certificate. Any certificate of the Postmaster-General shall, subject to any variations which may be made by a subsequent certificate, be conclusive evidence of the matters stated therein.

(4) At such times in each year as the Treasury and the Minister may direct the Bank of England shall transfer to the Exchequer Account the amount standing to the credit of the Motor Tax Account in excess of such minimum balance as the Treasury may from time to time determine, fractions of £1,000 in the amount so transferable being for this purpose neglected and carried forward in the Motor Tax Account.

4. Every county council shall keep such accounts and make such returns in relation to the said duties and other sums payable into the Motor Tax Account in such form and at such times and verified in such manner, and shall submit the same to audit in such manner and at such times as the Minister may direct.

5.—(1) The Minister may give such directions to county councils as he thinks necessary for securing uniformity of administration and otherwise for carrying the provisions of the Act and of this Order into effect, and it shall be the duty of county councils to comply with any directions so given.

(2) The Minister shall cause to be printed and provided the forms of licences and of applications for the same, and of declarations, notices, returns, books of account and other documents required by regulations under the Act, or otherwise by law required with respect to any matter to which this Order relates.

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order re-enacts the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Order, 1921, as amended by the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Order, 1937, with amendments. The principal change is that the applications for renewal of a licence which can be made at Post Offices are restricted.

1953 No. 1561

The Road Vehicles (Transport Levy) Order, 1953

Made - - - - 28*th October*, 1953
Coming into Operation 5*th November*, 1953

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 28th day of October, 1953

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by section 12 of the Transport Act, 1953(**a**), (which provides for a charge, referred to as " the transport levy ", to be made on road vehicles), it is amongst other things enacted as follows:—

" **12.**—(5) Sections eight, nine, eleven to fifteen and twenty-one to twenty-five of the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949(**b**) (which contain provisions as to the collection of the excise duties under that Act and as

(**a**) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 13. (**b**) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 89.

to other connected matters), shall have effect as if the transport levy payable in the case of a vehicle for any period were part of the duty payable under that Act in respect of that vehicle for that period:

Provided that—

(*a*) the transport levy paid to a council in respect of any vehicle shall be paid by it to the Minister in accordance with such directions as may be contained in any Order in Council made under the said section eight instead of being paid into the Exchequer; "

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her as aforesaid and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Road Vehicles (Transport Levy) Order, 1953, and shall come into operation on the 5th day of November, 1953.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**a**), shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. In relation to the collection and payment over to the Minister of the transport levy chargeable on vehicles in accordance with the provisions of section 12 of the Transport Act, 1953, the Road Vehicles (Excise Duties and Licences) Order, 1953(**b**) (being an Order in Council made under section 8 of the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949) shall have effect as though—

(1) any reference in that Order to any duty payable under the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949, included a reference to the transport levy chargeable as aforesaid;

(2) any reference in that Order to sums payable into the Exchequer were a reference to sums payable to the Minister; and

(3) for paragraph (4) of Article 3 there were substituted the following paragraph:—

"(4) At such times in each year as the Treasury and the Minister may direct the Bank of England shall transfer to the Transport Fund established under section 13 of the Transport Act, 1953, out of the amount standing to the credit of the Motor Tax Account, such a sum as is certified by the Treasury and the Minister to be payable to him as transport levy."

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order makes provision for the collection and payment over to the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation of the transport levy chargeable on road vehicles in accordance with the provisions of section 12 of the Transport Act, 1953.

(**a**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (**b**) S.I. 1953/1560, p. 983 above.