

Track, Irishman's to Lake Brunner.—This track commences at Irishman's Diggings, about two miles from Marsden, and follows the range, cutting the heads of Cock-eye, Cock-a-bulla, Mosquito, Eight-mile, and Blackwater Creek (also Niagara and Granite Creeks, which are tributaries of the Big Hohonu River), and terminates at Lake Brunner, about one mile north of the mouth of the Big Hohonu River. The survey is completed for the whole distance. Five miles of metalled track, 3ft. in width, is completed, and two miles is in course of construction. The estimated cost of this work is £2,400. Of this amount a subsidy was authorized to the extent of £1,200, of which £750 has been paid.

WESTLAND COUNTY, WESTLAND.

Track, Arahura to Browning's Pass.—This track goes up the valley of the Arahura River, and is now formed to a point twenty-four miles from Humphrey's Gully and a mile and a half from the Styx Saddle. Along the flat, where the surface is generally good, the work consists of clearing, about 12ft. wide, and rough levelling; but along sidings the track is cut out and formed to a width of 5ft. On the upper four miles of track there has been a considerable amount of rock-cutting. A subsidy of £2,000 was authorized, on the £2 to £1 principle, for the construction of this track, of which £1,484 2s. 8d. has been paid. The total expenditure on this work up to date has been £2,959.

Track, Gentle Annie Terrace.—This is the extension of the track formerly constructed to Gentle Annie Terrace. It has recently been extended from Coal Creek to the right branch of the Kanieri River in the direction of Kokatahi Flat, a distance of three-quarters of a mile. The track is estimated to cost £220, of which amount a subsidy of £146 13s. 4d. has been authorized. Of this subsidy £83 13s. 4d. has been paid.

Track, Okarito Forks to Teal Creek.—This track commences near the bridge over the main branch of the Okarito River at the forks, and goes across the country to Teal Creek, a distance of 4 miles 30 chains. The track is 3ft. wide on top of the metal, and the clearing is 12ft. wide. Two miles of it is constructed, and 2 miles 30 chains is in course of construction. The value of contracts entered into for this work amounts to £783 5s. A subsidy was originally authorized to the extent of £400, but none of this has yet been paid.

Track, Mapourika to McDonald's Creek.—This is a 3ft. metalled track extending from the Main South Road, Mapourika Township, in a southerly direction to McDonald's Creek, a distance of 129 chains. A contract was let for this work in October last for £202, but no subsidy has yet been paid.

Track, Bullock Creek to Abbey Rocks.—This is for a prospecting-track from Bullock Creek, where payable auriferous washdirt was worked some years ago. Rich patches of gold have also been found near Abbey Rocks; and this track is to open up the country between those points, being an estimated distance of ten miles. The estimated cost of track is £1,080. Of this amount a subsidy has been authorized to the extent of £540, but nothing has yet been done towards the construction of the work.

Track, Upper Dam, Kawhaka, towards Wainihinihi Creek.—This track is 2 miles 66 chains in length, extending from the Government dam, Kawhaka Creek, to the top of the saddle, where it joins another track, which has lately been surveyed from the Arahura River to the Christchurch Road near the Wainihinihi Creek. The work, which consists of a 3ft. metalled track, with clearing 16ft. wide, was completed in January last, the cost being £623. A subsidy of £300 was authorized for this work, none of which has yet been paid.

TUAPEKA COUNTY, OTAGO.

Road to open up Quarry for Stone, Waitahuna Bridge.—A new bridge has been constructed over the Waitahuna River, and a road was constructed to a quarry to get stone for building the piers and abutments. The estimated cost of this work is £200. Of this amount, a subsidy formerly authorized for the construction of a road from Lawrence to antimony mines, amounting to £200, has been transferred for this road; and £106 19s. 11d. of the subsidy has been paid.

Track, Clutha River Valley to Campbell's and Pomahaka.—This is a track from the main road up Clutha Valley, over the Old Man Range, to Campbell's and the head of the Pomahaka River. It also includes the erection of snow-poles across the range to indicate the direction of the track when the ground is covered with snow, which is generally the case during five months of the year. The estimated cost of the work is £450. Of this amount a subsidy was authorized to the extent of £300, of which £50 19s. 4d. has been paid.

Road, Waitahuna to Copper-mine.—This is a portion of the road between Waitahuna and Waipori, commencing at the point where the road leaves the Waitahuna Valley to take on to the terrace. The old road was extremely steep, it never having been formed. The estimated cost of constructing this portion of road is £200. Of this amount a subsidy was authorized to the extent of £133 6s. 8d., all of which has been paid.

Road, Waipori via Bungtown.—This is a continuation of the road between Waitahuna and Waipori, and when completed will form portion of the main road between Lawrence and Waipori. The present road goes over a very high range, which is covered with snow during the winter months. This proposed road will not only be over tolerably low ground, but will also be considerably shorter than the old road. The estimated cost of the work is £750. Of this amount a subsidy has been authorized to the extent of £375, of which £50 has been paid.

TAIERI COUNTY, OTAGO.

Road, Mullocky Gully to Silver Peak.—This road has been in course of construction for the last three years, the estimated cost being £600. Of this amount a subsidy was authorized to the extent of £400, of which £332 3s. 4d. has been paid.