

RETURN showing Number of Men employed in the Pahiatua District from the 1st April, 1893, to 31st March, 1894.

Month.	Upper Makuri Road.	Palmerston-Pahiatua Road.	Makuri-Aohanga Road.	Makuri Gorge.	Makino Road.	Makuri Township Streets and Reserves.	Mangamarama Village-settlement Roads.	Towai Road.	Upper Mangatiti Road.	Waewaepa-Aohanga Road.	Mangatono Road.	Total.
April	39	1	6	15	8	11	10	...	...	...	...	90
May	36	1	9	9	12	19	10	...	...	...	...	96
June	37	...	12	3	13	22	4	...	...	...	...	91
July	38	...	17	8	17	12	...	...	...	...	...	92
August	42	...	16	...	17	11	...	...	...	...	...	86
September	30	...	...	...	29	16	...	...	21	...	...	96
October	24	...	1	...	31	13	...	...	23	...	...	92
November	23	...	...	...	30	...	...	...	30	...	...	83
December	8	...	...	...	26	...	...	14	25	3	2	78
January	2	...	...	...	20	9	...	13	18	...	4	66
February	2	...	...	...	9	7	...	14	19	2	19	72
March	2	...	1	...	8	3	...	10	24	...	20	68

Average for year, 84.

RETURN showing Average Earnings of Men working on Co-operative Contracts for the Quarter ending 31st March, 1894.

Contract No.	Name of Road.	Days worked.	Average.	Days on Work.	Average.
173	Upper Mangatiti Road	169	s. d. 8 11	183	s. d. 8 3
166	Makairo Road	167	8 4	169	8 3
160	Towai Road... ..	197	7 7	202	7 5
172	Makairo Road	134	9 5	137	9 4
175	Upper Mangatiti Road	129	8 0	143	7 3
170	Makairo Road	160	8 0	165	7 10
171	Makairo Road	146	8 3	152	7 11
174	Mangatiti Road	208	6 3	231	5 8
181	Mangatiti Road	159	6 5	169	6 0
178	Towai Road	160	5 6	180	5 0
177	Towai Road	210	6 3	215	6 1
176	Makairo Road	136	8 2	138	8 0
179	Towai Road	114	6 7	116	6 6
182	Mangatiti Road	141	8 5	149	8 0
183	Mangatiti Road	98	8 7	120	7 0
184	Mangatiti Road	110	8 1	120	7 6
192	Mangatoro Road	204	7 6	204	7 6
190	Towai Road	120	10 2	121	10 1
191	Towai Road	155	8 1	157	8 0
General average	7 9 ⁵ / ₁₉	...	7 5 ⁸ / ₁₉

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During the past year the whole of the works under my supervision, with the exception of those undertaken by the local bodies, have been carried on under the co-operative system, and have, so far, worked fairly well, although, at times, disputes have arisen between the contractors and overseers, as well as myself, and complaints have been made by some of the men direct to Ministers, and through Members of Parliament, which have turned out but of little moment after investigation. This, I conclude, must be expected, as there are always to be found a few dissatisfied individuals among a large number of men. I have, however, made every endeavour to get on amicably with the men, and have instructed my overseers to use all possible discretion and patience, and to treat the men fairly.

The co-operative contracts, no doubt, create considerable extra office-duties, owing to the numerous small payments and accounts that have to be kept. Considerable difficulties have been experienced on the arrival of men sent to the works, coming, as they do, to a strange locality where they are not known, in obtaining supplies, owing to merchants demurring to granting stores without payment being guaranteed by the overseers or myself. This I hardly think fair to the officers, and