

*Motu Road.*—2 miles 49 chains of the Motu Road have been widened into a 12 ft. dray-road, including bush felled and cleared 16 ft. wide and the necessary culverts, of a total length of 662 ft., the work being carried out by co-operatives working under an overseer. This is a continuation of the widening commenced last year, the road being now completed to within six miles and a half of Motu Village.

*Muriwai-Mahia.*—The Cook County Council, from a grant, has constructed 68 chains of a dray-road and 90 chains of a 6 ft. bridle-road, the work being carried out under the supervision of the county engineer (Mr. Winter), from plans approved by the department.

*Tatapouri Hill.*—From a grant to the Cook County Council, 68 chains of the dray-road over the hill, which was in bad repair, has been formed and metalled.

*Waikohu-Motu.*—The Cook County Council, out of a grant, has constructed 3 miles 32 chains of a 12 ft. dray-road, with forty-seven culverts of a total length of 742 ft., and one bridge of 24 ft. span, under the supervision of their engineer, on plans and specifications approved by the department. This road, when constructed throughout, will open up the back portions of the Motu Settlement, and also open up direct communication from Motu, *via* Patutahi, to Gisborne.

*Gisborne-Opotiki.*—Sixty-six miles of the bridle-road running through rough forest country has been maintained, five surfacemen having been at work throughout the year. New bridges and culverts have been put in, slips removed, and the road generally repaired. Owing to the rough country through which this road runs between Motu and Omaramutu, in the Bay of Plenty, it is necessary to keep a constant supervision of this portion of the road, otherwise it would be blocked by trees, slips, &c.

*Gisborne-Rotorua Stock-track.*—The exploration and location of this road has been completed by District Surveyor L. Smith, who also cut out the centre line, the distance being fifty-one miles so explored. It runs through very broken forest country. Fifteen miles has been felled 66 ft. wide, and the centre 30 ft. cleared, while 34 chains of formation 10 ft. wide has been constructed in places where it was too steep to otherwise pass over. At the Gisborne end co-operatives have been employed, and at the Ruatahuna end Natives have been given the work, under the supervision of Mr. Reilly.

*Gisborne-Waikaremoana.*—This is a continuation of the road commenced last year, forty miles being now completed, 25½ of which has been done during the year. It runs through rough forest country, which has been felled 66 ft. wide, the road being formed 8 ft. wide, with necessary culverts, inlet and outlet drains, &c., and two bridges of 28 ft. span. Of building timber there has been sawn 7,116 ft., and 2,700 shingles split, and forty miles of constructed road maintained, all the work being done by co-operative labour, working at the Gisborne end. This road will be completed about the end of April, when road-communication will be completed between Waikaremoana and Gisborne, *via* Hangaroa. It will be necessary for the Government to keep maintenance-men on the road after its completion. The road runs through unoccupied Native and Crown land, some of which, however, has been surveyed into small grazing-runs, and will be offered at an early date.

*Nuhaka-Gisborne.*—Six miles of the bridle-road have been widened into a 12 ft. dray-road, including forest-clearing 16 ft. wide, with necessary culverts of a total length of 985 ft., the work being done by co-operative labour. This is a portion of the main Gisborne-Nuhaka-Wairoa Road, and will be of great advantage to the district when its construction is completed.

*Wairoa-Gisborne.*—Out of the balance of a grant the Cook County Council has maintained the road, put in new culverts, and metalled 16½ chains.

*Frasertown-Waikaremoana.*—1 mile 51 chains of an 8 ft. road has been widened into a 12 ft. dray-road by co-operative labour. This is a portion of the last three miles before arriving at the lake, it being necessary to widen the road to allow two coaches to pass. It will now be a good road.

*Runanga-Pohue.*—Thirty-nine miles of this portion of the Napier-Taupo Road have been maintained, and 48 chains of the road re-formed from 14 ft. to 25 ft. wide, and metalled. One bridge, of a 16 ft. span, has been built, and five culverts, of a total length of 118 ft., put in, while 448 cubic yards of stone have been quarried and broken. The 48 chains of road re-formed is a portion of the road at Titi-o-kura where the grade was very steep, and which is now much improved. It also includes the approaches to the Mohaka ford and new bridge-site. The work was done by co-operative labour.

*Napier-Wairoa.*—Eighteen miles of engineering survey has been made by Mr. Marshall, and 12 miles 14 chains of a 14 ft., 16 ft., and 18 ft. dray-road constructed, scrub-clearing 66 ft. wide included. Two bridges of a 32 ft. span and eighty-five culverts of a total length of 1,538 ft. have been built, twenty-one stone crossings at streams made, and 67 chains metalled, all the work being done by co-operative labour. The portion completed to Tutira Lake will be handed over to the Wairoa County Council. Some portions of construction are completed beyond the lake, leaving about twenty-three miles remaining to be constructed to complete through communication with Mohaka and Wairoa, some of which, at the Matahoura and Waikare Streams, will be heavy, expensive work; but, with the exception of these two gorges, the road will not be expensive to construct, and should be pushed forward, as the completion of this road to Mohaka will give through communication between Napier and Wairoa, and will be of great advantage to a number of Crown settlers and others who at present have no road-access, except by rough bridle-tracks. The whole length of road constructed from Tongoio towards Tutira Lake is about twenty-one miles, and has been maintained during the past year.

*Dannevirke-Tiratu.*—2 miles 57 chains of dray-road from 10 ft. to 15 ft. wide have been constructed, including forest-clearing 1 chain wide, thirteen culverts of a total length of 235 ft., and 18 chains of metalling, to give access to Crown sections lately selected in the Tiratu Block, the work being carried out by co-operative labour. Now that the road is completed, settlers have good communication with the Town of Dannevirke.