

last to be a candidate, so as there is no one to oppose him, I suppose that he will be elected without the necessity of going to the poll.

As the Governor has evinced his intention of visiting us in January, the Mayor will be the foremost personage here to meet him, which is, perhaps, why no one is very eager to take office.

Last Thursday afternoon Mrs Powell gave

AN AFTERNOON TEA

as a farewell to most of her married friends, as this week the school examinations, in which her children are taking part, will be over, and preparations for departure to Westport will then be impending. A very pleasant time was spent, for Mrs Powell is an admirable hostess, and among those present were Mrs Grace, Mrs Orr, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Cheek, Mrs H. McCallum, Mrs Sturtevant, Mrs Smith, Mrs C. H. Mills, Miss Hildreth, etc.

On Friday Miss Powell entertained a number of her young friends at afternoon tea, and among those present were the Misses Ball (2), the Misses Fulton (2), the Misses Smith (2), the Misses Mills (2), the Misses McCallum (2), Miss James (Wellington), Miss Grady (Wellington), Miss Simson, Miss M. Ewart, Miss C. Farmer, Miss Mead, Miss Varrard, Miss Hutcheson, Miss M. Carte (Wellington), etc.

Among those who added to the pleasure of the afternoon by singing were Miss James, Miss C. Mills, Miss Simson, and Miss Kate Ball; whilst Miss Hutcheson contributed an instrumental selection.

Such a thing has been known as a bankrupt company taking its leave without beat of drum, but here the situation is reversed, and a circus is sprung upon us without the slightest warning. The first advertisement was in to night's paper, and the first performance takes place to-night. One thing to be noted is the modera-

tion of the charge. Bernard's circus professes not to be a mad dog show but a 'good little one,' and the truth or otherwise of the assertion will be proved to-night.

Arrangements are already being made by the Mounted Rifles for their

ANNUAL SPORTS.

which they always hold on Boxing Day. These sports have been always held at Spring Creek, opposite Redwood Bros.' mill, but as Mr Barr, the host of the Ferry Hotel, has had the perspicacity to make a bicycle track, the sports will be held in a paddock adjoining the track lent by Mr H. Bell. The events will not only include the usual tent pegging, threading needle race, rescue race, etc., but four bicycle races, so that a proper track is essential, and that made by Mr Barr is said to be superior to the one in town.

Mrs Stoney gave afternoon tea at the

MARLBOROUGH TENNIS COURTS

last Saturday, and the lovely afternoon induced many visitors to attend. Among them were Mrs A. Mowat, who was wearing a green and white checked print, and sailor hat; Mrs J. Duncan (Picton), plum coloured costume, trimmed with white; Mrs Howard, dark skirt, green silk blouse, pretty hat; Mrs A. P. Green, brown coat and skirt, stylish hat of brown straw, red roses; Mrs G. W. McIntosh, well cut tailor-made coat and skirt, large black hat, relieved with pale green; Mrs Anderson, fawn cloth skirt, yellow silk blouse, covered with tucked laced muslin; Mrs Stoney wore black coat and skirt, and front of striped black and white, large black hat, relieved with white, Mrs Lucas, well-made brown costume, braided with black, relieved with yellow cloth vest; Mrs Lambie (Birch Hill), black dress, dark red cravat, sailor hat, Mrs Gentsch, Mrs McIntire, Mrs Moore, Mrs Black, Mrs Orr, Mrs Clouston, Mrs B. Clouston, Mrs G. Robinson; Miss Horton, who

wore a pink cotton dress; Miss Adams, green print dress; Miss Waddy, white pique, with narrow green stripe; Miss Harris, grey cloth dress, braided with black; Miss Johnston, white pique skirt, green muslin blouse, sailor hat; Miss Melae (Nelson), stylish brown coat and skirt; Miss Belle Melae, dark blue print dress, sailor hat; Miss Bull, blue print dress; Miss Ferguson, black serge dress; Miss E. Bull, Miss E. Waddy, Miss McLaughlan; and Messrs Stoney, Hawley, G. Robinson, Orr, L. Griffiths, Horton (2), Pullieu, Stubbs, Mirams, Fish, D. Chaytor, Harris, Greenfield, and Dr. Anderson, etc.

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SATAN AS A LANDLORD.

There is only one spot on the earth's surface that has actually been willed, deeded and bequeathed to his satanic majesty. This spot lies four and one-half miles south of Helsingfors, Finland, says 'Pearson's Weekly.'

A few years ago Lara Huilariene died in the little town of Pieltisjarvi, in the above-named country, leaving considerable property in the shape of landed estate. How he had come into possession of so much land no one seemed to know, but as he was a very bad citizen, he was generally admitted that he was in league with Wintabaust (Satan) and that they had many business deals with each other.

This somewhat startling opinion was verified when old Huilariene died. There was found a certified warranty deed, which deeded to Satan all his earthly possessions.

The will was to the same effect. The family have repeatedly tried to break the will, but so far have been unsuccessful. Thus the records plainly show that his sulphuric majesty has a legal right and title to some excellent grounds in the near vicinity of Helsingfors.

The simple people of the neighbour-

hood have changed the course of the road which formerly skirted the Huilariene homestead, and declare that they would not enter the possession of Satan and Co. for all the money that the estate would bring.

'DIED OF A BROKEN HEART.'

When you hear of anyone dying of a broken heart, does it ever occur to you to ask yourself whether you may take the news literally or not?

'It is a popular belief that 'death from a broken heart' is simply a manner of expressing the fact that extreme grief has worn out the system and absorbed the vital energies to such an extent as to end one's life.

But this is quite incorrect (says a writer on medical matters), for, as a matter of fact, the sudden disclosure of bad news will frequently break the heart of the recipient.

For instance, not long ago a young man who was about to be married to the lady of his choice was informed by her father one evening as he called for her that only ten minutes previously the girl had been brought in dead. She was crossing the road near her house when a great brewer's dray turned the corner suddenly, knocking her over and killing her on the spot.

She was to have been married to the young man the following week, and, loving her deeply as he did, her fiancé felt the shock so keenly that within an hour from the reception of the news he was dead.

At the post-mortem examination it was found that his heart was torn right asunder, a state of affairs which the doctor ascribed to the sudden shock sending an abnormal flow of blood to the heart. This threw more additional strain upon that organ than it was able to bear, and consequently rent it asunder.

Upon this showing, therefore, it would appear that there is more in 'a broken heart' than most people think.

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