

## NELSON.

Dear Bee,  
December 4.  
A LOAN EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS

by the late Mr John Gully and the Hon. J. C. Richmond was opened in the Suter Art Gallery on Monday afternoon by Mrs John Gully, widow of the painter, and Mrs A. S. Atkinson. The pictures have been lent chiefly by Nelson residents, but a few have been sent from Wellington, while a few others are owned by the gallery. Altogether there are on view about 150 paintings by Mr Gully, and 30 by Mr Richmond, mostly views of New Zealand, and very beautiful they are too, especially those by Mr Gully, who is well known to rank as one of the first water-colour artists in the colony. The exhibition has remained open during the week, and has been visited each day by large numbers of people. Some smart gowns were worn on Monday. Mrs Gully was attired in black costume and bonnet; Mrs A. S. Atkinson, black broche silk, lace mantle, black bonnet relieved with amber; Mrs Fell, wore a stylish gown of white muslin showered with black spots and trimmed with black lace, Leghorn hat with black and white trimmings; Miss Fell, soft grey costume with black ribbon velvet trimmings, pink yoke, large white hat with pink roses; Miss Ruth Atkinson, silk blouse, black skirt, hat with green trimmings; Mrs W. Atkinson, black relieved with mauve; Mrs Mules, black costume, bonnet with violet trimmings; Miss Mules; Mrs Richmond, black, bonnet relieved with scarlet; Mrs Sealy; Mrs Holloway, grey costume; Mrs Kissing, white pique coat and skirt, sailor hat; Mrs MacArthy (England), a stylish costume of grey silk, chic hat of white and pink; Mrs de Castro, white with yoke of buttercup silk, hat en suite; Mesdames Chatterton, Leven, Oldham (2), Bell, Preshaw, Harris, Turner, Cooke, Barncott, Sinclair, etc.; Miss Leven looked well in black and white checked silk with trimmings of red ribbon velvet, large black hat; Miss Richmond, pink muslin; Miss Marsden, black and white; Miss Blackett (Wellington), smart silk blouse, dark skirt, black hat; Miss Aggie Bell, pink flowered muslin; Miss Coleridge (Wellington), white, large black hat relieved with pink; Miss Greenwood (Wellington), black; the Misses Huddleston, Burnett (2), Gibbs (2), Leggatt, Mackay, Nina Jones, Preshaw (2), and others.

The weather was perfect on Wednesday, when the seventh

## ANNUAL SHOW

of the Nelson Agricultural and Pastoral Association was held at Richmond Park. As usual there were a very large number present, the trains both from town and further up the country were crowded. There were also hundreds of vehicles and bicycles on the road from a very early hour. The show was pronounced by all to be a good one, so I shall take their word for it as I am sorry to say I am not a good judge of cattle and sheep, etc. Amongst the very large number present it was somewhat difficult to find one's friends. At times the grandstand was crowded. Some noticed were:—Mrs Watts, handsome black costume; Mrs C. Watts, black and white check costume, sailor hat; Mrs Percy Adams, white pique, small gem hat; Mrs Sweet, white pique, chic hat; Mrs Oldham, black; Mrs Stafford, blue and white check costume; Mrs (Dr.) Andrew, pink cambrie, sailor hat with pink ribbons; Mrs T. Glasgow, stylish costume of black and white, toque to match with pink roses; her two little girls were admired in cream frocks and large Leghorn hats; Mrs Kissing, white pique coat and skirt, blue vest, sailor hat; Mrs Richardson, white, hat to match; Mrs de Castro, white pique; Mrs Harris, black; the Misses Harris (2) wore white; Miss Webb, white muslin with heliotrope ribbons; Mrs Tomlinson, black; Miss Tomlinson, pink flowered muslin, hat to match; Mrs Webb-Bowen; Miss F. Webb-Bowen, grass lawn, sailor hat; Miss Haselden (Wellington), white, black hat with blue trimmings; Miss A. Bell, white pique, sailor hat with pink ribbon; Miss Coleridge (Wellington), white pique, sailor hat; Miss Huddleston, dark costume, black hat with scarlet poppies; Miss Fell, navy cloth coat and skirt, sailor hat; Miss Sealy, green skirt, white blouse, yellow silk waist band and tie, sailor hat; Miss Monica Brunny, white; Miss G. Jones, pink cambrie; Miss Curtis, white pique; Mrs Tusk, handsome

black costume, cream vest, stylish bonnet; Miss Driscoll looked well in black and white muslin, black hat and tips with pink roses; Miss Robertson, green and white; Miss Trolove, white; Miss Stephens, powder blue drill coat and skirt, front of pink over cream lace, sailor hat with blue band; Miss Leslie, white muslin over red slip, hat to match with scarlet poppies; her sister wore white muslin and lace over heliotrope, Leghorn hat with feathers and chiffon; Mrs Perrin, black; Mrs Childs looked well in a pretty flowered muslin, chip hat with feathers; the Misses Pike (2), cream dresses, hats of cream silk and tips; Miss Saxton, light costume; the Misses Coote (2) wore smart holland costumes braided with white, sailor hats; and many others.

