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TIMARU.

(From our own correspondent.)

The municipal elections caused but little excitement, there being only two wards contested out of six. The Mayor was re-elected and most of the old councillors were returned unopposed. Messrs. Harney and Wallis are the new councillors for the contested wards. The Mayor has a big programme for the ensuing term, and following the lead of Christchurch and Dunedin, has announced a comprehensive scheme for a 'Greater Timaru.'

The Forty Hours' Devotion commences at the Church of the Sacred Heart on Sunday, 24th May. Father O'Reilly, of Oamaru, preaches on that Sunday, and Father Ahern, of Ashburton, on the Monday evening.

The extension of the breakwater has made a very appreciable difference on the harbor. It is now looked upon as an ordinary occurrence to have a couple of the large ocean liners in port at once. The largest visitor as yet will be the Essex, expected to arrive on the 18th inst. She is said to be 20ft longer than any of her predecessors.

WEDDING BELLS

Perniskie—McKenna.

A very pretty wedding (writes a correspondent) was solemnised at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Timaru, on April 29, the contracting parties being Mr. V. Perniskie, formerly police constable at Timaru, and now of Christchurch, and Miss Molly McKenna, second daughter of Mrs. McKenna, Ship Hotel, Timaru. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. M. McKenna, was prettily attired in white brocade silk, and wore a wreath and veil of orange blossoms. The bridesmaids were Misses N. and M. McKenna (sisters of the bride), and Miss M. Geaney (cousin of the bride), all of whom were attired in white silk, with black picture hats. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. H. Geaney, uncle of the bride. A nuptial Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Tuhman at 9.30 a.m., after which the wedding party adjourned to the residence of the bride's parents. The happy pair left by the express in the evening for Christchurch.

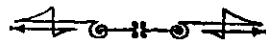
By the last mail from South Africa Mr. John McKeague, Ashburton, received a letter from Lord Milner stating that he had submitted Mr. McKeague's 'Practical Irrigation' to the Government experts of the Transvaal for their opinion of the book. By the same mail Mr. McKeague received a further letter from the Director of Agriculture in the Transvaal expressing his opinion that the book was an 'interesting and important' work, and saying that it had been decided to place the book in the near future in the libraries in the Transvaal. Quite recently this book, in company with eleven others, underwent the test of comparative worth by a prominent irrigation engineer in Australia, in whose judgment McKeague's 'Practical Irrigation' was the best work.

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