

Longford to Rait's Road, Access to Win (Murchison County).—The County Council let a contract for the formation of 1 m. 42 ch. of this settler's access road. The work has now been completed, together with the installation of twenty-nine culverts of varying sizes and of a total length of 376 lineal feet.

Matiri River Road, West Bank (Murchison County).—An additional length of 60 ch. of this settlement road was metalled by the County Council.

Pea Soup Creek Bridge, Maruia River Road, East Bank (Murchison County).—The construction of a reinforced-concrete bridge of one 45 ft. span with a 10 ft. roadway, and the formation and metalling of 6 ch. of approach roading, was completed.

Rappahannock Road (Murchison County).—As a result of formation and metalling improvements over a length of 1 m. 43 ch. the access to the several resident settlers in this valley has been greatly improved.

Shenandoah Road (Murchison County).—This new road, which was formed a few seasons ago, was metalled over a distance of 5 m. 16 ch. The route will later form part of the Murchison-Christchurch via Lewis Pass Main Highway.

Hakana Bay to Jerdan's Bay Track, Access to Daken (Sounds County).—A contract was let for the formation of 1 m. 27 ch. of track 4 ft. wide, and the work, which has been completed, gives access to isolated settlers in the Port Underwood district.

Go-ahead Creek Bridge, Old Collingwood Inland Road (Takaka County).—The County Council let a contract for the construction of this bridge of one 35 ft. reinforced-concrete span with a 12-ft.-wide roadway on reinforced-concrete pile abutments. At the close of the period the piles were in place.

Waitui Road (Takaka County).—A length of 45 ch. of this road was metalled to give all-weather access to settlers and to assist the Cobb Hydro-electric Works.

Clarke Valley Road (Waimea County).—New metalling on this road has been completed over a distance of 2 m. 26 ch.

Herring Stream Bridge, Motueka River Road, Left Bank (Waimea County).—This work, which comprised a 35 ft. reinforced-concrete span with a 12-ft.-wide roadway, together with the formation and metalling of 10 ch. of approach roading, has been completed by the County Council.

Little Pokororo River Bridge, Motueka River Road, Left Bank (Waimea County).—The County Council let a contract for the construction of this bridge, which consists of one 30-ft.-reinforced-concrete span with a 12-ft.-wide roadway. The work has been completed, together with the formation and metalling of 6 ch. of approach roading, and is a great improvement over the old means of crossing by a ford, which was often impassable during floods.

Matai River Bridge, Matai Valley Road (Waimea County).—The erection of a reinforced-concrete bridge consisting of two 35 ft spans with a 10-ft.-wide roadway has been completed.

Moutere Clay Road (Waimea County).—New metalling over 64 ch. of this access road has been completed to give all-weather access to residents in the Moutere district.

Riwaka to Sandy Bay Road (Waimea County).—During the year the Department carried out widening operations on various sections of this road over a length of 3 m., and also completed light metalling on several lengths over a total distance of 4 m. Two bridges, totalling 36 ft. in length and 720 lineal feet of culverting, were completed.

Tadmor to Glenhope Road, Kaka to Glenhope Section (Waimea County).—A commencement has been made with metalling work on an additional 2 m. of this settlement road.

Upper Stanley Brook Road Bridge (Waimea County).—The County Council let a contract for this work, which involves the erection of a reinforced-concrete bridge of three 42 ft. spans with a 12 ft. wide roadway, together with the formation and metalling of 11 ch. of approach roading. The work was commenced by the close of the period.

GREYMOUTH DISTRICT.

Access to Pakihi Lands, Sergeant's Hill (Buller County).—The Lands Department, in conjunction with the Cawthron Institute, is experimenting with the development of an area of pakihi lands in the vicinity of Sergeant's Hill. Under arrangement with the Buller County Council access roads are being constructed as new land comes under development. During the period under review 2 m. 9 ch. of formation work was completed, together with the installation of eleven culverts aggregating 224 ft. in length. On Caroline Terrace Road, which gives access to a part of this block, additional work, involving 55 ch. of formation and metalling and 64 lineal feet of culverting, was carried out.

Cascade Road (Buller County).—The construction and metalling of this road to give vehicular access to the Cascade Mine was continued during the year, 54 ch. of formation and 63 ch. of metalling having been completed during the period.

Karamea to Collingwood Road (Buller County).—With the assistance of a grant from the Government, the Buller County Council reconditioned an additional 19½ miles of the track through the Heaphy Valley to Collingwood, making a total distance of 30 m. now reinstated. On the formed section of the road from Oparara to Kohaihai, the Council metalled a length of 1 m. 5 ch. under the backblocks metalling scheme for the purpose of giving all-weather access to resident settlers.

Rough River Bridge, Big River to Rough River Road (Grey and Inangahua Counties).—Work proceeded during the year with the construction of a reinforced-concrete bridge consisting of eleven spans each of 50 ft. Eight spans had been concreted by the close of the period.

Craigieburn Creek Bridge (Grey County).—As a result of observations made during a heavy flood it was considered necessary to add two spans to this bridge, which in its original form was completed during the previous year. The additions were completed by the close of the period.

Crooked River Valley Road (Grey County).—An additional length of 40 ch. has been formed on this road, and a timber bridge of 55 ft. in length erected over Tube Creek at the commencement of the new work.