

Tokomaru to Mata Road (Uawa County). This road gives access to large back-country sheep-stations, and the formation and metalling work commenced during previous seasons was continued. Last year 2 miles 60 chains of metalling were completed.

Gisborne to Motu via Whakarau Road (Waikohu County).—Many years ago this was the old coach-road between Gisborne and Opotiki, but with the construction of other roads it is now used only as access for settlers and as a stock-route. The County Council made application for a subsidy to assist with the cost of light widening-work, together with metalling, and during the season 1 mile 19 chains received attention.

Mutuera Road (Waikohu County).—Formation and metalling improvements were carried out over a distance of 1 mile 60 chains.

Tarndale Road (Waikohu County).—Formation work was commenced upon this road several years ago with the object of giving vehicular access to a number of station-owners who previously used river-beds to get in and out from their homesteads. Three miles fourteen chains of formation were carried out during the season to complete this portion of the work, and a distance of 65 chains was metalled.

TAUMARUNUI DISTRICT.

Waiouru to Tokaanu Road (East Taupo County).—This road is known as the “Desert Road,” and gives a shorter access from the south to Lake Taupo. With the object of completely reconstructing the road, operations have been in hand for some while, and during the period under review the work completed comprised formation, 7 miles 40 chains, and metalling 5 miles 40 chains.

Kawautahi Road (Kaitieke County).—Metalling-work on this settlement road was carried out over a distance of 1 mile 60 chains.

Kouturoa Road East (Kaitieke County).—With a view to giving access to timber-mills and to several back-country settlers work was continued during the year, and additional metalling over a distance of 2 miles was completed.

Oio No. 2 Road (Kaitieke County).—Formation of 1 mile 51 chains and metalling of 1 mile 8 chains, together with the erection of one bridge, were completed during the year.

Awaroa to Mahoe Road and Vickerman's Access (Kawhia County).—This road, which forms one of the through links between Waitomo County and the Kawhia Harbour, was metalled over a distance of 7 miles 16 chains.

Rakanui Road (Kawhia County). This a settlement road serving European and Native settlers, together with a Native school. Widening and metalling were carried out during the year over a distance of 2 miles 40 chains.

Huia and Turoto Roads (Ohura County). Metalling was completed over a distance of 2 miles.

Kakahi Road (Ohura County). Work involving the metalling of 4 miles of this road was carried out during the year.

Mangakara Road (Ohura County). Metalling was completed over a distance of 2 miles 30 chains, and this connects all the gaps in the metalling between Ohura and Mangakara.

Otumui Road (Taumarunui County).—Metalling of 2 miles 34 chains, together with a small amount of pipe culverting, was completed during the year.

Taumarunui to Tokaanu Road (Taumarunui County). Construction work upon this road, which will connect Taumarunui directly with Tokaanu on Lake Taupo, has proceeded satisfactorily during the period. Work completed during the year comprised: formation, 6 miles 36 chains; metalling, 4 miles 69 chains; and culverting, 1,500 lineal feet.

Fullerton's Road (Waitomo County).—Formation improvements and metalling were carried out upon this road over a distance of 4 miles 40 chains.

Manguokewa Road (Waitomo County).—Improvements upon this road were undertaken in two sections in order to spread the benefit over the greatest number of settlers. A length of 1 mile 60 chains received attention.

Mokau River Road (Waitomo County). This is a river-bank road on the northern side of the river. Consideration has been given to the possibility of completing this road, and as a first step 2 miles 20 chains of the existing formation were metalled and 140 lineal feet of culverting installed.

Taumatamaire Road (Waitomo County).—Both the County Council and the Public Works Department have attended to metalling work upon this road, and 3 miles 32 chains were completed during the year.

Te Kuiti to Taumarunui Road: Te Kuiti to Kopaki Section (Waitomo County).—Metalling improvements upon this settlement road were carried out by the Waitomo County Council, which completed a distance of 6 miles.

Totoro Road (Waitomo County). With a view to assisting development of a large area of Native land, arrangements were made to metal this road, and a section of 4 miles 66 chains was completed during this season.

Trumu Trumu Road (Waitomo County).—Formation of 2 miles 20 chains and metalling of 3 miles 20 chains, together with the installation of 90 lineal feet of culverting, were completed during the year.

STRATFORD DISTRICT.

Hutivai Road (Clifton County). This settlement road was previously of narrow construction with a number of dangerous overhanging bluffs, and was unmetalled. Widening and metalling were authorized, and during the year 2 miles 34 chains were widened, 45 chains metalled, and 357 lineal feet of culverts were installed.

Uruti to Ngatoto Road (Clifton County). The settlers upon this road raised a loan several years ago to assist with the cost of formation work, and within the last few years made an application through the County Council for additional assistance towards the cost of metalling. Work has been proceeding over several seasons, and during the period under review 2 miles 8 chains were metalled and a small amount of culverting completed.