

WEDDING BELLS

McFEELEY—FITZMAURICE.

A wedding in which a great deal of interest was taken was celebrated at St. Patrick's Church, Orepuki, on Wednesday, Jan. 26, the contracting parties being Mr. Hugh McFeeley, headmaster of the Tuatapere school, and well known in Dominion educational circles, and Miss Maud Blanche Fitzmaurice, youngest daughter of Mrs. Fitzmaurice, of Orepuki. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Murphy, who also celebrated the Nuptial Mass, in the presence of a crowded congregation. The church was most artistically decorated by friends under the direction of Mesdames Lynch and Muir, a beautiful floral arch of lycopodium and roses in the middle of the aisle giving a very fine effect. The bride, who was given away by her brother (Mr. George Fitzmaurice), was daintily attired in an ivory crepe-de-chine gown over satin, with bridal veil and orange blossoms, and wore a train caught with a true-lover's knot. She also carried an ivory-bound prayer-book, the gift of the bridegroom. The bride was attended by Miss Gertrude Adamson, who wore an embroidered creme voile dress, and carried a bouquet of pink roses and sweet peas. She also wore a gold chain and pearl pendant, the gift of the bridegroom. Two little flower girls, Misses Elsie Boniface (Middlemarch) and Nellie Muir (Orepuki), were prettily attired in creme voile, relieved with pink, and wore gold brooches, the gifts of the bridegroom. The duties of best man were ably filled by Mr. Maurice Spillane, B.A., of Holy Cross College, Mosgiel. After the ceremony the guests assembled at Paterson's Hotel for the wedding breakfast. Rev. Father Murphy proposed the health of the newly-married couple, and paid a tribute to their good qualities. Mr. Lewis Clapp supported the toast, on behalf of the Southland Educational Institute, and referred in appreciative terms to the good work of the bridegroom as a vice-president of the institute, president of the Country Teachers' Association, and delegate to the Dominion Council. Mr. J. C. Thomson, M.P., in a fine speech, proposed the health of the rev. chairman, and took the opportunity where representatives of so many denominations were present of conveying to Father Murphy the very high esteem and love in which he is held by the people of Wallace, and their very keen sense of the good he has done during his ten years' ministrations among them. The toast was enthusiastically honored, and Rev. Father Murphy feelingly replied. Mr. and Mrs. McFeeley were the recipients of many congratulatory messages, and, amid the good wishes of many well-wishers, left for St. Clair, Dunedin, for a short holiday.

McCARTHY—FOLEY.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A pretty wedding took place at the Sacred Heart Church, Hastings, on February 1, when Mr. Jeremiah McCarthy, son of Mr. Robert McCarthy, Limerick, was married to Miss Mary Patricia Foley, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Foley, Mangateretere, Hastings. The bride who was given away by her father, wore a dress of ivory crepe-de-chine with pearl trimmings, ninon court train, and the usual veil and orange blossoms. She carried a handsome shower bouquet of white roses and maiden-hair ferns. The chief bridesmaid (Miss Madge Foley, sister of the bride) wore a gown of saxe crepe-de-chine, daintily trimmed with silk taffeta, and cream hat with blue and pink flowers. Miss Ellen Foley (sister of the bride) and Miss Mary McCarthy (cousin of the bridegroom) were prettily attired in dresses of pale pink voile, daintily trimmed with cream lace and ninon, with mob caps to match. The best man was Mr. Florence McCarthy (brother of the bridegroom) and Mr. John McCarthy (cousin) was groomsman. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a set of gold sleeve-links and studs, the bridegroom's present to the bride was a silver-mounted hand-bag, and to the bridesmaids gold locket and chains.

After the ceremony the wedding party was entertained at breakfast at the Savoy Tearooms, when the Rev. Father McDonald proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom. Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy were the recipients of many valuable presents, amongst which were several substantial cheques. The happy couple left by train *en route* for the South Island, where the honeymoon is being spent.

SCOTT—McCARTHY.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

An interesting ceremony was performed at the Church of St. Mary of the Rosary, Hamilton, on January 12, when Miss Teresa McCarthy, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. McCarthy, of Hamilton East, was united in the bonds of Matrimony to Mr. Archibald Nield Scott, youngest son of Mr. N. Scott, of Auckland. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Dean Darby, who celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a gown of white voile, and wore the usual veil and orange blossoms. She was attended by her two sisters (Misses Annie and Susie McCarthy), both of whom were prettily attired. Mr. Arthur Brennan carried out the duties of best man. Mr. Michael McCarthy, brother of the bride, acted as groomsman. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a gold bangle set with rubies and pearls, and to the bridesmaids dainty gold brooches. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a pretty gold scarf pin. After the ceremony, the guests were entertained at breakfast by the bride's parents in St. Mary's parish hall. The happy couple left by the afternoon express *en route* for Wellington and Napier, where the honeymoon was spent.

PROPERTY RIGHTS IN SCOTLAND

Notwithstanding the levelling down process which is taking place in the United Kingdom owing to the war, there is evidence still that property is a sacred thing, and that the individual has little chance when placed opposite to it on the scales. We are moved to make these remarks by a case reported as follows in an Inverness paper, a copy of which has been sent to us by a correspondent:—

What was described by Mr. Sinclair Fraser, solicitor, as 'a miserable case' engaged the attention of Sheriff J. P. Grant at Inverness on November 11. Mackintosh of Mackintosh was the prosecutor in a case under the Day Trespass Act against Donald Watt, a wood carter. The offence, to which the accused pleaded guilty, took place on September 11 in Petty Wood, above Balmachree Farm. Mr. P. D. Mactavish, solicitor, who conducted the prosecution, pointed out that the offence was a serious one in so far that the accused was lawfully in the wood at the time, being employed at a saw-mill, and had consequently more opportunities of poaching than those otherwise situated. He asked the Court to inflict a severe penalty.

Mr. Sinclair Fraser said he considered this case a miserable one. All that Watt had done was to set a trap by which he managed to catch a rabbit as a small delicacy for an invalid child.

Sheriff Grant said he could not regard the circumstances as constituting a lenient case, and he must order the accused to pay a fine of £1, with £1 1s as modified expenses.

From the letters of indignant correspondents in the local papers, we learn that one of Watt's sons had been killed at the front, and that two other sons are 'somewhere' in France or Flanders fighting for their King and country. Apart altogether from the severity of the punishment inflicted, the case illustrates how we in New Zealand are at the very opposite of things to those in the United Kingdom. A man is fined in Scotland for killing a rabbit, whilst in New Zealand a farmer, who does not exercise sufficient diligence in killing the rabbits on his land, is also fined.