## PHYLLIS.

## NAPIER.

Dear Bee,  
December 8.  
Mr and Mrs Gray gave a delightful Garden Party at "The Grange," Lincoln Road, on Saturday last. The beautiful garden was crowded with guests, the ladies' nearly all wearing most attractive gowns. Mrs Gray received her guests in a pretty dress of cream serge with a sailor hat. An excellent band performed upon the lawn, and refreshments, consisting of tea, coffee, cakes, fruit, etc., were served in all parts of the grounds. The visitors included Mrs Thompson, who was in cream muslin with rows of green ribbon velvet; the Misses Morecroft and Lyndon, who were respectively white and pale figured muslin, with hats to match; Mrs James McLean in black and white, and a black hat; Mrs Lines wore a pale blue sprigged muslin, and a black toque to match, trimmed with pale blue; Mrs R. B. Smith wore green check silk and small toque; Mrs DeLisle was in pale grey; Mrs Russell Duncan wore blue and biscuit colour; Miss Clampit was in white.

The Hawke's Bay Tennis Courts presented quite a gay appearance on Saturday, when a number of people were present to see a match played off in the first round of the combined handicap doubles. Great improvements have recently been made there, and there are now four courts instead of three, owing to the increasing number of players. In the tournament, Miss Florence Watt and Parker (received 35), beat Miss Todd and Dinwiddie (received 15)—70—65; and Miss Cotterill and Macassey (received 15), beat Miss Wood and Grumit (received 20), 70—66. Afternoon tea was provided by Miss Locking. Some of those present were Mrs Logan, in black and grey; Mrs Kight, light blue, and dark skirt; Miss Kate Hitchings, pink and white; Miss Una Hitchings, pretty transparent white muslin and insertion; Miss Chapman, pale blue muslin; Miss Wilson, flowered muslin, sailor hat; Miss Wood, white pique.

The Pollard Opera Company performed here for a short season last week, when they played "The Belle of New York," "In Town," and "La Pique." Some of those present on the different nights were Mesdames M. Lean, Smith, Lines, Williams, Carlisle, Tean, Coleman, Lusk and the Misses Cotterill, Williams, Wood, Tanner, Morecroft, Lyndon, Balfour, etc.

## MARJORIE.]

## AUCKLAND.

Dear Bee,  
December 12.  
Mrs R. Anthony Carr gave  
A LARGE GARDEN PARTY  
on Wednesday last, at her beautiful residence, Marwa, Epsom. The weather was all that could be desired, so shining brightly, making everything have a very summery appearance, though the chill of winter still lingered in the shade. The many lovely trees, shrubs and plants, which Marwa is noted for, were very much admired by the guests, especially the large weeping elm, which makes a capital, cool arbour; the spreading branches of green foliage grow round in a semi-circle position, the ends touching the ground, the effect of this tree being wonderfully picturesque. The afternoon refreshments were served in the house, two rooms being thrown open for this purpose. In one room tea, coffee, cake, sweets, etc., were dispensed. The table here was tastefully decorated with white and gold dappery, finished with vases of single red dahlias, double ixias, yellow flowers, and grasses. In the opposite room ices,

strawberries and cream were served. Mrs and Miss Carr were assiduous in their endeavours to promote the pleasure of the many guests.

