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Report on Contracts

Contract No. 1

Muddy Creek to Lander Creek.

This work has been finished for some time but has not been passed. The latter portion of the work has been executed in a most shameful manner. The specifications provide that 12 inches of broken stone shall first be spread with 6 inches of gravel on the top. In the last 45 chains the stone has been omitted except in patches, which are not worth while taking notice of, and I would therefore recommend that a reduction of £3 per chain or £135 be made from the contract amount. Unfortunately I was not on the road while this was going on, with the exception of one occasion (and then the pitting was on) being busy with the plans of the bridge at that particular time.

Contract No. 3

Dam, flood channel crossing Ophi.

This work is approaching completion and should be finished in a week or ten days from now.

It is a very good piece of work and reflects credit on the Contractors (Messrs Brown and Bruce).

Contracts 11 & 12

Road at Spear Grass Flat.

This has now been finished for some time. The gravel is binding well and is making a good road.

Contract 15 Road past Thompson's farm Ida Valley
 Nothing more has been done to this work since my last report the water in the Poolburn creek being still too high. The contractor (Thompson) has applied for a further extension of time and I would recommend that the request be granted the extension to be for one month.

Contract 21 Construction of bridge over Clutha river.
 The contractor has been engaged in getting the piles and other timber necessary. Some of the timber is now on the ground and a start is to be made tomorrow in the driving of staying piles. It is my intention when a fair start is made, to station Mr. Gandy the Inspector permanently on the works it being absolutely necessary that some person shall be on the ground to span timber and otherwise overlook the work.

Contract 22 Continuation of Gunday Creek Contract.
 This work will soon be finished. It is in accordance with the ^{terms of} specifications with the exception of some unimportant particulars which I have directed to be put right.

Contract 23 Fanning, kerbing & channeling Main street Upper.
 A good deal of the stone required for the kerbing has been quarried but a start has not yet been made at the formation.
 I have written to the contractor, instructing

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him to commence at once.

Contract 24 Graveling at Bald Hill Flat.

About 15th chains of this graveling is finished and the work is satisfactory. The contractor has applied for 3 weeks extension of time and his letter explaining is attached. I would recommend that the application be granted.

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