

Between Umuroa and Waingongoro, about eleven and a half miles of formation are yet required which will cost about £160 per mile—the culverts have already been erected, say £1,840; and for gravelling twenty-three miles, at £320 a mile, £7,360. There are fifteen bridges which will require painting, and should be done next summer, say £350, making a total for this section of £9,550.

Between Waingongoro and Patea the road formation is completed, and the whole has been gravelled with the exception of the Manawapou Hill and the road deviation near Carlyle, together equal to 138 chains, which may be estimated at £6 a chain from the difficulty of obtaining suitable gravel, making £828; and a considerable sum will be required for maintenance, on account of the heavy traffic between Patea and Hawera—say from £400 to £500 a year.

Below is a return of the work executed in this district in the year, which I hope will be considered satisfactory, when it is remembered that very much of it has been carried out in Native districts, and in many cases under a considerable amount of active opposition and direct hindrance from the Natives.

RETURN of WORK from 1st JUNE, 1873, to 31st MAY, 1874.

LOCALITY.	Distance.	Length Surveyed.	COMPLETION.							IN PROGRESS.			REMARKS.
			Bridges.	Culverts.		Metalled or Gravelled.	Formed only.	Road Improved.	Cleared only.	Bridges.	Metalled or Gravelled.	Formed only.	
				Wood.	Stone.								
	Miles.	Miles.	No.	No.	No.	Chains.	Chains.	Chains.	Chains.	No.	Chains.	Chains.	
White Cliffs to New Plymouth ...	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	See Report.
Inland Road ...	7½	2	1	12	...	...	104	...	...	3	...	174	See Schedule.
New Plymouth to Stony River ...	17	...	1	14	...	212½	386	...	...	...	93	...	See Schedule.
Stony River to Waingongoro ...	3½	...	2	3	...	29	120	...	...	...	...	...	See Schedule.
Waiorongomai to Umuroa ...	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	See Report.
Umuroa to Waingongoro ...	26½	4	3	16	2	140	426	...	...	...	35	32	See Schedule.
Waingongoro to Carlyle ...	21½	...	...	4	...	592	94	...	...	...	109	...	See Schedule.
Total for year ending 31st May, 1874 ...	...	6	7	49	2	973½	1,130	...	...	3	237	206	
Total 1870 to 31st May, 1873 ...	...	56½	20	143	30	1,161	2,392	1,200	668	...	...	...	
Total under the Public Works Act ...	...	62½	27	192	32	2,134½	3,522	1,200	668	...	...	...	

SCHEDULE.

BRIDGES.

COMPLETED.					IN PROGRESS.				
Name.	Description.	Length.			Name.	Description.	Length.		
		Span.	Over all.				Span.	Over all.	
Mangaoraka ...	Plain	Feet. 26	Feet. 50		Upland Road ...	Plain	Feet. 26	Feet. 37	
					Mangonaia ...	Plain	26	37½	
					Waiongona ...	Truss	45	71½	
Kaihiki ...	Truss	45	69						
Werckino ...	Plain	23	69						
Mataneuneu ...	Plain	30	66						
Waiaua ...	Truss	70	105						
Mangahume ...	Truss	40	73						
Waiteika ...	Truss	30	76						
Seven bridges completed.					Three bridges in progress.				