

Ngahina Wharf.—Stringers and decking renewed.

Restoration of Stop-banks.—From 12 m. peg, left bank 80 chains completed.

Smith's Drain at Hikutaia.—18½ chains new drain completed and 20 chains of protective fence erected.

Hikutaia Drainage Area, Wharepoa.—112 chains of central drain cleaned with 9 small flood-gates installed. Onetai Drain, 16 chains new cut, 21 chains of old drain, and 70 chains of old dredged portion cleaned. This completes these works.

Turua Stop-banking: Left Bank.—275 chains this year, making completed work of 549 chains, inclusive of 12 flood-gates and 44 chains of outlet drain.

Omahu-Puriri Stop-banking: Right Bank.—3 miles 43 chains of survey completed and plans prepared.

Otaua Swamp Drainage (Franklin County).—Awaroa Stream, 386 chains; Otaua Stream, 100 chains. These lengths were bottom dredged and widened by drag-line.

Aka Aka Swamp Drainage (Franklin County).—Approximately 1,026 chains of drains were reconditioned by drag-line during the year. A considerable improvement to the drainage of the above areas has resulted from the above work.

Waikato District

Wanganui River Protective Works, Taumarunui Borough.—25 chains of rip-rap boulder protection work were completed. The debris and growth on the largest island opposite Kelland's property has been removed and a relief channel excavated down the centre of it. Repairs were carried out to the concrete erib work.

Mangaorongo Stream, Willow Clearing, Otorohanga County.—The ring-barking carried out the previous year has proved fairly successful, but all trees have been ranged over and those requiring attention have been recut. Cleaning up and burning of debris previously pulled has also been carried out.

Taupiri Drainage District, Waikato County.—The Taupiri Drainage Board has proposals approved and works in hand totalling £12,680.

Rangiriri Willow Clearing, Waikato County, Te Onetea Stream.—A tender has been let for the clearing of willows for a width of 90 ft. over a length of 111 chains of the full length of 136 chains.

Nurseries.—Out of sixty shipmast locust roots planted, forty-two trees are growing, some of which are 8 ft. high. In addition, bitter willow and poplar plantations, partly on private property adjoining the Whakatane River and partly in our Whakatane depot, are making satisfactory growth.

Whakatane River (Right Bank above Taneatua).—Three settlers have completed their portion of the work, and the remainder has been deferred until next season.

Whakatane River (Engineering Survey).—The survey of 28 miles of the Whakatane River from its mouth to Ruatoki was put in hand and has been completed.

Whakatane River (Miss Tuihi Wilson).—This small river protection work at Ruatoki was completed.

Whakatane River Erosion (above Whakatane Bridge).—Heavy rock protection work was placed where the river threatened to encroach on the highway and by-pass the Whakatane River Bridge. An additional length of rock protection work at the lower end of the previous work was completed.