

WEDDING BELLS

BARRY—WALSH.

A wedding which created a good deal of interest took place at Okahune on March 17, the contracting parties being Mr. Edward John Barry, editor of the *Okahune Times*, and Miss Eileen Agatha Walsh, youngest daughter of Mrs. Walsh and the late Stephen Walsh, Clyde street. As both parties were well known and very popular in the town, it was only natural there should be a very large attendance at St. Joseph's Church, where the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Menard. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Michael Walsh (Tauranga), was attired in a beautiful robe of cream duchesse satin, trimmed with applique lace, and a trained skirt finished with true lovers' knots, the whole being completed by a beautifully embroidered tulle veil with wreath of orange blossoms. The bridesmaids were Miss Walsh (sister) and Miss Myrtle Walsh (niece). The chief bridesmaid wore a dainty dress of pale blue oriental satin with silk trimmings and hat to match, and her niece a dress of pale pink satin with suitable hat. Mr. E. Kennedy was best man, and Mr. P. Walsh groomsmen. On the happy couple leaving, the church the 'Wedding March' was played by the organist. The breakfast was laid at the residence of the bride's mother where a large number of relatives and friends assembled. The toast of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by the Mayor (Mr. Goldfinch), who had known the bride's parents for about thirty years. He paid a tribute to their industry and perseverance, and said he had no doubt but that the bride would fill her place in life as the daughter of such worthy settlers. Other customary toasts were also duly honored. Several telegrams of congratulation were received and read during the breakfast. The bride's travelling dress was a beautifully tailored costume of black worsted with striped skirt, also a dainty white hat with white ostrich plume. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a gold neckchain with pendant, and to the bridesmaids handsome gold brooches. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a set of gold sleeve links. Mr. and Mrs. Barry left for Taumarunui *en route* to Auckland and Rotorua by the afternoon train.

COE - CROMBIE.

A wedding of much interest was solemnised at St. Patrick's Church, Napier, on April 6, by the Rev. Father O'Sullivan, S.M. The contracting parties were Miss Mary Crombie, fifth daughter of the late Mr. Chas. Melville Crombie, Commissioner of Taxes, Wellington, to Mr. John William Coe, only son of Mr. Edward Coe, Bluff Hill, Napier. The bride, who was given away by Dr. Leahy, was daintily attired in a white coat and skirt of rich corded silk, with blouse of real point lace, and a white tassel hat, trimmed with satin and real ospreys. She carried a beautiful shower bouquet, and wore a dainty gold chain and pendant, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. F. O'Connor discharged the duties of best man; there were no bridesmaids. The church was well filled with many friends of both parties. The 'Wedding March' was played by Mr. F. Madigan. After the ceremony the bride and bridegroom and their relatives assembled at the presbytery, where they were entertained by Rev. Father O'Sullivan. The happy couple subsequently left by the afternoon train for Wanganui and the south, where the honeymoon was to be spent. The bride's travelling dress was a coat and skirt of lavender face cloth, and black velvet hat. The presents were costly and numerous.

SHINGLES--BOYLE.

A quiet but pretty wedding (writes a correspondent) was solemnised at St. Patrick's Church, Ross, on April 14, by the Rev. Father Cronin, when Miss Nora Boyle, sixth daughter of Mrs. and the late James Boyle,

of Donoghues, was married to Mr. Harold Shingles (Stratford), youngest son of Mrs. and the late James Shingles, of Gippisland (Victoria). The bride, who was given away by her brother, was attired in a beautiful frock of white embroidered silk voile with court train, the bodice being prettily trimmed with fine lace and silk. She wore the usual wreath and veil, the latter being handworked and kindly lent by a friend of the bride's family, and carried an ivory-bound prayer book, the gift of a friend. Miss Maria Boyle, who attended her sister as bridesmaid, wore a frock of oyster-colored sponge cloth, which was prettily trimmed with silk and buttons to match. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. W. Minehan, of Greymouth, as best man. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a gold ring, and to the bridesmaid a gold chain and pendant of sapphires, emeralds, and pearls. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a set of gold sleeve links. The bride's travelling costume was of navy cloth trimmed with silk and buttons, and she wore a hat of mole-colored silk crepe de chine, trimmed with a wreath of purple flowers and bows of ribbons. After the Nuptial Mass the guests, consisting of the immediate friends of the bride and bridegroom, assembled at the residence of the bride's mother, where the wedding breakfast was partaken of, and the usual toasts honored. The toast of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by the Rev. Father Cronin. The presents, including many cheques, bore testimony to the high esteem in which the young couple are held. During the afternoon the happy couple left by motor car for Greymouth *en route* to their future home in the Wairarapa.

LEACH—McSWEENEY.

St. Francis' Church, Marton, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Easter Monday, when Miss Ellen McSweeney, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McSweeney, and Mr. Walter Leach, son of Mr. Leach, of Dannevirke, were united in the bonds of Matrimony. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a dress of white silk, with a veil and wreath of orange blossoms. She also carried a bouquet of white and cream roses. She was attended by her two sisters—Miss May McSweeney (in blue silk) and Miss Kathleen McSweeney (in a white embroidered dress). Mr. Frank McSweeney acted as best man. After the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Father Doolaghty, the bridal party left the church to the strains of the 'Wedding March,' played by Miss Campbell. The church was tastefully decorated with flowers and evergreens for the occasion. The wedding party and their friends proceeded to Gladstone House, where the wedding breakfast was laid. Father Doolaghty proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom, and referred to their many good qualities. Other toasts suitable to the occasion were also honored. In the afternoon the happy couple left by train for Wellington, thence to the South Island, where the honeymoon is to be spent. The wedding presents were both numerous and costly, testifying to the esteem in which the young couple are held.

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