

Very Rev. Dean Regnault. The newly-wedded couple left subsequently on their honeymoon, the bride wearing a smart navy tailored costume, with navy and gold hat trimmed with navy ospreys.

### Onehunga

A very enjoyable musical evening was held in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Onehunga, on Tuesday, September 30, for the purpose of presenting an address of welcome to Rev. J. J. Byrne, who has been appointed as assistant priest to Right Rev. Mgr. Mahoney (writes a correspondent). The following contributed to the programme, the various numbers being received with much appreciation:—Overture, Miss Owens; songs, Miss Ruby Leahy, Messrs. Higgins and Houston; duet, Miss Ruby Leahy and Mr. McDermott. During the evening the following address of welcome was read by Mr. Shaldrick, and presented to Father O'Byrne, who suitably replied:—

Dear Rev. Father,—We, the Catholics of Onehunga, have much pleasure in extending to you a most hearty welcome to your new sphere of duties. Although this is the first time we have had the pleasure of meeting you personally, you are well known to us as a man of culture and literary attainments, and not afraid, when occasion arises, of publicly using your talents in defence of Faith and Fatherland, always maintaining that Ireland has the same right to self-determination according to her own ideals, as the other small nations of Europe. You have the reputation of being a preacher and lecturer of no mean ability, and we know that we shall often have the pleasure of hearing you from the pulpit, but would esteem it a favor if you would give us an occasional lecture on the history of Ireland or some of her patriotic men of the past,—subjects we know you are capable of doing ample justice to. We are indeed grateful to his Lordship the Bishop for the happy choice he has made in asking you to take up the duties of assisting our esteemed and highly-respected pastor, the Right Rev. Mgr. Mahoney, whose task of doing full justice to the parish has been for some years a heavy one. Onehunga is one of the oldest parishes in the diocese of Auckland, being established 69 years ago, and it stands unique in having only its third parish priest in the person of our worthy Monsignor. The parish is well equipped with parochial buildings, having a handsome and substantial church and presbytery, together with convent, schools, and two halls, all of which, we are pleased to say, are free from debt. The undersigned representatives of the various societies connected with the parish have every confidence that you will give them the benefit of your valuable experience, and that by your counsel and assistance the membership of the respective societies will increase. In conclusion, we pray God that He will grant you health and strength to assist in carrying on the good work, and we on our part promise our hearty co-operation in all your activities for the welfare of the parish. Signed on behalf of the parishioners—JAMES SHALDRICK, chairman Parish Committee, Onehunga; B. McLAUGHLIN, President Catholic Federation, Onehunga; D. McCARTEN, President H.A.C.B. Society, Onehunga Branch.

In concluding the programme Monsignor Mahoney expressed his pleasure in the choice of his Lordship the Bishop in appointing Father O'Byrne as his assistant.

### FAREWELL PRESENTATION TO FATHER O'BOYLE

Prior to his departure from Rangiora en route to the Homeland, the Rev. M. O'Boyle, who for the past five years has labored in that parochial district as assistant priest to the Very Rev. Dean Hyland, was met by a representative gathering in the local Catholic Schoolroom, after the 11 o'clock Mass on a recent Sunday, and made the recipient of a cheque for a very considerable amount, in appreciation of his deeply-valued services. The presentation was made by Mr. S. Ryan on behalf of the congregations of Rangiora, Kaiapoi, Oxford, and Loburn. Those associated with the movement to do honor to Father O'Boyle included as collectors Messrs. John Fitzgibbon and Joseph Catherwood (Rangiora), Mr. Leonard Fitzgibbon (Loburn), Messrs. D. McMullan and H. Johnston (Kaiapoi), and Messrs. James McCormack, James Cook, and Thomas Doody (Oxford). In reply to these various deputations, Father O'Boyle very sincerely thanked the assemblage for the kindly reception accorded him, and for the substantial amount of the presentation, and accompanying good wishes on the eve of his departure. Continuing, he said:—"I have just returned from a trip to the West Coast, where I renewed old acquaintances and

