

## LAWNS &amp; LINKS.

GOLF.

THE golf hills, Napier, looked quite gay on the Queen's Birthday when the first ladies' and gentlemen's combined handicap tournament was held. The weather was a perfect golfing day. About eighteen couples entered. Great interest was taken in the game. The first prize was won by Miss Dymock and Mr G. Greening, and the second by Miss J. Buchanan and Mr C. Cornford.

A very exciting contest took place on the links at Miramar, Wellington, on Saturday, when the Captain (Mrs Bell) and Secretary (Miss Duncan), leading seven couples each, walked forth in battle-like array. The Captain and her gallant team came out victorious, only one couple on the other side having beaten their round opponents. That exceptional couple, I was pleased to hear, included Miss Duncan herself. Next Saturday the Boyle medal again comes forth to be played for and won for the ninth time.

The return match between Hutt and Miramar was played on the Hutt links last week, the Hutt team coming off victorious. The team were almost the same as those playing at Miramar on the Queen's Birthday. In the Hutt team Miss Lee and Mrs Treadwell had been replaced by Misses Burnett and Fitzherbert. Mrs Riddiford entertained both the local players and visitors at lunch on the ground, and as the weather behaved with more than ordinary grace, everything passed off most pleasantly.

The Links at Miramar are becoming a favourite point of call with lady bicyclists, who rest there a while *en passant* to test the new tea arrangements. A very usual 'cycle beat is round Island Bay, past Lyell's Bay, and on to the Links, returning across Evans' Bay and round Oriental Bay. This is the best road near Wellington, and is widely patronised.

In Christchurch they have had a delightful month for golfing, and last Friday the medal was competed for again, when Miss Reeves was successful in securing it. On Monday, too, a large number of ladies were out—the Misses Ainger, Irving, Cowlishaw, Tabart, Mrs Lomax-Smith, Mrs Campbell, etc.

The opening of the Waverley Golf Links, Dunedin, was held on Saturday afternoon. Delicious tea and cakes were served in a tent on the grounds. A great many ladies were present, including nearly all the members of the Balmacewan Links. The Waverley Links are situated just a little beyond Anderson's Bay on the Peninsula, in a beautiful position. It is to be hoped that a sufficient number of members will be enrolled to keep the Club going.

## HUNTING.

BY ONLOOKER.

THE Gisborne hounds met last Thursday at Mr Woodbine Johnston's station at Muriwai. All the horses out jumped well, especially Miss Reynolds' Kildare and Mr Williamson's New Year. Miss Reynolds, Miss N. Reynolds, and Miss R. Reynolds were the only ladies following. Amongst the gentlemen present were Messrs Crombie, Sherratt, Martin, Williamson (Master), Brewster, and Tucker.

On Tuesday Christchurch hunters and their friends had a grand time at Meadow Bank, the home of Mr and Mrs G. Rhodes, who entertained the large field at quite a sumptuous luncheon with their well-known hospitality. Among those riding were Mesdames G. Rhodes, Overton, Dalgety, Woodman, Misses Haydon, Murray (two), Parkinson, Messrs G. Rhodes, R. H. Rhodes, Dalgety, Overton, Haydon (two), Bassett, Neave, Perry, Woodman, E. Palmer, Cardale, Murray, Jackson, Stewart, etc.

The meet of the Christchurch Hounds at Merlewood, on the 30th of last month, was one of the largest gatherings of the kind witnessed in Canterbury. Fully sixty riders were present, and there was a very numerous assemblage in vehicles. During one of the runs the pack got on to the railway line, and were brought off only just in time to escape a passing train. Amongst those present were Misses Gerard, Overton, Haydon, Helmore, and Nedwill (two), Mrs Knowles, and Mrs Longden, Messrs R. H. Rhodes, P. Campbell, Neave (three), Haydon, H. Cotterill, J. D. Hall, W. B. Cowlishaw, Palaret, Kimbell, Bayly, and Cautley, C. Turrell, McClure, Bassett (two), Murray, Thomas, Bullock, Stewart, Gerard, Beswick, Lawrence, Westmacott, Lascelles, Mr and Mrs Overton, Mrs Bullock, Dr. and Mrs Guthrie, Dr. Palmer, Miss Cowlishaw, and Mrs J. D. Hall, Miss Ronalds, Miss Cotterill, Mrs P. Campbell, Miss Haydon, Mr B. and Miss Carew, Mr Joynt, Mr and Mrs Voice, Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Cooke, and many others.

The guests were entertained by Mrs. Miss, and Mr Overton.

The Christchurch hounds met again on the following Tuesday at Meadowbank. Several fine runs were enjoyed, and the Company, a large one, was entertained at lunch by Mr and Mrs G. Rhodes. Some of the riders were: Mrs G. Rhodes, Mrs Woodman, Mrs Overton, Mrs Dalgety, Miss Haydon, Misses Murray (two), Miss Parkinson, Messrs R. H. Rhodes, G. Rhodes, Neave, Haydon (two), Bassett (two), Perry, Thomas, T. Stewart, Cardale, F. Overton, W. Woodman, H. Jackson, C. Dalgety, Murray (two), E. Palmer and many others.

Mr John Goodson and Dr. Harrison have been appointed master and deputy-master respectively of the Egmont Hunt Club.

