

REPORTS RE ROAD-WORK.

No. 62.

SIR,—

Niue Island Administration, Niue, 2nd July, 1906.

I have the honour to forward to you herewith a schedule of road-work executed in Niue during the quarter ended the 30th June, 1906.

One hundred and forty-two chains in all have been completed, at an average cost of 13s. 1d. per chain; 82 chains of the Alofi-Avatele Road have been widened to 16 ft., and much rock removed, at a cost of £78 3s. 9d., or 19s. 1d. (nearly) per chain; 60 chains of the Alofi-Hakupu Road, which had been roughly formed by the Alofi Natives, without pay, has been completed, at a cost of £14 15s., or 4s. 11d. per chain. A good deal remains to be done on this road, which will be taken in hand as funds become available.

The Alofi-Avatele Road is now in fairly good condition for wheeled traffic: 10 chains of road have been made through the village of Avatele where no road previously existed; this is included in the 82 chains given above.

I have, &c.,

C. F. MAXWELL,

Resident Commissioner.

The Hon. C. H. Mills, Minister in Charge, Cook and other Islands, Wellington.

Enclosure.

SCHEDULE OF ROAD-WORK EXECUTED DURING THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1906.

Alofi-Hakupu Road.

	£	s.	d.
60 chains at 4s. 11d. per chain, widening and forming	14	15	0

Alofi-Avatele Road.

56 chains at £1 2s. 2d. per chain, widening to 16 ft.	62	1	9
16 chains at 9s., removing rocks and forming	7	4	6

Avatele Village Road.

10 chains at 17s. 9d., forming to 16 ft.	8	17	6
142 chains, average cost per chain 13s. 1d.	£92	18	9

No. 63.

SIR,—

Niue Island Administration, Niue, 4th October, 1906.

I have the honour to report to you that the sum of £38 12s. 6d. has been expended during the quarter ended 30th September ultimo on road-works in Niue.

This expenditure has been distributed as under :—

	£	s.	d.
Alofi-Tuapa Road	25	10	0
Alofi-Hakupu Road	7	17	6
Alofi-Avatele Road	5	5	0
	38	12	6

The work consisted of removing rocks with explosives and filling the cavities with soil. The men were employed by day-labour—foreman 3s., and labourers 2s. per diem. The Alofi-Tuapa Road is now in good condition throughout. Two gangs of men are now at work on the Alofi-Avatele Road, which is very stony in places. When this road is completed the Alofi-Hakupu Road will be taken in hand.

I have three reservoirs in course of construction, and am awaiting the arrival of the "Countess of Ranfurly" to obtain supplies of material.

I have, &c.,

C. F. MAXWELL,

Resident Commissioner.

The Hon. James McGowan, Minister in Charge, Cook and other Islands, Wellington.

VITAL STATISTICS.

No. 64.

SIR,—

Niue Island Administration, Niue, 2nd July, 1906.

I have the honour to enclose to you herewith, for your information, the following figures taken from the statistics of births, marriages, and deaths in Niue for the year ending the 31st March, 1906, which I have just received from the Registrar, the Rev. F. E. Lawes :—

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