

GISBORNE.

Opotiki-Matawai (Waioeka-Matawai).—Work done during the year includes 27½ chains of formation, 13 chains widening, 2 miles of dray-road repairs, and 7 miles of 6-ft.-track repairs.

Opotiki-Motu Track.—This track, which is 5 miles in length, has been repaired and handed to the County Council for maintenance.

Opotiki-Motu Road.—Maintenance has been carried out over a length of 24 miles, and 1 mile 72 chains of metal has been laid.

Mangapoi Valley.—On this road 5¼ miles of dray-road formation has been completed.

Waioeka River Suspension Bridge (near Oponae).—This bridge has now been erected.

Pakarae River Bridge.—Material has been delivered, and a contract let for the erection.

Waipū River Bridge.—The material for this bridge is practically all on the ground, and a contract is in progress.

NAPIER.

Paraketangahia Block.—A further 12 miles 30 chains of dray-road has been formed.

Awa-o-totara Block.—7 miles of dray-road has been formed.

Heru-a-tureia Block.—A total length of 15 miles of engineering survey has been made, and 7 miles 60 chains of dray-road formed.

Dartmoor Road.—5 miles 31 chains of dray-road has been formed.

Patangatu Bridge (Tukituki River).—This bridge, consisting of twenty-five 52 ft. spans, is being carried out by the County Council under the control of the Department, and is well in hand.

Maungaturanga Bridge (Putere Road).—Four 25 ft. spans on concrete piers have been completed.

Napier-Wairoa.—33 miles of this road has been maintained, 8 miles 40 chains metalled, and a further 2 miles 55 chains is in hand.

Wairuri-Mohaka Deviation.—The engineering survey has now been completed for a length of 13 miles 63 chains.

Napier-Taupo.—Maintenance of 26 miles has been carried out, 2 miles 15 chains has been formed, and 4 miles 36 chains metalled.

TAUMARUNUI.

Wanganui River Bridge (Taumarunui).—This bridge, consisting of two 27 ft. and five 82 ft. truss spans, was erected.

Ongarue River Bridge (Owepango Loan Block).—Work has now been completed.

Ohura River Suspension Bridge (Turoto Road).—This bridge has been rebuilt.

Wanganui River Road (Right Bank).—About 1 mile of formation and 1 mile of metalling was carried out.

STRATFORD.

Whakahau.—A commencement has been made with the widening of 3 miles of this road.

Makino Stream Bridge (Rerekino Road).—A 100-ft.-span suspension bridge has been erected.

Mangaone Stream Bridge (Rerekino Road).—A 120-ft.-span suspension bridge has been erected.

Mangaowata Stream Bridge (Rerekino Road).—A 120-ft.-span suspension bridge has been completed.

Tongaporutu River Bridge.—A multiple-cable suspension bridge of one 188 ft. span has been erected.

Stratford Mountain House Road.—2 miles 69 chains was traversed and levelled.

WANGANUI.

Karioi-Rangiwaia.—5 miles 36 chains of metalling has been laid by the County Council.

Mataroa-Ruanui.—The Rangitikei County Council has opened up a ballast-pit.

Kokakoriki.—4 miles 40 chains was widened, and maintenance of 2 miles of horse-road has been carried on.

Retaruke River Bridge (Lacey's).—A suspension bridge of one 120 ft. main and one 30 ft. and one 40 ft. end spans has been erected.

Retaruke Valley.—1 mile 68 chains of formation was practically completed, and 3½ miles of maintenance carried out.

WELLINGTON.

Waingawa River Bridge, Kaituna.—This bridge is in course of erection.

Gorge Road.—127 chains of engineering survey was carried out, 45 chains dray-road constructed, and 45 chains maintained.

Waikanae - Upper Hutt.—1 mile 42 chains of dray-road was constructed.

Tiratu Block Roads.—195 chains of engineering survey was carried out; 1 mile 24 chains road-line felled and cleared; 4 miles 36 chains dray-road constructed; 191 chains road widened. 7 miles 33 chains was metalled, while four bridges were erected.

Manawatu Gorge Block.—138½ chains of bridle-track was constructed, 89½ chains road widened, and 7 miles of bridle-track maintained for portion of the year.

Paekakariki Hill Road.—70 chains of road was widened and improved, and dangerous parts taken off; the road was regraded and fenced.

OREPUKI-WAIAU RAILWAY.

Orawia Section (48 m. 23 ch. onwards).—Work on this section was resumed in October last. The amount of labour offering was small, and work was therefore concentrated on completion of culverts, which will enable earthwork to be vigorously proceeded with when more labour is available. A small amount of formation-work was also completed.