

Kumara—Arthur's Pass.—Rocky Creek Bridge: The construction of this bridge is in hand.

Christchurch—Blenheim, via Parnassus.—Weka Pass Deviation: The construction of this deviation to eliminate a dangerous level crossing and to improve the alignment and grade of the highway is almost completed.

Waimairi County Section—Styx—Chaney's: Towards the end of the year under review alternative tenders were invited for the construction of 2 m. 72 ch. in Portland-cement concrete and bituminous-concrete pavement on this section. A tender was accepted for Portland-cement concrete, and a commencement has been made with the work.

Christchurch—Dunedin (No. 14 District).—Selwyn River Bridge: This reinforced-concrete bridge, consisting of thirty-five 30 ft. spans, was completed during the year, and opened in December, 1927.

Rolleston—Rakaia: Reconstruction of this section of road was undertaken. 17 m. has been completed to a width of 40 ft. A length of 14 m. has been surfaced with fine gravel.

Rakaia—Methven.—2 m. 63 ch. of new metalling was carried out on this highway.

Darfield—Arundel.—2 m. 10 ch. of new gravel was completed.

Pukeuri—Kurow.—Otjake River Bridge: This light-traffic bridge, 640 ft. in length, was constructed during the year. The bridge is now open to traffic.

Dunedin—Christchurch (No. 16 District).—Waitati Section: The surface-sealing of this section was completed early in the year.

Evansdale—Merton, via Kilmog: Approximately 6½ m. of this section has been widened and improved generally by relief labour.

Tumai Railway-crossing: A deviation and overhead bridge are to be constructed to eliminate this crossing. The deviation and approaches to the bridge are well in hand.

Palmerston—Queenstown, via Beck's.—Queenstown—Roaring Meg: 86 ch. of metalling was carried out on this section.

Kawarau Gorge Section: Substantial improvements were completed on this length with relief labour.

Maniototo County Section: The Idaburn Bridge, consisting of three 20 ft. spans, was completed.

Cromwell—Hauea Flat.—4½ m. of formation was carried out on the Vincent County section.

Clarksville—Springvale.—A 7 ft. culvert was installed at Gorge Creek.

Tuapeka County Section: A reinforced-concrete bridge has been erected over Lowburn Creek.

Dunedin—Invercargill (No. 17 District).—Green Island Borough Section: 2 m. 4 ch. of bituminous macadam was completed on this section.

Green Island—Henley: Approximately 2 m. of widening-work has been carried out on this length.

Stony Creek Deviation: A commencement has been made with this deviation, which will eliminate a tortuous section of highway.

Waipahi Stream Bridge: This reinforced-concrete bridge, 82 ft. in length, has been completed.

McNab—Rae's Junction.—40 ch. of formation and gravelling has been carried out. The erection of the Pomahaka River Bridge was also completed.

Dunedin—Portobello.—3½ m. of widening was carried out during the year by relief labour.

Balclutha—Tuapeka Mouth.—The reconstruction, widening, and surfacing of the whole of this highway have now been completed. A drag-line excavator was used to obtain gravel-supplies.

Mosgiel Junction—Middlemarch.—The construction of bridges over Whare Creek and Shannon Creek is in hand.

Invercargill—Dunedin (No. 18 District).—4½ m. of tar and bituminous surface treatment was completed on this highway.

Invercargill—Riverton.—3 m. of preparation work was carried out in readiness for bituminous surface treatment.

Invercargill—Fortrose.—2¾ m. of new formation has been completed ready for gravelling, and the bridge over the Mataura River has been erected.

Winton—Ohai.—The new bridge over the Aparima River has been commenced.

Signed on behalf of the Main Highways Board.

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