

Miss Fitzherbert (Wellington), navy blue costume, bright red tight jacket, sailor hat; Miss Miggins (Wellington), dark navy dress, yoke of white silk, neat sailor hat; Mrs P. Campbell, black costume; Miss Campbell, violet cloth gown, fawn sac coat, sailor hat; Mrs O'Rorke, brown coat and skirt, toque with violet velvet and cream lace; Mrs Wilder, handsome fawn driving coat, black hat with touch of crimson; Miss Wilder, pretty green and white tweed, white felt hat with black and white feathers; Mrs Wigram, navy skirt and black jacket, black and white hat and violets under the brim; Mrs H. H. Pitman, dark blue gown, seal jacket, toque with bright blue wings; Mrs Louison, black and white check, braided with black, seal jacket, black hat with rose pink flowers; Miss Louison, bright blue coat and skirt, grey hat with feathers, grey leather boa; Mrs B. Fisher, black coat and skirt, large hat with bright blue ribbon and grey wings; Mrs C. Dalgety, bright blue cloth with deep orange silk yoke and vest, large hat with feathers and a touch of orange; Miss Burnett (Dunedin), pale blue braided with gold, hat of a greenish shade and yellow flowers; Mrs Morton Anderson, dark green cloth with a touch of pink, seal coat, and pretty toque; Mrs H. Wood, violet cloth coat and skirt, the reverse of cream satin, hat to match; Mrs Woodroffe, black and white check costume, dark blue driving coat, the collar of sable, black and white hat; Miss Turnbull, green coat and skirt, black and white hat, sable fur; Mrs W. D. Meares, dark blue cloth coat and skirt, black toque trimmed with pale blue, grey fur bonnet; Miss S. Meares, blue coat and skirt costume, black hat with roses; Miss K. Nedwill, blue dress, grey sac coat, black and yellow hat; Mrs and Miss Graham, Mr and the Misses Harley, Miss Studholme, Miss Buckley, Mrs F. Waymouth, Mrs de Vries, Mrs McDougall, Mrs L. Matson, and numbers more.

In the evening Mrs Denniston gave A MOST SUCCESSFUL BALL

in the Art Gallery for the Wellington hockey girls, which went off with great spirit, a large number of visitors being present, including some of the officers of H.M.S. Midara. The ball-room was quite gay with Midara flags, and the drawing-room most tastefully done with holly and some lovely spring flowers of the daffodil tribe. Mrs Denniston was gowned in a rich yellow corded velvet finished with green; Miss Denniston, white silk with peacock blue satin; Miss Helen Denniston, white muslin and lace insertion. Mr Maurice Denniston was unfortunately away recruiting his health, but the judge, with the rest of the family, did all in their power to make the guests enjoy themselves. Among those present were Mrs Bowen, whose daughter was a debutante in soft white silk and chiffon. There were several debutantes, so I will give them first. Miss Prins wore a lovely white mervellieux and real Maltese lace; Miss Mary Bullock, a very handsome gown of white brocade, the bodice trimmed with chenille, the tablier reaching to the foot in front, edged with lace and chenille; Miss Elvira Williams, white silk and chiffon; and Misses Westera (2), pretty soft white dresses; Mrs G. P. Williams, in brown satin; Misses Johnstone (Wellington), lovely white satin gowns; Miss Bullock, black and red; Miss Thomas, rose pink silk, finished with green velvet; Miss Cotton, lovely pink silk, the white chiffon frills Vandyked on the skirt; Miss Cowlishaw, helleotrope and green; Miss R. Campbell, brown velvet with yellow silk; Miss E. Newton, white satin and accordion chiffon; Miss S. Meares, pretty white lace frock; Miss Overton, white

silk with pale yellow; Miss M. Williams, blue and green; Miss Lawson (Wellington), white with lace insertion; Miss Cox, black; Miss Harper, white with black trimming; Miss N. Martin, white silk, with lovely pink roses; Miss Sellars, helleotrope silk and violet velvet; Miss E. Julius, white silk; Miss Beswick, cream satin; Miss Bishop, white silk; Miss Aitken, black; Miss Louison, white satin with wreath of white violets round the skirt, finishing in a true lover's knot in front; Miss Cotterill, black with pink daisies; Miss Russell, in black; Miss Gresson, white silk (debutante); Mrs O'Rorke, lovely gown of white satin, a panel at the side embroidered in pale green and white lilies; Miss Wilder, white satin; Miss E. Hill, white satin with wide sash; Miss Kinsey, a pretty pink brocade, the skirt made with deep flounce banded with pearl passementerie, bebe bodice, the sleeves of plain cream lace, neck filled in with pink net sash of same; Miss C. Lean, pretty terra cotta mervellieux and net, shaped flounce at the foot, the bodice finished with gold lace and leaves; Miss Garrick, yellow satin; Miss M. Anderson, pale blue; Miss B. Russell, white silk; Miss R. Gerrard, pink silk and claret velvet bands, finished with chiffon; Miss B. Gerrard, white silk; Miss Wynne-Williams, black; Miss Harley, in white; Miss Palmer, green silk and chiffon; Miss D. Harman, pale green, such with passementerie; Miss Graham, in black; Miss Henderson, black; Miss Murray-Aynsley, black. An unusual number of white dresses were worn; another which occurs to me, Miss Studholme, a lovely gown of white satin, with handsome embroidery revers on the bodice; Miss M. Cook, grey silk, red velvet bands; Miss E. Aitken, black; Miss N. Reeves; Miss Acton-Adams, blue silk, long rucked lace sleeves, etc.

