

come to hand, nothing has yet been done with it, but works will be put in hand at an early date. This will be a portion of the main road through the Raglan County.

*Tuakau—Opuatia—Kahuruhuru.*—This, when completed, will be the main road through the Raglan County, and has been made available for wheel traffic by the Road Boards as far as the Onewhero Special Settlement boundary. From there I have made a horse-track through the Opuatia Block. During the year two miles of this track have been widened to a width of 16ft. at the Onewhero boundary, and, with the present authority, I am continuing the work. I am also laying out and making a survey of a direct road from the Opuatia boundary to the Maire Stream. From there to Kahuruhuru—known as the Mangapiko—Maire Road—is being constructed by the County out of thirds, and by Government grants. All works on this road have been carried out under the co-operative system, or by day-labour.

*Tuakau Punt.*—This vote has not been expended, the money not being sufficient for the purpose. The present punt is almost unsafe for traffic. What is required is a new one, similar to the one built for the Huntly ferry. There is a considerable amount of traffic across the river at this point, and as the Tuakau—Opuatia Road is being formed the traffic will be much increased.

*Avaroa (XI.).*—The survey of the roads in this block has not yet been done.

*Waiotahi Village Homestead, Thames.*—This work has been done under the supervision of the Thames County Council, and consists of the improving of nine miles of bridle-track.

*Te Aroha and Waitoa Drains.*—This vote is being carried out under the Public Works Department. The works consist of deepening the old drains.

*Kaueranga Valley Road.*—This vote is to be expended by the Thames County Council. Their plans and specifications have not yet been sent in for approval.

*Waioka, Waiotahi, and Whakatane Bridges.*—This vote was granted to the Whakatane County Council in January last, but as the amount was found to be insufficient to construct all the bridges, the county was authorised to spend the money solely on the Waiotahi Bridge.

*Takahue Block.*—The roads in this block are not yet surveyed, but will probably be taken in hand shortly.

*Maungataniwha Block.*—The roads in this block are now being laid out, and works will be undertaken as soon as plans and specifications can be got out.

*Mangonui-o-wae Block.*—A bridle-track is being constructed under the co-operative system from the junction of the Herd's Point—Takahue Road westward towards the Mangonui-o-wae Block. During the year about one mile has been constructed in the block.

*Waipoua Block.*—The loan under the Government Loans to Local Bodies Act raised on this block is being expended on the Opanake—Hokianga Road, upon which I have already reported.

*Ruapekapeka Block.*—The amount raised under the Government Loans to Local Bodies Act was expended in forming about six miles of bridle-tracks through the block, and a total length of 198ft. of bridges and culverts; the work being carried out under the co-operative system.

*Motatau Block.*—The loan raised on this block was spent on the Wairua Bridge and Road and the Ramarama Valley Roads. These two, which are really one road, the Wairua Bridge and Road being the south end, and the Ramarama Valley the north end, runs through the middle of the block.

*Opuawhanga—Whangarei No. 1 Block.*—During the year about six miles of road were formed through this block, the work being carried out under the co-operative system; the money expended was raised under the Loans to Local Bodies Act.

*Tauhoa Block.*—The small balance of this vote, which was raised under the Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, was expended by the Rodney County Council in making a connection with the West Coast Road, and in repairs.

*Tauhoa and Komokoriki Block.*—About three-quarters of a mile of bridle-track was formed, to give better access to Hoteo settlers.

*Ahuroa Block.*—This authority for expenditure, raised under the Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, was partly expended last year. During this year about one mile and a quarter more of bridle-track has been constructed. I am about to continue the survey of the road through this block to join the Tuakau Opuatia—Kahuruhuru Road, and give direct access to the block; when, I have no doubt, though the land is broken, it will soon be taken up.

*Akaaka Swamp.*—The balance of this authority, raised under the Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, was expended this year in forming 173 chains of drain. A considerable portion of this swamp is now under grass.

*Otau Block.*—The moneys raised on this block under the Loans to Local Bodies Act have been expended this year in constructing about eight miles and a half of bridle-track, making the total length constructed about fifteen miles and a half; besides this, rough tracks have been made along the surveyed road to give access to some side sections. There is yet about one mile and a half of road to construct before the road through the block *via* the Wairoa River is completed. The road through Manning's is stopped pending settlement of his claim for compensation. All works in this block have been carried out under the co-operative system or day labour.

*Mangaokahu Block, Karamu.*—During the year the bridge over the Waitetuna River, of three spans of a total length of 78ft., was completed, and about 25 chains of road 12ft. wide were formed. The moneys required were raised on the block under the Government Loans to Local Bodies Act.

*Kaimarama Block.*—This road has been formed for three miles 9ft. by the Coromandel County, and 138ft. of bridging has been erected.

#### VILLAGE SETTLEMENT ROADS.

*Herekino.*—Works done have been on a portion of what will be the Takahue—Herekino, also on the main Ahipara—Herekino Road. The roads throughout the settlement have been kept in fair repair. (See Ahipara—Herekino.)