

Society Gossip

NAPIER.

Dear Bee,

The Napier Sailing Club

GAVE A BALL.

In the Theatre Royal on the 27th ult. Mrs. Gebbie's band was in attendance, and played charming dance music. Extras were played by Mrs. Baxter and Miss Goldsmith. The grand march was led by Mrs. S. Riddell, wife of the club's captain, and Mr. R. Puffet, president. Mrs. Riddell looked remarkably well in a beautiful dress of pale pink satin, the bodice elaborately trimmed with handsome ecru lace, and a choux of pink chiffon was becomingly arranged in her hair. Amongst the prettiest dresses were those of Miss Humphries, who wore a handsome gown of cream accented-pleated chiffon over white silk, long sleeves of the same chiffon; Miss Burke, who looked extremely well in black velvet and white lace; Miss Ella Burke, stylish gown of black net, with pink roses becomingly arranged on the bodice; Mrs. Baxter, black and white; Miss Goldsmith looked exceedingly dainty in pale green chiffon over white silk, trimmed with roses of a delicate shade of pink, and innumerable ruchings of green chiffon round the edge of the skirt; Mrs. Stedman was in black; Miss Cornford, pretty dress of pale blue soft silk, the bodice trimmed with pale blue chiffon, and choux of pale blue chiffon in her hair; Miss Madge Hindmarsh wore a most becoming gown of soft white silk, much trimmed with accented-pleated chiffon; Miss Scott (Christchurch) also wore a white silk dress, which suited her to perfection; Miss Chapman, black and pale blue; Miss Brabant, handsome gown of black silk and lace, with red poppies on the bodice; Miss McLennan wore blue; Miss Myra Williams was in cream; Miss Fanning, white silk and lace. Among the gentlemen were: Messrs. Broad, Riddell, Cornford, Stedman, Von Dadelzen, Raymond, Brandon, Rochfort, Kennedy, Cotterill, Humphries, etc.

Mr. Mel. B. Spurr gave the first of his pleasant entertainments at the Theatre Royal on the 2nd inst. Mrs. Edgar was present in a becoming toilette of pale blue silk trimmed with passementerie; Mrs. Kirova White wore black net over silk and a large choux of pale blue silk on the bodice; her sister, Miss Allan, in a pretty costume of pale pink silk relieved with white chiffon; Mrs. Stedman, in black; Mrs. Brabant, maize-coloured gown, handsome opera cloak of heliotrope brocade; Miss Brabant, cream dress much trimmed with lace; Mrs. Kettle, pink silk blouse and dark skirt; Mrs. Wenley, black net costume with silver embroidery, cream silk and brown velvet opera cloak; Mrs. De Lisle wore black and pink; Miss Russell looked well in pale pink crepe de chine with rosettes of black velvet on the bodice; Mrs. Round was in black; Mrs. Riddell also wore a handsome black dress; Miss Annie Kennedy, becoming blouse of pale blue silk, dark skirt; Miss Dulcie Kennedy, white blouse and black skirt; Miss Howell, white dress much trimmed with silver, cream cloth opera coat; Miss B. Nairn, black and white dress trimmed with silver embroidery; Mrs. Martin, handsome dress of black silk with white lace on the bodice; Miss Martin, becoming cream costume and an opera cloak of the same colour edged with swansdown; Miss Todd was in pink; Miss Dean wore white and pale blue.

Mr. H. G. Spackman gave a successful concert at St. Augustine's Hall on the 1st inst. Trio by Mesdames Peacock and Natusch, Miss Clark, Messrs H. G. and C. H. Spackman and Herr Lehmann formed a feature of the evening. Lochner's "Andante and Allegro," "Polonaise" (Trauselle), and "one of Beethoven's compositions were the pieces selected. Miss King's solo, "It was a Dream," by Yassen, and "Good-bye" (Tosti) were greatly applauded. Mrs. Poolman sang "The Dream of Paradise" and "The Dawn of Redemption," the audience showing their appreciation by insisting on an encore. Mr. Ellis' song, "Mona," by S. Adams, was good, and his encore number created much amusement.

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AUCKLAND.

Dear Bee,

June 7.

We have been having disgracefully wet and cold weather lately, and everything has been rather miserable in consequence.

