

STATEMENT explanatory of the COUNTRY generally and ROAD DISTRICTS in the PROVINCE of TARANAKI.

Number and Name of District.	Character of Country.	Number of Acres in District.	Number of Acres Rated.	Native Reserves. Acres.	Educational Reserves. Acres.	Waste Lands. Acres.	Miles of Road in open country.	Miles of Road in forest land.	Total Mileage of Roads.	Average Rate per Acre for last 3 years.	From August, 1868, to July, 1871. Total Amount of Rates Collected for last 3 years, including Arrears.	Amount of Rates Spent for last 3 years.	Amount of Rates Lost by Non-payment for last 3 years.	Number of Bridges Required.	Probable Cost of Erecting Bridges.	Probable Cost of Felling Bush, Earth-work, and Culverts.	Total Cost of Making Roads available for Carts.
1. Bell ...	Chiefly level, nearly all open	7,170	4,460	395	58	800	20½	4½	25	3½d.	£ 123 13 2	£ 148 15 2	£ 33 11 11	2 halves	250	210	£ 460
2. Henui ...	Partly wooded and hilly ...	1,609	927	882	...	20	5½	6	6½	4d.	39 8 11	38 5 5	6 7 1	...	...	60	150
3. Lower Mangorei ...	Broken generally, forest land	2,500	2,446	...	...	...	3	10½	7	9d.	275 12 5	274 19 1	1 6 0	...	...	150	350
4. Carrington ...	Principally level, forest land	3,878	3,878	...	...	...	3	10½	13½	3½d.	162 8 11	161 13 6	18 13 8	2 halves	150	200	470
5. Frankley ...	Level tract of bush land ...	3,845	3,614	...	...	...	4	8½	10½	4d.	201 17 7	201 17 9	6 14 4	3	250	220	100
6. Barrett ...	Very hilly, about quarter open country	2,850	2,711	545	...	...	4	5½	8	2½d.	73 1 11	75 7 4	3 15 8	...	...	170	300
7. Hurford ...	Bush district, broken ...	2,148	2,049	...	...	...	...	5½	5½	3d.	73 10 2	73 10 2	3 6 8	1	180	600	600
8. Tataratmaka ...	Four thousand acres open country, the remainder hilly bush land	6,000	5,623	...	...	...	11½	8	19½	2½d.	216 1 8	219 10 3	19 4 2	...	...	...	...
9. Onata ...	Chiefly open, bush portion broken	3,480	2,992	110	...	...	10½	4	14½	2½d.	93 8 3	93 11 4	7 13 6	...	...	100	100
10. Upper Mangorei ...	Fine level bush district ...	3,467	3,322	...	...	46	...	7½	7½	3d., 2 years	89 6 0	76 0 0	...	1 and 3 halves	350	400	750
11. Huirangi ...	Principally forest, tolerably level	5,640	5,370	204	...	...	7½	13	20½	4d.	273 0 3	302 18 11	9 4 1	1 and 2 halves	1,900	600	2,500
12. Weirikaipo ...	All forest; rivers, streams, and gullies very numerous ...	10,050	9,240	50	180	...	...	30½	30½	4d.	387 10 3	382 8 7	95 11 6	8 and 2 halves	1,800	1,400	3,200
13. Tarururangi ...	All forest, about half very broken, the remainder fine level tract	10,150	8,193	...	569	960	...	30	30	3d.	215 1 3	179 15 8	83 18 6	5 and 4 halves	1,000	1,600	2,600
14. Tikorangi ...	Partly open; high ranges and very broken inland ...	5,533	5,029	391	...	...	9	9½	18½	6d., 1 year	148 7 7	194 14 0	32 11 0	½	1,500	900	2,400
15. Oakura ...	Chiefly open and level land	7,600	7,535	...	...	...	21	7½	23½	3d.	251 6 0	295 7 9	49 8 6	2	400	500	900
16. Okato ...	About one-third forest, level district	9,270	7,522	281	...	...	21½	7	25½	1d., 1 year	58 8 5	83 11 5	12 19 9	3	800	600	1,400
17. Elliot ...	Principally open ...	1,250	1,072	350	...	...	3	1	4	3½d.	45 12 9	45 12 3	3 10 4	...	...	80	80
18. Clifton ...	Fine level open country ...	3,626	3,490	198	...	...	15	¾	15¾	...	9 1 9	10 13 2	...	1	400	400	800
19. Urenui ...	Very little level land; high wooded ranges at the back	4,666	4,266	200	...	...	11	8½	19½	2½d., 2 years	122 18 0	104 9 8	28 2 6	1	500	900	1,400
20. Hua ...	Level district, principally forest	8,893	5,617	2,100	980	770	4½	19½	24	5d.	231 13 0	216 8 5	136 4 3	1 and 3 halves	700	1,000	1,700
21. Matatara ...	Nearly all forest, high ridges, very broken ...	7,050	6,261	790	...	...	21	3½	24½	2½d.	139 10 4	139 9 6	81 7 2	...	...	1,500	1,500
22. Waitara West ...	Fine level open country ...	6,080	2,259	...	...	...	23	...	23	2d., 1 year	16 1 6	13 0 0	2 15 3	4	1,200	100	1,300
		116,755	98,076	6,446	1,787	2,596	194½	189½	384	...	3,247 0 1	3,331 19 4	686 5 10	...	11,380	11,790	23,120

REMARKS.—Where the roads are made or proposed to be made through bush or forest country, one chain wide of the bush is cleared, and the cartway is from 15 to 20 feet wide. These bush roads are good for cart traffic for about eight months in the year; during the rest of the year they are more or less soft and muddy. There is an unlimited supply of stone, for macadamizing purposes, in the rivers and streams.

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