

*Mangamuka to Victoria Valley (Hokianga and Mongonui Counties).—*Hokianga County : Widening and removal of slips has been in hand ; approximately 18,770 cubic yards of spoil has been removed. A creek-diversion through solid rock of dimensions 68 ft. by 14 ft. by 8 ft. has been completed. One bridge to first-class standard, 22 ft. by 14 ft., has been erected. Twenty 28 ft. by 12 in. and five 27 ft. by 18 in. concrete culverts have been placed.

Mongonui County : Formation, removal of slips, trimming batters, and rewidening to 16 ft. over a length of 130 chains have been completed ; 6,780 cubic yards of spoil removed. Metalling : Broken metal in position, 2,170 cubic yards, 12 ft. by 9 in. ; shale blinding, metal in position, 320 cubic yards, 12 ft. by 9 in. ; 1,770 cubic yards of river-shingle, 12 ft. by 6 in. has been placed. Five 27 ft. by 12 in. culverts have been placed, and one first-class design, 12 ft. by 14 ft., bridge has been erected.

*Mohuiti-Kohukohu Mangamuka Road (Hokianga County).—*Widening of formation and raising mud embankment to 18 ft. width, involving 3,600 cubic yards of spoil, has been in hand over a length of 22 chains. Widening of formation on siding from 12 ft. and 14 ft. width to 18 ft. width and over, and improvement of sharp corners to 24 ft. width over a length of 174 chains, has also been in hand. Nine 24 ft. by 12 in. socket-pipe culverts have been placed, and lengthening culverts, involving 210 lineal feet of 12 in. pipes, has also been in hand.

*Oakleigh-Waipu Road (Whangarei County).—*This road is being re-formed, widened, metalled, and surfaced by the Department in lieu of the construction of the proposed Waipu Branch Railway. Operations commenced in August, 1924, with a complete engineering survey, after which construction of culverts, bridges, and formation and development of a quarry commenced. The proposed railway route is being used to 10 m. 60 ch. from Oakleigh, and the existing road-line is being followed therefrom to Waipu Central at 16 m. 60 ch. Slight deviations have been made to obtain improved grades : 1-in-50 grades have been obtained across the tidal flats in the vicinity of Oakleigh, and a 1-in-40 grade across the divide from 2 m. onwards. The divide between 11 m. and 13 m. is crossed on a 1-in-25 grade. 1,098 ft. of 12 in., 27 ft. of 15 in., 165 ft. of 18 in., and 150 ft. of 36 in. pipe culverts have been laid. Formation has been practically completed from Oakleigh to 6 m. 20 ch., and formation over the remaining length is well in hand, and portions have been completed. 330 ft. of bridging has been completed, and materials for the remaining bridges are available. Metal is being obtained principally from the Tauraroa quarry on the Whangarei Branch Railway, and from Allison's quarry, in the neighbourhood of 12 m. 20 ch., and will be delivered on the road by means of a light railway. It is anticipated that the road will be fully metalled to Waipu by next winter.

*Waiotira-Mangapai and Oakleigh (Whangarei County).—*This road has now been metalled, rolled, and fully completed right through to Waiotira.

*Coromandel-Colville (Coast) Road (Coromandel County).—*67 chains of formation to 14 ft. width has been completed, involving the removal of a large number of slips. Twenty 12 in. timber box and ten concrete-pipe culverts have been installed.

*Stony Bay-Holland's Road (Coromandel County).—*7 miles 6 chains of 6 ft. track has been reconditioned.

*Kawaroa Road (Kawhia County).—*86 chains of road widened to 14 ft. width.

*Te Maika (Kawhia County).—*146 chains of bridle-track widened to 14 ft. width dray-road.

*Makomako Road (Raglan County).—*417½ chains of bridle-track widened to 12 ft. and 14 ft. widths.

*Hoteo River Bridge, Mangakura (Rodney County).—*Work has been commenced on the ground ; camp and cement-shed erected, and site prepared for pile-making and metal and sand dumps.

*Waiteitei Soldiers' Settlement Road (Rodney County).—*86 chains of 16 ft. dray-road and the necessary culverting have been completed.

*Tapu-Coroglen Road (Thames County).—*1 mile 72 chains of 14 ft. road completed in very heavy country ; total length completed to date, 11 miles.

*Wharepuhunga Extension No. 4 Block (Otorohanga County).—*191 chains of 14 ft. dray-road completed during year, and erection of Mangaere Stream Bridge in hand.

*Kaiwaa-Tologa Road (Uawa County).—*95 chains formation completed and 120 lineal feet culverts installed.

*Tutamoe Road (Uawa County).—*60 chains formation completed and 300 lineal feet culverts installed.

*Moanui Road (Waikohu County).—*80 chains formation completed, together with 95 lineal feet culverting.

*Taurangakautuku Valley Road (Mutakaua County).—*50 chains formation and 66 chains metalling completed ; 194 lineal feet culverts installed.

*Te Maire-Kokakonui Road (Kaitieke County).—*Work involving the placing of 279 lineal feet of culverts and the surfacing of 1 mile 72 chains of road has been in hand.

*Watershed Road (Waitotara County).—*A 6 ft. track has been formed for 5 miles 5 chains, and serves as a stock route from lands west of the Wanganui River.

*Racthi-Ohura Road (Harris's Hill Deviation), (Waimarino County).—*Formation of this deviation, which shortens the road by about 1 mile and cuts out very steep grades, has been in hand.

*Mohakatino Valley Road (Clifton County).—*Dray-road formation has been extended over a length of 69 chains, and three small bridges have been erected.

*Retaruke River Bridge, Kouturoa East Road (Kaitieke County).—*Erection of one 82 ft. bridge is in hand.

*Mangaohutu Stream Bridge, Wanganui River Road, Left Bank (Kaitieke County).—*Erection of one 123 ft. bridge completed.

*Waitawhemua Road (Ohura County).—*Re-formation, culverting, and gravelling over 80 chains in hand.

*Waikoau River Bridge, Parahotangahia Settlement Road (Hawke's Bay County).—*The erection of three 30 ft. rolled-steel-joist spans on massed concrete base was completed.

*Mohaka-Putere Road (Wairoa County).—*The formation of this road was completed.