THE WINTER RACE MEETING AT MILLERSIE ON FRIDAY

certainly lived up to its reputation so far as "winter" was concerned. It was bitterly cold with a biting wind blowing, and every now and then the rain poured down in absolute torrents, so that the lawn and paddocks were a sea of mud. Anything more miserable it would be impossible to imagine, and I cannot think what induced us to start out on such a day; but we did, and so did a fair number of other foolish people. I suppose you have heard of the disgraceful railway arrangements. We got into a train at 11 o'clock (a little before that hour, but it was advertised to start then), but were kept waiting on the platform till about a quarter to twelve. The carriages and trucks were shamefully overloaded, and the huge train nearly stopped in the tunnel, and again on the Renuera rise. Some vigorous protest should really be made and an endeavour made to get the parties responsible for such gross mismanagement punished. The arrangements on the course were as comfortable as the state of the weather allowed. A special word of commendation is due, I think, to the club caterer, Mr. King. No better race lunch is served on any English racecourse, and the hot soup and devilled chickens were exceptionally welcome on such a cold day. After what I have told you about the weather, you will not expect to hear much about frocks. Everyone stayed on the stand and only now and then did I get a glimpse of anyone with a macintosh off. However here are a few of the dresses I saw:—

Mrs. Morrin wore a very smart dark blue cloth tailor-made gown, dark blue that relieved with touches of green, beautiful fox fur and muff; Mrs. Lowrie (Napier) was in a dark gown and beautifully fitting fawn Chesterfield coat, stylish blue and green hat; Mrs. Sharman, serviceable trottuse gown of golden brown tweed, sable jacket, white vest relieved with blue, cornflower blue hat wreathed with cornflowers; Miss Florence Young, beautiful black Louise silk gown elaborately gauged and trimmed with chenille medallions, large black picture hat; Mrs. Blair (Sydney), black cloth coat and skirt, cream vest, pretty pale blue, black and white toque; Mrs. Rees, navy blue costume, with stone-grey moleskin jacket, black and cream hat; Miss Ida George, very pretty blue costume with gauged skirt, blue felt tricorne hat trimmed with violets and cream lace, ermine stole; Miss Gorrie, dark French grey Chesterfield coat and skirt, small black hat; Miss Nora Gorrie, navy blue serge costume with small blue hat to match swathed with blue and white chiffon; Miss Gwen Gorrie, dark skirt, grey Chesterfield coat, pretty vest relieved with touches of crimson, black hat; Miss Royce (Dunedin), navy blue gown with long crushed strawberry frieze coat, white and black hat; Miss Want (Sydney), dark grey tweed tailor-made gown, black hat trimmed with ostrich feathers and black chiffon; Mrs. Charlie MacCormick, brown cloth gown with Chesterfield coat, hat en suite; Mrs. Wallace Lawson, black cloth coat costume with white vest and revers, hat to match; Mrs. Markham, cornflower blue frieze costume with grey Chesterfield coat, black hat; Miss Eva Firth, very dark blue cloth tailor-made gown, white vest, Tuscan straw hat trimmed with crimson; Mrs. Crowe, dark blue serge with long grey coat, black and white beaver hat; Miss Ida Thompson, navy blue with long biscuit-coloured coat, white felt hat; Mrs. Smith, dark brown tweed coat and skirt braided with black, hat en suite; Miss Trix Smith, dark blue costume with Chesterfield coat, grey fur toque with spray of shaded roses at one side; Mrs. Cotter, very handsome black costume with smart black hat to

