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206. Haumoana.—Steamed over; good water. (NOTE.—A wall of large shingle, put in by Anderson before the Trust took charge, was exposed on the left bank. I have not previously seen this.)
205. Kawaeroa.—Hauled over; good water.
200. Te Puha.—Hauled over.
199. Hauled over.
198. Hauled over.
- Pipiriki.—Water on gauge, $41\frac{1}{2}$ in.
- 197 to 190. Hauled over all rapids; good water. At foot of Ngaporo (190) Captain Allan had removed a snag from the bottom of the rapid, and Captain Marshall had recently removed a considerable number of large boulders from the fairway at the rapid above Upper Ngaporo (188, Parakiwai), and as soon as Marshall has attended to some difficulties down-stream he will return here and complete this place. The walls constructed at Ngaporo last year have very considerably improved this previously difficult rapid.
184. Omaika.—There is a shallow reach, where I found only 20 in. water.
181. Just above Parinui a broad shallow will require a wall.
179. Tangahoe.—Ran line and hauled over; 21 in.
160. Otapapa.—Hauled over; good water.
156. Kaiaroa.—Snag to remove; good water otherwise.
- 155, 154.—Long shallow reach. Ran line, hauled over; 20 in. water.
152. Hauled over.
135. Ohineika.—Broad shallow, wants wall badly. Ran line, hauled up by lines from port and star-board. This was a difficult place, and took half an hour to negotiate. So far, this is the worst place I have struck.
131. Matapiki.—Very shallow; wall would improve.
128. Tarepokiore.—This previously difficult place gave no trouble. There is a very swift current, with good water and channel. The work done here last working season will materially help Tarepokiore in flood-time. The old whirlpool has disappeared.
122. Horowhenua.—This place, as has been previously reported, wants a wall from either bank to hold the water up over the shallows. Hauled over. (NOTE.—On the previous down trip the boat had to be hauled *down-stream* at this place.)
120. Kokiri.—Hauled over.
108. Otahua.—A wall was constructed here last year and is now being lengthened on the left bank, also a short wall from right bank; these are of large stones. There is a deposit of shingle scoured out of the channel at the foot of the rapid, but the first fresh will remove this. The party here have removed a large quantity of stones from the channel, both up and down stream. Hauled over.
106. Whakatara.—Hauled over.
78. Kairakau.—At this place there was an apparent drop of $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft. in 1 chain. Hauled over; good water.
61. Paparoa (Upper).—Good water; steamed over. The captain of the steamer working this section has removed some loose papa boulders from the channel, and reports it now satisfactory.
57. Tokaa te Atu.—Estimated fall here is 3 ft. in 2 chains. Poled over.
- 39-38. Shallow, but not bad with careful navigation. Poled over.
32. Whakarae.—Hauled over. Estimated lift in 2 chains is 4 ft. Swift run, good water.
31. Manawanawa.—Boulders have been removed here, but there are still more to come out, otherwise good water.
26. Omaka.—Poled over; good water. This was one of the bugbears of the river in its early history; it is now an excellent channel.
22. Heikamutu.—Wall here wants repairs. Good water.
16. Tauteti.—This channel is now a good one. Steamed over without any trouble; good water.
14. Towhenua.—Good water; steamed and poled over. Wall on left bank wants attention. (NOTE.—A reef on the left bank generally covered is now bare, probably 2 ft.)
11. Kokirae.—Met punt here with party clearing boulders from here down-stream, having worked down from Taumarunui. Instructed Tahu Parae (foreman in charge of punt) to give all attention to the wishes of the steamer-captains till return of the foreman.
5. Turangahoru.—The wall put in here recently from the right bank has made a good channel, and the extension in height against the bank should prove effective in flood-time for preventing erosion of the river-bank, which is here composed of shingle and liable to damage. There is no doubt that had the wall not been constructed here this season the traffic could not have been carried to Taumarunui.
1. From Ngahuinga to the landing at Taumarunui it has been found necessary to put in temporary walls of scrub, &c., to confine the water, so as to be able to reach the landing.