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### A BOUNDARY BRIDGE.

The Stratford County Council has instructed its engineer to proceed with the renewal of the **Waipuku bridge** on the Mountain road. This bridge is maintained by the Stratford and Taranaki County Councils jointly, and was the subject of an enquiry by a commission not long ago to decide whether the control of it should be taken from the Taranaki County Council and vested in the Stratford Council. The result of the enquiry was the vesting of it in the Stratford Council, principally on the ground that this county had a permanent engineer at the time and that the bridge was much nearer to Stratford than to New Plymouth, these being the centres of administration of the two bodies. The commission considered the bridge should be renewed, the Taranaki Council dissenting from this view. Anyhow, the renewal is to be proceeded with without delay, and the two counties have to share the cost. This was one of the steel bridges erected by the Northern Council, but their maintenance has been found to be too expensive in this country. It is suggested that the present bridge could be made permanently stronger by being encased in concrete.