

Kimbolton Road.—The work of metalling this road has been carried on for a distance of 1 mile 45 chains; 68 chains of road has been graded and pegged; 68 chains of road formed; 880 cubic yards of earth has been excavated; and 167 chains of drains made. The weather for the work of metalling during the latter part of February was most unfavourable, but the work will be completed in a few days. For work on this road the Kiwitea County Council received a grant of £250. 4 chains of road, 14 ft. wide, were formed, and 34 chains of metalling done. The latter work is being proceeded with.

Oroua Bridge.—Two grants, of £500 and £800 respectively, were made to the Pohangina County Council to aid in the construction of this bridge, which has been completed during the year. Its length over all is 231 ft., and it is both truss and plain, and consists of five spans—one of 16 ft., two of 80 ft., one of 30 ft., and one of 25 ft. Two of the piers are built of concrete, and the centre pier is formed of iron cylinders.

Pakihikura Road and Bridge.—The Government granted the Kiwitea County Council the sum of £90, and this sum, together with a balance of £75 standing to the credit of the Road Board, which body was subsequently merged into the County Council, has been expended on the erection of one truss bridge with a 12 ft. roadway, 45 ft. in length, and 600 cubic yards of metalling. This road is awaiting final inspection.

Mangatoro Valley Road.—23 chains of road was formed during the period; $3\frac{1}{2}$ chains of river-deviation; 29 chains of metalling, 12 ft. wide, done; seven miles of road maintained; one bridge, 25 ft. in length, widened; two culverts, 12 in. by 12 in., 46 ft. in length, laid; 4,172 cubic yards of slips cleared; 7 miles 52 chains of water-tables opened; $2\frac{1}{2}$ chains of corduroying work; 33 chains of drains made; 10 chains of embankments formed. In addition, a tunnel 50 ft. in length was lined with timber; and 4 miles 3 chains of river-bank was planted with willows.

Dannevirke-Weber-Wimbledon Road.—The Government having granted £400 towards this road, the Weber Road Board will undertake its construction. When the plans and specifications have been received and approved of the work can be proceeded with.

Towai Road, Coonoor Block.—During the year on this road 22 chains of bushfelling and clearing has been done; 64 chains of road-formation, 16 ft. wide; 20 chains of road widened; 13 chains of road metalled; five miles of roads maintained; three culverts laid, one 9 in. by 9 in., one 12 in. by 12 in., and one 24 in. by 24 in.—a total length of 81 ft.; 31 cubic yards of slips cleared; 25 chains of water-tables opened; and 1,338 cubic yards of rock excavated.

Towai Road (Rising Sun Farm Homestead Association).—Beyond bushfelling and clearing, of which 4 miles 28 chains has been completed, and 2 miles 75 chains of road graded and pegged, nothing further has been done. The formation of the road, it is to be hoped, will be gone on with directly, as the settlers in the district are deserving of every encouragement, they being persevering and very hard-working. There are at present two contracts in operation.

Upper Makuri Road.—Ten miles of this road has been maintained, 2,486 cubic yards of slips removed, and 22 miles 17 chains of water-tables cleared out.

Alfredton-Weber Road.—A very considerable amount of work has been done on this road during the past twelve months. 52 chains of bush was felled 66 ft. and cleared 33 ft.; 44 chains of road formed 14 ft., 16 ft., and 18 ft. wide; 35 chains of road widened by 3 ft., 5 ft., and 6 ft. respectively; 1 mile 35 chains widened from a 6 ft. horse-road for dray-traffic: seven bridges erected, one of 110 ft. in length, consisting of a truss span of 46 ft., two plain spans of 22 ft. each, and one of 20 ft.; one truss bridge with an 80 ft. span; one under-strut, 40 ft. span; one truss, 29 ft. span; three with 17 ft. spans; total length, 310 ft.: twelve culverts placed, seven 12 in. by 12 in., two 18 in. by 18 in., three 24 in. by 24 in.—a total length of 296 ft.; 11,355 cubic yards of slips cleared; 17 miles 64 chains of water-tables opened; 1,171 cubic yards of rock excavated; $46\frac{1}{2}$ chains of corduroying work done; 72 chains of drains made; 11 chains of embankments formed; 5 miles 67 chains of road grassed; 25 chains of road metalled with burnt papa; about 22,000 ft. of timber obtained for three bridges in hand. This line of road will be liable to slips for many years to come, owing to the peculiar nature of the country through which it passes. There are several contracts, in various stages of completion.

Waihi-Akitio Road.—On this road during the past year 40 chains has been graded and pegged; 2 miles $33\frac{1}{4}$ chains of bush has been felled 66 ft. wide and cleared 33 ft.; 2 miles 55 chains of road, 6 ft. wide, has been formed; one rough-timber bridge, with a 6 ft. opening, has been erected; fifty-two culverts, one 18 in. by 18 in., five 24 in. by 24 in., and forty-six 12 in. by 12 in., a total length of 608 ft., have been laid; 448 cubic yards of slips has been cleared; three chains of embankments formed; 60 chains of water-tables opened; and three miles of road maintained. A contract for sawing timber for a 46 ft. span bridge has just been completed, and upon the erection of this bridge the formation of the road will be continued. The total quantity of bush felled and cleared on this road is 6 miles $70\frac{1}{4}$ chains, and of 6 ft. road-formation 3 miles 29 chains. One contract is now in progress. The road passes through a dense forest.

Akitio Road.—On this road during the year 40 chains of bush has been felled and cleared and 2 miles of road maintained. Five 12 in. by 12 in., one 18 in. by 18 in., and one 24 in. by 24 in., being a total of seven culverts, with a total length of 169 ft., have been laid; 2,276 cubic yards of slips has been cleared; 40 chains of water-tables was opened; $5\frac{1}{2}$ chains of corduroying done; also 4 chains of fascining. This road opens up the Akitio Improved-farm Settlement, in conjunction with other roads.

Pukewhinai Road.—This road is in the Akitio Improved-farm Settlement, and during the past year 72 chains of engineering survey has been done.

Mount Arthur Road.—The bush on the road has been felled 66 ft. and cleared 33 ft. for a distance of 2 miles $54\frac{1}{2}$ chains; 2 miles 59 chains has been graded and pegged; 64 chains of road, 6 ft. wide, has been formed. In addition, 633 cubic yards of slips has been cleared; 25 chains of water-tables opened; 60 cubic yards of rock excavated; 14 chains of drains made; and one culvert,