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### Oroua River Flood, 17 April 1897

In April 1897 there was heavy flooding across the North Island from Wairoa to Woodville. The traffic and railway bridges across the Oroua River at Aorangi suffered considerably under the heavy flood waters. The approaches on the Feilding side of the river went with three short spans of the rail bridge, the iron piers resisting the force of the current remarkably well. Two spans of the Road Bridge also went, leaving six standing without any apparent damage. The two spans which were washed away stranded about a quarter of a mile away down the river. The only connection left between the two sides of the river were the railway irons and sleepers, which remained swinging in the air.

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