

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

June 15.

The third round of the Friendly Societies' card tournament was played on Thursday at the Oddfellows' Hall. The Hibernians beat the Loyal Manawatu by 32 to 28. They have won all their games and are leading for the shield with 6 points.

The half-yearly meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society will be held on Tuesday next, when there will be a nomination of officers for the ensuing term. Next Sunday will be the day for the general Communion of the members of the society and the choir.

The parish committee met after 11 o'clock Mass to-day to consider the various tenders for the Father Costello memorial. The local tender of Mr. Leslie McMinn was accepted. A Celtic cross, 11 feet high, with marble tablets, will take the place of the old wooden cross at present in the centre of the circular plot granted by the Borough Council for the burial place of our parish clergy and religious. The whole will be surrounded by an ornamental octagon wall, at a total cost of £70. The memorial trustees contribute £35 towards the cross, the balance in hand being held at interest for a marble pulpit to Father Costello's memory in the new church.

A very successful social and concert were held in the Town Hall, Ashhurst, on Wednesday evening in aid of the St. Columba's Church funds. Visitors were present from Palmerston, Pohangina, and Raumai. Songs were contributed by Mesdames Hanlon and McKay, Miss Sumner, and Messrs. Chapman, Huill, Curtayne, Longworth, and Broad. Master Shortall danced a Highland fling, and Mr. Havill gave an exhibition of skipping. The accompaniments were played by Mesdames Hanlon and McKay, Miss Rumble, and Mr. K. Oakley. Excellent refreshments were provided by the ladies of the parish. The whole affair reflected great credit on Miss McAllister and Mr. F. McCool, whose secretarial duties were well carried out.

Temuka

Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., is on a brief visit to Temuka this week.

The local Catholic Club held a very successful euchre party on Tuesday evening last, the prizes being won by Miss Fitzgerald and Mr. A. Scott.

A distressing accident happened in Temuka on Thursday afternoon last, when a young and popular postal official, Mr. V. Coira, met his death as the result of a collision between the South express and a motor cycle. The deceased was accorded a military funeral on Sunday, and it was one of the largest, if not the largest, that has taken place in Temuka, friends and sympathisers from all parts of the district being present.

WEDDING BELLS**PURCELL—EDGECOMBE.**

On Tuesday, June 18, at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Hastings, an interesting marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Mahony, who united in the bonds of Matrimony Miss Agnes Mary Edgecombe, second daughter of the late J. W. Edgecombe, and Mrs. Edgecombe, of Tahapau, Hawke's Bay, and Mr. Joseph Purcell, third son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Purcell, of Hastings. The bride, who was given away by her brother (Mr. W. J. Edgecombe), was attired in a blue tailor-made costume, with hat to match. The bridesmaid was Miss Mabel Edgecombe, who wore a pretty blue velvet gown and black hat. Mr. Allan Masters was best man. At the conclusion of the ceremony the guests were entertained by the bride's mother at the Solway Tea Rooms, where the young couple received the hearty congratulations of their friends. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a gold Albert, and the bridegroom's present to the bride was a valuable set of furs, and a gold chain and

pendant to the bridesmaid. Mr. and Mrs. Purcell left by the afternoon train to spend their honeymoon in the south.

Interprovincial

At a banquet at Awakino on Friday night the Postmaster-General announced that in May the Post Office Savings Bank deposits exceeded the withdrawals by £99,516, as compared with an excess of £82,466 in May of last year.

When questioned by a reporter (says a Press Association telegram from Christchurch), the Prime Minister said he could not say what course would be followed in regard to the Speakership. That would become apparent when the House met.

Motor cars continue to be imported into the Dominion almost as fast as the oversea liners can cope with them. At Wellington there are frequently landed a score at a time. On Friday last there was one lot of about 20 on the Queen's wharf.

'Domestic workers are still in great demand; many employers would be satisfied if they could secure the services of young girls to assist generally. In such cases neither cooking nor washing would be required of them, and the wages offered range from 10s to 15s per week. All applicants, however, appear to prefer factory work.' These remarks are made by the officer in charge of the Women's Employment Bureau in Wellington in the course of her monthly report. She says that during May she received 164 applications from employers and only 79 from workers. Sixty-six domestic workers were sought for and only 26 offered themselves.

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