

This Road Is Bad



● Residents claim that Addison-road, New Lambton (shown above) is the worst road in Newcastle.

Mr. G. Kemp said yesterday that the top end of the road, divided into two levels, was a quagmire and almost impassable in wet weather. Since Christmas, four council trucks, a grader and about six private cars had been bogged on the lower level.

Last month, a sick woman and a maternity case had to be carried by stretcher down the hill about 300 yards because ambulances did not want to risk being bogged, he said. Some tradespeople had refused to call on residents at the far end of the street in wet weather; others left their carts and cars on the firm ground and carried their goods up on foot.

Mr. Kemp said the council had decided to concrete the two levels, but so far had only levelled them off and filled them up with three loads of ashes.

● 6 Inches in Mud

Yesterday the road was covered with pools of water after the rain. A "Herald" photographer sank about six inches in the mud when he tried to get a photograph. The footpath on the higher level was slanting to an angle of 40 degrees in places, where the concrete had been dug out to lay gas, telephone and water lines and sank after having been put back in position.

"At least a dozen people have fallen when coming down the path

recently," Mr. Kemp said. "We have the choice of coming down the sunken footpath and risking breaking our necks, or of coming down by the road and skidding about in the mud and ruining our clothes. People on the bottom level are worse off because the footpath goes only half way along the street."

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bogged four times in the past two months. Although the council had done nothing towards rebuilding the road since last November, it had dumped ashes when requested to do so. These were of no use because they quickly disappeared into the bog or were washed on to the front lawns of neighbouring houses.
