

STATEMENT showing PAYMENTS to LOCAL BODIES in the OTAGO LAND DISTRICT during the Twelve Months ended the 30th June, 1891, from "Thirds" of Deferred-payment and Perpetual-lease Lands, and "Fourth" of Small Grazing-runs.

Local Bodies.	Deferred-pay- ment and Perpetual-lease Lands.	Small Grazing-runs.	Total Payments.	Length, Locality, Description, and Particulars of Work authorised by Land Board.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Taieri County ..	323 16 0	474 10 0	798 6 0	The money is authorised to be expended in making and maintaining roads or bridges leading to or opening up the lands from which the money is derived, but it is not possible to give details.
Maniototo County ..	671 3 0	281 3 10	952 6 10	
Vincent County ..	283 15 1	97 4 11	381 0 0	
Waitaki County ..	192 16 4	142 19 3	335 15 7	
Waihemo County ..	220 5 8	385 12 5	605 18 1	
Waikouaiti County ..	27 8 0	138 5 2	165 13 2	
Clutha County ..	240 13 7	10 7 9	251 1 4	
Bruce County ..	41 10 7	19 6 2	60 16 9	
Tuapeka County ..	298 14 7	118 15 0	417 9 7	
Lake County ..	87 17 5	..	87 17 5	
Mount Stuart Road Board	2 10 0	7 7 6	9 17 6	
Balmoral Road Board ..	4 12 0	..	4 12 0	
Totals ..	2,395 2 3	1,675 12 0	4,070 14 3	

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Jacob's River Bridge Subsidy.—This bridge of 179ft. span was completed during the year at a total cost of £647 6s. 9d., the Government having subsidised the work by a grant of £300.

Mossburn-Te Anau Road.—Out of the subsidy of £50 for special works there was expended between Mararoa River and Te Anau Lake, a distance of 12 miles, £23 8s. on improving this road, and the balance has been allotted to similar works now in progress.

Road, Block IV., Longwood.—A grant of £50 has been expended between Section 78, Block II. and 31, Block IV., Longwood district, in bush-clearing and culverts, over a distance of 120 chains; and the amount was supplemented by £9 from the Wallace County. The works above specified were all under charge of the Engineer to the Wallace County.

Wyndham via Mimihaui to Otaraia.—1 mile of this road was formed for dray-traffic at a cost of £200, the amount of the subsidy. Before this work will be of any service another 2 miles will require to be formed, as the work now stops at the Islay Gorge.

Bridges, Fortrose-Wyndham.—A pound-for-pound subsidy of £250 was granted to the Southland County, and three dray-bridges of 24ft. span each have been erected on masonry piers, having totara and black-pine superstructures. This is a portion of what will be the main road from Wyndham to Waikawa, and will give access to some 30,000 acres of Crown land.

Dome Creek Bridge.—A subsidy of £2 for £1, amounting to £400, was granted to the local body, and was expended upon a bridge 200ft. long, having ten spans of 20ft. each, with 11 chains of approaches. This is the main coach-road from Riversdale to Switzers, and will assist in developing the School Commissioners' endowments and the mining industries of Waikaia.

Waikawa.—£95 was expended on formation of 68½ chains of dray-road, rendering better accessible 10,000 acres. The work included fascining portions of road between Costers and Falls.

Stewart Island.—3 miles and 66 chains of a 6ft. bridle-track were constructed to give better access to the port at Half Moon Bay, and for the convenience of children attending the school.

Roads to Village Settlements.—The county received a grant of £250 for improving road access to the Village Settlements of Makarewa, Woodfield, Argyle, Waianiwa, Royal Bush, Lintley, Longbridge, and Fern Hill; 1 mile and 10 chains were completed, and works are still in progress. Eight contracts are now in hand.

Waikawa Road.—In anticipation of the Government grant the Southland County has expended £228 on the formation of 1½ miles of dray-road, which will render some 20,000 acres of Crown land more accessible. The works are still in progress.

Waikawa Jetty.—One contract is current, and the contractors are preparing staging and hauling timber for piles.

All these works and one contract on Waikawa to Catlin's Road are under the supervision of Mr. Howorth, the Southland County Engineer.

Waikawa to Catlin's Road.—Prior to his transfer to Westland, Mr. Strauchon prepared specifications for eighteen sections of about 1 mile each of this road for felling and stumping contracts, which it was proposed to give working-men out of employ the opportunity of tendering for, and about fifty tenders were received on the 30th June, and 10 miles have since been let to working contractors. Mr. Strauchon also collected sufficient data for getting out specifications for formation contracts for portions of this road.

Orepuke-Waiaru Road.—Mr. T. S. Miller prepared about 5 miles of this road for formation contracts, and two of these, of a total length of 174 chains, have lately been let for £540 8s. 6d. Some 15,000 acres of Crown land will be rendered more accessible by this road.

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