DOLLY VALE.

PAEROA.

Dear Bee, August 18. The Progressive Euchre Club had a most delightful evening at Mrs Forbes' residence on Wednesday. There were eight tables, the play starting at 8.30, and was kept up with great vigour until 11. Our hostess was looking charming in pink silk, the bebe bodice being trimmed with rows of black lace insertion; Miss Hazard (Thames) carried off the first prize (a box of perfume. The second ladies' prize (a tray) was won by Mrs Edwards. Mr McArthur won the first gentlemen's prize, a tobacco pouch, and Mr Malfroy the second, a shaving cup. A most dainty supper of oyster patties, cakes, etc., was handed round. Mrs Edwards looked well in an old gold silk bodice trimmed with black lace and bebe ribbon, black velvet skirt; Mrs John Edwards, black velvet, the bodice cut square and filled in with black net, the elbow sleeves were finished with pink chiffon; Mrs Hazard, shot blue silk blouse, pretty sleeves tucked with rows of white lace insertion between, black skirt; Miss Hazard, cream lustre; Miss Gibbons, pretty pink nun's veiling; Miss A. Gibbons, pink blouse, white skirt; Mrs Pratt, grey silk, yellow silk sleeves; Mrs Brunskill, ivory white broche satin; Miss Forster, yellow silk blouse, black skirt; Miss Jeannie Forster, buttercup silk evening blouse, white silk skirt; Miss Brunskill, pretty cream nun's veiling, the bodice trimmed with ruchings of ribbon; Mrs McArthur, black silk; Mrs Sullivan, blue nun's veiling, the corsage draped with lovely point lace; Miss McArthur, black and red; Miss Mary Wight cream corded silk blouse, cream satin skirt; Miss Wight, very becoming black velvet relieved with cerise satin;

Miss N. McArthur, white silk; Miss Mueller, cream; Miss Anderson looked well in cream silk; Messrs Edwards (2), Jackson, Malfroy, Fraser, Woolley, Brunskill, Hazard, Pratt, Anderson, Mackay, Sullivan, McVeagh, McArthur, O'Halloran.

On Thursday that much looked forward to event, the girls' dance, eventuated in the Wharf street Hall. It certainly was a great success in every way, though I think the floor left something to be desired. The music was furnished by a band from Karangahake. Among those present I noticed Mrs Buckley, handsome old gold satin; her sister, Miss Clark, wore black; Miss Clayton, mauve cashmere; Mrs Edwards, black satin; Mrs John Edwards, lovely white brocade trimmed with pearl embroidery; Miss Mueller (Auckland), pink nun's veiling; Mrs Forbes looked very well in a dainty white Indian silk made with an apron skirt, the bodice trimmed with chiffon; Miss Williams, black velvet relieved with green; Miss Anderson, pretty green silk, white satin sleeves; Miss A. Gibbons looked well in pale blue silk; Miss Wight, black velvet; Mrs McAndrew, black silk; Miss McAndrew, blue nun's veiling; Miss Hazard (Thames), cream lustre; Miss Forster, white silk; Miss J. Forster, green nun's veiling, with lace frills; Miss Gibbons, white embroidered cashmere; Mrs Bastings, shot silk blouse, black brocade satin skirt; Mrs Hazard, white silk; Miss Brunskill, cream nun's veiling; Miss Coot, pretty pink satin, the skirt a mass of little frills; Miss Moore, white satin; Miss Hubbard, cream silk; Mrs Syme, black silk; Miss Delaney, pink foulard; Miss Matthews, black velvet blouse, cream skirt; Miss McArthur, yellow silk blouse, trimmed with black lace, black skirt; Miss N. McArthur, white nun's veiling; etc. Messrs Bastings, Jackson, Mueller, McVeagh, Anderson, Fraser, Malfroy, Woolley, Hargreaves, Cramer-Roberts, Forster, Hazard, Barrett, Coot, Bush (2), Aicken, DeCastro, Hague-Smith, McArthur (2), O'Halloran, Harris, Knight, Garcia, Brennan, etc.

