

*Poroporo Bridge, Rangitukia Road (Waiapu County).*—All piles have been made for this bridge, rolled-steel-joist spans have been delivered, and a contract has been let for erection.

*Tokomaru to Mata Road (Waiapu County).*—A commencement was made on a scheme of reconstruction and metalling for the unmetalled portion of this road, some 14 m. in length. This is one of the most important roads in the Waiapu County, serving a large number of settlers and a very big area of good land. Although always well maintained, the rainfall is so heavy in the locality that the road has been impassable every winter to vehicular traffic for a good many months. This year, regrading and realignment work only was undertaken. Four contracts were let for a total length of 6 m. of this work, and 4 m. 25 ch. was completed.

*Wairongomai Stream Bridge, Tapuwaeroa Road (Waiapu County).*—Plans and specifications have been finalized for this bridge in readiness for the calling of tenders.

*Makaretu Road (Waikohu County).*—This is a road in high country with a wet winter climate. It serves a Crown settlement, as well as a number of other settlers. The season's metalling proposals, totalling 160 ch., were completed, and these have been very beneficial to the district.

*Mutuera Stream Bridge, Matawai Hangaroa Road (Waikohu County).*—Plans and specifications were drawn for this bridge and a contract let, but the work was held up owing to delay in the arrival of some of the timber from Australia.

*Waihora Stream Bridge (Bruce's Road), (Waikohu County).*—Plans and specifications were completed for this bridge and a contract let for erection. Work has been held up, however, pending the arrival of some of the timber from Australia.

#### TAUMARUNUI DISTRICT.

*Ohura to Moku Road (Ohura County).*—2 m. 43 ch. of this road was surfaced with a base-course, and thereon 2 m. 40 ch. of top-course metalling was completed.

*Tokirima Settlement Roads (Ohura County).*—The re-formation of a section of 5 m. 30 ch. of this road has improved access to the settlers in this settlement.

*Tongaporutu to Mangaroa Road (Ohura County).*—Settlers previously labouring under difficulties because of inadequate access have had their position improved by the re-formation of 2 m. 24 ch. of their access road and the metalling of a section 2 m. long.

*Waihuka Road (Ohura County).*—Improvements on this road during the year amounted to re-formation and metalling of a section 2 m. long. The work will benefit several settlers who previously had to contend with poor clay-road access.

*Punga Punga Stream Bridge (Taumarunui County).*—This bridge, 60 ft. in length, built on driven-pile piers, rolled-steel joists with totara superstructure, was completed.

*Te Maire to Mangaohutu Road (Taumarunui County).*—The season's operations consisted of the maintenance of a section 6½ m. long and the metalling of 1 m. 11 ch. This latter work provides several more settlers with all-weather access.

*Mokauiti to Aria Road (Waitomo County).*—Carrying on with last year's programme the remaining gap of 40 ch. was metalled. The whole length of 9 m. 40 ch. received a top course of fine metal, and the improved road thus provided is of great benefit to the district.

*Ohura to Moku Road (Waitomo County).*—The completion of 3 m. of metalling on this road gives all-weather access from the Aria district to the railway at Matiere.

*Paraheka Road (Waitomo County).*—Five settlers on this road were given partial all-weather access by the metalling of 1 m 40 ch.

*Ngatamahine Block Settlement (Waitomo County).*—The roading in this block is being carried out for the development of a small-farm settlement. The formation work, comprising 158 ch., was completed, and of this, 146 ch. was metalled.

*Ngatarawa Road (Waitomo County).*—The reconstruction and metalling of this road was commenced during the year, and good progress was made until the approach of winter necessitated closing down the job. 3 m. of re-formation and 2 m. 20 ch. of metalling represents the work completed prior to the cessation of activities.

*Pururu Block Roothing (Waitomo County).*—This roading has been carried out by single men under a small-farm-settlement scheme. 160 ch. of access road has been completed, giving access to seven settlers. In addition, a length of 50 ch. of the newly formed road was metalled.

*Road Access, J. W. Lee (Waitomo County).*—This road also gives access to a small-farm settlement of four sections. The work consisted of the formation and metalling of 80 ch. of road, and it was completed before the end of the season.

#### STRATFORD DISTRICT.

*Mangahia Road (Clifton County).*—2 m. 13 ch. of road was surveyed and formed, and thereafter the metalling of the new formation was put in hand, a length of 1 m. 16 ch. being completed at the end of the year. The work was then proceeding. With the completion of the metalling the settlers on the road will be provided with an opportunity to increase production, and this, in turn, should enable them to deal more effectively with their difficult sections.

*Mangaonga Road (Clifton County).*—By the formation of 4 m. 22 ch., and the metalling of 60 ch. of the new formation, the settlers on this road have been provided with some relief, and when the metalling is completed good progress should be made with the development of the land served by the road.

*Moki Road (Clifton County).*—The settlers served by this road have had a difficult time owing to the indifferent access formerly available. Considerable formation improvements have been made over a length of 2 m. 8 ch., and the metalling of a section 2 m. 56 ch. long has further improved access conditions in this area.