>\$124,389.28</u>	<u>\$87,928.79</u>	<u>\$68,075.80</u>	<u>\$60,070.65</u>	<u>\$54,664.25</u>	<u>\$41,161.10</u>

The fines collected for the year 1921 by counties is as follows:

Atlantic	\$ 5,968.10
Bergen	15,446.80
Burlington	1,208.50
Camden	3,272.50
Cape May	481.00
Cumberland	676.00
Essex	24,750.22
Gloucester	222.00
Hudson	11,963.50
Hunterdon	90.25
* Mercer	18,914.76
Middlesex	8,303.00
Monmouth	9,337.70
Morris	1,743.00
Ocean	440.00
Passaic	4,823.50
Salem	302.50
Somerset	1,757.45
Sussex	107.50
Union	13,930.00
Warren	651.00

\$124,389.28

* Includes the sum of \$13,082.41 collected by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicle

RECAPITULATION

The following table will show a general recapitulation of increase and percentage of increase in department work and revenue:

	1920	1921	Percentage of Increase
Gross receipts	\$3,503,936.76	\$4,106,630.48	17.2
Receipts from auto licenses.....	2,288,535.00	2,658,574.50	16.1
Receipts from drivers' licenses.....	883,314.00	1,046,658.00	18.5
Receipts from motor cycle licenses	22,082.00	19,448.00	11.9*
Receipts from fines	87,928.79	124,389.28	41.5
Number of auto licenses.....	227,737.00	272,994.00	19.
Number of motor cycle licenses.....	11,041.00	9,724.00	11.9*
Number of drivers' licenses.....	294,438.00	348,886.00	19.
Agents' commissions	62,166.44	76,379.06	22.8
Interest on deposits.....	6,036.31	6,862.90	13.6
Dealers' licenses	3,069.00	2,671.00	15.
Trailer licenses	827.00	857.00	03.5
Transfers	41,351.00	52,859.00	27.8

* Decrease.

AGENTS' FEES.

The compensation paid to agents has been determined by adding the car registrations and drivers' licenses issued through each agency for the year 1921, as a basis of compensation for the year 1922; all overhead office charges, such as rentals, clerical assistants, etc., are defrayed by the agent.

Agency	1921 Items	1921 Salary	1922 Salary	Class	Rating
Asbury Park	13,480	\$1900	\$1900	B	10,000 to 15,000
Atlantic City	16754	1900	2200	A	15,000 to 20,000
Bound Brook	3150	500	650	H	3,000 to 4,000
Bridgeton	8375	1400	1600	D	7,000 to 8,500
Camden	34750	2700	3000	Special	Over 25,000
Cape May	7588	1100	1400	D	7,000 to 8,500
Cedar Run	1905	350	350	J	1,500 to 2,000
Dover	7752	1400	1400	D	7,000 to 8,500
East Orange	30680	2700	3000	Special	Over 25,000
Elizabeth	18288	1900	2200	A	15,000 to 20,000
Englewood	10735	1600	1900	B	10,000 to 15,000
Englishtown	6187	1000	1100	E	6,000 to 7,000
Flemington	6414	1000	1100	E	6,000 to 7,000
Freehold	4228	650	900	G	4,000 to 5,000
Hackensack	12347	1900	1900	B	10,000 to 15,000
Hackettstown	4680	900	900	G	4,000 to 5,000
Hammonton	3398	500	650	H	3,000 to 4,000
Hoboken	10001	2200	2200	Special	Over 25,000
Jersey City	43451	2700	3000	Special	Over 25,000
Lakewood	5799	900	1000	F	5,000 to 6,000
Long Branch	6394	1000	1100	E	6,000 to 7,000

