

Matakohe-Tokatoka.—This is the main road through the Otamatea County from east to west. During the year four miles and a half of road have been partially formed 14ft. wide, five bridges, and seven culverts of a total span of 132ft. The further grant now to hand will be used in raising and fascinating the road through the swamp, deepening and widening the out-fall drains, and in completing the formation of the four miles and a half of road. As soon as the Otamatea County Council have selected a good line between the end of this new formation and the Tokatoka Post-office, and obtained a legal title to the road, I would recommend that a further sum be granted to form this road.

Pahi Wharf.—This wharf is on the opposite side of the Otamatea River from the Pahi Township. It is now nearly completed. The works have been carried out under the supervision of the Otamatea County Council.

Pahi-Maumgaturoto.—Some necessary deviations on a portion of this road in the Paparoa Parish have been laid out by the department, and works will be undertaken as soon as the Otamatea County Council have obtained a legal title to the road.

Otamatea County Roads.—This vote has been expended by the Otamatea County Council. Seven contracts have been completed, consisting of 67 chains of formation, 64 chains of formation and metalling, and eleven culverts.

Puhoi-Makarau.—About two miles and a half of dray-road have been improved, and 15 chains metalled, under the supervision of the Ahuroa Road Board. About 3,400 acres of Crown land have been made more accessible by this road.

Ahuroa Roads.—Works are to be carried out under the supervision of the Rodney County Council. Nothing as yet has been done.

Warkworth.—During the year the Rodney County Council have expended this vote in repairs and metalling.

Warkworth Southwards.—The works on this road are being carried out by the Rodney County Council, and consist of about 40 chains of metalling and general repairs.

Wade-Lucas Creek Road.—During the year one mile and a quarter of road was formed, 26ft. wide, through the Dairy Flat district, and about 21 chains metalled, 9ft. wide, through the Wade Township. Metal was brought from Rangitoto.

Roads to Kaukapakapa Railway-station.—This vote was expended in part payment of compensation for road through the Waikahikatea Block.

Waikomiti-West Coast.—During the year three deviations were made, 200 chains in length, and were formed to an average width of 14ft.; and about 38 chains was metalled. The works were carried out under the supervision of the Waitemata County Council.

Waikomiti-Swanson.—This road is being metalled with scoria from Mount Smart. During the year 35 chains have been done. This is under the control of the Waitemata County Council.

Miranda Road.—The works to be undertaken on this road have been laid out, plans and specifications prepared, and I am now arranging to get it done by co-operative labour.

Mauku District.—This has been done by the Mauku Road Board, and, I believe, consists chiefly of re-forming and metalling.

Patumahoe Road.—The works consist of re-forming and metalling, and are being carried out under the supervision of the Mauku Road Board.

Brigmen's Landing and Mercer Road.—Nothing has been done with this vote, as the title to the road has not yet been obtained.

Gibbon's Creek Bridge.—Works are to be carried out under the Hamilton Borough Council. Their plans and specifications have been approved, but beyond taking down the old bridge, which was unsafe, nothing has been done. The other local bodies interested have not come to an amicable settlement as to the share of the subsidy which they are to provide towards the cost of the work.

Tairua-Whenuakite.—About one mile of road has been constructed, two bridges erected and one repaired. The works have been carried out under the supervision of the Coromandel County Council.

Kuaotunu Cemetery Road.—About 17 chains of roads are to be formed, 16ft. wide. The works are being done under the supervision of the Coromandel County Council.

LANDS IMPROVEMENT ROADS.

Ahipara-Herekino.—This road has been formed into a cart-road from Ahipara to Herekino, and into a bridle-track from Herekino to Whangape. During the year the road has been kept in repair throughout. About 26 chains of metal have been laid, and 1 chain of heavy rock-cutting widened, and several sharp curves eased. In the Herekino Settlement $21\frac{1}{2}$ chains of road have been formed and about half a mile re-formed, and about 5,500ft. of timber have been cut for the purpose of erecting a bridge over the Uwhiroa Stream.

Kaitaia-Ahipara.—This vote was expended by the Mongonui County Council in repairs.

Oruru-Mangamuka.—The bridle-track between these two places has been made fairly passable by the expenditure of the vote by the Mongonui County Council.

Bridge over Puhi River, Mongonui.—The bridge over this river has been erected under the supervision of the Mongonui County Council.

Victoria Valley to Main Road.—This road is intended to give better access to the Victoria Valley settlers, and has now been formed to the junction with the Mangatoetoe Road. During the year about half a mile has been completed. It is intended to continue the road towards the Peria, and an engineering survey will be undertaken shortly.

Takahue-Herekino.—Of this road some ten miles and a half have been surveyed, and about half a mile constructed into a bridle-track. It opens about 7,000 acres of Crown lands, besides giving a more direct road to Mongonui for the Herekino settlers. As soon as further moneys are available the construction of the road will be continued. The works on this line were done under the co-operative system.