

Fort Galatea and Taupo Road.—Formation, 8 chains; embankment, 2 chains.

Te Teko and Richmond Road.—It was found necessary to dig a drain from the Okauneke Swamp into the Tarawera River, in order to take the water off the road, which was perfectly inundated, there being no outlet. A ditch, 21 chains long and 5 feet × 4 feet, has been made, and 10 chains of fascines laid on the road, and 917 cubic yards filled in on the fascines; the earth had to be conveyed by canoe for a considerable distance. Embankment, 7 chains 462 cubic yards; one box culvert, 18 feet × by 18 feet, has also been made; one bridge culvert, 16 feet long × 15 feet wide; four stringers, 12 feet × 4 feet; two cills, 9 feet × 4 feet; and four piles, 9 feet × 9 feet; hand-rails and braces. The cills and stringers are fastened to the piles with iron bolts. The culverts and bridges have been repaired on the Titiwaroa Swamp; the totara 2-inch planking being found to be too light for a heavy dray to pass over, it has been replaced with 3-inch plank.

A portion of the timber for the bridges on Te Teko and Whakatane Road has been cut. These bridges will be built as soon as all the material is ready.

I attach a Schedule with full details of the work performed; it will appear small when contrasted with my return of last year, but this will be accounted for by the fact that no men have been employed on the works since January, in consequence of the detachment being in Wellington.

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GEORGE PREECE, Captain,
Commanding Native Contingent.

The Under Secretary, Defence Department,
Wellington.

RETURN showing Amount of ROAD WORK by CAPTAIN PREECE'S NATIVE CONTINGENT from the 1st of June, 1873, to the 31st of May, 1874.

Name of Road.	Locality.	Nature of Country.	Description of Work.	No. of Chains.	Length.	Breadth.	Depth.	No. of Cubic Yards.	No. of Days.	Average No. of Men.	Amount.
Te Teko and Fort Galatea	Fort Galatea	Pumice	Formation...	11	...	20	...	...	36	6	£ s. d.
"	"	"	Side cutting	5	330	20	2	244			5 10 0
"	Pokairoa	"	"	6	396	20	6	880			5 1 8
"	Ohui	Red clay soil	"	3	198	20	5	366			18 6 8
"	"	"	"	3	198	20	3	220	53	12	7 12 6
"	"	"	Formation...	4	...	20	...	...			4 11 8
"	"	"	Side cutting	10	660	20	4	977			2 0 0
"	"	"	Formation...	14	...	20	...	...			20 7 1
"	"	Heavy timber	Side cutting	2	132	20	4	195			7 0 0
"	"	"	Formation...	2	...	20	...	...			4 1 3
"	"	"	Side cutting	4	264	20	10	977			1 0 0
"	"	"	Felling timber	4	...	66	...	...			20 7 1
"	"	Heavy timber, red clay	Side cutting	...	43	35	15	418	8	6	4 0 0
Taupo Road	Fort Galatea	Pumice	Formation...	8	...	20	...	...			8 14 2
"	"	"	Embankment	2	132	20	2	195			4 0 0
Te Teko and Fort Galatea	Ohui	Clay	Side cutting	...	92	21	18	644	139	11	7 6 3
"	"	"	"	...	60	20	15	333			13 8 4
"	"	Heavy timber	Felling	5	...	66	...	...			6 18 9
"	"	Heavy clay	Side cutting	...	51	25	6	141			5 0 0
"	"	"	"	...	66	26	6	190	146	13	2 18 9
"	"	"	"	...	30	26	9	148			3 19 2
"	"	"	Stumping and clearing	8	...	...	...	...			3 1 8
"	"	"	Side cutting	...	46	28	13	310			8 0 0
"	"	"	"	...	56	28	10	290	101	8	6 9 2
"	"	"	"	...	2	132	28	10	684	39	9 6 0 10
- Richmond and Te Teko	Okauneke	Swamp	Draining	15	...	...	...	...	86½	9	14 5 0
"	"	"	Ditching	6	...	...	...	...	10	6	3 15 0
"	"	"	Fascining	6	...	...	...	...	98	6	1 10 0
"	"	"	Filling in on fascines	6.44ft	440	15	1	244	153	8	6 0 0
"	"	"	Fascining	4	...	...	...	...			12 4 0
"	"	"	Embankment	7	462	20	1	342			4 0 0
"	Titiwaroa	"	Filling in	...	143	14	6	37			17 2 0
"	"	"	"	...	115	14	6	30	52	5	1 17 0
"	"	"	"	...	219	14	6	57			1 10 0
"	"	"	"	...	...	...	...	...			2 17 0
"	"	"	"	...	...	...	...	...			8 15 0
Repairing Te Teko and Otekiri Swamp Road	Okauneke and Otekiri	maintenance of 7 men employed, five days	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	9	20 0 0
1 Wooden box culvert at Fort Alfred, 12 x 12, 27 feet long	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 0 0
1 " " Waikowhewhe, 12 x 9, 27 feet long	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 0 0
1 " " Ngatauwahine, 18 x 9, 27 feet long	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 10 0
1 18-inch culvert	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 0 0
1 Bridge culvert,* 16 feet long, 15 feet wide, 4 stringers 12 x 4, 2 cills 9 x 4, 4 piles 9 x 9, handrails, 4 x 3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10 0 0

*Timber carted for bridge, 12 miles.

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