viewed once more the scenic beauties of that historic and patriotic district, but during the four and a-half years I have labored in your midst, the kindness, hospitality, and cordial co-operation in the discharge of duty shown me have equalled even the proverbial kindness and hospitality of the West Coast. I am sorry that owing to illness Dean Hyland is unable to be present here this afternoon, but his kind and paternal attitude towards me, as well as that of his Lordship the Bishop, and your devotion and gratitude, will ever remain a proud memory of the happy days I spent in Maoriland. As the one thing that makes life sweet is the possession of friends, so the one thing also that makes life sad is the separation from friends. Death is the lasting separation, and owing to the great war many of you had to face this sacrifice. To the friends and relatives of the fallen I offer my sincere sympathy, and promise to remember all at the altar in the Holy Sacrifice. I, like others, had to obey the mandate of the Divine Master: "He who loves father or mother, sister or brother, more than me, the same is not worthy to be my disciple." But in the order of Providence I hope soon to see my parents and friends, and the land of my birth and love. I might say many more things, but you cannot hear them now—that is, in regard to Ireland. Asking your prayers for a pleasant voyage, I bid you once more farewell."

### HISTORIC BELL OF NOTRE DAME.

Few persons suspect that in the Cathedral Church of Notre Dame, Paris, is a bell contemporaneous with Joan of Arc—"the blessed bell" which sounded the tocsin when the maid of Lorraine appeared in August, 1429, and Paris was besieged by the English. This historic bell, referred to by Victor Hugo in his *Notre Dame de Paris*, was given to the Cathedral in 1400 by Jean de Montaign. It was refounded in 1686, and then rebaptised under the name of Emmanuel Louise Theresa of Austria. In view of later events, it seems rather more than a coincidence that when all the other bells of Notre Dame were destroyed by the revolutionists, Joan's bell should have been spared.

### THE FRUIT WORLD

Reilly's Central Produce Mart report:—Supplies of spring vegetables are coming to hand freely, and a keen demand is being experienced for spring onions, lettuce, and rhubarb. New potatoes are eagerly inquired for. Good Island tomatoes realised as high as 29/6 per case. We have a special line of 200 White Leghorn pullets for sale on Wednesday, and anticipate prices to range at about 10s each. There is a keen demand for meat meal and calf foods, particularly meat meal. Eggs are firm to-day at 1s 9d per dozen. Bluestone for wheat and oat pickling purposes has a good demand. Some very fine consignments of Nelson apples came forward and realised 21s per case. Flowers are still selling at good prices. Suva bananas arrived this morning, and will be sold on Wednesday. Californian lemons in beautiful condition and realising 60s per case. American oranges are getting into small compass. Rabbitskins are still realising high prices. Fat commands a ready sale. We secure 11d per lb for choice bacon pigs. Poultry is eagerly inquired for. We received and sold:—Flowers: Narcissi (locals), 2s 6d to 4s 6d. Apples: Nelson Sturmers, 21s 9d; Central Sturmers, 6d to 7½d; Statesman, 6d; Rokewoods, 4d to 5d per lb; Doughertys, 18s 9d; Hoovers, 13s 6d. Lemons, Californians, 60s. Oranges, "American Sunkist," 47s 6d. Bananas, green, 22s 6d to 25s. Rhubarb, 2½d to 3d per lb. Asparagus, 8s 6d to 20s per dozen bunches. Cucumbers, 16s 6d, 18s, 19s, 21s 6d. Tomatoes, Islands, 1s 6d to 2s per lb. Cauliflowers, choice, 12s, 14s 6d; small, 2s 6d, 7s 6d per dozen. Cabbage (scarce), to 6s. Lettuce, choice, 3s 6d per dozen. Potatoes: Prime locals (repicked), 12s; Northern, 10s to 11s; Southland seed (choice), 12s 6d per cwt. Japanese onions, 30s per case. Swede turnips, 4s per cwt. Carrots (scarce), choice tables, 12s. Parsnips (wanted), 14s per cwt. Bacon (wanted): Rolls, 1s 4d; hams, 1s 4½d. Pigs: Baconers, 130-160's, 11d; heavy-weights, 10d; porkers, 10d; choppers, 6d per lb. Eggs, guaranteed, 1s 9d per dozen. Honey: Bulk, 7½d to 8d; 10lb tins, 7s 6d. Linseed calf meal, 15s. Ceremilk calf foods, 30s per 100lb. Meat meal, 20s. Rabbitskins realised as high as 16s 4d per lb. Tallow, 42s to 54s 6d. Horschair, 1s 4d to 1s 9d per lb. Poultry: Cockerels, 10s 6d, 10s 4d, 10s 2d, 9s, 8s, 6s 6d per pair; pullets, 8s 6d per pair; turkey gobblers, 1s 2d per lb.

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