

## COLLINGWOOD COUNTY.

*Extension of Anatoki Track.*—This track has been extended towards the diggings to give facilities to the miners to get their supplies. It has cost £160, of which £80 has been paid as a subsidy.

## GREY COUNTY.

*Track, Black Ball Diggings.*—This track is to connect the horse-track up the northern side of the Grey River with the Black Ball Diggings. A number of miners has been working in this locality for many years, and had to carry their provisions on their backs. The cost of constructing the track has been £790, and of this amount £395 has been paid as a subsidy.

*Track, Baird's Terrace.*—A horse-track has been constructed from Baird's Terrace to join the track leading from Irishman's to Lake Brunner at a cost of £250; of this amount £125 was paid as a subsidy.

*Track, New Rush, Cape Terrace.*—Some twelve months ago a rush took place at Cape Terrace, between the Teremakau and New River, which at one time promised to be of considerable extent. It was estimated that a track to the place would cost £200; of this amount a subsidy was authorised to the extent of £100, but no work has yet been done.

*Track, Deep Creek to Bell Hill.*—The construction of this track was commenced about four years ago. It commences at the termination of the Notown Track at Deep Creek, and leads to Bell Hill; the distance being about ten miles. It was estimated to cost £1,331; subsidies have been authorised to the extent of £665 10s., and paid.

## WESTLAND COUNTY.

*Road, South Side of Hokitika River to New Rush.*—About three years ago gold was discovered on the south side of the Hokitika River, and a commencement was made to construct a road, which was estimated to cost £100. A subsidy was authorised to the extent of £50, but, the value of the work done being only £37 18s. 6d., one-half only of this amount has been paid.

*Road, Hokitika Borough Boundary.*—This is a road along the eastern boundary of the Hokitika Borough to give facilities to the miners in that locality to get supplies and materials to a shallow rush which was opened up there during last year. The cost of the work is estimated at £120, and a subsidy has been authorised on this amount to the extent of £60.

## TAIERI COUNTY.

*Road, Nenthorne.*—It was proposed to construct a road from Nenthorne to join the Otago Central Railway at Strath-Taieri, and an application for a subsidy for this work was made by the County Council. The road being estimated to cost £600, a subsidy was authorised to the extent of £300; but the work has not yet been put in hand.

## LAKE COUNTY.

*Road, Pembroke Flat to Nursey.*—There is a road at the present time between these points, but a considerable portion of it goes through the river-bed. To make a road to avoid this is estimated to cost £240. A subsidy has been authorised to the extent of £120.

*Track, Miller's Flat to Skipper's Road.*—This is a horse-track from the Miller's Flat Road leading between Arrowtown and Arthur's Point. It joins the Skipper's Road near the top of the saddle. There is considerable traffic between Arrowtown and the Shotover, which will pass over this road. The estimated cost is £280, out of which a subsidy has been authorised to the extent of £140.

## SOUTHLAND COUNTY.

*Road, Waikaia to Whitcombe.*—A portion of this road on the south side of Gow's Creek was in very bad repair, requiring about 80 chains of formation and gravelling, which was estimated to cost £200. A subsidy of £100 was authorised for this work, and £80 13s. 4d. has been paid.

*Road, Waipapa to Six-mile Road.*—This is a road to give facility to the miners working north of Waipapa Beach to get dredging machinery on to the ground. About 105 chains require to be formed and gravelled. The work has been let for £175, and a subsidy of £87 10s. has been authorised.

## ROADS CONSTRUCTED BY DIRECT GRANTS.

*Road to open up Puhipuhi Diggings.*—The Puhipuhi Silver-field is partly in Whangarei County, but the principal claims are taken up in Bay of Islands County. Most of the claims, however, belong to persons residing at Whangarei, who desire communication with that place. The Whangarei County Council constructed what was termed an "air-line road"—but it might have been more properly designated a "mud-line track"—to allow people to travel from Era Nehu's gate, on the Whangarei-Kawakawa Road, to the top of the range at Puhipuhi, above the Prospectors' Claim. A road was afterwards laid off by the Public Works engineers on behalf of the Mines Department, and contracts have been let for its completion. The total expenditure on this road has been £912 6s. 3d, and it will yet require a further sum of £427 3s. 9d. to complete the work so as to make it passable for wheel-traffic. The prospectors are awaiting the completion of the road to get their crushing machinery and other appliances brought on to the ground.

*Karangahake through Gorge.*—This road is now completed, and cuts off a long piece of very bad road going over the range. The cost of construction was £1,000, which has been paid; but the County Council has, since the contracts were completed, expended a further sum to metal the worst portions.

*Thames to Coromandel.*—The portions of this road where the expenditure has been made is between Tapu and Manaia. The road has been widened into a dray-road between Tapu and Waikawau, and thence to Manaia a 6ft. track. A grant of £1,770 was made for the work, out of which £1,610 3s. has been paid.