

*Stratford-Taumarunui (No. 6 Highway District) :—*

Paparata Saddle—County Boundary Section : 18 ch. of metalling was completed between Tokirima and the county boundary.

County Boundary—Taumarunui Section : The Otunui Stream Bridge was carried away by flood, and a temporary low-level bridge with approaches was constructed.

*Raurimu-Wade's Landing*.—Moronui Stream Bridge : This bridge, 85 ft. long, in steel and hardwood, was completed.

*Piopia-Tatu*.—Wairere—County Boundary Section : Paro Road—2 m. 70 ch. of metalling was completed.

*National Park-Taupo*.—Otukou Deviation : 3 m. 36 ch. of formation was completed.

*Te Maire-Mangaohutu*.—The cutting-back of corners and improvements of the alignment were undertaken.

*Te Kumi-Te Anga*.—Mangaohae—County Boundary Section : Bell's Bridge—This bridge, 80 ft. long, in steel and timber, was completed.

*Kumara-Paraheka*.—49½ ch. of metal was laid, completing the metalling of this highway.

*Tokirima Highway*.—81½ ch. of re-formation and 112½ ch. of metalling were completed.

*Manunui-Owhango*.—Re-formation and metalling of the 2 m. clay section near Owhango are in hand.

*Otunui Highway*.—Heavy rains caused considerable damage, three bridges being completely washed away. Temporary bridges were erected.

*Bruce Highway*.—The Whakapapanui Stream Bridge near the Chateau was carried away, and a temporary structure erected in its place.

*Auckland-Wellington, via Taranaki (No. 7 Highway District)*.—Taranaki County Section : The approaches to the railway overbridge near Waitara, 9 ch. in length, have been surfaced with a bituminous penetration course ; this completes the elimination of the level crossing.

*Lepperton Junction-Hawera, via Opunake :—*

The Timaru Hill Deviation, 31 ch. in length, and the Oeo Deviation of 18 ch., have been surfaced with bitumen.

1 m. of bituminous surfacing west of Inaha Road has been widened to 18 ft.

*New Plymouth-Kaimata*.—Between New Plymouth and the Waiwakaiho Stream 30 ch. of bituminous surfacing has been widened to 18 ft.

*Pukearuhe Highway*.—The old bridge over the Papatiki Stream has been replaced with a rolled-steel joist bridge of 25 ft. span.

*Egmont Highway*.—A small deviation eliminating a sharp reverse curve at Peter's Corner has been put in hand.

*Skeet Highway*.—Hawera County Section : The replacement of the old bridge over the Waingongoro Stream with a second-hand railway truss of 70 ft. span is under way.

*Stratford-Taumarunui (No. 7 Highway District)*.—Strathmore-Paparata Saddle : The Pukaki Stream Bridge has been replaced with twin 4-ft.-diameter concrete pipes.

*Toko Highway*.—A second coat of bitumen has been applied over a length of 1 m. 50 ch.

*Normanby-Manaia-Mount Egmont Main Highway*.—60 ch. of the bituminous surfacing has been widened to 16 ft.

*Auckland-Wellington, via Taranaki (No. 8 Highway District) :—*

Patea County Section : 1 m. 20 ch. of widening of the bituminous pavement was completed, making a total of 13¼ m. since the commencement of this work, and foundation metal for similar widening has been laid on a further length of 45 ch.

Waitotara County Section : 31 ch. was reconstructed and 47 ch. metalled on the Waitotara Hill, and 1 m. 66 ch. sealed with one coat of tar.

Rangitikei County Section : 5 m. 15 ch. of reconstruction and metalling was carried out between Turakina and Bulls, 70 ch. sealed with one coat of tar, and a contract let for the sealing of several sections totalling 14 m. between Wangaeahu and Bulls, of which 4 m. 70 ch. of second-coat work has been completed.

The re-formation of 28 ch. on McQuarries' Hill, south of Turakina, is in hand.

*Te Kuiti-Bulls, via Taumarunui (No. 8 Highway District) :—*

Rangitikei County Section : The formation, metalling, and fencing of 21 ch. of the approaches to the Hautapu River Bridge, Taihape, and the reconstruction and metalling of a deviation 18 ch. in length at Anderson's Bend, Winiata, have been carried out.

Waimarino County Section : The metalling of the Tohanga Road Deviation, 2 m. 30 ch. in length, has been completed, and contracts let for the construction of the Makotuku Stream Bridge and Haeremaiea Stream culvert.

*Heads-Mosstown*.—32 ch. has been reconstructed and metalled.

*Kohi Highway*.—A length of 13 ch. has been metalled.

*Kaharoa Highway*.—44 ch. of metalling was carried out.

*Raetihi-Ohakune :—*

Waimarino County Section : A reinforced-concrete arch culvert, replacing a wooden bridge, was constructed over the Makaranui Stream.

Raetihi Borough : 4 ch. of the approaches to the Makotuku Stream Bridge has been surfaced with bitumen.

*Turakina Cliff Road, via Marton*.—Rangitikei County Section : The reconstruction of Gower's Hill has been advanced to a stage enabling traffic to be diverted over the new filling.

*Wanganui-Horopito*.—Improvements of this highway have been continued ; 2 m. 50 ch. of widening and metalling has been completed, and a further length of 1 m. is in hand ; a 20 ft. by 10 ft. water-tunnel, 444 ft. in length, has been driven at the Kakatahi Stream. A length of 60 ft. of McLean's water-tunnel has been lined with concrete.