

Makuri-Aohanga Road.—The following work has been done on this road: 14 chains of scrub felled and cleared, 3,311 cubic yards of slips cleared, 3 chains of corduroy laid, and $8\frac{1}{2}$ chains of drains cut. There has also been three 8 in. by 10 in. and two 9 in. by 9 in. culverts laid. A distance of six miles and a half of this road has been maintained. It is intended to immediately widen this horse-road for dray traffic.

Rakaunui Village Settlement.—The only work done in this settlement during the year has been felling and clearing $32\frac{3}{4}$ chains of bush from the road-line.

Rakaunui-Makuri-Pongaroa Junction.—In February last £400 was authorised to be spent on this road, but at the end of the year under review nothing had been expended. The widening of the road for wheel traffic will, however, shortly commence.

Aohanga Gorge Road.—The only work done on this road has been an engineering survey for 12 miles 12 chains. This will be a dray-road, and the work of formation will be commenced as soon as funds are available. The completion of this road will open wheel-communication with the coast, and will greatly relieve the Alfredton-Weber Road by causing a considerable diversion of traffic.

Mecalickstone-Aohanga Road (Mecalickstone Block).—Last year I had to report one mile of engineering survey as having been made. During this year a contract for 70 chains of scrub-felling and clearing was completed, and a contract for 65 chains of 6 ft. horse-road formation has been let, and is at present in progress.

Huia Road (Woodville Block).—23 chains of road has been formed 6 ft. wide, 74 chains has been widened to 6 ft., 3 miles 70 chains maintained; one culvert 10 in. by 12 in., and another 12 in. by 12 in., together 26 ft. in length, have been laid; 4,538 cubic yards of slips have been cleared, 139 cubic yards of rock excavated, $9\frac{1}{2}$ chains of corduroy laid, 6 chains of drains cut, and $\frac{1}{2}$ chain of embankment formed.

Bone Creek Road (Mecalickstone Block).—Nothing has been done on this horse-road in extension of the 1 mile 8 chains of engineering survey mentioned in my last report.

Spur Road (Dannevirke Centennial Block).—Nothing further has been done on this road in extension of the 1 mile 10 chains of engineering survey made the previous year.

Waihoki Valley Road (Mecalickstone Road).—Maintenance of three miles, involving the removal of 583 cubic yards of slips, and the laying of 1 chain of corduroy, comprises the greater part of the work done on this road during the year. Besides this, 15 cubic yards of rock has been excavated and three miles of the road grassed.

Waiowaka Road (Dannevirke Centennial Block).—On this road 35 chains 20 links has been felled and cleared of scrub, and the same distance has been formed 6 ft. wide. 492 cubic yards of rock has been excavated, 7 chains of drains cut, and 1 chain of embankment formed. One temporary bridge, 30 ft. long, has been erected, and four culverts (one 18 in. by 18 in., two 12 in. by 12 in., and one 24 in. by 24 in.), of a total length of 44 ft., have been laid.

Waikereru Road (Mecalickstone Block).—The following work has been done on this road during the year: 1 chain of scrub-felling and -clearing, 2 miles 45 chains of formation 6 ft. wide, 26 cubic yards of slips cleared, $9\frac{1}{2}$ chains of drains cut, and $9\frac{1}{2}$ chains of embankments formed. Four temporary bridges, of three spans each, of a total length of $146\frac{1}{2}$ ft., have been erected, and thirty-two culverts (two 24 in. by 24 in., eleven 10 in. by 12 in., one 18 in. by 24 in., two 18 in. by 12 in., and sixteen 12 in. by 12 in.), of an aggregate length of 368 ft., have been laid.

Burling's-Mecalickstone Road (Puketoi-Aohanga).—Beyond 1 mile 20 chains of 6 ft. formation little has been done beside maintaining 46 chains. The other work has been the removal of 53 cubic yards of slips and 109 cubic yards of rock-excavation; $5\frac{1}{2}$ chains of drains have been cut, and 2 chains of embankment formed. Timber is being cut for the erection of a large bridge on Mr. Burling's property.

Puketoi Road (Christchurch Association).—In my last annual report the work returned as done on this road was one mile of bush felled and cleared. Nothing further has been done, beyond an extension of this work for 76 chains.

Utwai Road (Christchurch Association).—The only work done on this road during the year has been one mile of road-line grassed, 542 cubic yards of slips removed, and 1 chain of embankment formed.

Smith's Foot-bridge, Totara Reserve.—In March of last year £100 was granted to the Wairapa North County Council for the construction of this bridge, none of which is yet expended. The work is, however, in progress.

Alfredton-Tenui Road (contribution).—Authority to expend £180 on the formation of this road was given in February last, but up to the present time no work has been undertaken.

Makairo Road.—17 chains of this horse-road has been widened to 16 ft., which has been metalled 14 ft. wide; 11 chains of the bridle-road has also been metalled 3 ft. in width. Besides the general maintenance of eight miles, 91 chains of scrub has been felled and cleared, 1,917 cubic yards of slips removed, 90 cubic yards of rock excavated, 6 chains of drains cut, and 3 chains of embankments formed. One culvert, 10 in. by 10 in. and 24 ft. long, has been laid.

Makairo-Kumeroa Road.—This is a new road, where the only work done is an engineering survey of 5 miles 12 chains. The construction will, however, shortly commence, a contract for formation having already been let.

Waeuapa Road.—£100 was authorised to be spent on this road conditionally on the adjacent settlers giving an equivalent in labour. Up to the present time nothing has been done, owing to the settlers neglecting to accept the conditions.

Thompson's Road.—Work has just commenced on this road, for which an expenditure of £400 has been authorised. The progress made before the end of this financial year was only in effecting an engineering survey of 52 chains. Two contracts have, however, been let for forming the portion graded and pegged to a width of 16 ft.