

*Kelpie Road (Marton Nos. 1 and 2).*—With the exception of a wire bridge 40 ft. in length which has been built over the Mangawharariki River, the footbridge by which the river had hitherto been crossed by the settlers and the children going to school having been washed away by the recent flood, nothing has been done on the Kelpie Road. To make the road more passable for horse-traffic by grubbing out roots, stumps, &c., and improving the condition of the ford to the Mangawharariki, would involve the expenditure of a very small sum of money.

*Auputa Road (Marton Nos. 1 and 2 Blocks).*—20 chains of this road has been formed 4 ft. wide; two miles maintained; three 12 in. by 12 in. culverts built, total length 51 ft.; 481 cubic yards slips removed; and 320 cubic yards of rock excavated during the past twelve months. This road is at present passable for horse-traffic, but there are many places which ought to be widened from a 3 ft. to a 6 ft. horse-road, in order to render the horse-traffic safe during the coming winter. The white-pine log bridge across the gorge, between pegs 3 m. 14 ch. and 3 m. 54 ch., being in use for upwards of three years, will have completed its term of service before very long.

*Mangatohu Road (Marton Nos. 1 and 2 Blocks).*—26½ chains of bush has been felled and cleared on this road from its junction with the Auputa Road to Section No. 8, and one 12 in. by 12 in. culvert built 12 ft. in length. It passes through heavily-timbered forest flat, and is passable for horse-traffic for the full length of the clearing.

*Mania Road (Marton Nos. 1 and 2 Blocks).*—This road is passable from the Auputa Clearing to traverse-peg xxx., a distance of 2 miles 8½ chains, and passes through a heavily-timbered forest country. 28½ chains of bush has been felled and cleared, and 20 chains of road formed, besides 10 chains of road graded and pegged; two 12 in. by 12 in. culverts were built, total length 30 ft.; 2,592 cubic yards of slips cleared; and 250 cubic yards of rock excavated.

*Te Parapara Road (Marton Nos. 1 and 2 Blocks).*—Passes for 1 mile 27 chains through a heavily-timbered flat, and from thence it is made passable for horse-traffic by a road 4 ft. in the solid. The formation has been carried to traverse-peg lxxx., just far enough to tap Section 7. During the year 9 chains of road has been graded and pegged, and 9 chains formed 4 ft. wide; 4 miles 10 chains has been maintained; one 10 ft. 12 in. by 12 in. culvert was built; 603 cubic yards of slips cleared; 58 chains of water-tables opened; 96 cubic yards of rock removed; and 14 chains of embankments formed.

*West Mangahuia Road (Marton Nos. 1 and 2 Blocks).*—57 chains of bush has been felled and cleared during the past year; 7 chains of road formed 6 ft. wide; two bridges erected, one of hewn timber, 15 ft. in length, and the other a 5 ft. bridge, 37 ft. in length; 50 cubic yards of slips was cleared; and 240 cubic yards of rock was excavated. The road passes through heavy forest country, and is passable for 1 mile 6½ chains from the Main South Road. 40 chains pass through a heavy flat, and the remainder is sideling formation.

*Zig-zag Road (Kawatapu Block).*—A contract was let during the year for the formation of this road, which leads from the Mangawharariki Road, across the Mangawharariki River, into the above block.

*Ruahine School.*—A sum of money was granted by the Government to assist in the erection of this school, which is connected with the Pemberton Improved-farm Settlement, and a contract was let and completed for the sawing of 3,132 ft. of timber, and the work is now in progress.

*Mangawharariki Road.*—6 miles 12 chains of road has been graded and pegged; 3 miles 23¼ chains of formation done; 36 miles maintained; twenty-six culverts, varying in size from 12 in. by 12 in. to 3 ft. by 3 ft., of a total length of 684 ft., laid; 13,724 cubic yards of slips cleared; 272 chains of water-tables opened; and 27,248 cubic yards of rock excavated. Six contracts are now in progress on this road, four of which will be completed very shortly. There are still about 30 chains to be widened from a 6 ft. to a 16 ft. road, and when this is finished the whole length will be ready for dray-traffic. That portion of the road between Fraser's Creek and the Rangitikei River is narrow in places, owing to the solid foundation having broken away, and, as it passes through a steep papa gorge, the rotten papa on the upper side very often comes down in large quantities on to the road and impedes the traffic. As three men are now working at the bad places, it is expected that within three months from now the portion of the road above referred to will be in a very good position.

*Pukerimu Road.*—A surfaceman has been regularly employed on this road clearing slips, opening out water-tables, and attending to their general repair. The cutting on the Pukerimu Hill has been deepened, reducing the grade from about 1 in 8 to 1 in 16, which is a great improvement. During the past year 8 chains of road has been graded and pegged; 8 chains of formation done; eighteen miles of road maintained; one culvert, 12 in. by 18 in., built, 24 ft. in length; 2,741 cubic yards of slips cleared; 185 chains of water-tables opened; and 1,564 cubic yards of rock excavated.

*Mangarere Road (Hautapu Block).*—This road passes wholly through a forest country. It consists of 62½ chains of side-cutting and 15½ chains flat formation, making a total length of 78 chains, which is now passable for horse-traffic. Five men are at present engaged on the road, two building bridges and culverts, and three forming a 6 ft. horse-track. 1 mile 15 chains of road was graded and pegged; 62½ chains of road formed; two bridges, one 15 ft. and one 12 ft., total 27 ft., erected; one 12 in. by 12 in. 16 ft. culvert laid; 340 cubic yards of slips cleared; 66 chains of water-tables opened; and 3,496 cubic yards of rock excavated.

*Mangarere Road (Hautapu No. 2 Block).*—This section of road, which is a horse-road, has been completed during the year. A large amount of work has been done on it. 18 chains of bush were felled and cleared; two miles of road, 6 ft. wide, formed; eleven log bridges, various sizes, 205 ft. long, erected; fifteen culverts (seven 10 in. by 10 in. and eight 12 in. by 12 in., a total length of 151 ft.) erected; 1,700 cubic yards of slips cleared; and 11 chains of drains made. The portion of the above road in the Hautapu Block is not quite completed.

*Peka Road (Hautapu No. 2 Block).*—This road, which passes through heavily-timbered country, has been bushfelled and sideling formed, and is now open for horse-traffic for a distance of