

Waimaori Road (Raglan County).—Metalling-work was carried out over a distance of 4 miles 15 chains to give all-weather access to seven settlers.

Waimarama to Kaawa Road (Bothwells) (Raglan County).—Additional work, comprising 68 chains of reformation and widening and 4 miles 77 chains of metalling, was completed during the year, making the total length dealt with since the commencement of the work 9 miles 56 chains. Six settlers have been given all-weather access.

Waitetuna to Waipa Road (Raglan County).—The base-course metalling completed over a distance of 5 miles 31 chains during the previous year was surfaced with metal chips, and this has completed all-weather access to six settlers.

Dyer's Swamp Road (Rodney County).—During the period 1 mile 40 chains of this settlement road was reformed, and metalling is now receiving attention.

Levell's Bridge (Rodney County).—A wooden bridge, destroyed by floods some time ago, was replaced with a reinforced-concrete structure 105 ft. long.

Ran Road (Rodney County).—Metalling-work was carried out over a distance of 1 mile 70 chains to give access to ten settlers.

Ryan's to Hakaru Road (Rodney County).—During the year 2 miles 21 chains of this road were formed and metalled to open up a large area of good dairying-land and to provide better access for three established settlers, who had previously been working their properties under disadvantage.

Takatu Road (Rodney County).—Formation and metalling work was carried out over a distance of 2 miles 24 chains to give access to two settlers.

Hikutaia to Whangamata Road (Thames County).—Reformation and metalling work commenced during the previous period was continued over a distance of 1 mile 65 chains.

Kapakapa Estuary Bridge (Paritu to Opoutere Road) (Thames County).—Work has been commenced upon the erection of a timber bridge 40 ft. long over the Kapakapa Estuary. Previously the occupiers of five dairy-farms used to cross this estuary by fording at suitable stages of the tide.

Gordonton to Motunaho Road (Waikato County).—This work involves the claying of a peat road and metalling over a distance of 3 miles. Most of the improvements have been completed, giving all-weather access to twelve settlers and providing a through connection between Gordonton and Morrinsville.

Hampton Downs Road (Waikato County).—Two miles thirteen chains of new formation and 1 mile 53 chains of metalling have been completed to give access to two settlers.

Ngahinepouri Old School Road (Waipa County).—Formation, culverting, and gravelling work was carried out over a distance of 1 mile 2 chains to give all-weather access to three settlers.

Rotongata Road and Karaka Roads (Waipa County).—These roads are within the Arohena Settlement, and during the season reformation and metalling works over a distance of 7 miles 13 chains were completed to provide all-weather access to seven settlers.

Wharepapa Road (Waipa County).—Formation and metalling work was carried out over a distance of 1 mile 62 chains of this road to give access to lands in the Wharepapa Block which are now being developed for settlement. The erection of a bridge over the Puniu Stream is a portion of the programme, and work was commenced upon this structure.

Wharepapa Settlement Roading (Waipa County).—New formation work over a distance of 2 miles 62 chains and metalling over a length of 54 chains, together with the erection of one small bridge, was completed during the year. The development of the lands in this settlement was previously controlled by the Waikato Land Development Society, but has now been taken over by the Department of Lands and Survey.

Black Bridge Road and Group (Waitemata County).—The work commenced during the previous season has been completed, a total distance of 8 miles 23 chains being formed and metalled. In addition to opening up a considerable area of country, the work has given all-weather access to eight settlers and has provided a useful connecting-link between two main highways.

Waitakere Ridgway Drive (Waitemata County).—During the year construction work upon this popular scenic drive was completed. A sealed surface now exists over the total length of 15 miles 20 chains, and parking-places have been provided at various vantage points. A one-way loop road has been formed and metalled circling the summit of Pukematakeo Trig., which is one of the highest points on the drive. A commencement has been made with the clearing and burning of timber on both sides of the drive in order to lessen the fire risk to the surrounding bush.

Waimumu Road (Waitemata County).—This road gives access to a number of settlers who had previously been inconvenienced during the winter months. The whole length of 1 mile 18 chains was metalled, and ten settlers now have all-weather access.

Waiheke Island Roads.—A roading programme to give access to settlers and residents on this island was completed. Regrading and general improvement work was carried out over a distance of 2 miles from Surfdale Wharf to Matiatia Wharf and a similar length from Surfdale Wharf to Ostend.

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Copenhagen Road (Opotiki County).—This is a settlement road upon which 1 mile 70 chains of metalling was completed during the season.

Omaramutu Road (Opotiki County).—One mile seventy-seven chains of metalling was carried out on this settlement road during the year under review.

Verralls Road (Opotiki County).—Metalling was completed on this road over a distance of 1 mile 21 chains.

Dansey Road (Rotorua County).—Metalling improvements carried out in previous years were extended during last year, when an additional length of two miles 26 chains was completed.

Horohoro Block Access Roads (Rotorua County).—Roads to give access to the subdivisions of the Horohoro Native Block are being formed and metalled, and a length of 2 miles 31 chains received attention during the season.