

*Tiraumea Valley Road.*—Seven miles of road was maintained, 48 chains metalled, and 20 chains repaired during the past twelve months; 490 cubic yards of slips was cleared; 2 miles 6 chains of water-tables opened; 84 ft. of tunnelling; and 1 chain and 821 cubic yards of embankments formed.

*Tiraumea River, Pa Valley Road (Mangaone Block).*—Work was only started on this road during the year, and 1 mile 72½ chains of bush has been felled and cleared.

*Bridge Road.*—91½ chains of road has been engineered, and will shortly be let out by contract.

*Hukanui-Hawera Road.*—£500 was granted to the Eketahuna Road Board, in two sums, for forming and metalling this road. The work is now completed. The road now affords easy access to the Hukanui Railway-station from the Eketahuna-Woodville main road at Hamua.

*Eketahuna Roads.*—A grant of £200 was made to the Eketahuna Road Board for repairing Easter flood-damages to the Hawera, Central, Parkville, Mangaoronga North, Tawataia, and Pa Valley, and other roads. The work was finally passed this year.

*Pori Road.*—A sum of £150 was granted to the Wairarapa North County Council for the erection of a bridge over Pori Creek, and for the formation of Pori and Saunders Roads. So far nothing has been done under this grant.

*Mount Marchant Road.*—The Pahiatua County Council received a grant of £200 for work on the Mount Marchant and Pori Road. During the year 40 chains of bush has been felled and cleared; 85 chains of scrub felled and cleared; 85 chains of road formed 14 ft. wide, for dray-traffic; ten culverts placed, in sizes of 12 in. by 12 in. and 18 in. by 18 in., 213 ft. in length; and 60 cubic yards of rock excavated.

*Tiraumea Bridge (Saunders).*—In my last annual report it was stated that this bridge was well under way. It has since been completed. It consists of one 114 ft. truss span and one 9 ft. land span.

*Mangatainoka Valley Road (Kaiparoro Block).*—3 chains of road, 15 ft. in width, has been formed since my report upon this road last year. This was a very expensive piece of work, on account of rock-excitation.

*Ruamahanga Road (Te Mara Block).*—43 chains of this road has been graded and pegged; 121½ chains of bush has been felled and cleared; 38 chains of road formed 6 ft. in width; one plain bridge constructed, 30 ft. in length; one culvert laid, 36 in. by 36 in., 12 ft. long; and 1 chain of embankments formed. This road gives access to Messrs. Hoar and Johanson's sections, and also to unsold Crown lands.

*Ruamahanga Bridge (repairs).*—£50 was granted to the Taratahi-Carterton Road Board for the erection of groins and for the protection of the river-bank. Plans have been received, and the work will be proceeded with during the coming year.

*Makakahi Road (Kaiparoro Block).*—In my annual report of last year it was stated that 1 mile 33 chains of bush had been felled and 25 chains formed 6 ft. wide; since then 16 chains of bush has been felled, &c.; 29¼ chains of road formed 6 ft. wide; 3 culverts constructed, two 12 in. by 12 in. and one 12 in. by 18 in., a total length of 57 ft.; and 29¼ chains of road graded and pegged. This road is at a standstill for want of funds.

*Tenui Bridge.*—A contribution of £300 was given to the Wairarapa North County Council for the reconstruction of the Tenui Bridge. Plans and specifications have been written for.

*Uruti-Castlepoint Road.*—A subsidy of £100 was granted to the Wairarapa North County Council for general repairs to the above road, and for excavating through a sharp spur. Work is now in progress.

*Eketahuna-Parkville Road.*—A sum of £500 was granted to the Eketahuna Road Board for maintenance and repairs to the above road. The work has been done and everything completed during the year.

*Eketahuna-Alfredton Road.*—A sum of £50 was granted last year to the Wairarapa North County Council to assist in repairing storm-damages. Work has been completed during the year.

*Bowen's Road, Hastwell.*—With the aid of a subsidy of £50 to the Mauriceville Road Board, 13 chains of road has been formed 13 ft. wide for dray-traffic, and 85 ft. of culverting, 10 in. by 12 in., constructed during the year.

*Bowen Road.*—10 chains of bush has been felled and cleared; 23 chains of road formed 12 ft. wide; nine culverts laid, their sizes being seven 12 in. by 12 in., one 12 in. by 18 in., and one 24 in. by 24 in., a total length of 126 ft. This road gives access to the settlers on the Mount Baker Block whose sections front the road.

*Barton's Road-Wairere.*—The Mauriceville Road Board received a contribution of £250 for the construction of this road, and during the year 64 chains of road 13 ft. wide was formed, and 278 ft. of 10 in. by 12 in. culverting placed; also 134 ft. of 12 in. by 18 in. The above road goes through forest-country.

*Mangaone Road (Norling's).*—The sum of £200 was granted to the Eketahuna Road Board for the formation of the above road, which is being proceeded with. This road gives access to a portion of the northern part of the Mount Baker Block.

*Mauriceville Road (flood-damages).*—For repairing damages the Mauriceville Road Board received a grant of £200. The work done consisted of the re-erection of a plain bridge of three spans—a centre span of 30 ft. and two side spans of 15 ft. each; also the removal of 3,180 cubic yards of slips. The above bridge was wrecked by a recent flood, but most of the material was fortunately saved, and was used in its reconstruction.

*Ruamahanga Bridge (repairs).*—The Wairarapa South County Council has received a subsidy of £200 towards the repair of this bridge over the Ruamahanga River (Kokotau). This work has been completed during the year.

*Mikumiku Road (Te Mara Block).*—This road gives access to Messrs. Pain and Pederson's sections and to unsold Crown lands. During the past year 61½ chains of bush has been felled and