Agency	1921 Items	1921 Salary	1922 Salary	Class	Rating
Manasquan	4729	650	900	G	4,000 to 5,000
Millville	3220	870.77	650	H	3,000 to 4,000
Morristown	11759	1900	1900	B	10,000 to 15,000
Mount Holly	14036	1900	1900	B	10,000 to 15,000
Newark, Friend	40242	2700	3000	Special	Over 25,000
Newark, Radcliff ..	40611	2700	3000	Special	Over 25,000
Newark, Huff	19368	2200	2200	A	15,000 to 20,000
New Brunswick	13451	1900	1900	B	10,000 to 15,000
Newton	4944	900	1000	G	4,000 to 5,000
New York City	26049	2700	3000	Special	Over 25,000
Passaic	20215	2200	2500	Special	20,000 to 25,000
Paterson	31444	2700	3000	Special	Over 25,000
Penns Grove	3087	650	650	H	3,000 to 4,000
Perth Amboy	10260	1400	1900	B	10,000 to 15,000
Philadelphia	963	650	350	L	Less than 1,000
Phillipsburg	8420	1400	1400	D	7,000 to 8,500
Plainfield	16367	1900	2200	A	15,000 to 20,000
Pleasantville	4504	650	900	G	4,000 to 5,000
Rahway	4409	900	900	G	4,000 to 5,000
Red Bank	7634	1100	1400	D	7,000 to 8,500
Salem	6810	1100	1100	E	6,000 to 7,000
Sea Bright	2123	350	500	I	2,000 to 3,000
Somerville	6318	1000	1100	E	6,000 to 7,000
Sussex	2080	650	500	I	2,000 to 3,000
Trenton	37937	2700	3000	Special	Over 25,000
Union Hill	18214	1900	2200	A	15,000 to 20,000
Vineland	6219	1400	1100	E	6,000 to 7,000
Woodbury	11804	1900	1900	B	10,000 to 15,000
Boonton	3784	1100	650	H	3,000 to 4,000
Franklin Furnace ..	1369	250	350	L	1,000 to 1,500
Ridgewood	5772	1400	1000	F	5,000 to 6,000
Montclair			1900		

BANK BALANCES.

At the close of business on December 31, 1921, the following balances were in the hands of banks to the credit of the Motor Vehicle Department, the balances representing the amount of business audited by the department account of 1922 registrations.

Agency.	Amount.	Agency.	Amount.
Asbury Park,	\$12,545.20	Englewood,	12,600.70
Atlantic City,	26,683.45	Englishtown,	12,251.07
Boonton	9,115.95	Flemington,	16,517.92
Bridgeton,	22,464.70	Franklin Furnace,	2,181.35
Bound Brook,	7,000.80	Freehold,	7,525.00
Camden,	57,720.81	Hackensack,	22,099.58
Cape May,	17,154.74	Hackettstown,	3,192.45
Cedar Run,	5,370.10	Hammonton,	2,187.25
Dover,	12,910.78	Hoboken,	21,373.96
East Orange,	62,107.55	Jersey City,	95,740.60
Elizabeth,	53,996.17	Lakewood,	10,894.67

Agency.	Amount.	Agency.	Amount.
Long Branch,	9,062.93	Philadelphia,	5,470.70
Manasquan,	8,882.30	Phillipsburg,	15,282.00
Millville,	5,494.75	Plainfield,	35,565.83
Montclair,	14,522.00	Pleasantville,	8,320.15
Morristown,	25,070.45	Rahway,	3,271.55
Mount Holly,	40,365.60	Ridgewood,	10,353.15
Newark No. 1,	99,571.00	Red Bank,	17,632.20
Newark No. 2,	53,648.98	Salem,	11,757.10
Newark No. 3,	43,077.70	Sea Bright,	1,601.90
New Brunswick,	31,120.85	Somerville,	19,521.90
Newton,	1,318.60	Sussex,	3,423.12
New York City,	95,931.38	Trenton,	127,110.44
Passaic,	51,023.85	Union Hill,	31,339.45
Paterson,	92,450.50	Vineland,	11,515.71
Penns Grove,	4,416.75	Woodbury,	38,468.96
Perth Amboy,	13,462.40		
			\$1,432,689.00

GROSS RECEIPTS OF THE DEPARTMENT BY YEARS.

