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Society Gossip

AUCKLAND.

Dear Bee, March 15.
Poio has continued to monopolise our attention during the entire week.

THE POLO BALL.

When the Auckland and Remuera Clubs entertained the visiting teams on Tuesday evening, was a conspicuous and triumphant success. The dance was held at the Federal Hall, which is now both fashionable and most comfortable for the purpose. The main hall was beautifully decorated with palms, lycopodium, bamboo and fernery, while the side hall was furnished as a comfortable drawing-room, lounges and chairs being interspersed with palms and large masses of peach blossoms — so beautifully made artificially that everyone thought they were real — and bella-donna lilies. The supper-room arrangements were perfect. The beautiful decorations were entirely of yellow and were most effective. Small tables were laid for six. The catering was excellent and the music by Meredith's band exceptionally good, as was the floor. Extras were played by Melanice McCosh Clarke, Duthie and Miss Lennox. Amongst those present I noticed — Mrs A. C. Purchas, wife of the president of the Polo Club, was gowned in a very handsome ivory brocade, trimmed with white chiffon and Paris lace, turquoise blue choux in coiffure and on front of corsage; Mrs Charlie Kissling wore a charming costume of soft white Japanese silk with folded centre of the same, chiffon hanging sleeves; Miss Ethelwyn Cooke looked very pretty in simple but effective gown of white lawn, tucked perpendicularly and inset with bands of narrow string coloured insertion, chiffon sleeves; Mrs E. D. O'Rorke wore a distingue toilette of ivory mousseline-de-soie over glaze silk, elaborately trimmed with beautiful lace, wide folded corselit belt of buttercup satin, spray of yellow roses on corsage; Miss Maimie Sheppard was in a dainty frock of soft white muslin, with numerous tiny frills on the skirt edged with black velvet belt ribbon, the bodice was also trimmed with narrow velvet ribbon, white chiffon choux in coiffure; Mrs T. E. Morrin wore an exquisite gown of silver-spangled Limerick lace over white glaze silk, the bodice finished with rappings of narrow heliotrope chiffon and single violet pelerine, heliotrope silk coiffure; Miss Morrin was prettily gowned in a pink crepe de chine with accordion-pleated skirt, hip-yoke of fagotted silk of same shade and deep berthe of same trimmed with Paris lace medallions, wreath of pink roses in coiffure; Miss Alice Morrin wore a pretty turquoise blue sunray pleated crepe de chine, with saddle yoke and berthe of fagotted silk, sprays of forget-me-nots on bodice and in coiffure; Mrs Cotter wore an elaborate toilette of very handsome black brocade, the bodice trimmed with diamond-shaped medallions of beautiful lace; Miss Millie Cotter wore a beautiful gown of white Renaissance lace over white glaze silk, the bodice relieved with touches of turquoise blue, chapelet of water lilies in coiffure; Miss Winnie Cotter looked particularly well in black satin and point d'esprit, with turquoise blue choux in coiffure and on corsage; Mrs T. Hope Lewis wore a lovely gown of shimmering blue satin handsomely trimmed with beautiful black lace medallions, chiffon choux in coiffure; Miss Eileen Lewis was in pale blue Oriental satin veiled in lovely cream lace, sash of blue glaze silk and wreath of lilies on coiffure; Mrs W. R. Bloomfield, pretty white satin frock with ruffled double skirt and bodice trimmed with chiffon and sprays of heliotrope flowers, wreath of same in her hair; Miss George wore a white Louisiana silk gown with pleated

