

	M. ch.
Track below Lake Ada .....	2 0
From landing above Lake Ada to beech huts .....	5 40
Beech huts to Sutherland Waterfall .....	1 10
Beech huts over saddle to Mintaro hut .....	4 60
Mintaro hut to Half-way Camp .....	6 40
Half-way Camp to Te Anau Lake .....	6 60
Total .....	26 50

Of the above, the track below Lake Ada is narrow, and should be widened and improved. The remainder of the tracks in Arthur Valley are in fair order for pedestrians, including the track up the Roaring Creek to McKinnon's Pass. This is not a "pass" in the ordinary acceptation of the word, but a rough hog-backed ridge, clear of bush, along which the track is marked by guide-poles for about a mile. The descent into the Clinton Valley is very steep, and too narrow for a permanent track. This, and the upper part of the track in the Clinton Valley, about four or five miles in all, should be widened and improved. The remainder of the track to Te Anau is fairly good, with the exception of two rocky bluffs which require some rock-blasting to avoid a steep climb on both sides. The track in the Clinton Valley requires the erection of three huts for the use of tourists—namely, one at Te Anau, one at Half-way Camp, and one at Lake Mintaro. This track cannot be said to open up Crown lands, except to a small extent; but I have no doubt, if the tourist traffic increases, there will be a demand for a few small holdings, both in the Arthur and Clinton Valleys.

*Maniototo County.*—The first item, "Roads in Blocks XI. and III., Gimmerburn," is given in the report of the County Engineer; but I have no advice from your office of the money (£100) having been advanced. In reference to the work done by the Waihemo County, the two sums of £73 and £227 make up the £300 voted by the Government; but the £85 11s. was obtained out of land revenue, and also spent on the road. The two items, "Wakari to Waitati Road," and "Road up Leith Valley to Blueskin," are for £50 each, and were granted as subsidies of £1 to £1 to the local bodies interested. The improvements on the road up the Leith Valley are completed, but I do not know if anything has been done by the Waikouaiti County on the other side of the saddle. The other items in the schedule do not call for special remark, with the exception of the Catlin's-Waikawa Road through Block VIII., Glenomaru, on the north side of Catlin's Lake, and through Block III., Woodland, on the south side. This was cleared and made partly by the "unemployed" and partly by contract. A good deal of heavy cutting was required, and where the ground was level it was generally swampy.

C. W. ADAMS, Chief Surveyor.

**PARTICULARS of ROAD-IMPROVEMENTS, &c., to open up Crown Lands in OTAGO during the Year ending 30th June, 1890.**

Name of Road.	Mileage improved.	Area of Land benefited.
	M. ch.	Acres.
Pembroke to Matukituki .. .. .	1 53	50,000
Jetty and track, Manuka Island, Lake Wanaka .. .. .	.. .. .	300
Track, Milford Sound to Te Anau Lake .. .. .	30 50	.. .. .
Roads in Blocks XI. and III., Gimmerburn .. .. .	0 34	3,400
Roads in Block VI., Maniototo .. .. .	1 0	1,200
Run 210, Deepdell .. .. .	0 54	9,114
.. .. .	5 13	15,374
Wakari-Waitati Road .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Road up Leith Valley to Blueskin .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Roads to open up blocks in Glenkenich .. .. .	1 15	543
Roads in Block VI., Rangleburn .. .. .	1 8	1,500
Kelso-Waikaka Road .. .. .	2 74	2,000
Glenomaru-Owake Roads .. .. .	1 20	2,000
Road in Block I., Woodlands .. .. .	2 0	900
Catlin's-Waikawa Road .. .. .	3 40	5,000
Catlin's River bridge .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Main road in Block IV., Woodlands .. .. .	4 0	3,720
Totals .. .. .	55 41	95,051

Total amount paid to local bodies out of land revenue for the year, £5,210 16s. 5d.

**SOUTHLAND.**

*No. 1 Road, Waikaka Siding to Waikaka Town.*—Mileage formed, &c.,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles; acreage rendered better accessible, 5,000 acres. This work consists of 204 $\frac{3}{4}$  chains of combined formation and gravelling; also 1,400 cubic yards of gravel, which was laid down in places where it was most required. One 10ft. bridge was also built, and five culverts were constructed. The work is situated on the main road up the Waikaka Valley from Waikaka railway-siding, near Gore. The road is an important one, and at the upper end taps a certain amount of Crown lands of mixed character.

*No. 2 Road, Riversdale to Switzers.*—Mileage formed, &c.,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles; acreage rendered better accessible, 5,000 acres. This work consists of 27 $\frac{5}{8}$  chains formation and gravelling, with 3,225 cubic yards of excavation and five box culverts.