

Oruakukuru to Karioi Road (Waimarino County).—The metalling commenced in the previous year was continued for a further length of 3 m. 46 ch.

Waipuna Ridge Road (Waimarino County).—This is a settlement road giving access to settlers who have been farming in the area for a very long time. 46 ch. was re-formed, 2 m. 58 ch. was metalled, and 483 lineal feet of culverts were laid in part completion of a more extensive programme.

Mangare Road (Whangamomona County).—Access along this road has been difficult for many years, and during the period additional metalling over a distance of 64 ch. was completed.

Rerekapa Road (Whangamomona County).—This road gives access to an area comprising patches of relatively good land, and during the year a distance of 3 m. was formed and 302 lineal feet of culverts laid.

Whangamomona Stream Bridge, Tahunaroa Road (Whangamomona County).—A new reinforced-concrete arch bridge 130 ft. long was completed.

Matahiwi to Ohotu Road (Wanganui County).—An additional length of 2 m. 40 ch. of formation and 841 lineal feet of culverting was carried out in continuation of the programme commenced during the previous period.

NAPIER DISTRICT.

Cowper's Road Bridge, Tiratu Block (Dannevirke County).—One 20 ft. span reinforced-concrete bridge, with a deck width of 12 ft. between wheel-guards, was completed.

Tiratu Road Bridge, Tiratu Block (Dannevirke County).—A culvert replacing an old 60 ft. rimu truss span over a small creek was completed. 80 ft. of 5 ft. diameter concrete pipes were used, and the filling required 1,600 cubic yards of spoil, which was obtained by widening the road for a distance of 10 ch.

Napier to Taihape Road (Hawke's Bay County).—A distance of 3 m. 40 ch. of this road was metalled during the period under review.

Puhokio Stream Bridge No. 3, Waimarama to Te Apiti Road (Hawke's Bay County).—The erection of a reinforced-concrete bridge of two 40 ft. spans was carried out by contract.

Stoddart Road (Patangata County).—This settlement road was metalled over a distance of 60 ch.

Middleton's Road (Wairoa County).—The total length of this road 1 m. 5 ch. was metalled during the period under review.

Mohaka River Bridge, Willow Flat Road (Wairoa County).—A commencement was made during the year with the erection of a 181 ft. span suspension type bridge, the towers and anchorages having been completed.

Rotorua to Waikaremoana Road, Hopuruahine to Ruatahuna Section (Wairoa County).—This road is being reconstructed and metalled throughout its length from Lake Waikaremoana to its junction with the main highway at the Rotorua end. On the Wairoa County section an average of 127 men has been employed, and widening of 11 m. has been completed to a minimum width of 16 ft. A length of approximately 12 m. has been metalled and 1,650 lineal feet of new culverts installed. The work at this end of the road is now practically completed, except for clearing of some slips and a small amount of metalling.

Willow Flat Road (Wairoa County).—This road gives access to a large area of backblocks country, and a distance of 1 m. 56 ch. was metalled during the period.

Birch Road East (Weber County).—A length of 2 m. was metalled under contract, thus giving all-weather access to settlers who had previously contended with unsatisfactory roading-conditions.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

North Range Road (Akitio County).—This is a settlement road in a backblocks district, and during the year under review a distance of 70 ch. of formation and 1 m. 25 ch. of metalling was carried out.

Range Road (Akitio County).—This is another settlement road, and roading improvements completed during the year comprised 53 ch. of widening and 2 m. 50 ch. of metalling.

Waione Bridge (Akitio County).—A reinforced-concrete bridge, consisting of two 42 ft. spans with a 20 ft. roadway and approaches, was completed.

Waiowaka Road (Akitio County).—Improvements completed on this road during the year comprised 14.5 ch. of widening and formation, a deviation of 15 ch., with two small timber bridges of 7 ft. and 8 ft. spans, and 1 m. 40 ch. of metalling.

Sugar-loaf Road (Akitio County).—This road gives access to settlers in a backblocks area, and a distance of 3 m. 20 ch. has been metalled.

Mataikona Road (Castlepoint County).—This road gives access from Whakataki northwards along the coast to the Mataikona Soldiers Settlement, and metalling improvements have been in progress over a number of seasons. During the period under review an additional length of 40 ch. was metalled.

Alfredton to Tinui Road (Eketahuna County).—A programme of metalling improvements has been in hand, and during the year 6 m. 60 ch. of base-course metalling was completed, together with the construction of groynes and general protection work.

Waiwera Bridge (Eketahuna County).—Work is in progress on a reinforced-concrete bridge of two 35 ft. spans with an 11 ft. wide roadway.

Heights Road (Horowhenua County).—This road gives access to settlement land, and a distance of 55 ch. has been metalled.

Makowhai Creek Bridge (Manawatu County).—A reinforced-concrete bridge consisting of two 16 ft. spans with a 12 ft. roadway was erected during the year.

Evans Road Bridge (Masterton County).—Work was completed during the year on a timber bridge of five 25 ft. spans, with an 8 ft. wide roadway.

Kaiwhata River Bridge (Homewood) (Masterton County).—A reinforced-concrete bridge of one 20 ft. span with a 20 ft. wide roadway was erected during the year.