frills, the bodice softened with white chiffon, black velvet rosettes in hair; Miss Nora Gorrie wore a pretty white liberty silk frock trimmed with chiffon and Paris lace, clusters of deep crimson geraniums in front of bodice and in her hair; Miss Gwen Gorrie, dainty white soft silk frock, with a deep frill on skirt, edged with black lace, black lace medallions and tiny bows of black velvet ribbon on skirt, berthe of silk edged with insertion and flowing sleeves; Mrs Kekewick wore a smart black satin gown with deep berthe of jetted lace, soft white chiffon choux on corsage; Miss Ivy Buddle was in a very pretty frock of white glaze silk with fagotted seams over heliotrope glaze silk, bow of heliotrope velvet ribbon in her hair; Mrs C. Buddle, pretty white mousseline de soie gown trimmed with lovely lace; Mrs McCosh Clark wore a very handsome gown of silver grey brocade and black lace artistically combined; Miss Pearl Clark looked sweet in a dainty frock of white net laced with narrow satin ribbon over glaze silk, white chiffon on bodice and wreath of maidenhair in coiffure; Miss Kitty Clark was in a white brocade silk gown with shoulder straps of silver embroidery; Mrs Hanna, effective gown of white figured glaze silk finished with lace, large cluster of arsenic green flowers on corsage and in hair; Miss Jackson, pretty pale pink crepe de chine frock trimmed with chiffon and lace flowing sleeves and wreath of flowers in her hair; Miss Woodward, soft white silk prettily tucked, chiffon pelerine edged with several narrow frills; Mrs McColl, pretty white silk frock finished with lace, pale pink roses on decolletage and in hair; Miss Kathleen Thompson was prettily gowned in white lace over glaze silk, white satin centre, small white rosebuds in front of bodice and in her hair; Miss Ida Thompson, dull blue silk gown, the skirt and deep berthe edged with sable, cluster of shaded wheat ears in front of bodice; Mrs Southey Baker (Taranaki) wore a lovely black figured satin gown trimmed with chiffon, cluster of deep pink shaded roses in her hair and on corsage, and her sister, Miss Lloyd, was attired in a soft white crepe de chine gown, the bodice frilled and finished with a deep berthe of sunray pleated chiffon, artistically arranged with pink rosebuds, white satin centre and wreath of pink roses in coiffure; Mrs. Duthie wore a cream point d'esprit gown, inset with wide Paris lace over white glaze silk, white satin centre and large blue choux in front of bodice and in her hair; Miss Lusk, white crepe de chine gown, with gauged skirt, the bodice trimmed with white sun-ray pleated chiffon, and sprays of purple sweet pea, black velvet bow in hair; Miss Olive Lusk, soft white silk frock, with berthe and flowing sleeves of accordion-pleated chiffon, cluster of shaded hydrangea on shoulder, and wide sash of heliotrope silk; Miss Helen Fenton wore a pretty pink Oriental satin, elaborately gauged and trimmed with Paris lace, pale pink ribbons threaded through her hair; Mrs. Rosenthal (Sydney) wore an exquisite gown of shirred pink chiffon over glaze silk, berthe, and deep flounce on skirt of wide white yak lace, transparent yoke of chiffon, splash bow of pale pink ribbon in coiffure; Miss May Cameron, black shirred Brussels net over black glaze silk, the decolletage outlined with tiny pink bank-a-roses, wreath of same in her hair; Mrs. Murphy (Gisborne), handsome black spotted merveilleux silk gown, the bodice finished with Irish point lace; Miss Reynolds (Gisborne) was gowned in a smart black satin gown, with berthe of white lace; and her sister wore white; Mrs. Skerrett (Gisborne) wore a charming costume of pale green crepe de chine with wide accordion-pleated frill on skirt, the bodice was relieved with tiny rappings of a shade deeper; Mrs. E. R. Bloomfield wore a charming gown of pale blue crepe de chine, the bodice prettily draped with string-coloured lace, spray of pink roses and green leaves in her hair; Miss Want (Sydney) was in a lovely frock of ivory tucked crepe de chine, inset with wide Paris lace insertions over pale blue silk, pale blue centre and ribbon threaded through berthe; Miss George wore a sweetly pretty frock of white Oriental satin, with frills of sun-ray pleated chiffon and blonde lace on skirt, headed with pale pink roses, the bodice was also draped with blonde lace and finished with pink roses, sash of pink mousseline de soie; Miss Zoe George wore a dainty frock of white glaze silk, veiled in beautiful Limerick lace, pale blue sash and

