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Matakana Bridge.—It is proposed to alter the site of the bridge, and make a deviation in the road, but no action has been taken by the Rodney County Council, pending the settlement of compensation.

Tauhoa.—Nothing has yet been done by the Rodney County Council, who are to expend

the vote.

Pakiri is the continuation of the Hoteo-Waiwhiu Road, to open up Crown lands in the Pakiri

Block. Two contracts are now in operation.

Hoteo-Waiwhiu.—The road has been graded out, and compensation for taking it through Section 4, Hoteo, has been paid. Works are now in operation for constructing a bridle-track 6 ft.

Waikomiti-Huia.-The grant is being expended under the supervision of the Waitemata County Council.

Waikomiti-Swanson.—The Waitemata County Council are expending the vote chiefly in metalling with scoria.

Matakana Ranges.—Nothing has been done yet.

Swanson-West Coast.—Under the supervision of the Waitemata County Council, about a mile

and a quarter of this road is being widened and about 10 chains metalled.

Mangapai-Waikiekie.—The Whangarei County Council are expending the vote, and have let six

contracts for repairs and about three-quarters of a mile of metalling.

Henderson.—The Waitemata County Council are expending the vote in metalling the main road near Henderson with scoria.

Waikomiti West.—The Waitemata County Council are expending the vote in metalling the

road towards the Waihotapu.

Maioro Swamp.—During the past year about 60 chains of drains and a portion of the road towards the Maioro Settlement, near the Waikato Heads, have been constructed. This road is of great advantage to the settlement, as their present outlet is being covered by encroaching sand.

Wairoa River-Otau.—A bridle-track is being constructed to give access from Clevedon to the sections situated on the west side of the Otau Block. During the year one bridge and a breast cutting and filling of about 11 chains in length have been made near Clevedon, and half a mile of dray-road and four miles and a half of bridle-track formed.

Awaroa Swamp.—No works have yet been undertaken.

Ramarama Valley.—This road will take a considerable part of the traffic off the Great North Road between Towai and Hikurangi. It opens up some excellent land, all of which abutting on the road has now been taken up. About five miles of road are now being widened and made available for wheel-traffic.

Abram's Gully.—The Waiuku Road Board have spent a portion of the vote in improving this gully on the south side. The balance is now being spent in improving the north side. This is the most direct road from Waiuku to Akaaka Swamp.

Pukekohe.—The Pukekohe Road Board are expending the vote in remetalling the road from the railway-station to the Road Board boundary, and in increasing the width of the metal road

from the railway-station through the Pukekohe Village.

Otau.—Out of the balance of the vote £115 has been paid in compensation for lands taken for road purposes. About half a mile of bridle-track has been formed and 133 ft. of bridging erected. To complete and improve the roads in this block a further sum of £1,000 is urgently required.

Akaaka Swamp.—The Akaaka Drainage Board have constructed 141 chains of drains, averaging

5 ft. wide and 4 ft. deep, on the eastern boundary of the swamp.

Kaueranga Valley.—The Thames County Council have made about three miles of dray-road leading towards the valley, and improved three miles of bridle-track.

Waingaro-Ngaruawahia.—The road is now available for wheel-traffic as far as the landing at Waingaro; but for the safety of the settlers several bad bends must be cut off and portions of the road widened. This year's grant is being expended in removing some of these objections and metalling boggy places.

Onewhero (Sections 128 and 129).—The grant is being expended in constructing the road through these sections. It was the only break in the road between the Tuakau Punt and Opuatia—

Raglan Road.

Bregmen's Landing and Mercer Road.—Nothing beyond the survey of the road has been done, pending settlement of compensation for land required.

Tuakau Punt.—A punt has been built and is now in full working-order at the ferry; the work

having been carried out under my supervision by the Raglan County Council.

Huntly-Kahuhuru.—The Raglan County Council expended the vote in general repairs. As before stated, if a deviation were made round Pukemiro this would be a comparatively level road through to Raglan, viâ Waingaro Hot Springs.

Lawson's Hill.—A mile and a half of side-cutting, averaging 8 ft. wide, has been made along the

south side of this hill, which has cut off the worst portion of the old track.

Mangapiko-Maire.—About a quarter of a mile of dray-road has been constructed, giving access to the boat-landing on the Maire Stream. The road will be a portion of the Tuakau-Raglan Road.

Awaroa, XI.—This road, giving access to Block XI. from the boat-landing on the Maire Stream, has been roughly formed about three miles and a half in length, and the road has been selected and graded through the block itself, so as to give a connection to the road made through what is known as Murray's Settlement.

Road, Auckland University Reserve.—The Huntly Road Board are to expend this grant, but

nothing has been done yet.

Matahuru. - Works have been carried out under the Huntly Road Board, consisting of roadformation and the construction of a bridge over the Matahuru River.