

Newman-Sterling (Main Road).—A grant of £200 was issued to the Eketahuna County Council recently. Nothing has been done.

Parkville-Mangatainoka (Main Road).—This road has been surveyed, but there is still a difficulty with some of the owners of the land through which it will have to be taken. I am waiting for the surveyor's report on it before taking further action.

Kaitangata (Mangatarere and Waiohine).—The expenditure under this item is for work done on Mangatarere Road, and is included in the report below on that item.

Waiohine Road.—The formation of this road, which is through almost solid bluerock, has been carried for a distance of 63 chains to a width varying from 6 ft. to 8 ft. Bush-felling for a length of 36 chains (66 ft. wide), and clearing for a width of 20 ft., have been done; and four culverts, of a total length of 39 ft., have been constructed.

Craigie Lee Road (Douglas Road).—On this road bush-clearing for 63½ chains, and formation 6 ft. wide for a length of 1 mile 20 chains, have been completed; also sixteen culverts, of a total length of 212 ft., have been constructed; and an engineering survey of 5 miles 68 chains has been made. The work is in progress.

Wharau-Kaiwhata Road.—The work on this road has consisted of the formation of one mile of dray-road, 16 ft. wide, and maintenance for three miles. There have also been constructed thirteen culverts, of a total length of 256 ft.; and one small bridge (13½ ft. span) has been built. The present horse-track into the Kaiwhata Valley has also been maintained.

Gladstone-Flat Point Road.—This road has been maintained from the Taipo Saddle to the boundary of the Crown lands towards the coast, a distance of about twelve miles, including the clearing of slips and the repairing and removing of culverts. As soon as possible the road should be metalled.

Mangatarere Road.—This road, which is constructed through almost solid blue rock, has been formed 12 ft. wide for a distance of 78 chains. There has also been one small bridge (13 ft. span) erected; and five culverts, of a total length of 80 ft., have been constructed.

Rocky Hill-Waimiora Road.—An agreement for £50 was made with the Taratahi-Carterton Road Board, and tenders were invited for the work, but as nothing further had been done the agreement was withdrawn.

Turner's Road.—An agreement for £170 has been made with the Taratahi-Carterton Road Board. Plans and specifications have been prepared, and tenders were invited for the work, but as none was accepted the agreement was cancelled, and the work will be done by co-operative contracts.

Mount Holdsworth Tracks.—For forming and repairing the road and tracks to Mount Holdsworth the Taratahi-Carterton Road Board received the grants of £150 and £66 1s. 7d. The formation of a dray-road for 12½ chains and the metalling of 80 chains were done at a cost of £179 6s. 8d.

Kohunui-Palliser Bay.—A grant of £100 was recently issued to the Featherston Road Board. Nothing has been done.

Akatarawa-Waikanae Road.—A grant of £250 was very recently issued to the Hutt County Council. Nothing has been done.

Paikakariki-Paraparaumu Road (to Account).—The works on this road have been carried out under the supervision of the Hutt County Council, and have included the formation of a dray-road for a length of 82 chains, constructing three culverts of a total length of 81 ft., cutting 91 chains of drains, and making 25 chains of embankments.

Whiteman's Valley Road.—A grant of £100 was recently issued to the Hutt County Council. Nothing has been done.

Rimutaka, Sections 48 and 56, Block V.—Nothing has been done on the road to these sections. £24 has been expended on the purchase of land.

Mungaroa Valley Road.—On the grants issued to the Hutt County Council they have completed the formation of a dray-road for 30 chains, and have laid twelve pipe culverts and one of timber.

Reid's, Upper Hutt.—A grant of £100 was recently issued to the Hutt County Council, and plans for work have been approved.

Moonshine Road.—The works done on this road have been under the supervision of the Hutt County Council, who have constructed 10 chains of a dray-road formation, and laid six culverts, of a total length of 68 ft., at an expenditure of £100.

Belmont Survey District to Sections 236-7, Block X.—A dray-road, 12 ft. wide, has been constructed through Section 61 and part Section 236 to Section 237, a distance of 40 chains. Three small bridges have been built and three pipe culverts have been laid, at a total expenditure of £50. This work has been done under the supervision of the Hutt County Council.

Korokoro Settlement Roads.—The work of formation and constructing culverts on this road commenced on the 18th October, 1899. Since then seventeen contracts have been completed, one for the construction of two box culverts and sixteen for the formation of a dray-road 14 ft. wide. The cuttings throughout were exceptionally heavy, and as they were almost wholly composed of a hard, tough rock the work has consequently been very expensive. The heaviest cuttings on the road, averaging about 45 ft. in height, are located immediately over where stood Messrs. Singer, Maddox, and Co.'s factory buildings. To insure the safety of the road it was found necessary to take the batters back from $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 to $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1, and to run the material from the excavations a considerable distance in order to allow it to fall clear of the factory buildings. These measures entailed the excavation of a larger quantity of material than had previously been taken into consideration, and thereby making the cost amount to considerably more than would have been the case if the material had been thrown over the side in the usual way. The work done has consisted of the formation of 33 chains of dray-road, making 4 chains of embankment 16 ft. wide,