

Heavy flooding washed out an approach to the Omarama Bridge and denuded metal on the Lindis Pass length of the Timaru-Cromwell State Highway. Repairs have been effected. The straightening, widening, and regrading of a 1 mile 41 chains length through Gravelly Gully to the Locharburn has been completed.

On the Milton-Queenstown State Highway a deviation to avoid a tortuous section between Shingle and Gorge Creeks has been continued, 1 mile 4 chains being formed. Near Frankton Wharf a $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles deviation was completed, 3 miles 40 chains of the Frankton-Queenstown section was sealed, and 3 miles 27 chains of dust-laying seal were completed between Gentle Annie Creek and the Victoria Bridge over the Kawarau River.

On the Pukeuri-Kurow-Omarama highway a contract has been let for the supply of 15,000 cubic yards of metal to build up the Waitaki Hydro - Omarama lengths and a contract has been let for resealing 6 miles on the Otiake-Kurow section.

On the Waiareka-Ngapara-Duntroon highway a contract has been let for metalling and sealing 5 miles from Weston. The Queen's Flat Bridge, 75 ft. long, and its approaches, was completed.

Two miles twenty chains of the Dunedin-Port Chalmers highway were sealed and the Dunedin-Macandrew Bay section of the Dunedin-Harrington Bay highway was resealed.

The Mosgiel-Middlemarch-Dunback highway has been improved by sealing between Mosgiel and Outram, while 56 chains north of Deep Stream were reconstructed.

Reconstruction was carried out over the whole length of the Allanton-Outram highway.

Widespread damage was caused by several severe storms, resulting in the disruption of access to many communities. Repair works are still being carried out.

SOUTH OTAGO DISTRICT

Reconstruction has been proceeding on the Clinton-Arthurton section of the Dunedin-Gore State Highway, 2 miles 74 chains of formation and 4 miles of metalling being completed during the year. The Waipahi Overbridge has been finished. Resealing was carried out on 6 miles 30 chains between Lake Road and Milton, on 3 miles 62 chains between Milton and Balclutha, and on 2 miles south of Balclutha.

On the Milton-Queenstown State Highway formation work involving 50,000 cubic yards of filling has been completed and 3 miles were primed. On the Glenmore-Waitahuna section the remaining formation and metalling work was completed, and with the sealing of 7 miles 39 chains the whole of this 10 miles 16 chains length has been finished. Culvert construction and fencing is in hand in preparation for reconstruction between Waitahuna and Evans Flat. Preparation and sealing of a length of 8 miles between Island Block and Ettrick was continued and completed, $4\frac{1}{4}$ miles of sealing being carried out during the year. Reconstruction was commenced over 6 miles 49 chains on the Ettrick-Roxburgh sections, the formation was completed, and a length of 3 miles 20 chains was sealed.

On the Balclutha-Kaka Point highway 1 mile 52 chains of dust-laying seal were laid and 24 chains were resealed.

Buchanan's Creek Bridge, on the Balclutha-Lawrence highway, was completed.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

On the Dunedin-Gore State Highway, construction of the Pukerau Bridge is now well advanced after slow initial progress.

Fencing was erected for the Kennington Deviation, on the Gore-Invercargill State Highway. Between Brydone and Edendale five lengths aggregating 3 miles 17 chains were resealed.