The Brackenfield hounds have had some fine runs of late. The third meet of the season took place at Leslie Hills on May 30th, and was followed by another at Mr A. Macfarlane's, at Achray, on the 23rd. Both meetings were well patronised, and good sport was enjoyed. Some of those present at the second meet were:—Mrs Thomson, Mrs Woodhouse, Misses McDonald on Gentleman Jim, Thomson on the Clipper, Rutherford (2), Newton and Nichols, Messrs A. McFarlane, Thomson on Chutnee, Fox on Dick, R. Wilson on Texas, H. Lance on Topsy, O'Connell on Trilby, McKay on Wisdom, Cocks on The Clown, Watson on Ballyhoolley II., G. Rutherford on Bounes, E. Lane on Freddy, and Mullanee, Masters Thompson on Amuri, S. Rutherford on Landsborough, O. Rutherford on a bay, G. Rutherford on The Tug, and N. and G. Fulton. Driving were Mrs Fulton, Mrs Nicholls, Miss Wigney and five children, Mr and Mrs D. McFarlane, Mr W. McFarlane and Miss Hargreaves, Mr Wilson, Mrs Fox, Misses Wilson, and Bathgate, Mrs D. Rutherford and Miss Hassall, and Mr W. O. Rutherford and Miss Cook. Mr Macfarlane and his sister Mrs Fulton entertained the guests. In the case of the Leslie Hills meet Mr and Mrs Rutherford were the entertainers.

The same pack met at Mr Bailey's, Balcairn, on the 27th, and the somewhat rough but very exhilarating runs were enjoyed by a numerous company, among whom were:—Mrs Dierce, Mrs McQuillan, Messrs Starky, F. H. Lance, Ensor, Olliver, Cocks, Crossley, McQuillan, Gray, Macdonald, McCallum, Binney, Wilson, Mills, R. Ligget, Miss Courage, Miss Wilson, Mrs Crossley, Miss Macdonald, Miss Todhunter, Miss Ligget, Miss B. Ligget.

There were about a quarter of a century of riders at the meet of the South Canterbury Hunt Club at German Cottages on the 21st May. The pack was again out on the 25th and the 27th, and good sport was the result on both occasions.

The Poverty Bay hounds met at the Waikanee on Tuesday. The hounds knew the course too well, for on being brought into the first paddock, they were off at once, quite regardless of the fact that the drag had not even started. After some delay the huntsmen managed to get them back, and the drag was sent on. The run was a very good one, all the horses jumping well. The big jump of the day was the sod wall and county drain. The ladies following were Miss Reynolds, Miss Nora Reynolds (Lofty), Miss R. Reynolds (Ginger), Miss Rosie Rees (Paddy), and Miss Sherratt on a big grey horse. Amongst the gentlemen were Messrs Williamson (New Year), Sherratt (Kate), Tucker, Bennet, Martin (Cloth of Gold), Dunlop, and Brewster.

## OBITUARY.

THE death is announced of a gallant New Zealand veteran in the person of Major-General Andrew Campbell Knox Lock. The deceased officer, who was the second son of the late Capt. Campbell Lock, of the Royal Navy, was born in April 1827, and entered the army in 1847. He accompanied his regiment—the 50th Foot—to the Crimea in September, 1854, and served throughout the campaign, taking part in the battles of Alma and Inkerman, and the siege and fall of Sebastopol. In November, 1855, he was appointed Deputy Assistant-Quartermaster-General at headquarters and acted in that capacity until the evacuation of the country, the 50th Foot being the very last to leave the Crimea, where it had served longer than any other regiment. For these services he was awarded the English and Turkish medals, fifth-class of the Medjidieh and was made a knight of the Legion of Honour. He also served in the wars against the Maoris in New Zealand from January 1864 to 1866, and was present at most of the principal actions fought during that war, including Rangiaohia, Nukumarua, and Kakaramea, receiving a medal.

Death has been very busy in Christchurch homes, and some valuable members of the community have been taken. One of the saddest is Mrs Garsia, who only had comparatively a very short illness, but very severe and painful. Mrs Garsia was well known in charitable circles and in many works for the help of her fellow women. She was one of the movers in the School of Domestic Instruction, and in friendless girls took a special interest. A very sad feature of the case was the arrival of Miss Garsia, who had been sent for from England, just a week after her mother's death.

Another advocate for the help of women and temperance passed away on Sunday—Mrs Ward, wife of Judge Ward. Mrs Ward took a deep interest in all matters of social reform, and was a staunch friend of the W.C.T.U.

Mr James Gammack, after a very short illness, died at his residence, Springton, on Friday. Mr Gammack arrived in the colony by the 'Cressy,' and though only 18 years of age, was one of the band of 'Pilgrims.' He has been a resident of the district between thirty and forty years, only spending a few years out of it during the first rush to the Australian goldfields. Mr Gammack, by his thrift and industry, has been a very successful man, and has also gained the esteem and goodwill of the whole countryside. About five years ago he married Mrs Annie Aiken, widow of Mr Robert Aiken, of Springton, and took a trip to the Old Country. By his will some handsome bequests are made. £200 a year is vested in the North Canterbury Board of Education for four scholarships in connection with Canterbury College, £100 each to the Wesleyan, Anglican, Presbyterian, and Roman Catholic Churches nearest his home. The residue, after a few legacies and due provision for his widow, falls to the Board of Governors of Canterbury College for the circulating department of the Public Library, a sum, it is rumoured, something approaching £25,000.

## THE LATE FIRE AT NAPIER.

WE give a fine line illustration this week of the late large fire at Napier, which originated in the Masonic Hotel, and resulted in the destruction of the wooden portion of the building. The fire spread very rapidly after the flames got a hold, and many of the boarders in the hotel had considerable difficulty in making their escape. The fact that the hotel was surrounded on all sides by brick buildings enabled the Napier and Spit Fire Brigades to confine the flames to the building itself and the wooden portion of Palmer's stables. The damage done was extensive. The back portion of the hotel facing Marine Parade was completely destroyed up to the central staircase, and the whole portion of the Hastings-street section was completely gutted.



THE MASONIC HOTEL, HASTING STREET, NAPIER, N.Z.: BEFORE THE FIRE.