

## William O'CONNELL, 47506

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### WAIMATE NEWS.

#### VALEDICTORY.

(From Our Own Representative.)

Prior to his departure for Hunterville Mr W. O'Connell, who has occupied a position in the Waimate Post Office for some years was presented with a fountain pen, Loewe pipe and a knife by his co-workers. The Postmaster, Mr P. Young, in handing over the gifts, spoke of the esteem in which Mr O'Connell was held, not only by members of the staff, but by the general public to whom, he had always been most courteous and obliging. All regretted that he was leaving Waimate, but changes in the postal service were necessary and they rejoiced that Mr O'Connell's transfer carried promotion with it. On behalf of the staff Mr Young wished Mr O'Connell a full measure of success wherever he went, accompanied by prosperity and health. Mr O'Connell, briefly replying, returned thanks for the sentiments expressed and for the gifts. He regretted in many ways leaving Waimate as he had always round the local staff pleasant to work with, but he hoped soon to come across them again. Mr O'Connell was also entertained in the evening by a large number of friends in the Orange Hall. Mr T. Twomey was voted to the chair. Several speeches were made in which general regret at the departure of Mr O'Connell was expressed but he was assured that he went away from Waimate with the good wishes of the community. Mr Twomey presented the guest with a travelling rug and suit ease. "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" was sung, and cheers were lustily given when Mr O'Connell rose to accept the gifts.