

STRATFORD DISTRICT.

Makino Road (Clifton County).—61 ch. of 12 ft. road was formed during the year.

Mohakatino Road (Clifton County).—Formation of 61 ch. of access road, opening-up of a quarry, and metalling of 1 m. 19 ch. of road were completed.

Otaraoa Road (Clifton County).—2 m. 20 ch. of road was widened and 3 m. 75 ch. of metal laid.

Arawhata Road Group (Egmont County).—Formation over a length of 2 m. 1 ch. of road, including placing of 144 lin. ft. of culverts, was completed, and 79 ch. of metal laid.

Kaweora Road Group (Egmont County).—75 ch. of road was cleared and formed while 1 m. 72 ch. of road was metalled.

Huiroa Block Roads (Inglewood and Stratford Counties).—2 m. 63 ch. of road was formed and 2 m. 10 ch. metalled.

Makakaho Road (Patea County).—This is a road giving access to backblock settlers whose position has been consolidated, with improved access resultant on widening 4 m. 1 ch. of road and metalling 2 m. 70 ch.

Waitotara Valley Road (Patea County).—In the fertile Waitotara Valley the settlers have been hampered considerably through not having all-weather access. During the year the position was rectified to the extent that re-formation was carried out over a length of 3 m. 42 ch., while 9 m. 36 ch. of metal was laid.

Mangaoapa Road (Stratford County).—1 m. 20 ch. of road was widened and 52 ch. of metal laid.

Matau Road (Stratford County).—1 m. 47 ch. of road was widened and 1 m. 10 ch. of metal laid.

Carrington Road Group (Taranaki County).—Good work was done on this group of roads by concentrating on the formation of 1 m. 70 ch. on one of the main arterial ones and the metalling of 3 m. of road in the group. This has helped to consolidate the position of those settlers who have already taken up land, and should inspire them with renewed confidence.

Makakahi Road Bridges (Waimarino County).—Two bridges were built over troublesome streams, one consisting of a 40 ft. rolled-steel-joist span and the other a 30 ft. built-up-beam span. Both structures are now in commission.

Mangaetoroa Road South (Waimarino County).—Metalling was completed over a length of 4 m. 5 ch. of this road.

Mangatiti East Road (Waimarino County).—1 m. 5 ch. of road was metalled.

Wanganui River Road Metalling (Wanganui and Waimarino Counties).—This road already provides access to large Native settlements and to a number of European owned properties. It follows the bank of the Wanganui River from the Gentle Annie Hill to Pipiriki where it junctions with the No. 49 Main Highway to Raetihi. With the metalling of 6½ m. this year the position of the resident settlers will be greatly improved and a prospective scenic route will be made more readily available to the travelling public.

Kohuratahi and Whitianga Road Group (Whangamomona County).—3 m. 77 ch. of road was re-formed and 3 m. 45 ch. of metal laid.

Okara, Tahunarua, and Whangamomona Roads (Whangamomona County).—Work of vital interest to the settlers served by this group of roads was commenced during the year and the operations to date have accounted for the re-formation of 1 m. 11 ch. and metalling of 1 m. 31 ch.

Whangamomona Stream Bridge, Poarangi Road (Whangamomona County).—The erection of a bridge consisting of one 60 ft. converted railway-truss span and three platform spans was completed.

GISBORNE DISTRICT.

Mangapoi Valley Road (Cook County).—During September, 1932, considerable damage was done to this road by a severe earthquake, and large slips brought down as the result of earth tremors blocked the road over a considerable portion of its length. The work of restoration, which has been financed largely by the Unemployment Board, has provided employment for quite a number of men. Communication, of course, was re-established as soon as could be possibly arranged, but widening and metalling operations in the interest of settlers and other road users are being continued. A large amount of useful development work has already been done.

Waimata-Riverside Road (Donners), (Cook County).—On this road, which gives access to the country on the western side of the Waimata River, metalling operations during the year accounted for a total distance of roughly 8½ miles of road. This completes all-weather access to the last homestead.

Potaka-Waikura Road (Matakaoa County).—37 ch. of formation was completed on this road to avoid two bad river crossings at the head of the Oweka Stream.

Mangatokerau Road (Uawa County).—25 ch. of metalling was completed on this road, and this completes metalling over a length of 5 m. from the junction with the Tauwhareparae Main Highway.

Tauwhareparae Road (Uawa County).—This road is the main inland route in the Uawa County. 102 ch. was reggraded and widened and 235 ch. of metalling completed. Most of this work was financed by the Unemployment Board. Its assistance in this direction is appreciated by both the settlers and the Department.

Poroporo Road (Waiapu County).—This is an access road to the Poroporo Block recently subdivided. The successful settlement of the block has been considerably enhanced by the metalling of a length of 60 ch. which work was carried out during the year.

Jerusalem-Whareponga Road (Waiapu County).—This road, which is a branch off the Gisborne-Opotiki via Coast Main Highway, has progressed into the back country for a distance of 5 m. and has resulted in the opening-up of further land for settlement purposes.

Armstrong Road (Waikohu County).—90 ch. of metalling was completed on this road and there is now an all-weather outlet for the settlers served from the junction with the Puha-Mangatu Main Highway to the Waipaoa River, a distance of 13 m.