

latter point, two branch roads begin, one running north-easterly towards Shark's Tooth, and the other south-easterly to the Makarewa River. All the contracts are now in progress, none owing to the unfavourable weather, &c., being finally completed. The work in progress on the main part of the road consists of bush-felling, ditching, and fascining; also of some culverts and a bridge. The work in progress on the branch roads consists for the most part of ditching, forming and fascining; also of culverts where required, more money will be required to properly open up, *via* Wilson's Crossing, the Deferred Payment Block north of Shark's Tooth; but when the present contracts are completed, the road in ordinary seasons will so far be fairly passable.

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