

Village Settlement, and gives access to grazing-runs in the Hokonui Mountains. So far, 10 chains of formation and metalling has been finished, and it is expected that the work will be completed during the month of April.

*Makarewa Grove Bush* (Vote, £100).—This contract provides for about 42 chains of formation and gravelling. Up to date 20 chains have been done. It is expected that the contract will be completed during April. The vote benefits to some extent Crown lands in Grove Bush, and is the main outlet for the Forest Hill district.

*Centre Bush to Otapiri* (Vote, £100).—The County Council supplemented this grant with a vote of £50, with which 40 chains of formation and gravelling were carried out on one of the worst pieces of road in the county. This road is the outlet for a considerable area of Crown lands recently cut up between the Lora and Otapiri Gorges.

*Wallacetown, Spar Bush, and Waimatuku Flat Roads* (Vote, £100).—Part of this road is the outlet for bush land abandoned by sawmillers at Spar Bush, and part the main outlet for the Waimatuku Flat district, in the New River and Oreti Hundreds. In addition to this vote the County Council devoted £150 of its funds to form and gravel some of the worst portions; 32 chains were formed and gravelled out of the Government grant, and about 50 chains by the county vote.

*Bluff Road* (Vote, £500).—With this vote it is intended to repair about two miles of the road between Invercargill and Clifden. A contract has been let for the delivery of about 1,700 cubic yards of clean river-gravel, which will be delivered by rail and then carted to the road. This road is one on which a large number of settlers in South Invercargill and Woodend are dependent for their livelihood by the cartage of firewood from the large sawmills at Woodend, and, as the local bodies interested were unable to cope with the heavy traffic, which rendered the road impassable last winter, the department decided to assist with a grant. A start has been made with the formation, and it is expected that the work will be completed by the end of April.

*Campbelltown Hundred and Campbelltown Roads* (Vote, £600).—Out of this vote £400 was allotted to the County Council for the purpose of reconstructing the worst portion of the road between Greenhills and Bluff, a distance of about three miles. A contract has been let for breaking the large boulders with which the road was originally made, and blinding the metal so broken with a light coat of gravel. The work done to date is 10 chains of metal-breaking.

*Girdler's Road* (Vote, £50).—This is a grant to give access to deferred-payment and perpetual-lease sections in Block IV., Campbelltown Hundred. The work finished to date is 12 chains of formation, ditching, and fascining, and one 19in. stone culvert.

*Hillend Bush (Dipton Flat)* (Vote, £320).—This vote is for the construction of the road recently surveyed through Hillend Bush, and will be of great benefit to a large number of settlers at South Hillend and Dipton Flat. It will also tend to open up the bush lands. The contract provides for about one mile and a quarter of bush-work formation and gravelling, 25 chains of which are completed at this date.

*Gore Bridge* (Vote, £1,000).—This bridge, which is under construction, is situated immediately above the railway-bridge at Gore. It consists of six spans of 80ft. each, on concrete piers built up from the level of the rock. The superstructure is chiefly of blue-gum and ironbark timber. The width of the roadway is 18ft. in the clear, to admit of vehicles passing on the bridge. The contract price is £2,519 10s., the County Council and the Gore Borough Council contributing equal amounts to make up the amount of tender. The work completed to date is 540 yards of concrete, 900 cubic yards earthwork, 25,000ft. of timber erected, iron 12,000lb., and timber on ground 70,000ft. It is expected that the bridge will be open for traffic in six weeks. This work is undertaken by me on behalf of the Gore Borough Council.

*Half-moon Bay Wharf* (Vote, £150).—Plans and specifications for the extension of the old jetty have been approved by the Marine Department, and tenders are now called for the work.

*Half-moon Bay Tramway* (Vote, £100).—Tenders are called for this work. These works are undertaken by me on behalf of the Stewart Island County Council.

*Gow's Creek Stock-bridge* (Vote, £100).—This vote was for the completion of the approaches to the bridge, the work consisting of 36 chains of grading and gravelling.

*Owari Bridge, Mokoreta Valley* (£1 for £1; vote, £150).—This bridge is a very substantial piece of work, the piers being of masonry set in cement mortar, and the superstructure of ironbark timber. The span is 40ft., the contract amount being £256 17s.

*Wyndham Bridge* (subsidy, £1 for £1 up to £200).—This bridge is on the main Wyndham-Fortrose Road. The work has been carried out in a substantial and workmanlike manner, and will, with the above-mentioned bridge, last for a great number of years. The bridge consists of three spans of 40ft. each, on concrete piers, the contract amount being £639 17s.

*Forest Hill Tramway Road* (Vote, £100).—This road adjoins the Forest Hill Tramway, and gives access to Crown lands in the Winton Bush, and is of great benefit to new settlement. The work is finished, which consists of 32 chains of formation and gravel. The amount handed to the County Council was £84 18s. 9d., that being the balance available.

*Fortrose-Tokanui-Waikawa Road* (Vote, £500).—This work was let in two contracts, which provided for 140 chains of metalling some of the worst portions of the road. It will prove a great benefit during the coming winter. The work is well done, and the material of the best quality.

*Mataura River Protective-works* (Vote, £200).—This vote was given to assist the County Council in protecting the banks of the Mataura River above the bridge above Mataura Island. The vote provided for 800 cubic yards of rubble, which has been used in building three groins, and lining the banks with stone up to flood-level. The work so far has resisted some heavy floods without damage.

*Waikawa District* (Vote, £1,000).—Out of this amount £500 has been handed to the County Council for the purpose of metalling two miles of the road from Niagara Township. The work is now completed in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. This work benefits the whole of the district.