

Oroua Branch Road.—The Kiwitea Road Board were intrusted with £300, with which they formed 1 mile $2\frac{1}{2}$ chains of this road, from 12ft to 14ft in width, for dray-traffic. This road leads to the Feilding Special-settlement Block and to the distant Crown lands at the back, estimated to contain 15,000 acres.

Palmerston to Pahiatua.—Mr. Murray executed the engineering survey of 4 miles of this road, commencing on Andrewwatha's Road, at the end of the present dray-road, and tenders are being invited. The cost for the year was £45 14s. 4d. On the Pahiatua side Mr. Reaney executed the engineering surveys and plans, and prepared specifications for $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles, at a cost of £38. A contract for the sum of £199 5s., comprising $193\frac{1}{4}$ chains of bushwork and horse-road formation, is in hand. The only Crown lands on the route are included in the Forest Reserve.

Otaki to Manukau.—The Horowhenua County Council were granted the sum of £156 to metal the road from Otaki to Manukau, but up to the present date only the specifications of the proposed work have been submitted for my approval. No Crown lands are benefited by these works.

Manawatu Gorge Road.—The gang on this road cleared 45 slips, comprising 1180 cubic yards, opened and cleared side-drains for 1175 chains, the full width of the road was remetalled for a distance of 55 chains, and the wheel-ruts for 197 chains, 13 old bridges were repaired, and also 22 platforms, the timber used being 23,660ft., and the weight of iron used being 860lb. The total cost for the year was £624 7s. 9d. Mr. R. H. Reaney carried out the whole of these works without inconvenience to the public who used the road.

Pahiatua Village Settlement.—The Pahiatua County Council were intrusted with the sum of £150, with which they formed 73 chains of dray-road, and put in culverts for the same. The works benefit the village settlers.

Mangaramarama Overflow.—The above-mentioned body were also intrusted with the sum of £200 for the purpose of deviating and improving the course of this stream. The proposals of the County Engineer have been approved by me. This work is for the benefit of the village settlers in the locality.

Makakahi Bridge to Mangahao.—They also were intrusted with the sum of £75, which was expended in felling the bush 66ft. wide, stumping and clearing 20ft. wide, for a distance of 76.5 chains. A contract was also let comprising 1 mile 60 chains of bush-felling 66ft. wide, stumping and clearing 20ft. wide, at a cost of £77 2s. 4d. Both these works were completed under the supervision of Mr. R. H. Reaney. This road leads towards the Mangahao Crown lands, comprising about 5,000 acres.

The following works were also executed by Mr. Reaney, or under his supervision:—

Tutaekara Road.—The engineering survey, with plans and specifications of $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles; 1 mile of bushwork and bridle-road formation 6ft. wide were completed by contract. The total cost was £178 16s. 4d. This road leads to the Mangahao Block also.

Hawera Kakariki Road.—The engineering survey of this road, with plans and specifications of $4\frac{1}{4}$ miles, was completed at a cost of £56 1s. 9d. A contract has been let for a distance of 2 miles 59 chains, which comprises bushwork and dray-road formation, and which is well advanced towards completion. This road leads to and serves about 5,000 acres of Crown lands on the Mangahao River.

Mount Bruce Road.—A day party under Mr. J. Barron felled the bush 66ft. wide, stumped and cleared in the centre 20ft. wide for a distance of $4\frac{1}{4}$ miles, at a total cost of £381 17s. 6d. This road serves about 5,000 acres of Crown lands.

Mangamahoe Road.—The same party felled the bush 66ft. wide, stumped and cleared 20ft. wide, and formed a bridle-road 6ft. wide for a distance of 4 miles, at a cost of £464. This road serves about 10,000 acres of Crown lands.

Mount Marchant Road.—The engineering survey, with plans and specifications of $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles of this road, were made; three contracts were let and completed for the works, comprising bush-felling 66ft. wide, stumping and clearing 20ft. wide, and formation of a bridle-road 6ft. wide, at a total cost of £617 18s. 6d. These roads serve about 7,000 acres of Crown lands.

Makuri Valley, Gorge, and Aohanga Roads.—A day party under the supervision of Mr. J. D. Climie felled the bush 66ft. wide, stumped and cleared 20ft. wide, and formed a bridle-road 6ft. wide for a distance of 12 miles, at a total cost of £1,167 12s. 7d. These roads serve about 20,000 acres of Crown lands in the Puketoi District.

Tiraumea Bridge.—A wire-cradle bridge was erected over the Tiraumea River, under Mr. J. D. Climie's supervision, at a cost of £119 0s. 8d. This work also benefits the Crown lands in the Puketoi District.

Mangaone Valley Road.—The bush on this road was felled by contract 66ft. wide, stumped and cleared 33ft. wide in the centre, and a day party under Mr. R. P. Greville's supervision made it passable for horses for a distance of 2 miles 5 chains, and erected four small temporary bridges, the total cost being £179 14s. 10d. This road benefited an area of 15,000 acres of Crown lands which have been sold since it was made.

Hastwell Village Settlement.—The village steward, Mr. A. R. Mackay, was intrusted with the sum of £19 18s., with which an area of 13 acres 1 rood and 6 perches of road-lines was cleared of bush, burnt off, and sown in grass. This work was done by the village settlers in the locality.

Ngaturi and Makuri Townships.—The bush on the sites of these two townships was felled and burnt, and the area comprising 67 acres was sown in grass, for a total cost of £137 12s. 6d.