

## WEDDING BELLS

### GOLDEN WEDDING.

On Monday, July 6, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Drager, of Pinfold road, Woodville, celebrated their golden wedding, surrounded by a small army of descendants, who came from Auckland and the south, and a large gathering of friends and well-wishers. After full justice had been done to the wedding breakfast, several speakers, including Rev. Father McKenna and Mr. Burnett (late Mayor of Woodville), paid high tributes to the respect in which the jubilarians are held in the district. Mr. Drager, in returning thanks, gave some very interesting reminiscences, covering his career from the time he left Germany in 1852, and during a residence of 55 years in the Dominion. Always interested in music, he founded and conducted the first Volunteer Band in Nelson in 1863, with which he was associated for many years. A large number of telegrams were received by the happy couple, and also many handsome presents. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Drager entertained a number of young people to a euchre party and social.

### Geraldine

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society held its half-yearly meeting on Monday, July 13, the president (Bro. J. Fuly) being in the chair. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, Bro. J. Lysaght; vice-president, Bro. E. J. Murphy; secretary, Bro. J. Kennedy (re-elected); treasurer, Bro. W. E. Lyons; warden, Bro. J. Kelliher; sick visitors, Bros. J. Campbell and J. Brophy; guardian, Bro. W. Cosgrove; auditors, Bros. J. Gresham and E. Murphy. The retiring president gave an interesting account of the progress of the branch since it was formed five

years ago. Starting with only 15 members, it has steadily progressed and now there are 90 names on the roll book. The increase has been more marked during the past twelve months, the society having benefited to the extent of 30 members.

Boot and saddle, boot and saddle,  
See, the sun is in the skies,  
See, the dawn's awake from slumber,  
See, the day's wide open eyes.  
Life's short day is freer, stronger,  
If we make our health secure.  
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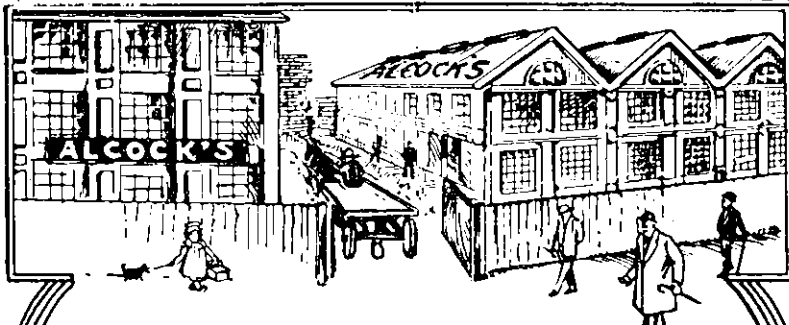
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