## SOCIAL AT PAREORA EAST.

(From our own Correspondent).

A farewell social was tendered Private T. Mannix, who was down on final leave, by the residents of Pareora East. Dancing took the form of the evening entertainment, Miss Davidson supplied the music, and Messrs. R. Munro and Vincent, carried out the duties of M.C. Mr R. Munro in a most stirring speech spoke of the great esteem in which the departing soldier was held by the residents of the district. Mr Munro presented Private Mannix on behalf of the residents with a wristlet watch and said he hoped that it would remind him of his old friends in Pareora who would be always watching and waiting to hear of his success at the front. On behalf of the ladies' War Guild he presented Privates Mannix and Vincent with a parcel containing a pair of socks and a cap. Mrs Hayward presented Private Mannix with a pair of socks, cap, coat, money belt and cigarettes from the Red Cross Guild. Messrs Walls and Morgan also spoke. Private Mannix in returning thanks said that he could not find words to express his gratitude for all the kindness bestowed upon him. He was determined to show them how he did appreciate it by doing his little bit when he got to the trenches. Private Vincent, who up to the time of going to camp was employed in the office of the Canterbury Frozen Meat Company, also returned thanks. Both soldiers were enthusiastically cheered and the audience sang "They are jolly good fellows." Private Mannix was very popular in Pareora and received numerous presents. He took a keen interest in all public affairs. On the afternoon of their departure from Pareora both men were entertained at afternoon tea by the Pareora branch of the Red Cross. Mrs Hayward, president of the guild, wished them both God speed and a safe return. The opportunity was taken to present Private Vincent with a parcel of comforts.

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## **WANAKA**

## **Farewell Dance**

A successful function was held in the Pembroke Hall last Friday night, the occasion being the farewell dance tendered to Constable and Mrs Mannix by the residents of the district. Constable Mannix has been appointed officer-in-charge of the St. Clair district, Dunedin. During the evening a presentation was made to Mr and Mrs Mannix by Dr A. H. Elmslie. In the course of his remarks Dr Elmslie paid tribute to the efficient manner in which Constable Mannix had always carried out his duties as police officer of the district, and referred particularly to his interest and care for the old and infirm members of the community. He wished the guests of the evening every happiness and health in the years to come, and expressed the regret of all the residents at their impending departure. Dr Elmslie then presented Mrs Mannix with a dressing table set, and Constable Mannix with a wallet of notes and a leather suitcase, as a token of appreciation and esteem from the residents of the Upper Clutha district. Mr F. Collings also expressed regret that Constable and Mrs Mannix were leaving the district, and he referred to the constable's interest in the sporting bodies in the district, and also to his valuable work in obtaining pensions for the old people. In reply Constable Mannix thanked the residents for their gifts. He said that the six years he had spent in Wanaka had been among the happiest in his life, and he would always look forward with pleasure to visiting the district again. He assured all his friends of a hearty welcome should they ever visit him in his new home.

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## WANAKA NOTES

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

About 250 people assembled in the Pembroke Hall on Friday, 17th inst., for the purpose of farewelling Mr T. Mannix and family who are leaving Pembroke shortly to reside at St. Clair. The function took the form of a social and dance. At an interval during the evening a presentation of a wallet of notes was made to Constable Mannix, a toilet set to Mrs Mannix and a box of chocolates to the children. Mr F. H. Collings, who acted as chairman for the evening, stated that Constable Mannix had been stationed at Pembroke for the past six years, and during that time he had been tactful and tolerant in all his actions. He referred to the good work done by Mr Mannix on the bowling green and his outstanding work for the old people of the district. Mr J. W. Smith supported the previous speaker. Dr Elmslie, in making the presentations, stated that the Mannix family would be very much missed in the district and he wished them every success in the future. Mr Mannix, on rising to reply, was greeted with prolonged applause. He thanked everyone very much and stated how much he regretted leaving Pembroke. He stated that he and his family would be pleased to see any Upper Clutha people at any time when in Dunedin.