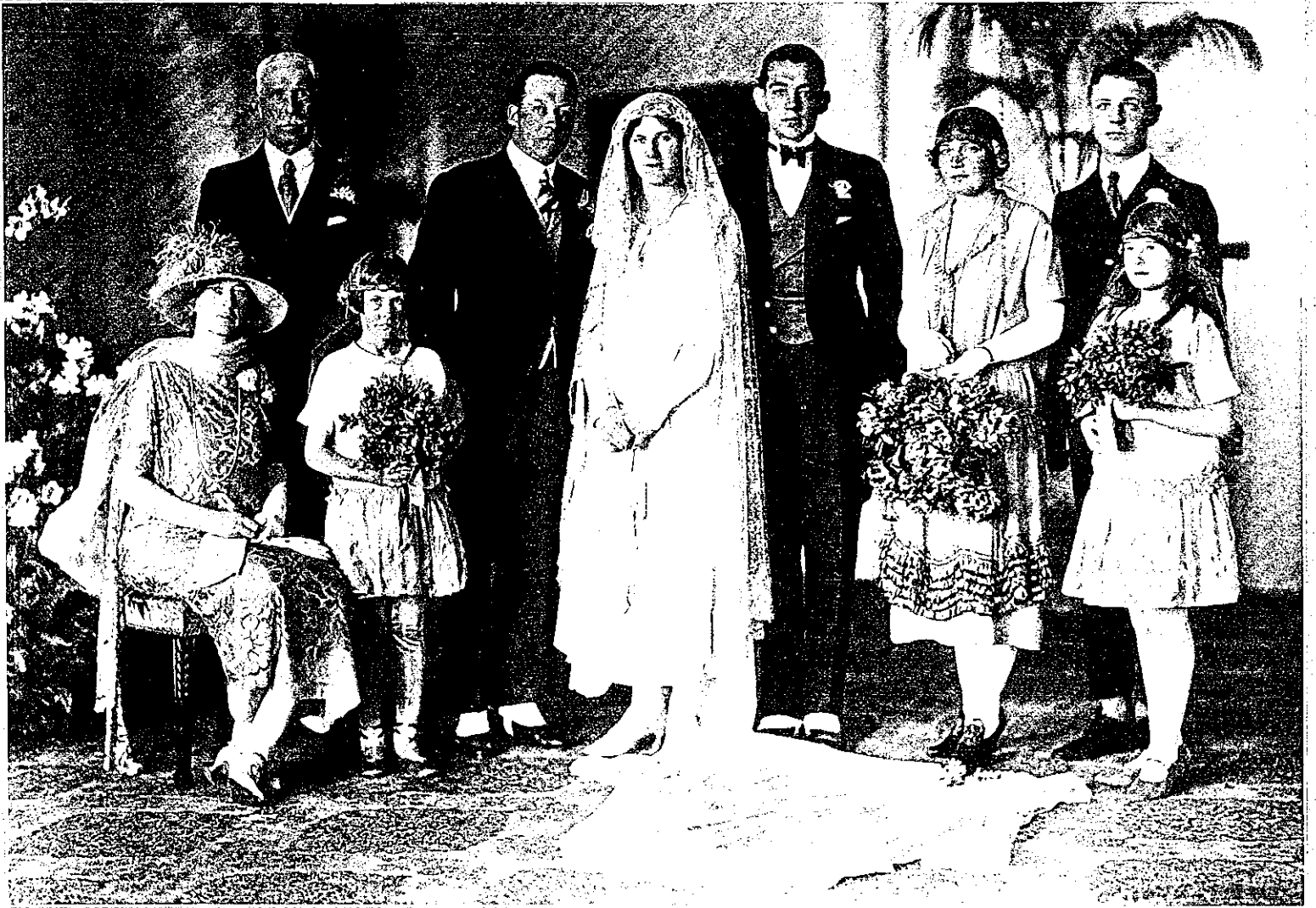


Vice-Regal Wedding at Government House



Left to right—Lady Alice Fergusson (seated), Sir Charles Fergusson, the Bridegroom, the Bride, Mr. D. J. Keswick, best man, Miss Orr Ewing, bridesmaid, Mr. B. E. Fergusson. The two little bridesmaids are Miss Elfie Reed (left) and Miss Margaret Peters.
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"Where'er ye be, by land, by sea,
Fair Fortune send Prosperitie."

NEVER before in New Zealand has the daughter of the King's representative been married in the Dominion, so there were enthusiastic crowds of spectators on October 20th at St. Paul's, Wellington.

