Toko Road.—130 ch. was sealed with one coat of bitumen.

Ngamotu Road.—82 ch. has been sealed with bitumen.

Eltham-Opunake.—Eltham County Section: The bituminous surfacing has been widened for a distance of 1 m. 20 ch.

Normanby - Manaia - Mount Egmont.—The bituminous surfacing was widened over a length of 196 ch.

Skeet Road.—Waimate West County Section: One mile of the bituminous surfacing has been widened.

Egmont County Section: 30 ch. of first- and second-coat sealing was carried out.

Auckland-Wellington, via Taranaki (No. 8 Highway District).—Patea County Section: 3 m. 70 ch. of widening of the bituminous surface was completed, making a total of 12 m. on the section.

Waverley Town District: 58 ch. of widening of the bituminous surface was carried out.

Waitotara County Section: A contract for the reconstruction of the Waitotara Hill is in progress, 40 ch. of formation and 24 ch. of metalling being completed.

75 ch. was reconstructed and metalled on the Okehu Section, and on the Kai-iwi Hill 59 ch. was reconstructed and metalled and 33 ch. sealed in bitumen.

Wanganui County Section: The Wangaehu Hill, 77 ch. in length, was sealed in bitumen, which

completes the reconstruction and surfacing of the County Section.

Rangitikei County Section: The reconstruction of the length between Turakina and Bulls is in hand, 3 m. 49 ch. of formation and metalling being completed. A first coat of bituminous surfacing was applied on 4 m. between Wangaehu and Turakina.

Ball Road.—A further 1 m. 8 ch. of two-coat bituminous surfacing has been applied. Bonny Glen - Norwood Corner. -- 10 ch. of reformation has been carried out at Fern Flats.

Te Kuiti – Bulls, via Taumarunui (No. 8 Highway District).—Mangaweka Town District: The reconstruction and bituminous surfacing of 1 m. 14 ch. was carried out, and a further 5 ch. reconstructed.

Taihape Borough: 6 ch. has been reconstructed and metalled.

Rangitikei County Section: The Hautapu River Bridge, a reinforced-concrete arch span of 100 ft. with two 40 ft. concrete-beam spans, has been completed, and the approaches are in hand. Improvements to curves have been extensively carried out on this section.

Ohakune Borough: A length of 8 ch. has been reconstructed and sealed.

Tohanga Road Section: A contract was let for the metalling of the clay portion of the section and 1 m. 36 ch. of base-course has been laid.

Kaharoa Road.—A length of 1 m. has been sealed in two coats of bitumen.

Koki Road.—46 ch. of metalling was carried out.

Mangaweka-Feilding.—Mangaweka Town District: 49 ch. of reconstruction and two-coat bituminous surfacing was completed.

Momahaki State Farm Road.—Second-coat bituminous surfacing was applied over a length of

40 ch., and improvement to corners carried out on Ngutuwera Hill.

Rangitatau East and Watershed Roads.—One mile of metal was laid near Paparangi Hill and 281 ch. of formation widened.

Turakina Cliff Road, via Marton.—The reconstruction of Gower's Hill, involving heavy formation,

is being continued.

Wanganui-Horopito.—Wanganui County Section: Reconstruction and improvement of this highway is in progress, 2 m. 11 ch. of widening has been completed, and 1 m. 25 ch. is in hand between 16 m. and 34 m., and a large water-tunnel is being driven at the Kakatahi Stream.

Waimarino County Section: A water-tunnel 216 ft. in length and a filling is being put in to replace a bridge at McLean's Stream. Widening, improvement of curves, and culverting is being

undertaken on this section.

Waverley Beach Road.—21 ch. of metalling and 63 ch. of bituminous surfacing have been com-

Wanganui Airport Road.—Improvements have been carried out, including the replacing of an old bridge by a triple 3 ft. concrete-pipe culvert, and the construction of a loop road at the Airport end.

Wanganui-Karioi.—The alignment has been improved by widening, several bridges replaced by culverts, and the surfacing materially strengthened.

Wellington-Auckland, via Taranaki (No. 9 Highway District).—Makara County Section-Johnsonville - Tawa Flat: On this section three short lengths previously unpaved were surfaced with bituminous concrete, a total length of 31 ch. being laid.

Porirua-Paremata: The realignment of this section was continued during the year, a total length

of 1 m. 12 ch. being formed and metalled.

Hutt County Section-Paremata-Waikanae: On the Paekakariki Hill 2 m. 32 ch. of second-coat sealing was completed. From McKay's Crossing to Paraparaumu 1 m. 57 ch. of shoulders were built up and sealed with one coat of bitumen.

Horowhenua County Section: The approaches and the decking of the Manakau Bridge, a length of 10 ch., were surfaced with bituminous material. The whole of the section between Levin and the Wirokino Bridge, with the exception of the Wirokino Deviation, has now been reconstructed and surfaced with bitumen. Widening and preparation work comprised 1 m. 65 ch., new formation and metalling of the deviation 35 ch., and bituminous penetration 1 m. 70 ch.

Otaki River Flood Protection: To prevent flooding of the main highway at Otaki, a stop-bank

21 ch. long was erected across a flood channel of the Otaki River 13 m. above the bridge.

Foxton Borough: At the northern end of the borough a deviation 15 ch. in length was formed and metalled.

Manawatu County Section: The bituminous concrete pavement between Foxton and Himatangi was completed, 2 m. 25 ch. being laid during the year. Between Himatangi and Sanson 1 m. of widening of shoulders was carried out.