The gross receipts of the department by years follows:

1906.....	Commissioner J. B. R. Smith,	\$67,963.00
1907.....	Commissioner J. B. R. Smith,	92,763.25
1908.....	Commissioner J. B. R. Smith,	188,742.94
1909.....	Commissioner J. B. R. Smith,	247,424.21
1910.....	Commissioner J. B. R. Smith,	322,649.66
1911.....	Commissioner J. B. R. Smith,	413,786.27
1912.....	Commissioner Job H. Lippincott,	496,653.35
1913.....	Commissioner Job H. Lippincott,	661,084.40
1914.....	Commissioner Job H. Lippincott,	814,535.30
1915.....	Commissioner William L. Dill,	1,063,207.71
1916.....	Commissioner William L. Dill,	1,402,695.05
1917.....	Commissioner William L. Dill,	1,923,163.63
1918.....	Commissioner William L. Dill,	2,431,756.70
1919.....	Commissioner William L. Dill,	2,931,902.15
1920.....	Commissioner William L. Dill,	3,503,936.76
1921.....	Commissioner William L. Dill,	4,106,650.48

COMPARISON OF LICENSES ISSUED DURING THE PAST SIX YEARS.

The following table shows the number of licenses issued by months as compared with 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, and 1920:

PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE AND TRUCK REGISTRATIONS.

	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921
January,	46,055	69,157	72,020	103,651	90,433	136,003
February,	9,957	9,474	14,093	15,687	39,870	40,300
March,	4,118	7,781	17,106	12,139	20,706	20,289
April,	8,940	11,227	15,432	11,092	16,558	15,808
May,	7,894	7,814	10,173	9,579	13,016	12,440
June,	7,555	7,940	8,296	10,163	14,675	12,499
July,	5,707	7,147	6,796	8,262	9,976	10,707
August,	4,800	4,406	4,854	5,758	7,389	8,068
September,	3,501	4,069	2,678	4,809	6,054	6,523
October,	2,779	3,371	1,995	4,623	4,611	6,163
November,	1,991	1,926	1,427	3,404	3,171	2,847
December,	1,044	652	649	1,706	1,278	1,347
	104,341	134,964	155,519	190,873	227,737	272,994

MOTOR CYCLE REGISTRATIONS.

	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921
January,	2,222	2,553	1,541	2,721	1,306	1,902
February,	1,413	1,515	1,285	1,446	1,377	1,610
March,	902	1,535	2,856	1,642	1,430	2,055
April,	2,244	2,501	2,148	1,419	1,914	1,241
May,	1,792	1,558	1,394	1,030	1,369	831
June,	1,232	1,157	1,083	1,054	1,530	656
July,	826	890	876	736	739	528
August,	657	627	625	576	606	379
September,	436	393	348	368	389	276
October,	277	315	192	248	251	179
November,	146	126	135	137	103	49
December,	62	28	34	39	27	18
	12,209	13,198	12,517	11,416	11,041	9,724

DRIVERS' LICENSES, (Automobile)

	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921
January,	52,907	82,993	81,587	116,698	94,933	138,973
February,	14,076	12,390	16,292	22,322	55,165	67,238
March,	5,054	8,912	20,514	15,545	28,965	28,205
April,	9,957	14,162	20,373	15,079	20,520	21,742
May,	10,593	12,105	15,085	15,048	19,580	19,127
June,	11,666	11,779	14,416	17,740	24,256	19,127
July,	9,309	11,931	11,476	16,818	17,181	16,587
August,	8,691	8,557	9,178	11,902	12,312	14,257
September,	5,442	5,963	5,136	7,592	9,392	9,137
October,	5,178	4,798	3,521	6,785	6,399	8,081
November,	3,250	3,095	2,342	4,174	4,146	3,890
December,	1,732	884	1,102	1,835	1,581	1,926
	137,855	177,568	201,022	251,539	294,438	348,886

MANUFACTURERS' AND DEALERS'.

	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921
January,	540	754	844	1,031	1,151	1,728
February,	111	112	142	158	418	456
March,	51	77	106	112	420	296
April,	55	89	103	93	160	149
May,	36	45	68	88	135	104
June,	39	55	45	81	176	120
July,	21	29	32	68	57	63
August,	30	24	15	53	68	69
September,	19	18	6	42	55	50
October,	6	12	2	27	23	21
November,	4	8	7	9	8	10
December,	2	1	2	3		3
	708	1,224	1,372	1,751	2,671	3,069

LEARNERS' PERMITS.

