

2 miles 12 chains. Good work has been done during the year. Two miles of road were graded and pegged; 41 chains of bush was felled and cleared; 1 mile 51 chains of sideling formed 6 ft. wide; five log bridges, various sizes, with a total length of 96 ft., erected; four culverts built, 12 in. by 12 in., total length 58 ft.; and 300 cubic yards of rock excavated.

*Cross Road (Hautapu Block).*—This road is passable for horse-traffic a distance of 3 miles 70 chains, and two men are at present engaged at formation, 6 ft. wide. During the year three miles of road were maintained, 31 chains of formation done, 432 cubic yards of slips cleared, 3 miles 40 chains of water-tables opened, 100 cubic yards of rock removed, and 25 chains of road graded and pegged. The above road passes through forest country.

*Conspicuous Road (Marton Nos. 1 and 2 Blocks).*—21 chains of this road has been graded and pegged, 6 chains of bush felled and cleared, 12 chains of road formed 6 ft. wide, 130 cubic yards of slips cleared, and 180 cubic yards of rock removed. One contract is about being let, and the expenditure of a small amount of money on this road would give access to Section No. 13. 1 mile 44 chains of road has been maintained.

*Oroua Main Road (Mangiora-Coal Creek Block).*—13 chains has been formed on this road, 10 ft. and 14 ft. in width; 33 ft. of widening has been done; 5,432 cubic yards of rock excavated; and 2 miles 65 chains of road maintained.

*Table Flat Road (Pohangina Block).*—Good work has been done on this road during the past year. 87 chains were graded, &c.; 2 miles 36½ chains of bush has been felled and cleared; 1 mile 59 chains of road formed 6 ft. wide, and 19 chains widened to 12 ft.; 2 miles 23 chains of road maintained; and four culverts, 6 in. by 8 in., totalling in length 40 ft., laid; also 30 cubic yards of slips cleared.

*Apiti-Norsewood Road (Salisbury Block).*—53 chains of bush was felled and cleared during the year; 54½ chains of road formed 6 ft. wide; 3 miles 6½ chains maintained; and ten culverts built, nine 6 in. by 8 in. and one 3 ft. by 3 ft., total length 120 ft.

*Umutoi Road (Pohangina Block).*—On this road during the past twelve months very satisfactory progress has been made. 2 miles 17½ chains of road, 6 ft. wide, has been formed; 2 miles 65½ chains of bush has been felled, &c.; 2 miles 67 chains of road engineered; 2 miles 4 chains maintained; 33 culverts laid, their sizes varying from 6 in. by 6 in. to 12 in. by 12 in., and their total length being 334 ft.; 270 cubic yards of slips was cleared; 154 cubic yards of rock excavated; and 4 chains of drains made.

*Umutoi Road (Umutoi Block).*—Last year 1 mile 53 chains of bush had been felled and cleared. This year 196 chains of road has been graded and pegged, 81½ chains of bush has been felled and cleared, 15 chains of formation done, 42 chains of road widened, 50 cubic yards of slips cleared, and 750 cubic yards of rock excavated.

*Tunipo Road (Salisbury Block).*—In my last annual report it was stated that 1 mile 20 chains of bush had been felled. This year a further 14 chains has been felled and cleared, 80½ chains of road formed 6 ft. wide, 107½ chains engineered, and 1 mile 27 chains maintained.

*Makoura Road (Salisbury Block).*—During the past year 2 miles 3½ chains of road was formed 6 ft. wide; one plain bridge, 20 ft. in length and 14 ft. wide, with hand-rails, erected; and no less than twenty-nine culverts laid, their sizes ranging from 6 in. by 8 in. to 3 ft. by 3 ft., a total length of 434 ft.; 5 chains of drains were also made; 4 miles 60 chains of road were maintained.

*Coal Creek North Block.*—The Government granted £100 to the Pohangina County Council for assistance in constructing a track from Coal Creek to the Main Ridge Road, and during the year 120 chains of clearing has been done and 6 chains of horse-track formed. The northern end of this road has been deviated through private property, to obtain an easy gradient. The work will shortly be completed.

*Makiekie Road (Salisbury Block).*—Since my last annual report an additional 50 chains of bush has been felled and cleared, and 119½ chains of road formed 6 ft. wide; also twenty-one culverts laid, of a total length of 230 ft.—nineteen were 6 in. by 8 in. and two 12 in. by 12 in. 3 miles 20½ chains of this road is now formed, and is open for traffic. It will be necessary to complete this road through the Delaware Block to meet the road-line being constructed by the Pohangina County Council, which will save to the settlers a distance of quite eight miles. 3 miles 20 chains of road were maintained.

*Umutoi Road (Salisbury Block).*—According to my last year's report, 61 chains of horse-road had been formed, and 5 miles 30 chains of bush had been felled and cleared. This year a very satisfactory amount of work has been performed. 5 miles 69 chains of road has been engineered; 81 chains of bush has been felled and cleared; 5 miles 57 chains of horse-road formed; 1 chain widened; 4 miles 4 chains maintained; forty-three culverts, of different sizes, ranging from 6 in. by 8 in. to 3 ft. by 2 ft., total length of 513 ft., built; 346 cubic yards of slips removed; 7 cubic yards of rock excavated; and 1 chain of drains made.

*Takapari Road (Salisbury Block).*—When my last annual report was presented 2 miles 26 chains of bush on this road had been felled 66 ft. and cleared 33 ft.; since then an additional 21 chains has been felled and cleared, making a total of 2 miles 47 chains to date. One mile of formation 6 ft. wide has been made; two bridges, of a length of 12 ft. erected; and fifteen culverts, of varying sizes, from 12 in. by 12 in. to 2 ft. by 2 ft., of a total length of 60 ft., laid.

*Pohangina Valley Road (Salisbury Block).*—65 chains of road 6 ft. wide has been formed during the year; one 10 ft. bridge erected; and eight culverts, five 12 in. by 12 in. and three 18 in. by 12 in., total length of 80 ft., built.

*Pohangina Valley Forest Reserve.*—A sum of £150 was granted to the Pohangina County Council for forming the road to give access to the Pohangina Valley Forest Reserve and to settlers in the valley; also to repair or re-form the breach in the road on the river-bank. The Council intended to form protection-works at the Totara Reserve Bluff, but the idea has been abandoned in favour of a deviation, the line for which is now being surveyed, and when this is done the work will be proceeded with.