

In these works undertaken by the Cook County, the Government grants have in most cases been largely supplemented from County funds.

I beg to furnish below a tabular statement of the works carried on during the year.

Name of Road.	Bridle-road.	Cart-road.	Graded in Addition.	Bridges not included in Roads.	Area Opened.	Remarks.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.		Acres.	
Okaihau-Victoria ... ..	4·5	...	...	...	7,200	Bridge in hand, building
Kohukohu-Rakautapu ... ..	5·5	...	...	...	387	Just completed
Lower Waihou ... ..	...	...	8·1	...	...	Contracts let for 2½ miles
Waimamaku Bridge ... ..	...	...	...	271ft.	11,000	Completed
Tatarariki Drains ... ..	...	...	...	0·75mils.	3,000	Completed
Paparoa-Waikiekie ... ..	...	...	4	...	...	Tenders called for
Awaroa Drains ... ..	...	...	...	1¼mils.	3,000	In progress
Akaaka Drains ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	In progress
Waerenga ... ..	4	...	...	...	3,000	About complete
Churchill Punt ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	In progress
Whaingaroa-Kahuru ... ..	8	...	...	...	5,000	In progress
Kawhia-Aotea ... ..	...	...	...	...	8,000	Complete
Kawhia-Waipā ... ..	...	18	...	...	...	In progress (bridges)
Alexandra-Hikurangi ... ..	...	6·5	...	...	...	In progress (bridges)
Cabbage Bay-Cape Colville ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	Uncertain
Puriri-Tairua ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	Explored
Waihou Ferry, through Komata ... ..	...	...	...	...	3,500	Complete—no detail
Rotorua Galatea ... ..	...	10·5	12·5	...	61,000	Delayed
Galatea-Te Kapu ... ..	15·5	...	...	...	...	Delayed
Taupo-Waimarino ... ..	...	10·25	2	40ft.	...	In progress
Murimotu-West Coast (Field's track) ... ..	3·0	...	...	...	...	In progress
Tologa-Arakihi ... ..	...	10·0	...	...	7,300	In progress
Ormond-Waipu ... ..	...	6·75	...	...	67,000	Delayed
Waipiro and Tuparoa ... ..	...	0·75	...	...	...	Completed
Gisborne-Waimata ... ..	...	5·5	...	...	19,500	Completed
Gisborne-Wairoa ... ..	...	4·0	...	70ft.	67,000	In progress
Totals ... ..	40·5	72·25	26·6	...	204,887	

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#### HAWKE'S BAY.

SINCE the first votes to open up Crown land were taken in 1880, to the end of the past financial year, the sum of £29,755 has been expended on roads giving access to lands which have been prepared for settlement, and the area selected in the same period out of the blocks affected by this expenditure is: By cash sales, 8,091 acres, price £12,875; on Deferred-Payments, 39,972 acres, price paid or to be paid, £51,526; on Perpetual Leases, 7,868 acres, capital value, £10,045; total area, 55,931 acres; total value, £74,446.

The grants to the Road Boards from the lands taken upon deferred payments and perpetual leases amount to £19,685, a sum sufficient to materially assist in completing the preliminary works undertaken to give access to the different blocks before they were thrown open for selection.

*Rotokakarangu Block.*—Acreage to be rendered better accessible, 32,574 acres. The expenditure of the sum of £900 has been placed at the disposal of the Wairoa County Council for the Ohinepaka-Putere Road; a portion of the grant (£275) is to be laid out in forming a bridle track from the Cricklewood Junction to Putere, and the balance in making a commencement with the dray road starting from the Ohinepaka Valley. Since the construction of the road was put in hand, seven small grazing runs in the Waihua Block, covering an area of 13,923 acres, have been taken up. As stated in previous reports, the sum voted for this block is not sufficient to do more with, than to make a commencement on the work. The road is an important district road and gives access to the properties of several enterprising settlers who are occupying land in the back country.

*Puketitiri Bush.*—There has not been any expenditure on the roads in this locality during the past year.

*Makeretu Block.*—8½ miles of road line have been explored for, and graded through the bush, and contracts are about to be let for clearing the road one chain in width. The area opened out by this road is about 8,000 acres of pastoral forest country. Cost to date, £192 4s.

*Te Ohu Block.*—Area to be opened up, 2,000 acres. Mr. Bargh, road surveyor, is now engaged exploring for a road-line through this block.

*Umutaoroa Block.*—Area affected by expenditure, 7,067 acres. The land in this block, at all suitable for settlement, has been taken up by the Danevirk and Waipawa Small Farm Associations. 11 miles of road have been cleared, stumped, and sown with grass, sixty-five chains of formation completed, one bridge and eleven culverts laid down, at a cost of £2106 11s. 5d.