

maintained. This marsh has an area of about 11,000 acres, and most of the money now being expended is raised under the Government Loans to Local Bodies Act on the land itself.

*Hukatere*.—Plans of a bridge across a tidal creek were prepared and tenders were called for the work. The tenders were, however, unsatisfactory, and it was deemed advisable to defer constructing the road till the question of compensation was settled, the land required for road having been taken under the Public Works Act.

*Mareretu*.—This road gives access to a number of sections lately taken up near the Mangonui River. A bridge of 30 ft. has been erected.

*Matakohe-Mangonui*.—On examination it was found inadvisable to attempt to construct the road along the old route, and on the Matakohe Road Board agreeing to pay all the necessary compensation for acquiring the land for road-deviations a new line, and more direct, of easy grades, has been surveyed. I have asked for a considerable sum in this year's estimates to construct this line, as the settlers have no proper way of access to their holdings.

*Paparoa*.—A wharf was erected at Bredon's Landing, near Paparoa, and the road thereto was partly constructed, and the bridge near the creamery was redecked and repaired throughout.

*Block XII., Paparoa*.—About a mile and a half of the road from the Paparoa Homestead sections towards Maungaturoto was widened to a 14 ft. road.

*Kaukapakapa-Port Albert*.—The Rodney County Council is re-forming and metalling the worst places on this road.

*Warkworth-Kaipara Flat and Tauhoa*.—Two miles and a half of dray-road have been constructed and eighteen miles maintained. The construction of these two miles and a half has been a great boon to the settlers, who had practically no outlet before.

*Hoteo-Waiwhiu*.—This vote has been expended in erecting an understrutted bridge of 50 ft. span over a deep gorge, just where this road joins the Great North Road.

*Matakana Ranges*.—About three miles and a quarter of dray-road has been constructed, and three miles of dray-road and nine miles of bridle-track maintained. This road gives access to a considerable number of settlers.

*Blocks X. and XI., Tauhoa*.—Two miles of engineering survey has been made. The construction of road has not yet been begun.

*Waiwera Springs*.—This vote is being expended in metalling the road in the vicinity of the Waiwera Hotel, it being a portion of the Great North Road.

*Waikomiti-Swanson*.—The Waitemata County Council are expending this vote in metalling the road.

*Swanson-West Coast*.—One mile of road has been formed, the work being carried out by the Waitemata County.

*Henderson*.—The Waitemata County Council are expending most of this vote in metalling. Half a mile has been done, and the bridges along the road have been repaired.

*Waikomiti West*.—About a mile and a half of cart-road has been constructed out of this grant by the Waitemata County Council.

*Rangitoto Mountain (£1 for £1)*.—An excellent track has been constructed from the wharf on the south-east end of the island to the top of the cone, a distance of about a mile and a half. The view from the top is very beautiful, and is much frequented as a pleasure resort. The work was carried out by the Rangitoto Domain Board.

*Awhitu Road and Wharf*.—A stone facing has been erected at the end of the wharf to prevent encroachment by the sea. The road leading to the wharf has been widened and re-formed, and other portions have been improved. The works were carried out by the Awhitu Road Board.

*Awaroa Swamp*.—The Waipipi Road Board are now deepening and clearing out the Otatau Creek so as to lower the water in the swamp.

*Abraham's Gully*.—The Waiuku Road Board are making some cuttings and fillings in this gully, which have greatly improved the road.

*Pukekohe*.—The Pukekohe Road Board are repairing the metalling on the road to Waiuku, and widening and metalling the road through the Pukekohe Village.

*Otau*.—Roads through this block are being constructed to give access to settlers. There was a considerable length of road that had to be constructed before the block itself was reached, and the money raised on the block was thus found insufficient to road it. The main road giving access to the block has also been widened.

*Akaaka Swamp*.—Further drains in the swamp are being made along the boundary between the private and Government land, and in cleaning out and improving the present Akaaka Creek outlet.

*Hunua-Ararimu*.—A portion of this grant is being expended in completing an unfinished portion of the road connecting this line with the Main Hunua Road. Five miles of engineering survey has been made, and about three-quarters of a mile of road constructed and improved.

*Hunua Railway-station*.—About eight miles of road has been laid out, and a mile and a half constructed. Works at present are at a standstill, pending negotiations by the Hunua Road Board to acquire the land required for the road.

*Maioro Swamp*.—The road through the swamp, connecting it with the Maioro Settlement, has been formed, and is now available for wheel traffic.

*Wairoa River-Otau*.—This vote is being spent in giving the settlers on the west side of the Otau Block access to the Clevedon Township. Mr. Burd has laid off seven miles of road, and the work of construction is now under way.

*Waiuku-Pukekohe*.—The metalling portions of the main road is being done by the Waiuku Road Board.

*Great South Road*.—Work on this road is just being commenced. It consists principally of repairs to road and culverts.

*Tuakau-Opuatia-Kahukuru* is the main road through the Raglan County. During the year