

STATEMENT showing PAYMENTS to LOCAL BODIES in the TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT, &c.—*continued*.

Local Bodies.	Deferred-payment and Perpetual-lease Lands.	Small Grazing-runs.	Total Payment.	Length, Locality, Description, and Particulars of Work authorised by Land Board.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Brought forward ..	2,497 12 8	1 12 3	2,499 4 11	
Ngaere Road Board ..	464 5 8	..	464 5 8	New formation, 2 miles 73 chains; felling and clearing, 32 chains; metalling and gravelling, new, 12 chains; metalling and gravelling, repairs, 2½ miles: spread over seventeen different roads.
Waimate Road Board ..	1,245 4 0	..	1,245 4 0	9 miles, new formation, on nineteen roads; 1 mile 10 chains felling and clearing on three roads; 9½ miles logging and stumping on twelve roads; 2½ miles metalling on ten roads; 4½ miles repairs on ten roads.
Patea West Road Board	62 17 7	11 18 4	74 15 11	3½ miles on Makino, Kawaiti, and Ball Roads, cuttings, culverting, scrubbing, and clearing.
Totals ..	4,269 19 11	13 10 7	4,283 10 6	

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Manawatu Gorge Road.—A small gang, under the supervision of Mr. R. H. Reaney, cleared eighty-eight slips, comprising 3,080 cubic yards, opened and cleared side drains for 1,980 chains, remetalled holes and ruts for 50 chains, logged-up thirty rubble walls, repaired two platform-bridges and twenty-five culverts, put in 175ft. of new culverts, and re-formed 306 chains of the road surface. The expenditure was £469 9s. 4d., and the road was handed over to the local bodies on the 31st March.

Pahiatua to Palmerston North.—Mr. Reaney executed the engineering survey of 2 miles of this road and prepared plans and specifications. Three contracts, comprising 6 miles 33 chains of bush-work and horse-road formation, 6ft. wide, were completed, the expenditure on the works being £833 14s. 4d. About 5 miles of this road remains to be formed, partly through the Forest Reserve and partly through sold lands on the eastern side of the Tararua Ranges.

Mangatainoka District.—A contract, comprising 2 miles 59 chains of light bush-work, with dray-road formation, including three totara bridges, two 15ft. and one 20ft. span, was completed, the expenditure being £301 17s. 7d. The work was confined to the Hawera-Kakariki Road, which leads to and serves about 7,000 acres of Crown lands on the Mangahao River.

Puketoi.—Mr. Reaney executed engineering survey, with plans and specifications, for dray-road formation of 3½ miles of the road through Mr. Holmes Warren's Tiraumea Station, and two contracts have been let for the work. Mr. Reaney also located a further distance of 7 miles of this road. Mr. R. P. Greville executed the engineering survey with plans and specifications for horse-road formation of 2 miles of the Makairo Road, and the unemployed were put on this work. A day-party, under the supervision of Messrs. J. D. Climie and Reaney, constructed 3 miles of the Aohanga Road as a horse-road. The expenditure on these works was £817 9s. 5d., and the latter road benefits an area of 2,000 acres of Crown lands.

Pohangina to Oroua.—Mr. H. J. Lowe executed engineering surveys of 4½ miles of the Branch and London's Roads, and prepared plans and specifications for 2 miles 25 chains of bush-work and horse-road formation, a contract for which is now in hand. The expenditure on this work was £72 16s. 7d.

Road, Oroua River.—The Kiwitea Road Board was granted a subsidy of £1 for £1 up to £100, with which a portion of the Oroua Valley Road was formed 14ft. wide; the length of the work being 2 miles 1 chain, and the area of Crown lands served 1,400 acres. The sum of £50 has also been expended in the same manner on the Kimbolton Road, but the work has not been completed yet.

Maungakaretu.—The Upper Wangaehu Road Board was granted the sum of £125, with which the road known as Hale's Track was formed 6ft. wide for a distance of 1 mile 79 chains. The area of Crown Lands served is 3,270 acres.

Otamakapua.—Two contracts, comprising 3 miles of bush-work and horse-road formation 6ft. wide, were carried out on the Tapuae Ridge Road, the expenditure being £326 0s. 9d. The area of Crown lands benefited is 3,272 acres.

Waitotara to Omahine.—Three contracts, comprising 5 miles of bush-work and horse-road formation with pipe-culverts, were carried out on the Mangawhio Road, the expenditure being £676 18s. 1d. The area of Crown lands benefited is 5,180 acres.

To Purchase Roads to Crown Lands.—The roads through the following lands were purchased, at a total cost of £231 3s., viz.: Section 15, Block XIV., Apiti, C. London, £31 5s.; Section 9, Block X., Kopuaranga, James Stuckey, £170; Sections 38, 57, and 168, Block V., Puketoi Survey District, W. J. Saunders, £29 18s. The first- and last-mentioned roads led to an area of 28,000 acres of Crown lands.

Miscellaneous.—The sum of £253 was spent in the following manner: W. Siever's compensation for road taken through Section 11, Makara, £189 12s. 6d.; Mrs. E. Moore, compensation for improvements on land taken for road through Section 19, Block XV., Mangohau Survey District, £11 15s.; tents and flies purchased for road parties, £10 6s.; and grass-seed sown on cleared roads, £41 6s. 6d.

An area of 259 acres was cleared and grassed in the various village-homestead settlements in the district, and the sum of £305 10s. 9d. was spent in assistance to the settlers.

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