

There are three other roads which are subsidised on the principle of pound for pound, namely: Cedar Creek towards Coalbrookdale, £50; Basin, Charleston, to Ballarat Creek, £50; and from the county road to United Alpine low-level, £50; but none of these subsidies are yet paid.

WESTLAND COUNTY.

Road, Hokitika Borough Boundary to Shallow Rush.—This work is completed, at a cost of £120, of which amount £60 was paid as a subsidy.

Track, New Rush, Back Creek.—This is the continuation of the horse-track constructed by direct grant, and also for the extension of a track to join the track from Rimu to New Rush with the track constructed up the valley of the Hokitika River to Back Creek. The cost of the work was £100, out of which a subsidy has been paid to the extent of £50.

Road, Rimu to Seddon's Terrace.—This is for widening the horse-track into a dray-road, to enable the miners on this field to get their supplies brought in by drays. The estimated cost of the work is £150, of which £75 has been authorised as a subsidy.

SOUTHLAND COUNTY.

Roads, Waikaia to Whitcombe, and Waipapa to Six-mile Beach.—The former road was completed at a cost of £161 6s. 8d., of which a subsidy of £80 13s. 4d. has been paid; and the latter road has been completed at a cost of £175, of which £87 10s. has been paid as subsidy.

Repairing Bridges, Waikaia Bush.—A balance of subsidy authorised for road, Waikaia to Whitcombe, amounting to £19 6s. 8d., was transferred towards repairing some bridges in Waikaia Bush; but this amount has not yet been paid.

ROADS CONSTRUCTED FROM DIRECT GRANTS.

Road, Thames to Manaia.—This is for completing the road between Thames and Coromandel. Portion of the work is in course of construction under the supervision of the Thames County Council, and portion under the supervision of the Coromandel County Council. The estimated cost of the work was £500; of this amount £77 10s. has been paid.

Track, Aorere Valley to Karamaea.—This track has been in course of construction for the last nine years, and still requires about thirty miles to be made to complete it. During last year five miles of the track going down the Heaphy Valley was constructed under the supervision of the Collingwood County Council. The total cost of this work, including the contracts now in progress, has been £27,860 17s. 3d., of which amount £27,588 10s. 11d. has been paid.

Repairs to Nile Bridge, Charleston.—This bridge has been erected for the last fourteen years, and the cribwork foundations for the piers were giving way. These are being replaced with concrete. The cost of the work is estimated at £600, of which amount £300 has been paid.

Road, Cobden to Seventeen-mile Beach.—A dray-road has been constructed for some time between the Grey River and the Seven-mile Creek, but as this is a tidal creek it cannot be forded for about two hours both before and after high-water. A bridge across this creek is in course of construction under the supervision of the Grey County engineer. The cost of the work is estimated at £400, of which amount £250 has been paid.

Bridge over the Mahinapua Creek.—This work is being constructed under the supervision of the Resident Engineer of the Public Works Department, Greymouth. It is estimated to cost £500, but none of this has yet been paid.

Road, Rimu to New Rush.—This is the construction of partially a dray-road and partially a horse-track between Rimu and the diggings near Back Creek. The cost of the work was £829 17s. 9d., all of which has been paid.

Great South Road.—A portion of this road is being widened and metalled on the south side of the Waitaha River. This is the main line of road between Hokitika and Jackson's Bay, and there is a dray-road constructed from Hokitika as far as the Waitaha River, but from there southwards it is only a six-foot horse-track. Contracts have been let for widening and metalling about six miles of the road, which is estimated to cost £1,500. Of this amount £37 5s. 6d. has been paid.

Track up Waiho Creek.—A track is in course of construction up the valley of the Waiho River to give facilities to the miners to get inland. The estimated cost of the work is £100, of which £18 12s. 6d. has been paid.

Track, Jackson's Bay to Gorge River.—A horse-track has been constructed from the Arawata Valley to the Duncan River, and the survey of a road has been completed from the Duncan River to Lake McKerrow, and plans prepared. The total cost of the work up to the 31st March last was £5,310 10s. 11d.

Track, Haast Ferry to Gluepots.—A track is in course of construction between these points, under the supervision of the Westland County overseer. Its cost is estimated at £120, but none of this amount has yet been paid.

Repairs to Victoria Bridge.—This bridge is on the road between Cromwell and Queenstown, over the Clutha River. The wooden piers are becoming greatly decayed and unsafe for heavy traffic. The cost of new piers is estimated at £250. This work will be done under the supervision of the Lake County engineer.

Road, Arrowtown to Macetown.—There is a dray-road constructed from Macetown to within about one mile of Arrowtown, where the drays have to come down the bed of the river. This river is frequently flooded, which stops all traffic. A road is now being constructed up the side of the gorge, and £250 was voted last year for this purpose, but this amount will be insufficient to complete the road.