

WANGANUI

(From our own correspondent.)

December 28.

Mr. P. B. Lomax (a vice-president of the St. Mary's Catholic Club) represents the club at the Federated encampment of Catholic Societies, which is being held at Christchurch.

The Irish Rifles presented Lieutenant Holderness, who has held this position for the past three years and who is about to leave Wanganui for Hastings, with a walking stick and smoker's outfit.

The great boat race is over, Webb (the local man) defeating Stanbury (ex-champion of the world) easily. The latter was rowed to a standstill 500 yards from home, allowing Webb to win without exertion. It was the greatest event of its kind in the annals of New Zealand. It was rowed on the Kaiwhake reach of the Wanganui River, about 10 miles above the town.

Before the Marist Brothers left for their annual retreat at Auckland they took their pupils for a picnic up the Wanganui River. Almost all the boys took advantage of the outing, it being a glorious day; they all enjoyed themselves immensely, and before going home they wished the Brothers a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

The committee appointed to receive the Irish Home Rule delegate have made arrangements for the visit of Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P., to Wanganui on Thursday, January 10. His Worship the Mayor (Mr. C. E. Mackey) has kindly consented to preside at the meeting, which will be held in the Opera House, Wanganui. Messrs. J. Hogan and Symes, M.H.R.'s will also be present.

Miss Marie Narelle, the 'Queen of Irish Song,' appeared at the Opera House last Thursday, December 20, when there was a large and appreciative audience present. She sang well-known Irish and Scottish melodies, and it is needless to say each of them was sung as only she can sing them. Not only did they appeal to the musical sensibilities of her hearers, but they went straight to their hearts, making one feel good all over, as one patron put it.

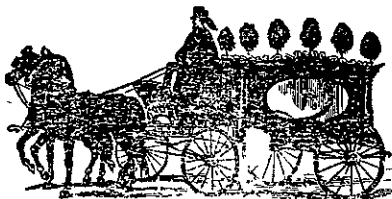
Mrs. Comyns desires to thank all the people of Wanganui and district who so generously gave her Christmas gifts (in all two large cases, and five small hampers) for the little inmates of Rev. Mother Mary Aubert's Home at Jerusalem. She says that for the last three years she has collected for the Home, but this year's collections have exceeded all. Thanks are

also due to Messrs. Hatherly, Alf. Smith, and A. Hatrick for their kindness in taking charge of parcels and conveying same to their destination.

Our Garrison Band, who intend going to Christchurch to compete in the band contest, must feel grateful at the result of their Christmas carolling. They started at 9.15 in the morning, ending shortly after 7 p.m. They toured Wanganui, meeting with universal hospitality and financial support. The result was highly satisfactory, £53 odd being received in collections during the day.

St. Mary's Church was as usual tastefully decorated for the feast of Christmas. Masses were celebrated at midnight, eight o'clock, and half-past ten. There was a very large number of communicants at the early Masses. Rev. Father Mahony preached at the first Mass on the feast of the day. The music at this Mass was 'Farmer's Mass,' which was rendered in a finished and devotional manner by the choir under the conductorship of Mr. H. Holden. Mrs. Thos. Lloyd presided at the organ. The choir was ably supported by an efficient orchestra. After the Mass the choir was entertained by Very Rev. Dean Grogan. In the evening Solemn Vespers were sung, followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Large congregations filled the church at all the services. The Very Rev. Dean thanked the members of the choir and their friends for the very finished manner in which the music was rendered on Christmas Day.

Messrs. Dwan Brothers, hotel brokers, of Willis St., Wellington, report having made the following hotel sales:—Mr. Marshall Donnelly's interest in the Masonic Hotel, Cuba street, Wellington. Mrs. Moynihan's interest in the Cafe de Paris Hotel, Palmerston North. Mr. E. Fitzgerald's interest in the lease, goodwill, and furniture of the White Horse Hotel, Ngahauranga. Messrs. Bacovitch and Williamson's interest in the lease, goodwill, and furniture of the Club Hotel, Carterton. Messrs. Adams and Smith's interest in the Martinborough Hotel, Martinborough. Mr. H. C. Green's interest in the Criterion Hotel, Reefton. Mrs. M. Haylock's interest in the Victoria Hotel, Petone. Mr. J. A. Smythe's interest in the Masonic Hotel, Waitara. The lease, goodwill, and furniture of the Bellegrove Hotel, Nelson. Mr. Bergs's interest in the lease, goodwill, and furniture of the Post Office Hotel, Picton. Mr. William Pacey's interest in the Club Hotel, Fiji.



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