Mrs R. Anthony Carr wore a pretty costume of mauve canvas with black trimmings, relieved at the neck with white, white hat with mauve flowers and black feathers; Miss Nora Carr, dark skirt, pink striped silk blouse, white hat with plumes; Mrs (Major) George, very handsome black broche, black bonnet with white ostrich feathers; Miss Sutton, oyster grey relieved with bands of black velvet; Mrs Moener, black silk with lace; Mrs Hope Lewis, lilac plaid muslin, black hat; Mrs Edward Morton, mode grey figured alpaca, white vest, bonnet en suite; Mrs H. B. Morton, absinthe green silk, bonnet to match; Mrs Hesketh, black; Mrs Shipherd, pale grey lustre; Mrs Johnson, pretty grey figured muslin, white vest, columbine blue hat; Miss Hesketh, lilac striped muslin black check hat; Mrs (Dr.) Maurer, Purchas, black lustre skirt, blue striped blouse with white lace applique, white sailor hat; Mrs Purchas, canary costume veiled in canary figured French muslin; Mrs Seth-Smith, black gown relieved with violet; Mrs Cro. Bloomfield, grey check, with rows of embroidery, white vest, hat with cerise; Mrs Dennis O'Rourke (Christchurch), navy silk figured with white, hat with ostrich plumes; Mrs Heather, dark green costume veiled in canvas, black bonnet with roses; Mrs Payton, pale mauve French muslin, white hat with plumes; Mrs Arthur Nathan, navy blue cloth with green facings, black hat with plumes and red flowers beneath brim; Mrs H. Bloomfield, violet cloth with ecru embroidery; Mrs Dignan, stylish combination of slate grey and pink, cream floral toque of Marchiel Niel roses; Mrs Street, black; Miss Rooke, a combination of grey and pink; Mrs Gillies, very handsome black silk with iridescent bead trimming; Miss Gillies, pink French muslin, white lace; Miss ... costume, relieved with ... Ranken-Reed, pink, veiled in white embroidery muslin, white chiffon toque, with flower decoration; Mrs Heywood, black; Miss Heywood, white pique, blue hat; Misses Wilkins, white piques; Mrs Fenwick, cream costume, with pipings of red; Mrs Thomas Morrison, white silk, with blue figured design, hat en suite; Miss Morrison, white skirt, mignonette green blouse; Mrs Hanna, mode grey, with white chemisette; Mrs L. D. Nathan, fawn cloth, trimmed with narrow bands of black ribbon, yellow Oriental silk chemisette, black straw toque, with pink roses and gold rosettes; Mrs Pritt, black silk, black bonnet, with violets; Mrs Walker, handsome combination of grey and cerise pink, ... en suite; Mrs Reade, pale grey ribbed mirror silk; Mrs Tewsey, black silk, trimmed with black chiffon; Mrs W. Clayton (Wellington), grey muslin, relieved with white; Mrs Fitzroy-Peacock, grey fancy silk costume; Mrs Thomas Peacock, handsome black moire, with narrow red stripe; Mrs Moss, black; Miss Moss, fawn, relieved with white; Mrs Otway, black; Mrs Markham, brown holland; Mrs Noakes, brown holland; Mrs Duncan Clerk, blue figured French muslin; Miss Colbeck, pale grey; Mrs Bodle, black and white check; Mrs Matthew Clark, grey coat and skirt; Mrs Archie Clark, navy; Mrs Devereux, black silk, faced with white, black straw hat, with plumes and green flowers; Miss Devereux, fawn holland skirt, red blouse, sailor hat; her sister wore white; Mrs Cochrane, black silk; Miss Cochrane, mauve figured muslin; Mrs S. Morrin, black striped moire, black hat, with touch of blue; Miss Outhwaite, cream ribbed costume; Mrs Beatty, grey fancy material costume, sailor hat; Mrs Hugh Campbell, apricot figured French muslin over pink silk; Mrs D. W. Duffie, pretty China blue figured French muslin; Mrs Charles Haines, cerise pink silk, veiled in fawn muslin, cerise pink sash, toque en suite; Mrs Rauson, grey costume, violet turban, with flowers to match; Mrs H. Nolan, dark skirt, green and pink tartan blouse; Mrs Kingswell, black costume, relieved with pink; Mrs Upton, black silk; Mrs Kerr-Taylor, black, with mignonette green trimming; Miss Kerr-Taylor, grey; Mrs William, white silk, white hat, with red berries, pink parasol; Miss Horne, very handsome costume of black canvas cloth, with black ribbons hand-painted with periwinkles, slashed from bodice to hem of skirt, periwinkle blue silk tucked chemisette, toque of periwinkles en suite; Miss C. Horne, white costume, with narrow pink stripe; Mrs A. V. McDonald, black; Mrs Whewell, black, relieved with violet; Mrs Hamlin-White, white skirt,

white silk blouse, with floral design Mrs A. V. McDonald, pretty dark costume; Mrs Petrie, dark skirt, white blouse.

## NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee,  
December 8.  
Great quietness and good order were the striking features on election day, last Wednesday. As soon as the polling booth opened at nine o'clock the voting started in earnest and was kept up until the clock was just striking six o'clock, when a cab arrived with the last voter. During the afternoon the Town Band played an excellent programme in front of the Government Buildings, which made things less monotonous. Amongst the crowd I noticed Mrs J. C. George, white and heliotrope costume braided with black velvet; Mrs Rankin (Nelson), stylish violet dress trimmed with black, picture hat en suite; Misses Clegg (2), fawn and heliotrope respectively; Mrs Holdsworth, black; Misses Humphries (2), black and white costume; Miss M. Webster, fawn; Mrs Denish; Miss Devenish, black coat and skirt, white silk front; Mrs Berry; Miss Berry, holland costume; Mrs Carthew; Miss Carthew, green and white stripe blouse, dark skirt, sailor hat; Mrs J. Russell, flowered delaine; Mrs Fenton, fawn coat and skirt, pale blue toque; Miss Smith (North Shore), mauve skirt, white muslin blouse; Mrs Blyth, peacock green costume; Mrs Tribe looked well in black, handsome lace cape, bonnet to correspond; Mrs Snowball, black; Mrs Fookes, black; Miss Arrow, black and white blouse, dark skirt; Mrs H. Hammond, black, pretty pink silk front; Miss Breech, violet and white blouse, black skirt, hat to match; Miss Ilirst, black and yellow costume; Mrs H. Fookes, light blouse, dark skirt; Mrs Newitt, black; Mrs Humphries, black, lace cape; Miss H. Humphries, pale blue; Mrs Paul, pretty yellow silk and lace blouse, dark skirt, hat en suite; Miss Paul, ecru coloured silk blouse, white pique skirt, hat trimmed with pale green; Miss Lawson, blue and white stripe costume; Mrs Lawron, black; Mrs O. Saunags, black with black satiny bodice, toque to match; Miss C. T. M., pink and white stripe costume; Mrs Cunningham, dainty white muslin blouse over yellow, dark skirt, sailor hat; Miss A. Biggs, black; Mrs Robinson, navy blue costume, cream in net; Miss M. Robinson, white blouse, black skirt; Miss M. Roy, dark skirt, red and white blouse; Mrs Bedford; Mrs Bedford, pale blue, and black trimmings; Mrs Maurison, blue and white blouse, dark skirt; Miss Hursthouse, red and white blouse, black skirt; Mrs McKellar; Miss McKellar, heliotrope flowered muslin blouse, black skirt; Miss Marshall grey costume; Mrs McIntosh, black, handsome velvet cape; Miss P. McIntosh, pretty costume of green veiled in black grenadine, with white silk yoke; Mrs A. McIntosh, black coat and skirt, blue front; Mrs Halse, black, black and white bonnet; Mrs McRoy, black costume, white silk front, scarlet in bonnet; Misses Kirkby (2), blue blouses and dark skirts respectively; Mrs Tuke, black corded silk costume, green in bonnet; Mrs Allen, black; Mrs Wright, plum coloured costume, trimmed with silk and cream lace; Miss Read, cream blouse, dark skirt; Miss G. Goldwater, white; Miss Hart (Auckland), black skirt, check blouse; Mrs Choiwell, pretty cornflower blue coat and skirt, cream hat; Miss Cole, yellow; Mrs Carthew, fawn silk blouse, black skirt; Miss L. Carthew, cream with spring green silk sleeves; Mrs W. Leatham, dark skirt, blue blouse; Mrs Morey, black, lace cape, blue in bonnet; Miss Stanford, heliotrope costume; Miss M. Stanford, green blouse, black skirt; Mrs Walker, peacock green silk blouse, dark skirt; her little daughter looked dainty in pale pink; Mrs G. Newman looked striking in cream blouse, black skirt, black and white hat; Miss Teed, blue and white blouse, dark skirt; Miss Brewer, black skirt, green and white check blouse; Mrs Douglas, black costume, black and cream hat; Mrs H. Mae, green costume; Mrs Deacon, blue and white blouse, dark skirt; Miss Parker, black skirt, green and white blouse; Miss B. Thomson, black with pale blue blouse; Mrs Chambers, blue blouse, dark skirt, black lace cape, black and yellow bonnet; Miss Finn, cream silk, pretty cream and peacock green hat; Miss G. Douglas, black, picture hat en suite; her friend looked pretty in a cream and pink blouse, dark skirt.

NANCY LEE.