wreath of plak roses in her hair; Mrs. Denniston, distingue toilette of heliotrope crepe de chine, handsomely trimmed with jewelled net; Miss Georgie Denniston, pretty white silk frock, tucked and trimmed with lace and chiffon; Miss Pearl Gorrie, soft white silk frock, with chiffon berthe and flowing sleeves, folded centre and spray of white flowers in her hair; Mrs. Ware, lovely gown of black jetted mousseline de soie, with applications of black lace, transparent sleeves; Miss Dorothy Ware, pretty black Louisiana silk gown, with sun-ray pleated flounce, the bodice draped with chiffon, wreath of green leaves in her hair; Miss Crowther, pink floral glaze silk, with gauged skirt, the bodice draped with chiffon, and chiffon sash; Mrs Copeland Savage looked sweet in a pretty black chiffon over white silk, heliotrope centre and choux; Mrs. Rees, black satin frock, with medallions of Paris lace on bodice; Miss Muriel Dawson wore a pretty black net gown over black satin, the decolletage outlined with Paris lace, threaded with pale blue, blue choux in her hair; Miss Worsp wore a dainty white silk frock, trimmed with lace, sprays of violets on bodice and in her hair; Mrs. Markham, smart black gown, with lace coffee jacket, pale pink centre, and large pink crush rose on bodice; Miss Firth wore a pretty white muslin frock, elaborately tucked and trimmed with Paris lace, Mrs Williamson, pretty white crepe de chine tucked and frilled over pale blue silk, wreath of white flowers in coiffure; Miss Waller, exquisite frock of white chiffon over shirred pink silk, pink choux in coiffure; Mrs Ching, handsome black gown relieved with diamond shaped motifs of Paris lace; Miss Ching, white brocade silk frock with chiffon sleeves and berthe, sprays of tiny pink field daisies on bodice and in hair; Mrs Napier, charming frock of white crepe de chine with deep accordion-pleated flounce, the bodice veiled in sunray pleated chiffon; Mrs Myers (England) wore a beautiful Limerick lace gown over white silk with pale blue folded centre and blue choux; Mrs Robert Moss (Sydney), pale green crepe de chine with jewelled lace flounce and berthe and flowing sleeves of jewelled lace, wide satin belt; Miss Moss Davis was in a pretty white silk gown inset with Paris lace insertions; Miss McCleod (America), very handsome floral chine silk gown with gauged bands trimmed with beautiful lace, white net choux in her hair; Miss Ethna Pierce wore a pretty white net laced with satin ribbon over white silk, white rosebuds on decolletage and in her hair; Miss Florence Walker, striking frock of white silk with deep mauve chiffon pelerine and sash; Miss Bee Heather, dainty pale blue shirred silk frock with hip-yoke and berthe of Paris lace, blue choux in coiffure; Miss Anderson (South), looked charming in a pale blue crepe de chine gown, with fagotted seams, hip yoke and deep berthe; Mrs McKay, handsome black satin frock, the bodice veiled in net, sprays of violets on corsage and in hair; Miss D. Scherff, white accordion-pleated chiffon frock; with white satin centre hanging sleeves of chiffon; Miss Kitty Lennox, pretty pale blue crepe de chine frock with Paris lace encrustations; Mrs Walker was in black satin with white chiffon choux on corsage and in hair; Mrs Foster, smart black satin gown with berthe of lovely cream lace, folded belt encrusted with Paris lace motifs; Mrs Colfrey Pharaayn (Manawatu) wore an exquisite gown of white crepe de chine over glaze silk, shoulder straps of forget-me-nots, and wreath of same in her hair, blue sash; Mrs Jack Strang, lovely black sequined net gown over black silk, with choux of ribbon in coiffure; Mrs A. Strang, white glaze silk, veiled in Limerick lace, large pink crush rose in front of bodice and in coiffure; Miss Ritchie, striking costume of white and green chine silk with perpendicular bands of green, green leaves on bodice and in hair; Miss Mort (Sydney), very pretty pale pink chiffon over glaze silk; Miss Reed, white silk, prettily trimmed with chiffon and lace, relieved with touches of black velvet; Miss Abrahams, dainty white frock. Amongst the gentlemen present I noticed — Dr. Purchas, Maitland, Ravage, Messrs Purchas, Cronbie, Ross, Strang (2), Reed, Simpson, George (2), Ross, Worsp, Norton, Alison, Hay, Clark, Fonteyn-Baker, Bloomfield (2), Dawson, Pickering, Ridings, Duthie, Kissling, Nathan (3), Myers, Meredith, Burns, Lloyd, Hanna, Jackson, Pierce, Buddle and many others.

