

much worn 10 yards a very heavy coat, and this is only put on when the traffic is very heavy. From 15 yards to 20 yards is sufficient to remake a road, and that would, to all intents and purposes, be reconstructing the metal portions; it would be remaking the road surface; it is more than maintenance. Made no measurements. Has been twenty-two years Road Engineer in Southland, and has had the maintenance of roads for that time, and knows what is required. Can tell at a glance what is required; the roads are exactly the same as in Southland—the same sort of maintenance. River-bed shingle is what is available in both cases. We use river-bed shingle largely, and it is of very much the same quality. As to the difference that certain amount of traffic makes to the road, the Levels County has to keep up the road in any case. If Levels has 2,000 tons and Waimate 1,000 tons, does not say, in charging it, that you should charge Levels two and Waimate one. It is very hard to say what proportion is chargeable. If the Levels traffic is 5,000 tons and the Waimate only 1,500 tons, and Levels must maintain the road, could not say if 1,500 tons would make any difference to the case.

By Commissioner.—5,000 tons would wear the road more than 1,500 tons.

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