

# Fashionable Double Wedding



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THE small parish church of St. Mary's, Takapau, Hawke's Bay, was the scene last month of a most interesting and picturesque double wedding, when two popular members of Hawke's Bay social set were married to two officers and mess-mates of the New Zealand Squadron of the Royal Navy.

The brides were Miss Violet Mary A'Deane and Miss Margaret Hamilton A'Deane, daughters of Mrs. A'Deane and the late Mr. J. B. A'Deane, of Ashcott Station, Takapau; who married respectively Lt.-Commander Lawrence Lyonel Tollemache, son of the Hon. M. C. Tollemache, of Hore, Sussex, England, and Lieutenant Walter Roger Marshall, son of Captain Richard Marshall, of Limewayte, Cumberland, England.

Needless to say, this double wedding was one of the most striking fashionable events in social circles that has been held in the Hawke's Bay province, and attracted widespread interest throughout the Dominion.

The pretty church was tastefully decorated with pale pink and blue hydrangeas and native ferns, surmounted by two huge floral bells. The ceremony, which was a full choral one, was conducted by the Rev. Canon Culwick, attended by the Rev. Mr. Blathwayt. The high esteem in which the contracting parties of this interesting event were held was evidenced by the crowded attendance and enthusiasm of those who witnessed it.

The two radiant brides proceeded up the aisle on the arms of their mother, who gave them away. They were followed by pages and bridesmaids, while the bridegrooms were attended by Lt.-Commander Barcroft and Pay-Lieutenant Proffit as best men, and Lt. Woodroffe and Lt.-Commander Vaughan as groomsmen, all in full naval uniform.

As the wedding party left the church, to the strains of the Wed-

ding March, and supported by a guard of honour formed of officers from the H.M.S. *Dunedin*, the New Zealand flagship, they met with a joyous ovation and wild excitement.

Miss Violet A'Deane's wedding frock was of ivory knife-pleated georgette, with ivory lace, worn over a slip of shell pink. The train was suspended from the shoulders, and was composed of georgette and Milan lace, and falling over the whole was a veil of palest pink tulle, with a coronet of orange blossom round her head. She carried a bouquet of beautiful flowers. Her bridesmaids were the Misses M. Lowry, Okawa, and Miss Marjorie Macfarlane, Auckland. They were

ried bouquets of flowers to match, interlaced with gold tissue ribbon. Master and Miss Hewatt, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hewatt, Palmerston North, were her pages. The boy wore a sailor suit and the girl a frock of hydrangea blue ninon, and wreath of silver leaves.

Miss Margaret A'Deane's wedding gown was of ecru silk, and fine gold lace, with an overdress of gold marerame lace. Her train had the same beautiful lace introduced. An ecru silk tulle veil and coronet of orange blossom completed the toilette. Her bridesmaids were the Misses Mary Macdonald, Timaru, and Helen Kinross White, Napier. They were frocked like the former

brides, was frocked in pavanche blue georgette, with an overskirt, embroidered with small parma violets. Her black hat was trimmed with paradise plumes, and she carried a bouquet of crimson carnations and ferns. After the ceremony the guests motored to Ashcott, the beautiful home of Mrs. A'Deane.

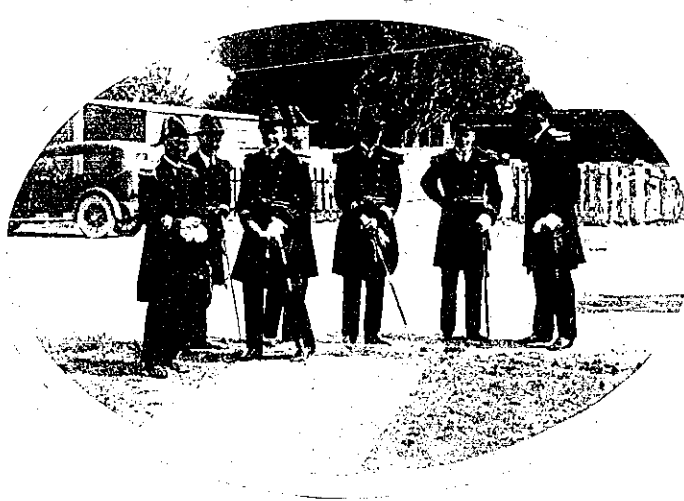
In connection with this happy union of the popular A'Deane sisters to two English naval officers has recalled an interesting chapter of the early settlement of the Hawke's Bay province. While we are not prepared to vouch for the authenticity of the accompanying paragraphs, culled from an exchange, they have their romantic interest, and will be read with the degree of reservation they deserve:

"A curious figure in the early history of Hawke's Bay bore such a high-sounding title as the Hon. Algernon Gray Tollemache.

"Tollemache, in his day, was the wealthiest man in New Zealand, but he was a bird of passage, and did not stay long. While he was here, however, he made the most of his time and opportunity. He was a Jew, and a lender of money to the hard-pressed graziers who founded the fortunes of Hawke's Bay's present squatterocracy. These pioneers would sign a mortgage under the eyes of the financier, whose pockets were bulging with notes. When the formalities were completed the Honourable Algie would pull the notes from his pocket, and solemnly count out the required sum.

"For long after he retired to England he continued to extract good marrow from Hawke's Bay.

"A big sheepman associated with Tollemache in the early days was John A'Deane, founder of the valuable Ashcott estate. Strange it is how human destinies are interwoven, for one of John A'Deane's granddaughters is now married to a naval great-nephew of the philanthropic Algernon G.



A group of Naval Officers who attended the fashionable double wedding at Takapau

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frocked alike in hydrangea blue ninon, made with double skirts, the top skirt being trimmed with huge roses of the same material. They wore rucked hats in the same colour, with roses at the side, and they car-

ried bridesmaids. The pages were Miss Cynthia Shields, Waiherewa, Hawke's Bay, and Master Ian Potts, Wanganui. They also were dressed like the former pages.

Mrs. J. B. A'Deane, mother of