

Presentation at Miller's Flat

(From an occasional correspondent.)

January 21.

Some time ago I had occasion to report the loss St. Finbar's Church, Miller's Flat, had sustained in the departure of two of its prominent members, and again I have to report yet another loss in the departure of Mrs. Duffy, of the Postal Department, who has been transferred to Hakuri, in the Wellington district. During the time Mrs. Duffy has been stationed at Miller's Flat, she has taken a very lively interest in all church matters, socially and otherwise. She has looked after the Altar Society almost since its institution, she has attended to the Sunday-school, and she has acted in the dual capacity of organist and choirmistress, in fact in every manner she has assisted in the affairs of the church. The congregation of St. Finbar's have therefore in her removal suffered a severe loss, and, realising the extent to which they were indebted to Mrs. Duffy for her manifold services, they decided to recognise them in a practical manner by a small presentation. The presentation took place immediately after 9 o'clock Mass on Sunday last, and was made by Father Lynch.

In making the presentation, Father Lynch said he had two feelings or sentiments in his mind. Firstly, there was a feeling of pleasure—it was a pleasing duty for him on account of the person to whom he was making the presentation, and also on account of the congregation, on whose behalf he was making it—and secondly there was a feeling of regret—it was a sorrowful duty because they were losing the valuable services of the person they were honoring. In the departure of Mrs. Duffy they were, he said, in Church matters, losing a very valued person. The first obligation the Catholics of Miller's Flat owed her was the most important one, and was in connection with the Sunday school, the deep interest she had taken in the little children, and the close attention she had given them in teaching them their religion. The second obligation was in connection with the choir. They all knew the difficulty of organising a choir, and when organised of keeping it together. Mrs. Duffy had organised a little choir. She had conducted it with credit to herself and the choir, and it was entirely through her efforts that the congregation was enabled to have Benediction. The third obligation was in connection with the church and the altar. Almost unaided, Mrs. Duffy had looked after the care of the interior of the church, and kept it in that pretty condition that always excited the admiration of visitors. She attended to the wants and decoration of the altar week after week, and in other ways she had done many kindnesses and many services for the Catholics of Miller's Flat, and her place in the congregation would be hard to fill. He expressed regret on the part of Monsignor O'Leary, and said that whilst they were all sorry at losing her, at the same time they were pleased to know that, in her removal, she was improving her position. He wished her every success and prosperity in her new position, and trusted she would long be spared to continue in her useful career. He had very much pleasure on behalf of the congregation in presenting her with a greenstone and gold bangle, and a greenstone and gold mounted cross and pendant, and although the gifts were but trifling, they would remind her when she was in her new position in Wellington of the time she had spent amongst them. Mr. J. H. Waigh, jun., replied on behalf of Mrs. Duffy.

Mrs. Duffy was also tendered a public social by the residents of Miller's Flat, and presented with a handsome silver mounted lady's dressing case.

The great summer sale at Messrs. Herbert, Haynes, and Co. is now on, and the whole of their enormous stock of drapery, clothing, furniture, etc., is to be disposed of at prices which will insure a positive clearance...

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GROUP A—ORDINARY FARMS.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
Subdivision 1.				
		Ac. r. p.	s. d.	£ s. d.
2a	IX.	321 0 25	10 0	80 5 9
3a	IX.	328 1 08	11 0	18 18 9 (1)
Subdivision 2.				
1a	V., IX.	597 2 26	10 0	149 8 4
				14 7 10 (2)
Subdivision 3.				
6a	V., IX.	748 1 38	4 6	84 4 0
14a	V., IX.	667 0 03	5 0	83 7 7
15a	IV., V., IX.	685 3 14	5 3	90 0 4
Subdivision 4.				
4a	IX.	356 2 02	6 6	57 18 8
Subdivision 5.				
5a	V., IX.	742 0 33	5 9	106 13 10
7a	V., VII.	844 2 21	6 3	131 19 6
Subdivision 6.				
10a	IX.	90 3 14	8 6	19 6 1
Subdivision 7.				
12a	IX.	111 3 31	13 6	37 15 7
Subdivision 8.				
13a	V.	482 0 33	4 6	54 5 0
Subdivision 9.				
9a	V., VII.	30 1 13	14 0	20 9 8
21a	V., VII.	23 0 34	17 0	

GROUP B—DAIRY FARMS.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
Subdivision 10.				
8a	VII.	18 2 01	20 0	9 5 1
11a	IX.	18 3 18	16 0	7 10 11
18a	IX.	19 1 28	18 0	8 14 10
19a	IX.	16 3 13	16 0	6 14 8
20a	VII.	22 0 19	20 0	11 1 2

(1) Interest and sinking fund on buildings valued at £375 repayable in 14 years by half-yearly instalments of £18 18s 9d; total half-yearly payment, £99 4s 6d.

(2) Interest and sinking fund on buildings valued at £285, repayable in 14 years by half-yearly instalments of £14 7s 10d; total half-yearly payments, £163 16s 2d.

Applicants must appear before the Land Board, at the Courthouse, Oamaru, on WEDNESDAY, 6th February, or THURSDAY, 7th February, 1907, to answer any questions that may be put. The BALLOT will be held at the same place on FRIDAY, 8th February, 1907, at 10 o'clock a.m.

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