

WAIRARAPA DISTRICT

The approaches to the recently built Ngawapurua Overbridge were sealed for 46 chains. A new railway bridge has been built over the Manawatu River at Ngawapurua and the present combined road and rail bridge will be used solely by highway traffic. A new bridge in reinforced concrete, and comprising a 112 ft. arch and seven 15 ft. approach spans, is being constructed over the Ruamahanga River at Mount Bruce. The new bridge-site involves the construction of a 1-mile-36-chain deviation on improved alignment.

Sealing maintenance has been carried out over a number of lengths of the Masterton-Wellington highway, the total distance covering 5 miles 72 chains.

On the Eketahuna-Nireaha highway 72 chains were sealed and reconstruction of a length of 1 mile 3 chains is in hand.

The unsealed length of the Chester highway, 2 miles 16 chains, is now being reconstructed to complete sealing.

On the Masterton-Weber highway two 25-ft.-span bridges were built and a third bridge of 35 ft. span is under construction. Formation work on Thomas' Slip Deviation has been finished and a temporary Army-type bridge will take traffic at the site where a new 90 ft. bridge is required.

Improvements to the Masterton-Castlepoint highway are being pushed ahead with the reconstruction of two lengths from 7 m. 26 ch. to 10 m. 26 ch. and from 10 m. 76 ch. to 13 m. 45 ch., while similar work is projected between 23 m. and 24 m.

Reconstruction to improved standards has been carried out over 2 miles 40 chains of the Masterton-Stronvar highway and over 4 miles 27 chains of the Carterton-Gladstone highway.

Maintenance sealing was completed for 5 miles on the Martinborough-Lake Ferry highway.

On the Martinborough-Masterton highway work is in hand on the renewal of the Taueru River Bridge comprising three 55 ft. and two 40 ft. spans and maintenance sealing was carried out over a length of 2 miles.

On the Carterton-Longbush highway the renewal of the Ahiaruhe Bridge, 50 ft. long, was completed, together with the approaches.

Four miles of the Greytown-Bidwell's Cutting highway were resealed and 72 chains of the Martinborough-Awhea highway were reconstructed.

NELSON DISTRICT

Active progress has been made on improvement works during the year and appreciable results have been achieved.

Heavy reconstruction has been continued on the Para-Tuamarina section of the Picton-Christchurch State Highway, a further 1 mile 20 chains of formation being completed to bring the total to 3 miles 22 chains. Reconstruction and sealing have been finished over 1 mile 46 chains between Dashwood-Seddon, while a length of 3 miles 67 chains between Seddon-Blind River Loop Junction has been sealed. Between Blind River Loop Junction-Ward 2 miles of improvement and sealing were completed. Altogether 6 miles 56 chains of new sealing were added to the district length of this highway, while 50 chains were resealed.

On the Blenheim-Nelson State Highway, preparation and sealing were finished over 4 miles 39 chains between Davis Creek-Pelorus Bridge, completing a programme for sealing an aggregate length of 23 miles 75 chains. A 1 mile 38 chains gap at Rocky Creek which is scheduled for later reconstruction has been given dustless seal treatment in the meantime. Between Wangamoia and Wakapuaka reconstruction is being carried out over 1 mile 67 chains, while minor improvements have been effected on a number of shorter lengths of the highway.