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Connecting Road, Block IX., Moeraki.—The Waitaki County Council let a contract for the formation of 58 chains of road opposite Sections 42 and 45, Block IX., Moeraki. The contract included excavation, culverts, pipe-drains, fencing, pitching slopes, and gravelling.

Kartigi Road.—1 mile 40 chains of formation, including culverts and pipe-drains, was carried out on this road by the Waitaki County Council.

Port Beach, Moeraki Road.—£50 of this vote was spent by the Waitaki County Council on making a boat-landing, the balance of the vote being spent on re-forming and gravelling the road to the landing, through the township.

Road through Section 4, Block VIII., Maerewhenua District.—In order to open up Crown lands adjoining the Tokarahi Estate three contracts were let on this road, extending over a distance of 1 mile 20 chains. These were carried out by the department under the co-operative system, and included some heavy rock-cuttings.

Dunback-Swinburn Road.—The sum of £400 was spent by the Waihemo County Council on gravelling two miles of the worst portion of this road.

Taieri River Bridge.—A new timber pile-bridge has been built over the Taieri River at Kokonga; length, 200 ft.; width, 13 ft. The contract amounted to £886 12s. This work was carried out by the Maniototo County Council.

Run 206a.—In order to open up this run three contracts were let, extending over a distance of 3 miles 59 chains. The work included light formation and 240 yards of iron pipe-drains, carried out under the supervision of the Maniototo County Council.

Runs 219c, 306, 306a.—In order to give these runs better access three contracts were let, extending over a distance of 4 miles 54 chains. The work included formation, ditching, and iron pipe-drains, and 15 chains of gravelling, carried out under the supervision of the Maniototo County Council.

Upper Taieri and Rock and Pillar Road.—With this vote the Maniototo County Council let a contract for 100 chains of surface formation, with 54 lineal yards of iron pipe-drains and 100 chains of gravelling.

Waikouaiti Bridge.—The whole of the superstructure of this bridge has been renewed with iron-bark timber. Total length of bridge, 305 ft. The work was carried out by the Waikouaiti County Council.

Waipahi Bridge.—Out of this vote a pile-bridge of five spans of 20 ft. each was erected by the Clutha County Council over the Waipahi River.

Ravensbourne.—With this vote the West Harbour Borough Council are metalling the worst portions of the road between Ravensbourne and Sawyer's Bay. When completed, this road should be in very fair order.

Water of Leith Protective Works.—In order to prevent damage to the Leith Road, 6 chains of retaining-walls have been built at the most dangerous places, a channel cut 100 ft. long, and stream cleared of boulders for a distance of 5 chains. The present wall has also been repaired in several places.

Gladstone-Upper Junction Road.—A very sharp and dangerous bluff has been removed, and the steep grade has been considerably reduced. The balance of the vote was spent on metalling. A contract has now been let by the North-east Valley Borough Council for fencing the most dangerous places.

Puketeraki Station, Beach Road.—This road has been formed and metalled from the station to the beach, a distance of 90 chains. The work was given to the Maoris in the vicinity, who did the work well.

Makarora-Haast Road.—A portion of this vote has been spent by the Vincent County Council in forming and gravelling 26 chains of the road opposite Wilkin's River. It is intended to make some deviations in this road, and the balance of the vote will be spent by this department.

Roughridge-Poolburn Road.—Three contracts were carried out on this road by the Maniototo County Council, including 2 miles 5 chains of formation, 56 chains of gravelling, with 216 ft. of pipe-drains, and a foot-bridge.

McCabe's Coal-pit, Gibbston Road.—A contract has been let by the Lake County Council for forming a road to McCabe's coal-pit. The grade is very steep, but when completed will meet the requirements of the public and mine-owners.

Kyeburn District.—The Livingstone-Kyeburn Road has now been put in good repair by the Maniototo County Council; the ruts have been filled in, and the worst places gravelled.

Tracks, Hawea Lake.—On the east side of this lake the track has been widened for 5 miles 12 chains, and rocky bluffs removed. On the west side the track has been widened for two miles. The work was carried out by the Vincent County Council.

Tracks, Head of Lake Wakatipu.—Several of the tracks at the head of Lake Wakatipu are being repaired and extended. The track up Rees River to Mount Earnshaw has been completed, under the supervision of the Lake County Council.

Lower Hawea and Lower Wanaka.—Out of this vote a well has been sunk at Hawea Flat. Water was obtained at 60 ft., and a large windmill erected. The work was carried out by the Vincent County Council.

Martin's Bay, Lake Wakatipu.—This vote is being spent by the Lake County Council in general repairs, such as renewing old culverts, making deviations where slips have occurred, and clearing off fallen trees, &c. The work is being carried out by daylabour, under the supervision of an experienced ganger.

Glendhu-Roys Peninsula.—With this vote the Lake County Council carried out the following works: 15 chains of formation, gravelling, and log culverts, also 10 chains clearing.

Hollyford Valley.—This vote was expended by the Lake County Council in generally improving