	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921
January,	2,922	1,485	3,917	1,035	2,376
February,	3,928	2,342	5,728	2,665	5,769
March,	5,167	6,380	8,967	6,808	12,354
April,	9,261	13,804	11,362	11,334	15,730
May,	10,895	15,955	14,632	14,437	18,571
June,	12,337	17,266	17,953	23,571	20,788
July,	13,783	15,668	16,347	19,484	18,810
August,	11,524	14,069	14,702	16,652	19,787
September,	8,705	8,257	10,752	14,226	13,239
October,	7,116	6,308	9,856	10,299	11,955
November,	4,129	4,663	6,040	7,773	5,346
December,	2,193	3,784	5,080	5,181	5,956
	91,960	109,981	125,337	133,465	150,679

APPROPRIATIONS.

The appropriations for departmental maintenance for the year 1921 were as follows:

Commissioner, for salary	\$1,500.00
Compensation, inspectors, clerks, etc.	92,520.00
Inspectors, for expenses and equipment	31,000.00
Postage, expressage and incidentals	6,000.00
Blanks and stationery	10,000.00
Liability Insurance of inspectors	600.00
Purchase of automobiles	18,580.00
Refunds to applicants	300.00
Automobile markers	80,000.00
Filing cabinets	2,500.00
Automobile insurance	2,000.00
Printing of laws	4,500.00

Expended for department maintenance	\$247,476.72	\$249,500.00
Agents' commissions	76,379.06	
	\$323,855.78	

The cost of maintaining the department for the year 1921 amounted to 7.8% of the gross receipts.

HEARINGS BEFORE COMMISSIONER.

3,041 cases were heard before the Commissioner sitting as a magistrate.

556 licenses were revoked; 225 names were placed on the prohibitory list to be denied driving licenses; 75 licenses were suspended; 40 reciprocity privileges were revoked; 37 car registrations were revoked; 16 motor cycle registrations were revoked; 7 motor cycle operators' licenses were revoked.

554 licenses were restored.

Fines amounting to \$13,082.41 were imposed and collected by the Commissioner.

The number of hearings by months were:

January	101	August	370
February	120	September	323
March	165	October	264
April	235	November	172
May	310	December	116
June	436		
July	429		
			3041

A complete compilation of revocations, suspensions, etc., follows:

Licenses revoked	556
Blacklisted	225
Suspended	75
Reciprocity privilege revoked	40
Registrations revoked	37
Motor cycle registrations	16
Motor cycle operators' licenses	7
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The causes for the action in the above revocations, blacklists, and suspensions were as follows:

Driving while intoxicated	430
Driving without consent of owner	77
Accident	64
Failing to answer summons	68
Speeding	61
Sec. 17; driving without license	62
Reckless driving	35
Larceny and receiving	6
Stealing barrels	1
Abetting fraud	1
Driving under legal age limit	12
Offering bribe to inspector	1
Robbery at point of gun	1
Receiving stolen cars	2
Manslaughter	12

No license in possession.....	5
Improper registration	15
Accessory to theft	1
Loaning license	9
Theft of car	2
Immoral conduct	3
Racing	4
Failing to transfer	7
Misuse of dealers plates	5
Failing to report accident.....	4
Allowing boy to drive.....	4
Morally unfit	10
Disorderly conduct	2
Overloading	5
Failing to pay fine	6
Section four	2
Misrepresenting age	4
Passing standing trolley.....	6
Driving through railroad gates.....	2
Using permit without licensed driver.....	3
Loaning license	2
Mutilated numbers	1
Obtaining license by fraud	2
Taking examination for some one else.....	1
Fraud at examination.....	3
Receiving stolen goods.....	2
Robbery	1
Physically unfit	2
Fictitious name	1
Failing to pay costs.....	1
Cleats on tractor	1
Concealed weapons	1
Striking traffic sign.....	1
Intent to defraud	1
Taking examination in place of applicant.....	1
Totally deaf	1
Loaning plates	1

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The Commissioner, sitting as a magistrate, devoted 156 days to the hearing of complaints, holding his court on these days in the following cities:

26 days in the City of East Orange.
26 days in the City of Newark.
28 days in the City of Paterson.
24 days in the City of Passaic.
52 days in the City of Trenton.

It became necessary to abandon the weekly hearings which the Department has conducted at the City Hall, Newark, for many years, on July 1, 1921, as the result of the passage of an Ordinance by the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Newark whereby the streets contiguous to the City Hall were

restricted respecting the parking of vehicles on the same.