The tournament was brought to conclusion on Saturday night

THE SPORTS AT ALEXANDRA PARK.

There was a fair gathering of the public, but I think these sports could be made much more interesting if the programme were revised. With a desire to provide what is equivalent to the comedy element in a drama several oute events, are introduced, and really I think those in charge would be wiser to keep to straight-out races and competitions. Everyone appreciates a good horse and skilful horsemanship, but it is rather a tax on one to have to applaud contests which would be admirable as a source of amusement at a circus matinee, but drag somewhat where the spectators are old enough to claim the franchise. The "straight-out" races and events were capital, and all were keenly contested.

DRESSES AT POLO.

Mrs A. C. Purchas wore a pretty mignonette green voile with trimmings of ecru lace, burnt straw hat with dahlia choux of green and black ribbon; Mrs E. D. O'Rorke, very smart black and white spotted foulard with bands of black Chantilly lace on skirt and bodice, large black hat with ostrich feathers; Miss Maimie Sheppard, white linen coat and skirt, white vest, burnt straw hat with large splash bow of black ribbon; Mrs T. Hope Lewis, black and white spotted silk gown trimmed with lace, wide centre and stock of heliotrope, burnt straw and black hat finished with long black ostrich feathers; Miss Lewis was in a cream sunray pleated voile skirt, pretty white silk and insertion blouse, smart crimson hat; Miss Fenton wore a white linen gown and black hat trimmed with clusters of violets; Miss Jessie Reed wore a white Persian lawn frock, the bodice embroidered with pale blue, large black picture hat; Miss Sheppard, black voile costume, laced with satin ribbon, canary silk vest veiled in net, black and cream toque; Mrs Pharaayn (Palmerston North), lovely gown of cream canvas voile over glaze silk, with sunray veiled frills and inset with wide bands of Paris lace, white satin centre and black hat; Miss Abraham wore a pretty white muslin gown with elaborately frilled skirt, hat en suite, and her sister also wore white with large crimson hat; Miss Lily Kissling, heliotrope linen skirt, pretty white silk blouse with deep cape collar of Paris lace, black hat with sprays of lilac; Mrs Robert Moss (Sydney), black gauged crepe de chine gown with deep yoke of Paris lace and net, pretty cream hat trimmed with shaded ostrich feather; Misses Moss Davis were gowned in cream coats and skirts, cream vests and large cream picture hats; Miss McLeod (America) was in a white gown with exquisite pelerine of cream ostrich feathers, white hat; Mrs Morrin wore a smart royal blue costume with incrustations of Paris lace, black country girl hat wreathed with sprays of lilac; Miss Morrin wore a cream serge costume with transparent lace yoke, old gold centre and pretty blue hat; Miss Cotter, lovely pale pink silk gown with wide Paris lace trimmings, smart hat to match; Miss — Cotter looked well in blue canvas voile with insertions of tawny-coloured lace, large black hat; Mrs Kekewick, white pique costume inset with bands of insertion, short grey,

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