

Vincent County Offices  
Clyde November 26<sup>th</sup> /83

Report on Roads.

Clyde to Cronwell. In fair order. Ordinary repairs have been attended to.

Clyde to Cameron's. In fair order but the cuts require filling up. At the lower end some slight damage was done by the heavy rain which fell about a week ago.

Clyde to Lander Creek. In good order. Part of the road near Gutton Town Sully was washed away and damaged to the extent of from £15 to £20. Two men are now employed putting it in repair. No other work has been done during the past two months.

Linkers to Lander Creek. In good order. The amount voted by the County Council some time ago, for repairs, has been expended, and a considerable improvement made in the track.

Alexandria to Boundary. In good order. Ordinary repairs have been attended to, and in addition some four or five chains of road near Gorge Creek has been pitched and blinded with broken rock. Instructions were given to the surfaceman to improve a sharp turn on the hill the other side of Gorge Creek.

Clyde to Parcell's. The Cairnmuir hill was much damaged by the late rain, and it will be necessary to put it in repair within the ensuing two months, so that the wool from Bannockburn station may be got away. Between the top of the hill and the Woolshed repairs are also needed, and I would therefore recommend that the sum of £50 be voted for the purpose. The remaining portion of the road is in fair order with the exception of a small portion on the other side of the Bannockburn Creek.

\* 25 voted  
J.C.

Dea Valley Roads. In good order. Some trifling repairs have been made to the road passing "Glass's" and to the Guman Hill road. The Doolman Creek is still too

high to allow of the necessary repairs to the crossing near "Class's" being made. I am given to understand that some expenditure will be decided in one of the new blocks lately surveyed at the upper end of the Valley.

The road in question is a continuation of that between sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, 12, 13, 14, 15. Block V Tiger Hill. The necessity for the outlay arises from the fact that the track in former use, is now fenced off. When I have inspected the ground I shall be enabled to report more fully upon the matter.

Blocks to Ida Valley. In fair order. No repairs have been made during the past two months.

Roads Spotts Hundred. Most of these are in good order. Repairs of a trifling character have been executed on some. The road between section 41 and the Mining Reserve, is however in a bad state, and must be attended to immediately. The Spotts Creek, which at this point has no well defined channel, has broken over, and is now running on

the road itself. This occurred quite lately and I have not been able to visit the ground since, but I am of opinion that instead of trying to turn the water back again, which has already been done twice, it will be better to make a channel for it alongside the road, and convey it to a point further down where the creek crosses in a well defined channel. The expenditure of the deferred payment money has not yet been commenced, but the work will be undertaken shortly.

Drybread to Upper Drybread. A small party of men are now at work on this track forming and otherwise improving, the expenditure being met out of the vote of Council.

Cromwell to Wanaka. In good order. The two men who were working on the upper part of the road have completed the filling in of cuts and clearing stones and the track is now greatly improved. A party of men are now at work in Block IX, forming, and in some parts, fencelling. The same party will do the work opposite Mt

Pisa Station.

Crownwell to Kettleburn. In good order. Only one man is now employed. The scrub retaining walls have been completed and prove of great service. They have of course sunk somewhat with the slip, and indeed will some-time to do so, but nevertheless they will still afford a foundation on which to place material for widening the road.

Crownwell to Hevis. In fair order. The surfaceman has been employed forming and graveling, and on ordinary maintenance repairs.

Lowburn to Rocky Pt. In good order.

Rocky Pt. to Bendigo and Mine.

The surfaceman from the last mentioned road was instructed to put in a crossing about half way between Mr. Zachlan's and Bendigo, and the work was set out for him. I believe it is not yet begun, but the present track is in good order.

Rocky Pt. to Hanna. In good order. A fresh occurred in the Tindis river which altered the crossing a good deal, and the surfaceman from the "Lowburn to Rocky Pt. Road" was employed for some days putting it in order again.

Cronwell to Lowburn. There has been very little traffic on this road up to the present time and there will not be much until the turn at this end of the road has been made practicable.

Tindis Road. A party of men are now at work on this road. They have completed a deviation at the upper end of the Upper Gorge, and are now at work at the large wall mentioned in my former report.

The expenditure up to the end of this month will be about £50 and I do not think that the work can be done under my original estimate, viz. £150.

The sum voted at last meeting was £75 and I would therefore recommend that the remaining £75 be now granted.

\$75 voted  
JCC

Clyde to Alexandria. In good order. The upper, or "Racecourse road", having been fenced off it became necessary to construct two culverts and form a small portion of the surveyed line, to render it passable. This has therefore been done.

Alexandria to Manoturn. A party of men have been employed on this track, forming the worst places, and making it passable for wheeled vehicles. The work is now well forward. Some damage was done to the new work by the late rain, but not of any great extent.

Alexandria to Watson's. This road was quite impassable, and is still only practicable for very light vehicles. In some of the gullies the banks together with the culverts, were quite washed away.

The same party of men which was working on the road immediately preceding, are now on this track. I estimate the cost of repairs at \$50 and would therefore recommend that this sum be voted.

L. H. McGeorge,  
County Engineer

\$50 voted  
J. C. C.