Regretfully indeed, was the conclusion reached that strangers to Newark having business with the Motor Vehicle Court, and lacking familiarity with the Newark parking Ordinance might unconsciously infract the provisions of said ordinance, and thus the reason for transferring our hearings to the City Hall at East Orange.

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation the courtesies received at the hands of the officials of Newark, East Orange, Paterson, and Passaic. We have been given the use of a commodious court room in each city, unrestricted telephone service, and the assistance of the municipal attaches. This co-operation has been unusually helpful to the Department and has yielded a publicity that has been especially beneficial.

INTOXICATED DRIVING.

Referring to the summary of revocations given above, it will be noted that the operation of motor vehicles by intoxicated drivers is still on the increase. In 1920, 314 licenses were revoked for intoxicated driving. The number of revocations for 1921 for this cause total 430, or an increase of 116 revocations for intoxicated driving during the year.

ACCIDENT REPORTS.

5,285 reports of accidents were received, such reports being made in compliance with the law which requires all accidents involving personal injury or property damage exceeding ten dollars must forthwith be reported to the Department.

VIOLATIONS.

The efficiency reports of our inspectors show the following summary:

Violations reported to Trenton by inspectors.....	1570
Violations adjusted on road and at examinations.....	12725
Arrests by inspectors for violations.....	1741
Summons served by inspectors for violations.....	3432
Total number of violations.....	19468

In addition to the above, the inspectors investigated 402 cases consisting of reports and communications sent to the department at Trenton, and referred to the inspectors for investigation and report.

The above figures are in addition to the reports of violations

received at the main offices from various sources, and which may be classified as follows:

Complaints from private individuals of reckless driving, speeding, light violations, disregard for road rules, and rights of complainant	4,800
Reports of magistrates of every case tried before them, numbering in the aggregate, approximately	20,000
Cases tried personally before the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles	3,041
Accidents reported in compliance with the law requiring such reports from person causing accident	5,285
Total number carded and filed	33,126

WORK OF THE INSPECTORS.

The inspectors adjusted during their work in the field 12,725 cases of minor violations; made 1,741 arrests, which were heard before local magistrates, served 2432 summons, also reported to the main office for adjustment by the Commissioner 1,570 cases.

The inspectors collected in fines the sum of \$38,870.59.

The amount of new registrations and license fees collected by inspectors totaled \$43,390.82.

A summary of the above follows:

Cars with headlights not properly equipped	932
Cars not equipped with mirrors	740
Cars with swinging numbers	320
New registrations	7301
New Licenses	3446
Speeding and reckless driving	875
No license cards in possession	1070
Passing standing trolley and traffic violations	540

For the purpose of apprehending flagrant violations of the reciprocity law, the inspectors were detailed from time to time to the ferries and at the principal coast resorts, and the following sums were collected by the inspectors as the result of this detail:

	Regis- trations	Amount	Drivers' Licenses	Amount
Inspector Burton	155	\$832.00	95	\$285.00
Inspector Boutillier	96	475.00		
Inspector Baldwin	141	990.00	80	240.00
Inspector Coleman	238	1661.50	16	48.00
Inspector Cooper	152	1060.50	47	141.00
Inspector Dennen	7	55.50	31	93.00
Inspector Dykeman	158	1111.00	16	48.00
Inspector Fitzpatrick	123	869.00	54	162.00

	Regis- trations	Amount	Drivers' Licenses	Amount
Inspector Koopman	65	454.00	58	174.00
Inspector Lanning	269	1871.00	48	144.00
Inspector Lovett	506	3542.00	86	258.00
Inspector Martens	5	38.50	1	3.00
Inspector Parker	133	930.25	54	162.00
Inspector Pedigree	261	1830.50	126	378.00
Inspector Sawyer	316	2215.00	65	195.00
Inspector Snyder	6	41.25	22	66.00
Inspector Stagg	528	3698.15	124	372.00
Inspector Teel	307	2108.00	191	573.00
Inspector Weigand	57	405.00	58	179.50
Inspector Wyckoff	200	1403.50	86	258.00

Total revenue for above work.....\$43,390.82

During the year, the inspectors in their road patrol work covered 249,000 miles, with a total gas consumption of 17,800 gallons.