No other bride in her family has been married ten thousand miles away from her own land. Miss Helen Fergusson must have had thoughts of the soft cloudy skies, the grey stones and the purple heather of Scotland. But great happiness has come to her in this far-away land, and on the eventful day New Zealand's sun shone with warm radiance, the sky was the bluest possible, and everything green and fresh with Spring.

Then as Sir Francis Bell said, in his congratulations to the bride, she was not only the daughter of our Governor-General, but also the grand-daughter of two former Governors, so she should surely feel at home here, where all wish her and her husband so well.

Beauty, simplicity and dignity were characteristic of the wedding, and everything worked with the smoothness of excellent organisation.

Robed in gleaming ivory satin beaute, with the sparkle of diamonds softened with old lace the bride entered the church with her father, looking dignified and happy.

Her veil of priceless old Brussels

lace was arranged off the face and made a most becoming setting to her delicate features and clear pale colouring, and Brussels lace also bordered the diaphanous train. The veil had previously been worn at the wedding of her grandmother, Lady Edith Ramsay. Instead of a bouquet a small ivory prayer-book was carried. Against the background of dark carved wood and richly coloured stained glass windows she made a picture one could not forget.

Miss Orr-Ewing was her cousin's bridesmaid, and there were also two little maids, Margaret Peters and Elfie Reed. Azalea Mollis, in shades of amber flame and orange made their bouquets, and their georgette dresses and veils were of the apricot tone. There were rows of narrow copper fringe bordering the long tunic on Miss Orr-Ewing's dress, and on the children's were tiny garlands of flowers. Each also had a sprig of white heather from Scotland.

The bridegroom, Major Leonard Proby Haviland (Indian Army), is a son of the late Rev. A. C. Haviland and Mrs. Haviland, St. Albans, England.

Mr. David Keswick was best man. Her Excellency Lady Alice Fergusson arrived at the church escorted by young Mr. Fergusson, and attended by Captain Vernon-Wentworth. She wore silver grey lace over grey georgette; her floating

tulle scarf was of love-in-the-mist blue, and there was a soft blue plume in her grey hat. A cluster of pink carnations on one shoulder, and a bouquet of pink carnations and lilac had a charming effect.

The reception rooms at Government House were fragrant with flowers, and in the drawing-room Their Excellencies and the bride and bridegroom greeted the many guests. In the ballroom the bride cut the cake with her husband's sword, and their health was drunk. There were only two speeches.

Shortly afterwards, amid cheers and good wishes and a sprinkling of rice, Major and Mrs. Haviland left on their tour. The going-away dress was of navy marocain with touches of red and with it she wore a gay little red hat.

Major Haviland is, of course, Military Secretary to the Governor-General. Mr. Keswick is also on His Excellency's staff.

Miss Orr-Ewing is the daughter of Lady Augusta Inskip, and therefore a niece of Her Excellency.

The Bishop of Wellington celebrated the ceremony, a choral one, at St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral, which was beautifully decorated with arums and palms. Girl Guides formed the guard of honour, and a squad of bluejackets from H.M.S. Dunedin kept the route clear through crowds of cheering spectators, and white-frosted children waving flags

lined the drive at Government House.

Their Excellencies' gifts to their daughter included a pair of silver candelabra, a jewelled necklet, a silver tea service, and Lady Alice gave the house linen.

The many presents that came to the bridegroom included a travelling clock from Their Excellencies, a barometer, and many books, one of which, *Histoires des Acaemies*, was not so dry as it looked.

Guests from other parts of New Zealand included Sir Heaton and Lady Rhodes, Mrs. Algar Williams, Hon. R. and Mrs. Scott, Commander Boyle and Miss Boyle from Christchurch, Mrs. Vernon Reed, Colonel and Mrs. Tracy Inglis, Mrs. W. R. Wilson, Hon. E. W. Allison and Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Hope Lewis, from Auckland; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Clarke, Miss Helen Williams, Miss Wilkinson, from Dunedin; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Izard from Wanganui; Mr. and Mrs. W. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Williams, Wairarapa; Lady Hunter, Hawke's Bay; Mrs. Birch, Misses Wilson, Hon. E. and Mrs. Newman (Rangitikei).

Commander Boyle, R.N., and Miss Boyle, of Christchurch, who are relatives, were staying at Government House, and so were Mrs. Peters, A. and Mrs. Vernon Reed (Auckland), whose little daughters were bridesmaids.