

formed 8ft. in width. Five culverts, varying in size from 12in. by 18in. to 12in. by 12in., of a total length of 310ft., have been constructed.

*Maungatakatō Road.*—56 chains of this road have been formed 6ft. wide; five culverts erected, of various sizes ranging from 12in. by 12in. to 18in. by 12in., and totalling in length 192ft.; and three plain bridges constructed, with spans of 18ft., 20ft., and 24ft. respectively. The road is situated in the Mount Baker Block.

*Mangamahoe Road.*—In my last annual report it was stated that this line was to be formed into a dray-road from the end of the old formation. During the year the above was accomplished, 5 miles 31 chains having been formed, to its intersection of the Ihuraua Valley Road. The Government granted a subsidy of £500 to assist in this work, which included the following: Removal of all the second growth, and the erection of one plain bridge 54ft. in length; also the building of 111 culverts of various sizes from 10in. by 12in. to 5ft. by 6ft., totalling in length 2,701ft. This road leads from the Mangamahoe Railway-station to the intersection of the Ihuraua Valley Road, running through the Mount Baker Block.

*Dagg's Road.*—Out of a subsidy to the Mauriceville Road Board last year of £200, a length of 3 miles 24½ chains of dray-road, 14ft. wide, has been formed. During the year just gone, the balance of the work (12 chains) has been completed, including the placing of six culverts, 10in. by 12in., a total length of 120ft. The road will prove of great assistance to settlers in the interior, who for a length of time have been without road-accommodation. It is situated in Blocks Nos. III. and IV., Kopuaranga Survey District.

*Cleland's Road.*—This road is situated in Block VII., Kopuaranga Survey District, and during the year 2 miles 18 chains of dray-road, 14ft. wide, were formed through sideling ground; one plain bridge, 20ft. long, and fifty-two culverts, of sizes ranging from 10in. by 12in. to 2ft. by 2ft., and totalling in length 1,528ft., were constructed. The Mauriceville Road Board received a grant of £350 for the above work.

*Mount Holdsworth Road.*—This road starts from the confluence of the Waingawa and Mangatarere Rivers, at the termination of the Fernridge and Upper Plain Road, leading from Masterton, and following up the Mangatarere Valley in a south-westerly direction. 2 miles 42 chains of road have been completed 14ft. wide for dray-traffic partly through flat and partly through forest country; thirty-three culverts have been built, of sizes varying from 10in. by 12in. to 2ft. by 2ft. 6in., totalling in length 729ft. Grants of £300, £113, and £97 were made to the Taratahi-Carterton Road Board for the above work, and it has been done partly by ordinary and partly by co-operative contract.

*Mangatariri Road.*—A sum of £125 was granted to the Taratahi-Carterton Road Board for forming this road through a swamp. The work, which is now under construction, is really the formation of the approach to the Kaitangata Block. The continuation of this line through the Kaitangata Block is now being carried on under my supervision, for construction as a horse-road. A further sum has been authorised, and 3 miles 55 chains of bush have been felled and cleared, and 31 chains of road have been formed 6ft. in width.

*Kaiwhata Valley Road.*—This road commences at the mouth of the Kaiwhata River, and extends inland. The work now being carried out is distributed over seven different portions of the road, and a sum of £150 was granted to the Wairarapa North County Council for the purpose.

*Wainuioru-East Coast Road.*—This road is situated between Wharau and the Hautokitiki Stream, and the work is distributed over a distance of ten miles. A sum of £300 was granted to the Taratahi-Carterton Road Board for the purpose of removing slips, effecting ordinary repairs, and restoring the road where it has been washed away by the spring floods of 1894. This work was carried out during the year.

*Horowhenua Village Settlement Roads, Bartholomew Road.*—This road starts from the Horowhenua Beach Road and extends in a southerly direction through the Horowhenua Village Settlement to the intersection of the Hunia Road, a distance of 1 mile 49 chains. Throughout its whole length the road has been felled and cleared of bush, and formed as a dray-road 14ft. in width. One large culvert, 20ft. in length, 3ft. by 2ft., has been constructed.

*Bolton's Road.*—On this road 15½ chains of bush have been felled 1 chain wide, and cleared 33ft., and also formed 14ft.

*Hunia Road.*—36 chains of bushfelling and clearing have been done, and the road formed 14ft. wide. Two totara culverts, 3ft. by 2ft., and 40ft. each in length, have been built; also one pipe-culvert of 9in. glazed earthenware, 26ft. in length. This road is on the southern boundary of the Horowhenua Village Settlement.

*Ngatiawa Road.*—52½ chains of bush have been felled and cleared upon this road, which is situated in the Wellington Fruit-growers' Association Block.

*Hutt-Waikanae Road.*—Two sums, of £100 and £70 6s. 4d. respectively, were granted to the Hutt County Council for work to be done on this road, and a portion was performed, as stated in my last annual report. In connection with the first sum named, the road has been cleared of scrub, slips have been removed, and a portion widened; 17 chains were also metalled; 12 chains of the road were converted from a 4ft. to a 12ft. dray-road, and a deviation 9 chains in length made. The second sum mentioned is for the purpose of constructing a 20ft.-span bridge in the Belmont Riding, Hutt County. The length of road now open is ten miles, and, when carried through, will connect the Upper Hutt with the West Coast, crossing the Tararua Ranges.

*Whiteman's Valley Road.*—This road is situated in the Mungaroa Riding, in the Hutt County. 62 chains of dray-road 12ft. wide have been formed during the past year; six 9in. and three 12in. pipe-culverts have been laid, totalling in length 126ft. There are 62 chains of road yet to be formed. A grant of £200 was given to the Hutt County Council to assist in the above work, which is still progressing.

*Paikakariki-Waikanae Main Road (Paraparaumu to Waikanae).*—This section of road forms