

PAYMENTS made to LOCAL BODIES in the HAWKE'S BAY LAND DISTRICT on account of Deferred-payment, Perpetual-lease, and Small Grazing-runs during the Twelve Months ending 30th June, 1891; and Works executed during same Period.

Names of Local Bodies.	Amounts handed over to Local Bodies.	Roads metalled.	Dray-roads formed.	Bridle-roads formed.	Forest-clearing.	Bridges.	Culverts.	Drains.
	£ s. d.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	M. ch.	Ft.	Ft.	Ch.
Cook County Council ..	319 15 5	..	11 20	4 56	5 70	67	203	42
Waipawa County Council ..	95 9 10	..	0 10	0 78	0 45	..	350	19
Wairoa County Council ..	203 16 10	..	0 29	2 22	0 70	..	2	..
Weber Road Board ..	948 7 4	0 34	1 40	0 30	1 10	32	220	76
Danevirke Road Board ..	189 18 0	0 71½	0 59½	..	0 75	..	72	..
Kumeroa Road Board ..	469 18 10	1 20	1 40	0 45	6 49½	41	39	28½
Ormond Road Board ..	15 15 2	..	0 30	0 25	..	..	44	24
Waimata Road Board ..	226 6 7	..	2 60	2 20	1 30	24	96	..
Puketapu Road Board ..	143 5 6	..	0 60	..	..	..	75	..
Petane Road Board ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Maharahara Road Board ..	252 6 9	1 0	2 0	0 63	0 74	22	200	..
Norsewood Road Board ..	144 9 9	0 75	1 36½	..	1 15	..	125	..
Danevirke Town Board ..	11 16 10	0 20½	..	..	..	..	..	..
Woodville ..	128 18 4	No returns.						
Maungaataua ..	3 15 11							
Ormondville ..	20 6 0							
Ruataniwha ..	115 5 1							
Patutahi ..	167 2 2							
Ormondville Town Board ..	8 14 0							
Total ..	3,465 8 4	4 60½	22 64½	12 19	19 38½	186	1,426	189½

TARANAKI.

Junction Road from Inglewood Eastward to Ngatimaru.—There was a balance of £132 left unexpended out of authority for £500 for metalling part of the Junction Road—Inglewood to Tarata. No work has been done during the year, and the authority has been rescinded.

Opunake Wharf.—This work is being carried out by the Opunake Wharf Company. The plans of the wharf were approved by the Public Works Department, and the work is to be subsidised to the extent of £1 for £1.

Pukearuhe to Mokau.—The work on this road has consisted of the maintenance of the track between Pukearuhe and Mokau, about 16½ miles, the removal of heavy slips, and the re-formation of part of the road, consequent on the floods of the 13th February last. The surfaceman was paid off on the 9th May, the road having been handed over to the charge of the Clifton County Council.

Roads East of Waitara—Ngatimaru.—The Junction Road from Matero Road to Purangi, 6 miles 58 chains, has been pegged and levelled, and the plans prepared for the formation of either a bridle- or cart-road, as funds will permit. About 1 mile 45 chains of the road, commencing at Matero Road and onwards towards Purangi, has been improved by being culverted and partly formed. As this road passes through lands recently sold, and now being improved, and leads to a large area of unsurveyed Crown lands lying between the Waitara River and the Stratford-Mangaroa line, its construction is of great importance to the settlement of the Crown lands in that part of the district.

Huiroa District.—The expenditure under this item is for felling the bush on roads fronting sections in the Huiroa district, viz., on the Mana, Durham, and Croydon Roads, over 4 miles having been felled at a cost of £1 15s. per acre. The burning, clearing, and cart-road formation has to be done by the local bodies out of deferred-payment and perpetual-lease thirds.

Roads East of Waipuku.—Felling 1 mile 60 chains of Waiwiri Road 1 chain wide, and stumping cart-track in centre 12ft. wide. A further contract for similar work on 1½ miles of the road is now in hand, which, with that previously completed, will open 4 miles 10 chains of this road. The bridges, culverts, and formation still require making, and the authorities to hand are insufficient for the purpose.

Eltham and Branch Roads.—A bridge over the Mangawheroiti Stream, Eltham Road, 3 miles to the westward of Kaponga, has been constructed of totara and maire timber, the foundations being concrete piers, and the necessary earthwork approaches have been made. The materials were all of the best description, and the work executed by one of the best bridge builders on the coast. The bridge should, therefore, last, with but few repairs, for over thirty years.

Alfred Road.—The expenditure was for felling the bush on parts of the Gordon and Douglas Roads fronting occupied sections, and for assisting the settlers in making a bridle-track along about 3 miles of Gordon Road, commencing at the East Road.

Mokau Punt.—The expenditure under this item was in connection with securing the Mokau punt, which broke from its moorings during the flood on the 13th of February.

Pukearuhe—Mangaroa, Mimi Road.—The formation of nearly 6 miles of this road was commenced prior to the 1st July, 1890, but nearly the whole of the work has been done since that date. The road has been formed 15ft. wide, graded and culverted, and three bridges have been constructed (one being under 30ft. in length). As papa rock crops out frequently on the road, the cost of maintenance will be heavy for the next two years in clearing away slips. A further length of 4 miles is now being laid off for contract. This road gives access to about 12,000 acres, lately subdivided.