

Wanganui River Road: Mangaohutu to Retaruke (Kaitieke County).—The erection of a steel suspension bridge 190 ft. long is well in hand.

Wanganui River Road: Hikumutu to Te Maire (Kaitieke County).—On this road formation of a further length of 3 m. 2 ch. was completed and 2½ m. was surfaced. In addition a small bridge 66 ft. long was erected.

Tongaporutu-Mangaroa Road (Ohura County).—General improvements were carried out over a length of 3 m. of this road, and 1 m. 65 ch. was metalled.

Otuiti Road (Taumarunui County).—A metal strip 9 ft. by 6 in. was laid on this road for a distance of 2 m. 69 ch.

Kururau Road (Taumarunui County).—During the year 2 m. 25 ch. of this road was surfaced, the metal strip being 9 ft. wide by 6 in. deep.

Taumarunui-Taupo Road: Taringamotu-Mangakahu Section (Taumarunui County).—3 m. of formation and 1 m. 20 ch. of pumicing were completed by relief workers, and, in addition, a small rolled-steel-joist bridge 30 ft. long resting on concrete abutments was completed.

Taumarunui-Tokaanu Road: Manunui-Puketapu Section (Taumarunui County).—The following work was completed during the year. Formation, 18 ft. wide 3 m. 77 ch.; culverts placed, 1,511 lin. ft.

Waimiha Stream Road (Taumarunui County).—Relief workers were employed on this road and during the period 2 m. 28 ch. was formed and the necessary culverts, totalling 230 lin. ft. were laid.

Kakara Road (Waitomo County).—Formation and culverting of this road over a length of 3 m. 40 ch. were completed during the year.

Mahorehore Road (Waitomo County).—Relief workers formed a further length of 2 m. 20 ch. on this road during the period.

Mapara South Road (Waitomo County).—1 m. of second-class formation, including the placing of 591 lin. ft. of culverts, was completed during the year.

Papakauri Road (Waitomo County).—The existing road was widened out to a width of 16 ft. for a distance of 3 m., thus effecting considerable improvement to the road.

Pungarehu Road (Waitomo County).—This road, previously of bad alignment, has been considerably improved throughout, and bad corners have been cut back over a total length of 7 m.

Te Kuiti-Taumarunui Road: Waimiha-Poro-o-tarao Section (Waitomo County).—During the year 1 m. 18 ch. of new formation was completed and 3 m. 45 ch. of base-course metalling was laid.

Totoro Road (Waitomo County).—2 m. 74 ch. of formation and 400 lin. ft. of culverting were completed during the period.

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Rerekino Road (Clifton County).—The old track that previously gave access to settlers along the route, was widened out to 12 ft. for a distance of 2 m. 14 ch.

Bedford Road (Inglewood County).—Formation of a length of 79 ch. to a width of 14 ft. and metalling 4 m. 26 ch. were completed during the year.

Makakaho Road (Patea County).—Formation of 1 m. 10 ch. of road and the metalling of 34 ch. were completed during the period.

Hallewells Stream Bridge, Mangapurua Valley Road (Waimarino County).—This bridge, which consists of one 76-ft. understrutted span was erected, and is now open to traffic.

Mangapurua Valley Road (Waimarino County).—The road round Battleship Bluff, which involved heavy formation, has been completed; this year's programme involving the construction of 15 ch. of very heavy formation.

Oruakukuru-Karioi Road (Waimarino County).—The road-line was cleared of bush for a distance of 3 m. 3 ch., and formation, including the placing of 1,461 lin. ft. of culverts, was completed over a length of 4 m. 37 ch.

Rakautangi Stream Bridge, Rakautangi-Kohura Road (Waimarino County).—This stock suspension bridge of 120-ft. span was completed during the year, and is now open to traffic.

Waipapa Valley Road (Waimarino County).—1 m. 20 ch. of road was formed during the year, and the road is now complete from its junction with the Mangatiti East Road to the junction with Mangapurua Valley Road.

Taunoka Road (Waitotara County).—The formation of 1 m. 43 ch. on this settler's access road was carried out during the year.

Watershed Road (Waitotara County).—Another settlers' access road on which formation is now complete, 3 m. 70 ch. being carried out during the year.

Field's Track to Rangiwaea (Wanganui County).—A connecting-road between the Parapara Road and Wangaehu Valley Road, 3 m. 50 ch. of which was metalled during the year.

Parihauhau Road (Wanganui County).—Formation was carried out during the year over a length of 4 m. 4 ch.

Wangaehu Valley Road (Wanganui County).—This road, which was widened last year, can now be regarded as an all-weather road. 3 m. 3 ch. of metal was placed during the season.

Wanganui River Road: Jerusalem to Ranana (Wanganui County).—Heavy slips, the result of fretting on new formation, were cleared, and maintenance carried out over 3 m. of this road.

Wanganui River Road: Ranana-Pitangi (Wanganui County).—On this section of the river road heavy slips, the result of fretting new formation, were cleared, and general maintenance was carried out over a distance of 8 m.

Wanganui River Road: Gentle Annie to Pipiriki (Wanganui and Waimarino Counties).—40 ch. of this road was formed, and 1 m. 60 ch. of road metalled, in addition to which 3 m. of pumice base-course has been laid, and 2 m. of upper course metalled.

Okara-Tahunaroa and Whangamomona Roads (Whangamomona County).—Metalling of these roads over a distance of 2 m. 60 ch. was completed during the year.