

Wharenui Hamlet Road.—Amount voted, £35, some of which has been expended in forming Bowen's Road a distance of 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ chains, and making about 40 chains of footpath on the east side of the same. The balance of the vote it is intended to expend in making the footpath on the west side as soon as the gorse hedge which encroaches on the road has been removed.

Albury Settlement Roads.—Amount voted, £365. The Mackenzie County Council has submitted plans and specifications for expending this amount upon the roads giving access to Sections 40, 47, and the road separating Sections 49 and 51—in all, a length of 202 chains. The work will comprise formation to a width of 18 ft., and afterwards shingling same as far as the vote will allow.

CHEVIOT ROADS.

The £3,000 sanctioned for construction of these roads has now been expended, and the following are the results as reported by District Surveyor McClure, who inspected the works:—

McMillan Road.—£299 3s. expended. The work comprised 248 chains of shingling, 29 chains level formation, regrading approaches to ford, and clearing a creek. Work well done, and road in good order.

Homestead-Willows Road.—£229 16s. 4d. expended. The work comprised 241 chains shingling, cleaning out water-tables, and the construction of a ford. Work well done, and road in good order.

West Waiau Road.—£223 8s. 6d. expended. The work comprised 169 chains level formation, 169 chains shingling, 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ chains ditching, and six crossings. Work fairly well done, the grade into the fords being rather steep. Road in good order.

Darrock's Road.—£145 6s. expended. The work comprised 136 chains shingling, and one crossing. Work well done, and road in good order.

Caverhill Road.—£224 14s. expended. The work comprised 35 chains level formation, 166 chains shingling, 500 cubic yards felling, carting timber and making culvert. Work well done. Water-tables want cleaning out, otherwise the road is in good order.

Parnassus Road No. 1 Contract.—£333 7s. 7d. expended. The work comprised 176 chains shingling. Work well done, and road in good order.

Parnassus Road No. 2 Contract.—£154 17s. 6d. expended. The work comprised 118 chains shingling. Work well done, and road in good order.

Gerard Road.—£97 8s. 4d. expended. The work comprised 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ chains shingling, and the clearing of slips. Work well done, and road in good order.

East Waiau Road.—£232 17s. 4d. expended. The work comprised 160 chains shingling, widening and regrading cuttings, and the construction of a ford. Work well done, and road in good order.

Campbell Road.—£113 17s. expended. The work comprised 70 chains shingling, the constructing of four fords and approaches. Work well done, and road in good order.

Miller Street.—£44 6s. 2d. expended. The work comprised 20 chains level formation, 21 chains shingling, excavating outlets for culverts, making and putting into position three culverts. Work well done, and street in good order.

Steward's Road.—£101 10s. 7d. expended. The work comprised 71 chains of shingling, making and putting into position culverts. Work fairly well done. Water-tables want cleaning out.

Small Bridges Contract, East Waiau Road.—£35 16s. expended. The work comprised the supply of timber and the building of three small bridges. Work well done.

Manuka Bay Road.—£105 18s. 5d. expended. The work comprised 43 chains formation, one stone culvert, seven box-culverts, catchwater drains, and clearing bush. Since the work was done there has been a good deal of traffic on the road, and now the ruts want filling up, the water-tables cleaned out, and a few small slips removed.

Leamington-Gums Road.—£113 4s. 2d. expended. The work comprised formation only, and was well done, and the road is in good order.

Cathedral Road.—£30 16s. 9d. expended. The work comprised 339 cubic yards of shingling, repairs to culvert, and a cutting. Work well done; road in fair order.

Jed, Crystal Brook, Spring Creek, and West Town Belt, Mackenzie Drainage-works.—£310 17s. 6d. expended. The work comprised 153 chains of main channels and 16 chains of a drain 12 ft. wide on the West Town Belt, Mackenzie. Well done, and in fair order, with the exception of about 10 chains at the west end of the Crystal Brook channel, which has filled up with shingle. I consider it was a mistake to carry the Crystal Brook channel the whole length of the 55 chains; it should have been stopped where the large drain reserve commences, and a wing-drain cut along the south-west boundary of section 27 as far as the south-east corner of Section 20. By doing this Crystal Brook would have come through the rushes on the reserve, and the channel would have a better chance of keeping clear.

These roads are now in good order, requiring no further expenditure for some time to come, except for maintenance, which should be attended to, as from the nature of the country the water-tables and -ways become very soon blocked up, and in the event of a heavy fall of rain taking place the consequences would be serious. During the last two months there has not been a man employed in such work, and I note that nearly all the bridges on the estate require tarring and painting badly.

Bluff and Brothers Roads.—The balance of the £500 vote unexpended last year was £142 5s., out of which £141 7s. 7d. has been paid over during this year. The work, which comprised removing slips, was found on inspection by District Surveyor McClure last November to be in good order, although at one spot on the Brothers Road where a recent slip had taken place the road had not been taken down to the original grade. The main thing now needful to attend to on both these roads are the water-tables and -ways.

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