Sixty-one days and evenings were spent in examining registration certificates and drivers' licenses of all operators met on the roads, especial attention being given on these occasions to brake equipment of cars, head lamp violations and motor numbers. Every city and town of note was visited, on which occasions the Department had the unselfish co-operation of the local police authorities.

A total of 89,952 applicants were examined by the inspectors for drivers' licenses, of which number 12,808 were rejected as incompetent.

The examinations by months and the cities and towns where the same were held will be shown by the tabulation below:

	Passed.	Rejected.
1921.		
January	3402	594
February	2837	405
March	5392	697
April	8036	1264
May	9378	1562
June	10821	1666
July	10242	1893
August	9650	1788
September	6879	1193
October	5649	1960
November	2823	494
December	2035	192
Totals	77144	12808

1921.	Passed.	Rejected.
Asbury Park	2885	542
Atlantic City	3254	597
Bridgeton	1434	304
Camden	5566	940
Cape May	1532	143
Dover	1149	98
East Orange	10057	1761
Elizabeth	1905	308
Englewood	2407	316
Hackettstown	826	63
Jersey City	8721	1508
Long Branch	2399	408
Morristown	1535	126
Newark	8481	1290
New Brunswick	2329	463
Newton	564	24
Passaic	5019	837
Paterson	3990	622
Perth Amboy	1256	432
Phillipsburg	747	57
Plainfield	2567	494
Salem	1142	229
Sussex	273	17
Toms River	422	57
Trenton	6684	1172
Totals	77144	12808

The examination of applicants for drivers' licenses was instituted in 1913, and each subsequent year has shown a marked increase in the number of applicants as shown by the following abstract:

Year.	Passed.	Rejected.	Total Examined.
1913	9,403	1,453	10,856
1914	22,847	2,732	25,579
1915	36,622	3,782	40,404
1916	47,441	7,210	54,651
1917	53,868	6,616	60,484
1918	58,650	7,042	65,692
1919	66,729	6,061	72,790
1920	66,830	7,908	74,738
1921	77,144	12,808	89,952

Three new cities were embraced within our examination schedule during the year,—East Orange, Elizabeth, and Perth Amboy—the former made necessary by the withdrawal of the examination from the City of Newark, the Elizabeth examination bureau being established with a view of lessening the congestion which obtained in East Orange, and the City of Perth Amboy being designated as an examination centre in

order to lessen the distance which motorists would have to travel from that section of the State to the North Jersey examination points.

For the year 1922, the Department has in mind further extension of its examination schedule by conducting examinations in the Town of Ridgewood and the transfer of the examinations from the City Hall of Jersey City to the Fourth Regiment Armory in that City.

Owing to the refusal of the Honorable Mayor of Elizabeth to permit us the use of the City Hall in that municipality, we have accepted the hospitality of the Moose Home in Elizabeth for which courtesy we are deeply indebted.

NEW LEGISLATION.

The Department again renews its recommendation for a change in the New Jersey Law respecting the exemption of motor vehicles from a personalty tax.

We urge the enactment of a law that will provide a tax of one cent per gallon on gasoline consumed by motor vehicles using the public highways. We believe that this tax will net to the State approximately \$2,000,000.00 annually and will remove the unrest which is now felt by our people that the heavy haulage vehicle engaged in long hauls is not paying a sufficient registration fee. A gas tax is at present in operation in the States of Pennsylvania and Connecticut, and is working satisfactorily.

We recommend the passage of a law that will compel the legal authorities of a municipality to defend the judgment of a local magistrate respecting a conviction for intoxicated driving when an appeal is taken to the Common Pleas Court. Where an intoxicated driver is arrested by a police officer and subsequent conviction and sentence of the defendant is entered by the local Judge, the burden of defending the action of the Court very clearly rests with the municipal authorities. Unfortunately, however, when an appeal is taken to the Common Pleas Court the local authorities lose interest and frequently permit the appeal to go by default. Where the arrest is made by a Motor Vehicle Inspector, or a member of the State Constabulary, the Attorney General of New Jersey always stands ready to prosecute; so that a bill which will compel the local authorities to follow up an appeal and require that such appeal be disposed of within thirty days must of necessity have a very deterrent effect upon the intoxicated driver who under the present state of affairs escapes the punishment for his crime because of the indifference of many of our local authorities.

