

**WEDDING BELLS**

**DALY—CONAGHAN.**

A wedding which caused more than usual interest was celebrated at St. Columba's Church, Balfour, on November 7, when Miss Johanna Agnes Conaghan, second daughter of the late Mr. James Conaghan, was married to Mr. John Henry Daly, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Daly, of Maheno. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Tobin, of Gore, and the large number of friends and relatives that gathered could not all gain admittance to the church, which was artistically decorated by the lady friends of the bride. A Nuptial Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Tobin, and the bride was given away by her brother, Mr. William Conaghan. The bride was dressed in cream striped silk voile, trimmed with silk lace and insertion, and wore the usual veil and wreath of orange blossoms. She carried an ivory-bound prayer-book, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids, Misses Mary and Margaret Conaghan (sisters of the bride), wore greenstone brooches, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. Owen Daly (brother of the bridegroom) was best man, and Mr. John Butel acted as groomsman. After the ceremony the wedding party adjourned to 'Castle-dooey,' the residence of the bride's mother, where the wedding breakfast was partaken of. Rev. Father Tobin presided and proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom. Other toasts were also duly honored. The balance of the afternoon was spent in song and social converse, the visitors being hospitably entertained by Mrs. Conaghan and family. The popularity of Mr. and Mrs. Daly was evidenced by the large collection of handsome presents they received, which included a number of cheques. The young couple left to join the evening train for Lumsden, *en route* for

Queenstown, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride's travelling dress was a navy blue tailor-made costume and large white hat trimmed with pink roses.

**Invercargill**

(From our own correspondent.)

The fourth annual meeting of the Hibernian Band was held on Tuesday evening, the 7th inst., in Raeside's Rooms. Mr. H. Searle (president) occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of bandmen and supporters present.

The annual report stated *inter alia*:—'Your committee have pleasure in reporting a very successful year both financially and otherwise. The engagement with the Municipal Council for six concerts was fulfilled, and in addition the band gave three open-air concerts, at which the sum of £13 3s 4d was donated by the public; besides these the band gave eight free concerts and played at nineteen engagements. A very successful art union to augment the band's funds was held in September and realised over £60. A winter sports programme was also carried out which also increased the funds to the extent of £9 3s 6d. As the band was equipped with a set of second-hand instruments it was found necessary to replace some of them by new ones. The total expenditure for the instruments amounted to £59 0s 6d. The members are practising in view of the Christchurch contest to be held in January. The uniforms are beginning to show signs of wear, and as it is essential that the band should present a smart appearance at the contest, an order has been placed with the Kaiapoi Woollen Co. for a new set at a cost of £160. The finances of the band are in a very healthy state, the assets amounting to £444 2s; instruments and plant accounting for £406 12s 6d; cash in

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