

SUMMARY.

The total length of subsidiary drains constructed in connection with the Hauraki Plains Drainage Scheme to date is 754 miles 75 chains. The principal works carried out during the year are shown in the following tabular statement :—

	Length. Miles ch.	Excavation. Cub. yd.
Drains cleaned by manual labour	106 1	..
Drains widened and deepened by manual labour	18 20	37,236
Drains (new construction) by manual labour	5 57	28,406
Stopbanks raised by manual labour	3 12	21,766
Total excavation by manual labour		87,408
Streams and canals cleaned by manual labour	4 10	..
Canals deepened with dredges	9 0	116,224
Roads reconstructed and metalled	2 60	Metal. 2,590
Roads formed	0 42	..
Clay and shingle ballast delivered on peat road by light railway	1 10	Ballast. 11,799
3-ft.-gauge tramway laid	0 60	..
Fascines used for road construction		Number. 5,910
Area sown in grass		Aces. 306
Area ploughed and cultivated		71
Area cleared of scrub and rushes		124
Road bridge (30 ft. span)		Number. 1
Farm-access bridges		4
Reinforced-concrete culverts having two 5 ft. by 4 ft. barrels with sluice-gates		2

FLAX LEASES.

Some four areas, totalling 3,964 acres, are leased for flax-growing purposes at an annual rental of £252, and £73 was collected during the period under review.

GRAZING-AREA.

Some 8,252 acres in seventy holdings were leased under temporary tenancies at an annual rental of £499, and rent collected totalled £450.

WORKS EXPENDITURE.

Expenditure totalled £18,963 9s. 7d. Drainage rates struck amounted to £1,572 0s. 11d., and £1,341 10s. 9d. was collected.

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