

is prepared, but not delivered at the bridge-site. The concrete is being put in for the piers, to support the trestles over which the cables are to pass.

Bridge, Glenroy-Matakitaki Gorge.—Authority for £300 for this work was recently issued to me, but nothing has yet been done.

Ahauru-Haupiri Road.—An authority for £400 for the continuation of this road has recently been issued to me, but no work is yet done.

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MARLBOROUGH.

Arapawa-Te Awaiti.—For the year ending the 31st March, 3 miles 52 chains 66 links of bridle-track have been formed.

Anakoa-Manaroa.—This is a continuation of Manaroa-Okoha track, and is now passable to Mr. Redwood's homestead, at head of Anakoa Bay. The total length of track formed for the year is 3 miles 19 chains 50 links.

Beatrice Bay-Kenny's Isle.—During the year 3 miles 77 chains of track has been formed from junction of Manaroa-Okoha track, leading to Piripaua Neck cutting, which eventually will connect with Captain Harris's, at Ketu Bay.

Craik Bay-Homewood.—1 mile 40 chains of track has been formed. Fresh contracts are now being let.

Craik Bay Track.—2 miles 70 chains of track has been formed under this heading.

Harvey's Bay-Pelorus Sound.—This is a track starting in Harvey's Bay going to Opouri Saddle to connect on with the Rai Valley-Opouri track. Length of track formed, 2 miles 75 chains 50 links.

Hakahaka-Opihi.—The work done during the year under this heading is a connection of line of track between White's Bay and Port Underwood. Length of track formed, 2 miles 66 chains.

Kenepuru-Anakoa.—2 miles 54 chains 50 links of track has been formed from the head of Kenepuru, going up Kenepuru Valley, passing over Kenepuru Saddle, and giving settlers access to Endeavour Inlet.

Kenepuru Sound.—During the year 1 mile 41 chains 75 links of horse-track has been constructed in Kenepuru Sound to connect on to tracks already formed. In addition to formation, a horse-bridge has been erected; length, 46 ft.

Manaroa-Hopai.—The only work done on this track for the year was a little repairing.

Manaroa-Okoha.—6 miles 26 chains 75 links of track has been formed, which connects Okoha Bay on to Manaroa, and will eventually connect Titirangi to Manaroa.

Ohinetaha-Te Mehia.—During the year 8 chains of bridle-track has been made, thus giving a connection to the portions formed; also, four miles of track has been maintained.

Piripaua Neck.—This neck connects Kenny's Isle to the mainland. It is a razor-backed ridge, 80 ft. high, and 145 ft. wide from high water to high water. Boats have been hauled over this ridge on several occasions, as the difference between going across the neck and going round Kenny's Isle is no less than seventeen miles. It has lately been lowered by an open cutting for 40 ft., and another contract has been let to lower the cutting 30 ft. more, which will then be only 10 ft. above high-water mark. This will be a great convenience, as when some rough skids are laid down it will be an easy matter to haul boats through.

Robin Hood Bay-Ocean Bay.—The track from Robin Hood Bay to Ocean Bay has been formed; length, 5 miles 4 chains 50 links. This will enable settlers to ride from Picton to Blenheim, *via* Port Underwood.

Te Mehia Bay-Portage Bay.—During the year 6 miles 32½ chains of track has been formed. Other work has been done as follows: Repairing 527 chains of track, removing slips on three miles of track, and making five gates. This is a portion of the main track, Mahakipawa to Kenepuru.

Torea Neck.—Work done on this track during the year has been general repairs and removal of slips. This track leads from Queen Charlotte Sound to Kenepuru Sound, *via* Toroa Neck.

Tracks, Queen Charlotte Sound.—No work has been done on these tracks during the year beyond providing material for gates.

Tory Heads-Whitamonga-Picton.—9 miles 44½ chains of track has been formed during the year on the east and west shores of Onapua and Opuia Bays, Tory Channel; also, providing gates and tools.

Whitamonga-Port Underwood Track.—During the year the bridge on this track and the ford have been repaired.

White's Bay-Port Underwood.—No work has been done during the year on this track, but a contract has been let for general repairs to track.

Nydia Bay-Havelock.—Under this heading 16 chains of track has been formed during the year, which is only a small proportion of the length of line uncompleted; the new work is now in hand.

Picton-Waikawa.—This vote was expended by the Picton Road Board in erecting a foot-bridge over the creek on the road from Picton to Waikawa; length of bridge, 64 ft.; cost, £97 6s. The same local body have expended £34 in repairing 37 chains of road—Kaituna-Tua Marina Road.

Tawhiunui-Rai.—This track, of which Harvey's Bay track is a portion, will connect Brightlands and Rai Valley.

Anakiwi-Grove.—2 miles 18 chains of track has been formed, twenty-two culverts built (length of each, 5 ft. = 110 ft.), and 16 chains of track improved; also two gates erected. This track will connect Anakiwi with Grove Road.

Awatere River (Taylor-Redwood Pass).—Cutting on Awatere River Road. Work was done by Omaka Road Board out of a Government grant.