HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT.

RETURN showing the Progress of the Road Works constructed by the General Government, and chargeable on the Vote of £30,000.

A	B	C						D	E	F	G	H	I			
Total Mileage completed, and now ready for Packhorse Traffic.	Extent of Works now in Progress.	Extent of Works performed by						Total Extent of Work done.	Total Cost of Work done.	Estimated Cost of Works in Progress, for which Liabilities have been incurred.	Nature of Work performed or undertaken; whether Temporary or Permanent.	Condition of Roads constructed; whether calculated to satisfy the requirements of the District.	Nominal Return of Officers employed in Survey or Superintendence, &c., with Statement of Salary and Allowance.			
		Constabulary.		Natives.		Other Persons.							Name.	Salary.	Allowance.	Total.
		Extent.	Cost.	Extent.	Cost.	Extent.	Cost.									
Miles.		Miles.	£ s. d.	Miles.	£ s. d.	Miles.	£ s. d.	Miles.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				£ s. d. Per week		
31	2 Bridges 1 Ferry	4¼	80 0 0	27	450 0 0	21	651 13 0	52¼	1,181 13 0	280 0 0	*	†	B. Lambert, Foreman ...	3 0 0	Rations	...
													R. B. Maunsell, Overseer of Native contracts	2 8 0	Rations	...
													Other supervision			

(A.) This section is from Runanga to Tapuaeharuru. The work has been performed by Native contract labour under the Chief Poihipi.

(B.) Bridges. Superstructures are trussed beams with iron tension rods. Spanning Rangitaiki on dray track, and Waipunga upper crossing on bridle track, respectively in length forty and thirty-five feet. Ferry is intended for Waikato, and is to be on the same principle as that at Mohaka.

(C.) Constabulary stationed at Runanga have opened dray track from that place to end of Poihipi's contract, a distance of four miles,—a few cuttings were only necessary to accomplish this. Constabulary from Te Haroto and Tarawera restored about twenty chains of bridle track which had been washed away by floods. Of the cost of these works I have no returns, but have stated what I consider them to be worth. Natives have not been employed otherwise than as stated in column A. The item £450 includes £150 due but not yet paid. Other persons are men of my own party who have been employed in forming bridle track. Principal work involved has been side cutting, bush clearing, and erection of culverts and small bridges. The Mohaka Ferry has also been re-established and maintained for twelve months at a cost of £122 16s. This sum is not included in column C. The twenty-one miles must be understood to include five miles of permanent track formed,—the remainder of distance having been improved only and maintained for the past year.

(D.) Dray track included in A., and bridle track referred to in C.

(E.) Cost of Native contract (less £150), Constabulary work (approximate), and labour performed by Other Persons. The latter item does not include provisioning of men, transport of tools, or cost thereof: of these items I have no record or accounts.

(F.) Works referred to in column B.

(G.) Referred to in column C.

* Dray track. Side cuttings, embankments, scrub clearing, and levelling. Portions only temporary, but where cuttings are heavy, may be said to be permanent. Bridle track, five miles permanent. Bridges, when erected, permanent.

† Dray track (considering season) in fair order,—will answer immediate requirements. Bridle track in bad state owing to wet weather and heavy traffic,—will not meet requirements of traffic.

(I.) Two other foremen were employed, each at different periods: one of them was drowned. Their duties were principally to supervise works pertaining to telegraph and blockhouse erection, &c., and it was only occasionally they were required for road work. The item £47 16s. is included in column E. Supervision has also been afforded to various defence and road works by the telegraph linemen, which is not included.

TAURANGA DISTRICT.

	Miles.	Miles.	£ s. d.	Miles.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	Miles.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.					£ s. d. Per diem	£ s. d.
Taupo Road— 4½ miles ...	22	...	...	...	...	4½m. 10c.§	2,964 0 0	4½	2,964 0 0	4,400 0 0	Permanent	Calculated to satisfy	A. C. Turner	...	0 6 0	27 6 0
Judea Road— ¼ mile	¼	¼	1,000 0 0	...	...	...	...	¼	1,000 0 0	...	do.	do.	Mr. Gundry	...	...	107 5 5
Matipihi and Maketu Road— 2½ miles ...	2¼	...	...	2½†	200 0 0	...	...	2½	200 0 0	200 0 0	do.	do	Mr. Haigh	...	0 10 0	5 10 0
Maketu and Tahehe (Rotoiti) Road 22 miles ...	22	...	...	5½‡	600 0 0	...	...	22	...	...	do.	do.	Mr. Crapp	...	0 7 6	40 10 0
Whakatane Ohope— 6 miles* ...	...	...	...	6	362 0 0	...	...	6	362 0 0	...	do.	do.	Mr. Gillard	...	0 2 0	9 2 0

* Information from report by Lieut.-Colonel St. John. † Militia and Volunteers. ‡ Ngateranga. § Arawa.

(I.) Mr. Turner draws his salary under the Tauranga District Settlement Lands Act, and receives 6s. per day field and forage allowance. Mr. Gundry receives his salary through the Constabulary.