

*Mossburn—Te Anau Road* (Vote, £500).—This was a grant to the Wallace County Council to improve road for tourist traffic, the funds of the local body being insufficient to cope with the work. The work completed was 117½ chains formation, consisting of cuttings, &c., 2,155 cubic yards of gravel. This work was done under the supervision of Mr. Wilkins, late engineer to the county.

*Lonnekers Settlement Road* (Vote, £250).—Council's contribution, £80. The vote was for the purpose of constructing the recently surveyed road through Section 56, Waiau, and through Otahu Bush. This was done to give the settlers access to the bush, besides materially shortening the distance to Lake Manapouri. The works on this section were 103 chains long, consisting of bush-clearing, stumping, culverting, formation, and one small bridge of 12 ft. span, which are now completed.

*Roads, Block I., Longwood* (Vote, £500).—This was a grant to improve road between Orepuki and Waiau. The Deep Creek contract absorbed £380, the balance and over was absorbed with two other contracts—viz., one at Fitzgerald's, the other at the double gullies, Erskine's. In all there were 3,550 cubic yards of formation, 1,423 cubic yards gravelling, one large brick and concrete culvert, and several smaller ones, the whole of which was completed in a satisfactory manner.

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The following report was made by Mr. C. H. Howorth, County Engineer:—

*Main North Road* (Vote, £500, £1 for £1).—The plans and specifications for this work provide for the reconstruction of 62 chains. Tenders are called for the work.

*Wallacetown to Spar Bush and Waimatuku Flat Road* (Vote, £200).—The work of gravelling some of the worst portions of these roads is completed; it consists of 75 chains of gravelling old formation and forming 30 chains of new road.

*Bluff Road* (Vote, £400).—The greater portion of the expenditure on this road has been for gravel, which was delivered by rail from the Opora Pit, on the Riverton Railway, £130 being paid to the Railway Department for the haulage of 1,000 cubic yards of gravel. In addition to this work, 1,651 cubic yards of gravel was used in repairing and regravelling portions of the road where gravel was obtainable from pits adjoining. 2,000 ft. of timber was used in renewing the superstructure of the Mokotua Bridge. This road is the outlet for Crown lands in Campbelltown Hundred.

*Mabel District* (Vote, £300).—The balance of the vote, amounting to £200, has been expended in forming and gravelling 50 chains of road. There has also been 1,000 cubic yards of Opora gravel delivered by rail, the railage being £130.

*Eyre Creek Bridge* (Vote, £300).—It is expected that the work will be completed about the end of April, all the piles being on the ground and 3,000 ft. of other timber.

*Mokoreta, Blocks VII. and IX.* (Vote, £100, £1 for £1).—This work is now proceeding, having been delayed through road exchanges. There are 20 chains of bush work done, also the chipping of 100 chains of tussock and other vegetation.

*Invercargill Hundred* (Vote, £200).—£50 has been expended (being the balance carried forward from last year) in completing the gravelling of various roads in the district.

*Invercargill Hundred, Block XV.* (Vote, £100).—This work has only been commenced during this month, there being 200 cubic yards of filling placed at the approaches of the Waikiwi Bridge.

*Invercargill Hundred (Block X.)*.—Formation 129 chains and gravelling 93½ chains completed.

*Dipton—Balfour Road* (Vote, £300).—The available balance of this vote, amounting to £100, has been expended in completing a formed track through Okaiterua Bush and gravelling some portions of the road leading to same, the work being as follows: 92½ chains formation, 20½ chains gravelling, eight stone culverts, and 2½ chains of stream diversion.

*Waimumu Bridge* (Vote, £100).—In order to make a satisfactory structure this vote was supplemented by an additional £100 from the county funds. The bridge consists of two spans of 28 ft. each on masonry piers. The beams are of ironbark, flooring of blue-gum, and the hand-railing, caps, guards, &c., are second-class railway rails, which make a durable and substantial work capable of carrying the heaviest traction-engines.

*Woodend* (Vote, £100).—35 chains of bush work, formation, and ditching and 18 chains of formation and gravelling have been completed.

*Clark's Road, Greenhills* (Vote, £100).—50 chains of formation and gravelling have been completed.

*Myross Bush Road* (Vote, £100).—The work which is completed consists of 40 chains formation and gravelling.

*Main East Road* (Vote, £100).—This vote was handed to the County Council for the purpose of providing winter-work for the unemployed, in the shape of metal-breaking, the vote being increased to £200 by the County Council. 27 chains of old road, which was pitched with large boulders, was picked up and broken to a 2 in. gauge.

*Miller's Road, Hedgehope* (Vote, £100).—There were 80 chains of ditching, 40 chains of formation with the necessary culverts, and one bridge of 18 ft. span on piles carried out on this road.

*Tisbury—Waimatua* (Vote, £300).—This work is now completed, the vote providing for the trimming and widening old formation and coating same with a light coat of river-gravel obtained from the county pit at Opora, the railage being £175 10s.

*Mataura Island Dairy Factory to Pine Bush Railway-station* (Vote, £250).—This road gives access to the Seaward Bush Railway. A bridge 40 ft. long has been built over the Titiroa Stream, and 110 chains of double-ditching and formation carried through a bad swamp; but before any use of the road can be made a coat of terrace-clay or gravel will be required on the formation to make it passable.

*Mill Road, Makarewa, Sections 32 and 33* (Vote, £200).—This work is in Invercargill Hundred. The vote has been expended in forming about 90 chains and gravelling 50 chains of the road.