

*Mabel District* (Vote, £500).—£300 has been authorised for expenditure this year. Two contracts have been let, one for forming and gravelling 55½ chains, which is completed, and another for gravelling about two miles of road, which work is in hand. Access is given by this work to Crown lands in Mabel district.

*Eyre Creek Bridge* (Vote, £300).—Plans and specifications are being prepared for a light traffic-bridge, but it is expected that a further sum of £200 will be required to make a satisfactory job.

*Otamita Retreat* (Vote, £150).—The small grazing-runs in the Hokonui district are given an outlet to the Waimea Plains Railway at Mandeville by this road. The work, which is completed consists of 105½ chains of formation and grading, two 12 ft.-span bridges, and twenty-one stone culverts.

*Mokoreta, Blocks VII. and IX., £1 for £1* (Vote, £100).—The letting of this work has been delayed owing to formalities in connection with road exchanges not having been completed. So soon as this is done the work will be pushed on.

*Invercargill Hundred, Block X.* (Vote, £200).—Formation and gravelling to the extent of 68 chains is in progress, but, owing to the late date at which the work was let, it will be impossible to complete the work before winter.

*Farmer's Road, Winton* (Vote, £50).—Plans and specifications are being prepared for formation and culverts on the worst portions of this road. The vote gives access to deferred-payment and perpetual-lease sections in Block II., Winton Hundred.

*Dipton to Balfour* (Vote, £100).—The Caroline Bush and grazing-runs adjoining will be greatly benefited by this expenditure. The contractor is making good progress with formation and gravelling. It is expected that the work will be completed by the end of May.

*Waimumu Bridge* (Vote, £100).—This bridge is on the main road between Edendale and Mataura, and it is proposed to renew the old structure (which is unfit for heavy traffic) with a new bridge, at a cost of £200, the extra amount over the vote being found by the County Council and the Mataura Borough Council.

*Southland Bridges and Fortrose Jetty (flood-damages)* (Vote, £800).—This was a grant-in-aid to the county funds for the purpose of repairing the damage caused by the July flood. The bridges repaired were New River Ferry, Tokanui Bridge, Mataura Island, Joe's Creek, Lora, Otapiri, Winton, Mataura, Dipton, and Fortrose Jetty.

*Tisbury* (Vote, £200).—This road, which leads to the Seaward Bush Railway at Tisbury, runs south through Block XXII., Invercargill Hundred, and gives access to small settlers and Crown lands. The work, which is completed, consists of 48 chains of formation and gravelling.

*Invercargill-Tisbury* (Vote, £400).—This road runs parallel with the Seaward Bush Railway through the Borough of South Invercargill, and is an outlet to a large number of settlers in Seaward Bush. The road for 120 chains has been gravelled with river-gravel hauled from the county pit at Opora, amounting to 1,500 cubic yards. There have also been five new culverts put in.

*Tisbury to Waimatua* (Vote, £300).—This is an extension of the above-mentioned road adjoining the Seaward Bush Railway, and gives further access to Crown lands and small settlers. One mile of formation is partly completed.

*Mataura Island Dairy Factory to Pine Bush Railway-station* (Vote, £250).—Plans and specifications are prepared for the work, and tenders will shortly be called. The vote is for the purpose of giving access to the Seaward Bush Railway at Pine Bush.

*Mill Road, Makarewa, Block X., Sections 32 and 33* (Vote, £200).—Owing to some proposed road-alterations the letting of this work has been delayed, but it is now agreed to go on with the work and carry it out on roads as laid down. Ditching, culverts, and formation will be necessary. The Crown lands in Blocks X. and XII. will be benefited.

*Forest Hill* (Vote, £300).—This vote is for the purpose of completing the gravelling of road adjoining the Forest Hill Tramway, at Winton Bush. The work is in hand.

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