The intoxicated driver is one of the most flagrant offenses with which we now have to deal and the punishment which the

law provides of from thirty days to six months in the County Jail should be imposed without fear or favor.

Much as the Department would be glad to be relieved of the work incidental to the checking up of Magistrates' reports and dockets, and the receipt of fines imposed by them for violation of the Motor Vehicle and Traffic Acts, we are unalterably opposed to the passage of any legislation that will permit the municipalities to retain the fines collected by them for violations of these two acts, solely upon the ground that it would encourage the operation of speed traps so prevalent in this State a few years ago, and which caused motorists to shun those sections where speed traps were in operation.

We strongly urge the enactment of a law that will give to the police authorities of every municipality in the State the right to pass upon the driver's privilege of every one engaged in the operation of a taxicab or jitney bus. We believe such a law would result in raising the personnel of the drivers engaged in the operation of motor vehicles for hire and would enable our police officials to at all times have a systematic check on such drivers. To make such law effective, the State Public Safety in the State.

FATALITIES DURING THE YEAR.

The number of persons killed in New Jersey by automobiles during the year 1921, as nearly as we can ascertain, totaled 397. This compares with 322 fatalities in 1920; 243 in 1919, and 197 in 1918.

The Special Commission appointed by the Governor to revise the Motor Vehicle Act made its report to the 1921 Legislature and the recommendations of this Committee were enacted into a comprehensive Motor Vehicle code and became a part of the 1921 Session Laws known as Chapter 208. This law became effective January 1, 1922, and all other legislation dealing with motor vehicles was repealed as of that date. It is, of course, too early to determine what subsequent changes, if any, should be made to the present law. It will suffice, however, at this writing to state that essentially it appears to serve every purpose. As a revenue raising measure, it will result in increased fees for 1922 of over one million dollars, and summary revocation of the State driving license of those persons engaged in taxicab or jitney operation should be made mandatory upon the recommendation of any Department of license certificate should be vised by the local police authorities regardless of the material increase due to the increased number of car and drivers' licenses issued.

The provisions of the new law dealing with violations are such that if the police authorities will enforce the same, we have no doubt that the number of automobile accidents and fatalities in New Jersey will decrease.

A number of the fatal accidents which occurred in this State last year were the result of extreme carelessness and recklessness on the part of non-resident drivers, and this danger will continue to be prevalent on our roads until such time as the States of New York and Pennsylvania enact legislation that will give to the licensing authorities rigid control over the licensed driver.

It was, therefore, conceived that the Eastern States might in concert devise a uniform system of regulation that would make the driver of these States amenable to the same code wherever they happen to be. The Conference of Motor Vehicle administration was formed and this Conference from a purely humanitarian standpoint is interesting those states which lack regulation, and the early enactment of a law by those states that have not as yet taken up the matter of motor vehicle control in the same manner as has New Jersey is promised. The benefits which New Jersey motorists will derive from such co-operation cannot be over-estimated, for a tabulation of traffic on Rahway Avenue on July 4th and 5th, 1921, showed that 56% of the traffic passing at that point represented non-resident cars, while a tabulation of traffic on the Absecon Road on July 2d to 5th inclusive, 1921, showed that 44% of the traffic came from Pennsylvania; 6% from New York; 2% from Maryland and District of Columbia; and 3% from other states.

The Conference at present comprises the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maryland, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, and New Jersey.

CONCLUSION.

The work of the Department has increased so tremendously and the responsibilities are so great and many that the time has arrived when the Commissioner should be given an Assistant vested with powers co-extensive, so that some one might be detailed from time to time to relieve the Commissioner of the work of presiding at trials. We hope that this recommendation will bear fruit at the next session of the Legislature.

The newspapers of New Jersey have been most generous in the matter of publicity which they have accorded to us, and I attribute the success of the Department principally to the sup-

port of the press. To them I extend sincere thanks.

The egislature, which has accepted with scarce a question the recommendations of the Traffic Commission which prepared the present Motor Vehicle Law, has likewise rendered every possible assistance and in giving us the implements with which to work they have discharged a duty to our citizens which is reflecting itself in better order on our highways.

To the devoted attaches of the Department I shall always be grateful. They have on many occasions labored early and late in order that we might keep abreast of the work, and in no department of our state government will there be found a more loyal body of workers.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM L. DILL,

Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.