

Tahaukupu.—The road is now in very good order up to the sixth mile-post. A contract was let for laying 23 chains of swamp and widening the cuttings. In addition to the work done by the department, the Clutha County Council have done a lot of metalling on this road out of the rates.

Glenomaru (Block IV.).—Out of this vote Christie's Road was filled as far as the saddle; levels have now been taken, and the formation will be put in hand at once. These sections have been taken up for some years, but until now they have had no access whatever.

Glenomaru (Block V.).—A contract was let for felling bush on 68 chains of road-line 66 ft. wide and logging up 33 ft. The formation will be put in hand as soon as possible, and thus give an outlet to Sections 36, 37, 39, and 41.

Kaler's Road.—A contract has been let for felling all the bush on this road to the full width. When the road was formed the bush was only felled 40 ft., and, as many of the trees overhang the formation, the road was always wet. When the contract is completed the road will have a better chance of drying.

Owaea, Campbell's.—A contract was let for felling 50 chains of the bush on this road 66 ft. wide and logging 30 ft. The levels have now been taken, and the formation will be put in hand at once.

Wingfield Road, Ratamui.—This vote was expended on forming 27 chains of road, partly across a swamp, to give access to sections in Block I., Woodland District. This work is now being continued, and will be an outlet for Blocks II. and VIII.

Block I., Catlin's.—Two contracts were let for bushfelling and logging and 40 chains of formation on the road through Block J., Catlin's. The formation is now being continued as far as Section 60, and will be an outlet to Block VII., Catlin's.

Katea Dairy Factory.—Two contracts were let for work on McPhee's Road for a bridge over Tuck's Creek. The present vote will not be sufficient to complete the road so that the settlers can get to the factory.

Warnock's.—This road has been widened to 10 ft. for a distance of 80 chains. There are still about 60 chains more of this road requiring to be widened to render it fit for traffic.

Rimu (Block XIII.).—Seven contracts were carried out on centre road of this block, including bushfelling, culverting, and formation; total distance, 125 chains. A contract for formation is still in progress, but the authority will not be sufficient to complete the work. A road has also been formed from the Tahakopa Valley Road to Centre Road, Block XIII., Rimu, the formation being of a light nature. A ford was made to cross the Tahakopa River, and a bridge, 34 ft. span, was built over Back Creek.

Tautuku.—Miscellaneous works are being carried on with this vote—viz.: Completion of the Fleming Road, repairs to the main road within Tautuku district, and the building of two goods-sheds, one at Tautuku Bay and the other at Tautuku Bridge. These sheds are not yet completed.

Waikawa-Catlin's.—A great deal of work has been done on this road during the past year. Over two miles have been re-formed and a mile and a half metalled. This work has been done principally by day-labour, and has been spread over twelve miles of road, according to its needs. It will be continued as long as the weather permits. The stone obtained is not so good as could be desired, but there is very little good stone in the district. This road has hitherto been impassable for dray-traffic in winter, but it is expected that when the works now in hand are finished it will be in fairly good order all the year round.

Purchase of Roads.—A road had to be taken through Sections 8, 9, and 10, Block VII., South Molyneux District, so as to give an outlet to sections in Blocks IV. and V., Glenomaru.

Woodland District (Block IX.).—A pack-track 86 chains in length was made down the McLennan River to enable settlers to pack their goods.*

Rimu (Block XV.).—A road has been constructed from the McLennan River to the Tahakopa River across Mouat's Saddle; distance two miles. A contract has been let for the erection of a bridge over the McLennan River.*

Block II., Woodland.—A contract was carried out for the bushfelling and logging of 25 chains of this road, but as there is no outlet at present the work will not be of any service.*

Waipati (Block XII., Tautuku).—Since the close of the felling season the settlers have been engaged clearing this settlement; total distance, 334 chains. Contracts have been let for the formation of this road, but none of them are completed yet.*

Glenomaru.—£100 was spent on forming a road to Mokamoka, Block VI., Glenomaru, from the boat-landing to the mouth of the Owaka River. This road is greatly used by settlers and pleasure parties.

Clarendon.—The sum of £100 was expended by the Bruce County Council on forming a road 51 chains in length to give access to Sections 60 to 65, Block VI., Clarendon District.

Catlin's (Block II.).—A 6 ft. track 34 chains in length was formed to give access to Sections 15 and 16, Block II., Catlin's.

Glenomaru (Blocks III., IV., V., VII., X.).—The following works were carried out with the loading on the sections in these blocks: (1.) McKenzie's Road (Block X.): A sledge-track 10 ft. wide is being formed to give access to Section 34, Block X. The present authority will not be sufficient to complete this work. (2.) Gwynne's Road (Block IV.): This road was completed to the saddle, and gives access to Sections 32 and 33. (3.) Murray's Road (Block V.): This track was formed to give access to Section 29, Block V., and has been carried round above the cliffs at Roaring Bay.

Maniototo.—The subdivisions of Section 3, Block XVI., Maniototo, near Taieri Lake, have been opened up by 110 chains of formation. The work was carried out under the supervision of the Maniototo County Council.

* See also Appendix No. 5, Improved Farm Settlements.