

SUMMARY OF WORKS PERFORMED.

Excavation by wheel-scoop teams	...	...	...	58,000 cubic yards.
Excavation of canals by dredges	...	...	...	261,751 „
New outlet drains	...	...	...	7 miles 0 chains.
Cleaning and deepening outlet drains	...	...	...	32 „ 0 „
Roads formed	...	...	...	1 „ 40 „
Fencing	...	...	...	4 „ 47 „
General improvements, snagging, &c., of Rangitaiki River; general maintenance and improvements to existing works, together with many minor services too numerous to mention.				

WORKS EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR.

The total works expenditure for the year, including supplies, repairs, &c., amounts to £17,011 17s. 1d. On account of piecework contracts and day-labour of all descriptions the sum of £11,090 19s. 10d. was paid out of Whakatane Imprest. Piecework contracts contributed £1,317 15s. 8d., and day-labour works £9,773 4s. 2d.

GENERAL.

The books in connection with the works are kept in the Thames office. Many road and engineering survey plans and tracings were made. Mr. O. N. Campbell, Land Drainage Engineer, who had local charge of works, enlisted for active service, and is now in training at Trentham. I regret the temporary loss of the services of so competent an assistant, and his duties are now being carried out in a very efficient manner by Mr. J. H. Treseder, Land Drainage Engineer, and late officer in charge of Poukawa Drainage-works.

I have, &c.,

J. B. THOMPSON,

The Under-Secretary for Lands, Wellington.

Chief Drainage Engineer.

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