

*Pohangina.*—The authority received for works in this block is being used for the general maintenance of the roads in the block, and for the completion of the construction on the Umutoi Road, to connect with the works done by the Pohangina County Council. Almost all these roads are being made by the County Council, to whom the control of them should be handed over.

*Pohangina Valley Forest Reserve.*—A grant of £200 has been issued to the Pohangina County Council, but nothing has been done during the year.

*Malton Block.*—The total amount of work done on this block was the formation of By-road No. 1 for a distance of 29½ chains, stumping and widening 34½ chains, excavating 1,120 cubic yards of rock, the construction of six culverts, and maintenance of one mile of horse-road and of 40 chains of dray-road on the Woodville-Ashhurst Road. The work will be proceeded with during the coming winter.

*Kawatani Valley Road.*—A distance of 2 miles 58 chains of horse-road has been formed, 17 chains has been widened into a 16 ft. dray-road, and 1 mile 47 chains of dray-road has been metalled during the year. The maintenance of the road has been very heavy—6,730 cubic yards of slips of rock, &c., has been cleared—and the road is now open for traffic the full length, viz., 10 miles 60 chains (six miles of horse-road, and 4 miles 60 chains of dray-road). As I understand that two sawmills are being erected on this road, it is advisable that it should be metalled at an early date.

*New Road.*—This road has been maintained as a horse-road for a length of 1 mile 48 chains.

*Hautapu.*—In this block the Cross Road, which is 4 miles 50 chains long, and the Watershed Road, which is one mile in length, have both been maintained as horse-roads.

*Hautapu No. 2.*—Peka and Mangarere are the roads that have been dealt with in this block. The former has been maintained as a horse-road for a distance of 6 miles 45 chains, and its length has been extended for a mile and a half. About 60 chains yet require constructing to connect it with the Mangarere Road, which latter has been maintained as a horse-road for a length of five miles and a half. I consider the maintenance of these two roads might be handed over to the local authorities.

*Hautapu-Ruahine.*—Under this block are included West Mangahuaia, Lagoon, and Main South Roads. West Mangahuaia, which is a horse-road, 2 miles 60 chains in length; Lagoon Road, which is a dray-road for 1 mile and a horse-road for 3 miles 50 chains; and Main South Road (or Apiti-Rangiwahia), which is a dray-road for 1 mile 45 chains and a horse-road for 5 miles 20 chains, have all been maintained: making the total amount of maintenance of roads in the block to be 2 miles 45 chains of dray-road, and 11 miles 50 chains of horse-road. The latter of these roads will at an early date require widening out and metalling, to enable settlers to get to the factory with their milk, and to connect the Township of Apiti with Rangiwahia.

*Mangawharariki (Pukerimu).*—This road, which is 11½ miles in length and 16 ft. wide, has been maintained during the year to its whole length. Slips at the western end have again been very heavy, 5,420 cubic yards of material having been cleared away, and 160 cubic yards of rock have been excavated. 16 chains of metalling has also been done. More metalling should be done as soon as funds will allow and weather will permit. The portion of this road from the Wairaki clearing to its junction with the Kimbolton Road should be handed over to the control of the local authority.

*Pemberton-Wairaki.*—The expenditure under this heading was for metalling and maintenance on Pukerimu Road.

*Marton 1 and 2.*—The roads dealt with are the East Mangahuaia, Titirangi, Mania, Mangatohu, and Pourangaki Valley, and the works done on them are as follows: East Mangahuaia Road—The full length of this road, which is 1 mile 40 chains, has been widened out to a width of 10 ft. Titirangi Road—This road has been maintained as a horse-road for a distance of 1 mile 50 chains, and a further distance of 1 mile 2 chains has been felled and cleared of the bush; the latter part, however, is not available for traffic until formed. Mania Road has been maintained for a distance of two miles and a quarter, and a length of 24 chains of horse-road has been formed.

*Mangatohu Road.*—On this road 20 chains of bush has been felled and cleared. Pourangaki Valley Road has been formed for a distance of 15 chains, and the road has been maintained as a horse-road for a length of 1 mile 35 chains.

*Mangamako (£1 for £1).*—No work has yet been done on this grant, which was issued to the Kiwitea County Council.

*Kelpie.*—This road, which is a dray-road 16 ft. wide, has been maintained for its length of 1 mile 20 chains, 11 chains of which has been metalled. One culvert, 20 ft. long, has been constructed.

*Auputa Road and Bridge.*—This road, which consists of six miles of a horse-road and 1 mile 20 chains of a dray-road, has been maintained for its whole length, and a distance of 73 chains has been metalled, and 25 chains widened from 6 ft. to 10 ft. A tunnel, 6 ft. 6 in. by 5 ft. 6 in. and 257 ft. in length, has been made for the purpose of diverting the stream. The filling at this tunnel will cost quite £200 to complete.

*Umutoi.*—A distance of 15 chains of horse-road has been formed, and the road maintained for its length of two miles.

*McBeth's Road and Birmingham to McBeth's Road.*—An authority of £400 has been received for this work quite recently. It will be put in hand as soon as possible.

*Onslow Block.*—Te Para Para Road: During the year 1 mile 65 chains of road has been widened out to a width of 12 ft., 75 chains of dray-road has been metalled, seven culverts of a total length of 128 ft. have been constructed, 730 cubic yards of slips has been cleared, and 1,480 cubic yards of rock excavated, and the road has been maintained for its length of 4 miles 70 chains. This road, which is from 12 ft. to 16 ft. wide, gives access to the Marton and Onslow Blocks. I