

Mr. C. R. Vickerman, D.E., Auckland, who had control of the following work, reports as under :—

*Tamaki Bridge, Panmure.*—During the year a sum of £288 had been expended on reflooring the bridge. The bridge is 20 ft. wide, and the planks run longitudinally, and are 5 in. thick. The whole of the planks were taken up, the centre 12 ft. replaced with new planks, and the sides filled in again with the best planks taken from the old ones. Also the west approach was repaired, and a dry stone wall built up to protect it.

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Mr. J. Thompson, R.E., Greymouth, reports on the following works done under his supervision, as follows :—

*Clarke River Road.*—This work is in progress, and consists in clearing a track 12 ft. wide and forming 4 ft. The length of track is eight miles, commencing at the junction of the Clarke and Grey Rivers. The old track was first opened up on the 28th February. A co-operative party of eight men commenced work. The amount authorised is £400, and if we get favourable weather the track will be finished about the end of July.

*Cobden-Point Elizabeth Road.*—This road is along the sea-beach, commencing near Cobden. The work consisted in constructing a dray-road 2 miles 30 chains in length by forming and blinding the shingle with clay. The cost was £200. Work commenced on the 17th January, and finished on the 26th February, 1900.

*Stillwater Road Bridge.*—This bridge replaces an old one over the Stillwater Creek on the road between Brunner and Stillwater. It consists in four 28 ft. and two 25 ft. spans; the main piles are ironbark, the remainder of the timber being silver-pine and heart of rimu. The work was let by contract to Mr. J. R. Rees for £392 8s. 6d. on the 21st September, 1899, and was finished on the 18th April, 1900. It is now under maintenance.

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Mr. E. R. Ussher, D.E., Dunedin, reports on the following work done under his supervision :—

*Inch Valley Lime-quarry Railway.*—This work comprises a railway two miles and a half in length, commencing at Inch Valley Railway-station, on the Palmerston-Dunback Railway; building a lime-kiln, lime-cooler, houses for manager and employés, brick reservoir, and the erection of hauling-engine and all necessary gear. This has been in hand for a considerable time, various delays having taken place. I am pleased to say that the work was finally finished at the close of the present financial year.

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