

Opanake to Hokianga, or Kaihu-Punakitere Road.—Opens up 100,000 acres of Crown land, and will be a great boon to the Hokianga settlers, as it will enable them to get to Auckland within twenty-four hours, *via* Dargaville. The work done during the past nine months is 17 chains of roadway 14ft. wide, four culverts, and sawing timber for the bridges. When the small contracts now in hand are completed the most expensive portion of the road will be made. The road formed at present is about 7 miles at north end into a dray-road, and 6 and a half miles at the south end into a bridle-track.

Wairua-Helena Bay.—Opens up 2,000 acres of Crown land. The work done during the past nine months has been the widening-out of half a mile of the road and the construction of two culverts, and the maintenance of the road throughout.

Opunawhanga-Whananaki.—One contract on this road has been let, and tenders are now called for the second contract. When completed the road will be formed through the Wanahe Block. The settlers are to be employed, with the money available for works in the Whananaki Village Settlement, in completing the road to the settlement.

Kawakawa-Whangarei Main Road.—The work done has been to improve 10 miles of the road by widening it to 14ft.

Kukerenui Village Settlement.—Opens up 3,000 acres of Crown lands. No work has been done during the nine months. There is now being constructed about 3 miles of bridle-track from Towai to the perpetual-lease sections; also about 2 miles of bridle-track to give the Ramarama settlers an outlet to the main road. The other roads in the settlement are in fair order. The main road at Hukerenui South is being raised to keep it above floods, and the road leading towards the Wairua Settlement is being constructed.

Wairua Bridge, and Road beyond.—Opens up about 10,000 acres of Crown land. During the nine months $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of road was formed, and the portion of the road already formed kept in repair. At present one contract is let for the construction of about 6 chains of road across a deep swamp.

Parua Bay Village Settlement.—During the nine months 2 miles of road 10ft. wide have been constructed, and two small bridges of 8ft. span.

Paparoa-Waikiekie.—Opens up about 3,000 acres of Crown land. The works have been carried out under the supervision of the Otamatea County Council.

Opua-Waimate.—Opens up about 4,000 acres of Crown lands. Nothing has been done during the nine months, owing to the delays in securing the land through which the road will have to go. Two contracts are now in operation for the construction of about 2 miles of road.

Whangarei through Taheke.—Opens up 1,500 acres of Crown lands. Nothing has been done during the nine months.

Whangarei-Mangakahia-Opanaki.—About 3 miles of this road has been surveyed. This road will open about 10,000 acres of Crown lands, and give connection with the Dargaville Railway.

Roads, Punakitere Survey District, Block IV.—This road is to be made so as to give an outlet to the settlers at Ngapipito, and opens up about 4,000 acres of Crown land.

Helensville-West Coast.—About 2 miles 54 chains of dray-road have been constructed.

Omaha Village Settlement.—Nothing has been done during the past nine months. Works of repairs and other improvements are now being proceeded with.

Waikomiti-West Coast.—About 1 mile 14 chains of dray-road have been constructed, and about 5 miles maintained.

Hunua Road.—Opens up about 5,000 acres of Crown lands. Nothing has been done during the past nine months. A grant of £160 is now being expended by this department on the Whiskey Creek Road.

Akaaka Swamp.—Improves 3,000 acres of Crown land. Mr. Phillips has been engaged in subdividing the swamp into sections, and preparing plans and specifications for roading the swamp. Tenders being called, they were found to be so much above his estimate that none were accepted. Fresh tenders are to be called for.

Te Aroha Swamps.—Nothing has been done; but tenders are now being called for deepening and improving the drains.

Waingaro-Akatea.—Opens up 10,000 acres of Crown land. Nothing has been done; but works are now being carried out to improve about $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles of road.

Whaingaroa to Mangapiko.—Opens up about 10,000 acres of Crown land. About 20 chains of road have been widened to make it available for wheel-traffic, and about twelve miles are now being widened and improved.

Whaingaroa-Waitetuna.—Opens up about 3,000 acres of Crown land. About $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles of road have been widened so as to make it available for wheel-traffic, and about four miles and a half are now being widened and improved.

Kawhia to Waipa and Raglan.—Beyond clearing away a few slips, nothing has been done to this road.

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TARANAKI.

Pukearuhe to Mangaroa (Mimi).—The engineering survey of four miles of this road has been completed, and plans prepared for calling for tenders for the continuation of the portion already formed, six miles; but the work has been deferred for want of funds. The six miles already formed have been maintained, and a bridge injured by a heavy flood, is now being repaired.

Junction Road, Inglewood to Ngatimaru.—The Moa Road Board raised a loan (under the Loans to Local Bodies Act) of £1,000, to which the Government added a subsidy of £1,000, in