

HAMILTON DISTRICT

Highway reconstruction was carried out over aggregate lengths of 7 miles 21 chains of State highways and 13 miles 15 chains of main highways. On a further 19 miles 10 chains of State highway and 1 mile 8 chains of main highway minor improvement and metal strengthening enabled sealing to be placed.

Adverse weather conditions early in the season retarded the sealing programme, and in consequence, although materials were more freely available, it was not possible to carry out all the work desired. An aggregate of 30 miles 42 chains of new sealing was added to the dustless surfacing of the district, and, in addition, 23 miles 27 chains of State highways was resealed and 18 miles 55 chains of main highways.

On the Auckland-Hamilton State Highway a total length of 2 miles 55 chains of maintenance sealing was carried out.

Reconstruction work between Hangatiki and Te Kuiti on the Hamilton - Te Kuiti State Highway was continued, and with the completion of 3 miles 17 chains of sealing there is now a continuous dustless surface from Auckland to Te Kuiti. Construction of a reinforced-concrete bridge over the Waipa River at Otorohanga has been commenced.

On the Te Kuiti - New Plymouth State Highway maintenance sealing of 4 miles 40 chains was completed. The highway is being improved by a programme of dust-laying sealing, the preparatory work being limited to minor improvement and strengthening, and lengths of 1 mile 40 chains between Te Kuiti - Pio Pio and 12 miles 40 chains between Pio Pio and Mahoenui have been completed and sealed. Two bridges, the Awakino River Bridge, north of Mahoenui, and the Mangaotaki River Bridge, are under construction.

On the Pokeno-Paeroa State Highway 2 miles 18 chains of maintenance sealing was carried out on the Hauraki Plains County length.

Resealing was carried out over 2 miles 62 chains of the Thames-Paeroa State Highway.

On the Paeroa-Whakatane State Highway 4 miles 35 chains were resealed, and 1 mile of new sealing was completed to provide a dust-free surface between Paeroa and Waihi.

Two miles of maintenance sealing was carried out on the Ohinemuri County length of the Hamilton-Paeroa State Highway.

The major improvement work on the Hamilton-Cambridge section of the Hamilton-Rotorua State Highway was continued and is now well advanced to completion. Ten miles sixty-five chains have been reconstructed and initial sealing applied to 7 miles 66 chains. Maintenance sealing was carried out over 3 miles 56 chains on the Mamuku Hill.

Minor improvements and strengthening were carried out on the Te Kuiti - National Park State Highway and 1 mile 10 chains of dust-laying seal was completed.

In the Coromandel County length of the Thames-Coromandel State Highway serious tidal erosions have been repaired and extensive bridge maintenance carried out. One mile thirteen chains of sealing was completed.

On the Tirau-Wairakei State Highway, reconstruction and sealing of a 1 mile 77 chains length between Putaruru and Tokoroa has been completed.

The Tauranga-Pairere State Highway was improved by the strengthening and sealing of a length of 2 miles 45 chains.

Maintenance sealing was carried out over 1 mile 20 chains of the Tahuna-Ohinewai highway, 2 miles 40 chains of the Te Aroha - Waharoa highway, 1 mile of the Kihikihi-Arapuni-Putaruru highway, and 1 mile 60 chains of the Orongo-Netherton highway.

On the Te Awamutu - Cambridge highway the 50 chains section in the Leamington Town District and 4 miles 57 chains in the Waipa County have been reconstructed and 2 miles 6 chains have been sealed.

Nelson's Bridge, of 25 ft. span, on the Ngatea-Waharoa highway, was completed, and several short lengths were sealed.