

has been delayed pending the settlement of land-claims. The necessary plans required in taking the land for the road under the Public Works Act have been supplied to the county by the department, and the process is in transit.

*Lloyd's Valley Road*.—A sum of £50 has been expended by Waimea County in the formation of 40 chains of cart-road.

*Riwaka-Sandy Bay*.—A grant of £30 has been expended by the Riwaka Road Board in the repairs of about three miles and a half length.

*Brooklyn Valley*.—£50 has been expended by the Riwaka Road Board in forming 7 chains of bridle-track and general repairs on one mile and a half of dray-road.

*Wakefield-Quail Valley*.—A grant of £100 has been expended by the Waimea County in the formation and metalling of 52 chains of dray-road.

*Mangles Road*.—No work on this road has been done during the year.

*Riwaka Bridge*.—A grant of £500 has been made to the Waimea County for this work, which has been constructed at a total cost of £680, the difference in amount having been supplemented from county funds. The structure is 210ft. in length, consisting of seven spans, each 30ft. 14in. wide, and is built of black-birch timber, and the work completed in a satisfactory manner for dray-traffic.

*Riwaka Valley Road*.—A sum of £300 has been granted to the Riwaka Road Board, and contracts are in course of preparation.

*Waimea West*.—Contracts for this road are in preparation.

*Waimea County Roads*.—£50 was granted to the Waimea County for general repairs of flood-damages to roads throughout the county, and £150 for formation of dray-road over Dovedale Hill, 40 chains in length, 20ft. wide; and bushfelling, 66ft. wide, completed.

*Wakefield-Stanley Brook*.—£200 was granted to Waimea County for repairs to this road, which was destroyed by floods. This has been temporarily restored for a distance of eight miles and a half, and tenders will be shortly issued to complete the work.

*Dove River Bridge*.—£200 granted to Waimea County. Plans and specifications have been prepared for a bridge 13ft. wide, and of a proposed length of 82ft., in three spans—one of 30ft. and two of 26ft.; and the contract will shortly be let.

*Quail Valley*.—£100 to Waimea County has been granted. This work has not yet been undertaken.

*Wairoa Gorge Road*.—£150 granted. Tenders have been accepted for 32 chains of formation 14ft. wide, and widening 9 chains in length of old 6ft.-wide horse-track into a 14ft.-wide dray-road, the latter construction being mostly through rock.

*Canaan Road*.—£100 granted to Collingwood County. This work has been delayed pending the acquisition of land to be taken for a road through freehold properties.

*Mackay's Pass Road*.—£364 to Collingwood County. The work done consists of 133 chains length of formation 16ft. wide, chiefly on side-cutting, with ditching, culverts, small bridges, and metalling; 23½ chains length lowered to ease steep grades. The total cost has been £514, the Council finding £150 to complete the work, which has been satisfactorily done.

*Takaka-Collingwood-Inland Road*.—£150 was granted to the Collingwood County. Plans and specifications are in hand, but delay has occurred in acquiring land for deviations from the road reserve through freehold properties.

*Takaka-Riwaka Road*.—£200 was granted, supplemented by £186 10s. 5d. from the Collingwood County. This road was badly damaged by slips, which have been removed, and the formation widened at several narrow parts. Water-tables cleared and extra drainage-pipes put in in lieu of culverts for a length of about six miles and a half, and the road is now in good condition.

*Wangapeka-Wanganui Road*.—The sum of £660 19s. 11d. has been expended on this road under co-operative labour. At the Wangapeka end 5 miles 73 chains of bush-clearing 66ft. wide, stumping 12ft. wide, and formation 4ft. in solid, 6ft. wide, has been constructed. The work was let in twenty-five contracts, averaging about 20 chains in length each, and completed, and twenty men employed. On the 16th March work was commenced at the West Coast end at the Little Wanganui River. Five contracts similar to the above were let to twenty-four men, of the value of £328.

*Seddonville-Mokihinui*.—£100 was granted to the Buller County, under whom a contract has been let for the widening of 70 chains length of 4ft. horse-track to 8ft. width, and the work is in hand.

*Fairdown-Waimangaroa*.—£200 granted to the Buller County. This work is being laid out by the county inspector, and tenders will be called for it as soon as the plans, &c., are prepared.

*Mud Flat-Karamea-Oparara*.—At the beginning of the year there was left a credit balance of £331 15s., and out of this sum £287 6s. 6d. has been expended in forming 65 chains of bridle-track 6ft. wide on the flat, 7ft. on sideling ground, and 8ft. in breast-cuttings. The bush has been felled 66ft. wide, and the ground cleared 16ft. on each side of centre line, metalling 4ft. width and 8in. depth. The work has been done by co-operative labour.

*Granity Creek-Ngakawau*.—£100 granted to the Buller County. Tenders for this work will shortly be out.

*Heefton-Maruia-Inangahua*.—£300 granted to the Inangahua County. The county engineer is engaged in laying off this work.

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