DORTS.

AUCKLAND.

Dear Bee, August 24. The meet of the Pakuranga Hounds was at Pukekohe on Saturday last, a distance of thirty-one miles by rail from Auckland. About thirty-two members with their horses met at a station in the vicinity of Auckland to be trained to their destination. The balmy humidity of the atmosphere gave promise of a great hunt. Everybody was full of expectation. The majority of the horses were put into cattle trucks, one only entering a protest at such an insult, and no persuasion whatever could force him in. He was only an ensign, but evidently thought this was too low a thing for him. After reaching Pukekohe our horses were saddled and prepared for the fray. The master (Mr Gorrie) gave the signal and the cavalcade, which was viewed with admiration by the rustics, jogged out of the village towards a swamp about a mile distant under the guidship of Mr Johns of Pukekohe, where the hounds were cast and were soon on a hare, but this part of the country had its drawback, for pussie would always circle in this marshy land, the obstacles, which consisted of timber and wire, were many, but the going so heavy that the master had the hounds called off and the sportsmen adjourned further on the main road towards Mauku. The hounds were thrown off in a field of young oats, when another pussie was on foot, which took the followers over a line of

fences, real raspers. First to come to grief was Mr Wyde-Blood of Pukekohe. He and his steed Torrack went a somersault. Two of our own most prominent Pakuranga followers were next treated to "crackers." They both came regular "howlers," but happily got up unhurt. A check, the hounds were at fault. Eventually we made our way across country, trying to pick up the line of pussie, to Mr Wyde-Blood's property at Mauku, when another pussie was on foot, and another flight of post and rails had to be negotiated. Patience, however, did wonders in this part of the country, for soon the most formidable obstacles were reduced in size, so that a clever pony could scramble over with ease. This kindly offer of boring holes for the discreet majority was left to a small number in the hard riding division. Our huntsman always has the most formidable of obstacles to negotiate, as it is his duty on such occasions to lead the way (which duty our plucky huntsman, Mr Selby, never shirks), since he with the hounds he must. Another excellent run was indulged before the hounds returned to embark for their homeward trip. The visitors received quite an ovation as the train moved away with its freight of enthusiastic sportsmen and women from the Pukekoheites; they sent them off with hearty ringing cheers. Amongst those who came from Auckland I noted walking were:—Mr Ware, Mr Markham; riding: Our master, Mr Gorrie, on Jimmy; Miss Gorrie, Mozell; our huntsman, Mr Selby, on Defamer; our secretary, Mr R. P. Kinloch, Specs; Mrs Bloomfield, Blue Peter; Miss Dunnett, Woodcock; Miss Kerr-Taylor, Nimrod; Miss Buckland, Villiers; Miss Abbott, on a chestnut; Mr Caminer, Ingorangi; Col. Dawson, Ike; Mr Elliott, Ensign; Mr Bloomfield, Miss; Mr C. Purchas, Neck or Nothing; Mr Markham, a pony; Mr Moody, Ocelot; Mr Adams, Brown Bess; Mr Orme, Kilkern; Mr Burns, Squire; Mr Dunnett, Jim; Mr Rhodes, Crusado; Mr Laxon, Mystery; Mr Lewis, Ben; Mr McLeod, Fishmonger; Mr Kerr-Taylor, Woodbine; etc. One of the runs was very much marred by two collie dogs persisting in following pussie, which threw the hounds off the scent. The journey home was very much enlivened by each sportsman's glowing and brilliant account of his own hair-breadth escapes.

The wedding of Miss Zeenie Moss-Davis, which comes off to-day (Wednesday) at Sydney, was celebrated by the employees of Messrs Hancock and Co. last Wednesday night by a concert and dance. The Newmarket Hall was acquired for the occasion, and profusely decorated with lilies, ferns, etc. There were about 200 invited. A splendid concert programme was prepared, the principal contributors being the Misses Edith and Gerty Spooner, who played a very pretty piano duet; Mrs Ernest Davis, Mr E. Davis, Mr Archdale Taylor, Mr H. Davis, Mr Hughes. When the musical portion of the entertainment was completed, and before dancing began, Mr Ernest Davis addressed the guests in a neat speech, referring to the popularity of Miss Davis, and the pleasure it afforded all present to be gathered together for the above-named purpose. Dancing began at about ten, and kept on till an early hour, being interspersed with musical selections. Refreshments were supplied by Mr Buchanan. Amongst the ladies present were Mrs Alfred Nathan, pink and white; Mrs Robinson, black; Mrs I. Alexander, black; Miss Alexander, pink with black velvet bands; Miss Engodd; Mrs Phillipot, black; Miss J. Nathan, white; Miss Edith Spooner looked

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