

ROADS AND WORKS NORTH OF AUCKLAND.

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	AUTHORIZED.	UNDER CONTRACT.	PAYMENTS.		REMARKS.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	s. d.	
1. Waimate Road to Hokianga, by Okaihu—clearing road, 170 chains, forming road, 40 chains; 2 bridges, 3 culverts	200 0 0	188 6 0	...	...	Clearing, and 28 chains formation, and 2 culverts by Native labour; 2 bridges, 1 culvert, and 12 chains forming by Europeans.
1a. Mongonui to Victoria Valley	375 0 0	375 0 0	...	...	This line to be surveyed and estimates made. No report yet. Work in hand is one bridge, contracted for over the Oruru River.
2. Continuous dray road northwards from the Wairoa navigation, divided into 4 sections— (A.) Wairoa and Mangakawhia Junction to Mangakawhia Valley, 10 to 12 miles through bush and scrub. This to be surveyed and reported on	...	...	...	...	Under survey by Mr. Fairburn, 1st February. Report sent in on 23rd February. Had found a good line as far as Mangakawhia.
(B.) Mangakawhia Valley to open high country, about 6 miles, to be made by Native labour, at	600 0 0	600 0 0	...	...	Day labour. 4 miles 60 chains are in progress by Native labour.
(C.) From end of Section B to Kaikohe, about 20 miles, to be made by Native labour, at a cost not exceeding	700 0 0	700 0 0	...	...	Day labour. 8 miles 60 chains are in progress by Native labour.
(D.) Kaikohe to the Waimate Road, estimated cost	500 0 0	500 0 0	...	...	8 miles offered to Natives, but arrangements not yet completed. This line is being altered and improved. No work has yet been done.
2a. Waima and Waimate Roads, junction to the Falls to be improved by cutting round Pakitutu Hill, estimated cost	600 0 0	...	567	2 6	This was to be surveyed and reported. Mr. Aicken examined the ground and laid off a line to the Ti, a place where the steamers lie, but the subject requires further consideration, and will be reported on at a later date.
Thence to Pathia, as a bridle track	...	...	...	...	Surveyed by Mr. G. Aicken, who gives choice of three lines—the best, 16½ miles, at a cost of £10,050; line called A, 21 miles 5 chains, estimated at £14,175; line called B, 21 miles 4 chains, estimated at £14,100. The highest points on these lines are respectively, 500, 650, and 800 feet. The estimate for a horse track on the proposed line is £2,500, and its construction has been authorized.
2b. Mahurangi to Port Albert, 16½ miles by proposed line	2,500 0 0	2,500 0 0	67	4 0	Survey being proceeded with by J. J. Wilson. First report, April 29. None received since.
3. Mangapai to Arapawa, Kaipara	150 0 0	150 0 0	...	...	This work has been contracted for; date of contract, April 18.
4. Shoal Bay Road, 64 chains	...	1,190 0 0	42	0 0	To be surveyed and reported on. A general examination shows that a proper engineering survey will be required.
5. Kaikohe to Waima	...	...	...	...	This to be surveyed and reported on. No work done yet.
6. Kaeo to Whangaroa, bridle track	...	...	...	...	This to be surveyed and reported on. No work done yet.
7. Whangaroa to Mongonui	...	...	...	...	The work required is formation over a few soft places, and a few small cuttings; also a bridge over the Takahue Stream. No work done yet.
8. Victoria Valley to Ahipara	...	...	...	...	This is to be surveyed and reported on. No work done yet.
9. Kaitia to Awamui, bridle track; a continuation of the Victoria Valley Road down the Awamui to its mouth	400 0 0	...	...	...	Report to be obtained how the sum of £400 can be best expended in opening up this district with bridle tracks for bringing out gum (kauri). This is not considered to be of importance. The report will be deferred till next spring.
10. Kawa Kawa towards Whangarei, over a broken and difficult country	...	...	...	...	This line has been surveyed by the Provincial Government, to whom application will be made for the plans and estimates, with a view to forward the work; but an engineering survey will be required before work is commenced.
11. Kawa Kawa to the Bay Road, 12 miles	...	...	...	...	A diversion of the present line is proposed so as to avoid the Bluff. This will be examined and reported on. No report received yet.
12. Mongonui Bluff, bridle track	...	...	...	...	
Totals	...	6,203 6 0	676	6 6	