

No. 3 Road Te Puke (Tauranga County).—The road serves a number of Crown settlers. This year's activities resulted in the completion of 2 m. 36 ch. of metalling, providing all the settlers on the road with a metalled outlet.

Pongakawa to Lake Rotoehu (Tauranga County).—This year 3 m. 77 ch. was surfaced with pumice, thereby completing a total length of 5½ m. giving access to the Pongakawa Tobacco Settlement, on which the Crown has established forty settlers from the ranks of the unemployed.

Works Road, Whatakau Block (Tauranga County).—This is an important access road to recently opened Crown land. It has been completely metalled over its distance of 4 m. 8 ch., 228 ch. of which represented the current year's programme.

Wright's Road, Whatakau Block (Tauranga County).—The road gives all-weather access to Crown sections over its entire length of 5 m. 16 ch. A length of 45 ch. of new formation to a width of 14 ft. represented this year's activities and the completion of the work.

Awakeri to Te Teko Road (Whakatane County).—A reasonably good surface has been provided for the settlers on this road by the surfacing with pumice of a length of 4 m. to a width of 14 ft. by 6 in. deep.

Murupara to Te Whaiti Road (Whakatane County).—Operations in hand last year have been continued to completion, a further length of 2 m. 52 ch. having been metalled 10 ft. wide by 9 in. deep. The road is not only an access for the settlers in the Galatea Settlement, but is portion of the through-road to Waikaremoana.

Eastern Drain Road (Whakatane County).—Improvements on this road comprised raising, widening, and surfacing with metal for a distance of 1½ m.

Halletts Road (Whakatane County).—1 m. 42 ch. of metalling has been completed.

Stanley Road (Whakatane County).—Stanley Road serves a farming district that is being more intensively settled. During the year 2 m. 70 ch. was metalled 10 ft. wide by 6 in. deep, and further metalling is in progress.

Waiawa Bridge, Waiawa Block Access Road (Opotiki County).—A low-level bridge of three 27 ft. spans has been erected complete with approaches. This bridge will be a boon to the settlers in removing the difficulties under which they laboured at times when the river was in flood.

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Hangaroa Junction to Waikaremoana Road (Cook County).—This work has been continued as a relief work for married men working full time. 3 m. 21 ch. of metalling was completed to a width of 9 ft. and a depth of 7 in. A further section to the eastwards of the Hangaroa River Bridge was constructed, and on this 30 ch. of metal was placed.

Manutuke to Wairoa via Mangapoike Road (Cook County).—Mangapoike Valley Section: 47 ch. of top-course metalling was completed.

Manutuke to Reay Bridge Section: 2 m. 40 chains of heavy resurfacing with crushed stone improved conditions on this road. This length of road is now fully prepared for a bitumen seal coat, which the County Council intends to apply next season.

Tahunga to Taumata Road (Cook County).—This is a road serving some dairying land and a number of grazing-runs in the Waikohu County, all suffering from indifferent access. 73 ch. of metalling, 9 ft. wide by 6 in. deep, was done, bringing the work to completion except for final rolling.

Main East Coast Road (Matakoia County).—Potaka Junction to Whangaparaoa section: Formation was completed on the length of 147 ch. immediately east of Whangaparaoa River. This was commenced the previous year as a Native relief work under control of the Native Department. The formation of this length makes a properly formed road available round the peninsula from Gisborne to Opotiki.

Whangaparaoa to Opotiki County Boundary: A small amount of top-course metalling remaining over from last year was completed, making a total length of 3 m. 43 ch. of gravelled surface immediately eastwards of the Opotiki County boundary and giving Cape Runaway Township an all-weather surface to Opotiki. At the Wharaumoa Stream a reinforced-concrete culvert, 60 ft. long, 6 ft. wide, and 6 ft. deep, with 21 ft. of outlet-flume, was completed, together with a substantial embankment. This length of 3 m. 43 ch. was subsequently declared a main highway as part of the Gisborne-Opotiki via Coast route.

Delta Road (Uawa County).—16 ch. of formation was done during the year, completing 51 ch. of embankment across a swamp section at the western end of this road. 19 ch. of bottom-course metal was placed at this end, in addition to 7½ ch. of full metalling at the eastern end.

Kaiaua Road (Uawa County).—A length of 82 ch. of this road was re-formed and metalled, giving a winter outlet to some half-dozen dairy-farmers, besides some Native farmers.

Kiore Road (Uawa County).—Relief works for married men, financed from settlers' contributions, the Public Works Fund, and Unemployment Board's funds, were commenced last year and continued throughout the last season. The weather conditions were very bad, especially towards the end of summer. Consequently less progress was made than was expected. The remaining 52 ch. of a 63 ch. deviation was formed. About 3,000 cub. yd. of spawls were got out of the Pakarae Stream and tributaries. 1,116 yd. were carted to the road, and these were laid and broken over a length of 80 ch.

Mangatokerau Road (Uawa County).—86 chains of this road was metalled, making a continuous metalled surface through the greater part of the Mangatokerau Gorge.

Tauwhareparae Road (Caldwell's to Huanui Junction), (Uawa County).—43 ch. of metalling was done on this section, completing the relief-work scheme commenced by the Department several years ago. A much-improved outlet is now available for some twenty settlers, who are scattered over a very large area of high back-country.

Tolaga to Arakihi Road (Uawa County).—16 ch. of metalling left over from last season's relief-works metalling-scheme on this road, was completed. This terminates the present programme, and the results are much appreciated by the settlers.