match; Mrs. Walker, black cloth coat and skirt, pretty black and white bonnet, handsome bear fur; Miss Nora Walker, navy blue jacket and skirt, white vest, blue San Toy hat slashed with crimson ribbon and trimmed with white wlags; Miss Jo Smith (Sydney), crushed strawberry skirt, white knitted Russian jacket, burnt straw hat trimmed with black rosettes; Mrs. Barker, pink and black tartan skirt, with smart black jacket, white vest and pretty pink hat; Mrs. Basley, very handsome black striped coat and skirt, pretty black and cream bonnet; Miss Mabel Basley, dark blue tailor-made coat and skirt, cream vest, large black picture hat; Miss Davy, blue costume, with Chesterfield coat, hat en suite; Mrs. Jones, black cloth coat and skirt, white vest, black hat; Mrs. Angus Gordon, dark blue serge jacket and skirt, cream vest, black hat; Miss Helen Gordon, dark blue, with grey jacket, pretty hat to correspond; Mrs. Rathbone, black-tucked skirt, gauged black crepe de chine blouse, with yak lace yoke and underleaves, black hat; Miss Lusk, brown costume, with brown and cream San Toy hat to match; Miss Fenton, cream hopsacking coat and skirt, strapped and finished with gold buttons, beaver hat trimmed with white feather pompon; Miss Percival, black costume, with smart frieze Russian jacket, Tuscan hat; Miss Edith Percival, black serge braided costume, with cream hat, trimmed with pale blue; Miss Eva Percival, blue cloth Russian coat and skirt, blue felt hat, trimmed with turquoise blue ribbon; Miss Torrence, dark blue costume, with dark blue hat to match; Miss Dunnet, dark cloth trottuse skirt, moleskin jacket and hat to match; Miss Muriel Dawson, dark grey frieze Russian costume, white silk and lace vest, pretty white felt hat, trimmed with black; Miss Nesta Cooke, black cloth tailor-made coat and skirt, faced with white, white vest, black felt hat with feather pompon; Miss Jessie Lewis, black skirt, grey Chesterfield coat, brown Bretonne sailor hat; Miss Winnie Lewis, navy blue serge tailor-made gown, white vest, black French sailor hat; Mrs. Ballin, black cloth trottuse skirt, black moleskin jacket, black hat; Miss Ballin, navy blue short skirt, grey Chesterfield jacket, with black facings, smart Hussar hat; Mrs. Caro, black gown, with black toque to match; Mrs. Barry, Keesing, navy blue costume, with long blue military coat, with crimson pipings, blue San Toy hat; Miss Isaacs, dark bottle green cloth gown, with violet ceinture, smart hat to match; Mrs. Harry Hume, brown tweed costume, brown felt hat wreathed with crimson berries; Miss Pearl Little, dark blue coat and skirt, white vest, black hat; Mrs. Ansenne, black skirt, black merveilleux silk coat with black and white embroidered revers, white vest, black hat; Miss Ada Preece, cream hopsacking Russian coat and skirt, finished with gold buttons, and beaver hat; Mrs. Hanna, black cloth coat and skirt with white facings, white vest, black hat, lined with white tuckered chiffon, and trimmed with ostrich feathers; Mrs. Thorne Jackson, navy blue serge tailor-made gown, cream vest, burnt straw hat, trimmed with black rosettes; Mrs. Peter Laurence, dark blue serge coat and skirt, faced with dark blue tuckered silk, Bretonne sailor hat, finished with feather pompons; Miss Marjory Towle, navy blue cloth costume with Chesterfield coat, pretty black picture hat; Mrs. Alison, very smart blue figured tweed coat and skirt, cream vest, pretty toque to correspond; Mrs. Devore, black satin cloth coat and skirt with revers and vest of white satin, embroidered with black, black and white bonnet; Miss Devore, grey flecked tweed Chesterfield coat and skirt, cream vest, pretty white felt hat, trimmed with mirror green; Mrs. C. Lawford, black costume with brown fur toque and necklet; Miss De Camp, grey, and green heather mixture tweed Russian costume, small felt hat, finished with quills; Mrs. Phillips, dark blue gown with Chesterfield coat, navy blue San Toy hat; Mrs. Benjamin, brown cloth skirt, sealskin Russian jacket, cream vest, pretty toque to match; Mrs. Henry Nolan, dark heliotrope frieze skirt, black moleskin jacket, large black hat; Mrs. Bodle, cloth tailor-made coat and skirt with black plumed hat; Mrs. R. B. Lusk, cornflower blue frieze costume with pretty pink and black felt hat, brown fur stole; Mrs. Hanson, brown frieze costume with hat to match.

FAREWELL DANCE.

A farewell hall was given to Capt. W. P. Wall, N.Z.R.A., by the members of

the Permanent Force at Fort Cavley, Devonport, last week. Col. Davis and officers of the various volunteer companies were present. The large and spacious barrack room was most tastefully decorated with wild convolvulus, flags, etc., and a sumptuous and tasty supper was spread in a warlike erected inside of the very large torpedo shed. The music was supplied by the Orpheus orchestra. About 200 invitations were issued, amongst them being: Mrs. Coyle, Mrs. Philson, Mrs. Col. Davis, handsome black merveilleux, the bodice being festooned with scalloped ecru trimming; Mrs. W. J. Napier, becoming pink satin trimmed with Brussels net edged with pink; Mrs. Laing, black, with dark red roses on corsage; Mrs. J. St. Clair, pretty black and white gown; Mrs. Duder, black sequined net, with rich lace fichu; Mrs. Williamson, dainty white frock; Miss Nellie Graham, white crepe de chine, with cerise art nouveau ash and roses to match; Miss Maggie Graham, pretty white silk, with lace jacket bolero, pink roses; Miss Ivy Duder, black mousseline de soie prettily trimmed with shimmering jet; Mrs. Graham, black silk; Mrs. Wrigley, handsome black velvet trimmed with Honiton lace; Mrs. Percy, black silk with square cut decolletage, and white lace; Mrs. Strain, pretty black gown relieved with blue and handsome red opera cape; Miss Hewin, white silk; Mrs. Coffey, becoming blue Irish poplin, handsomely trimmed with silk Maltese lace. Among the gentlemen present I noticed Col. Davis, Major G. W. S. Patterson, Capt. W. J. Napier, Lieut. R. O. Chesney, Lieut. Hewin, Dr. Laing, Messrs Duder, P. Graham, Standish, Peacock, etc. During the evening, Mr. E. W. Alison, the Mayor of Devonport, gave an appropriate recitation entitled "All Hands."

A Thames correspondent writes:—"At the Oddfellows' Hall on June 3 Mr and Mrs A. Court were "At Home" to a number of guests, on the occasion of their daughter's approaching marriage to Mr Bartlett, of Auckland. The stage was given up to progressive euchre, for the accommodation of the non-dancers. Mrs. Haskins won the ladies' first prize, a valuable scent spray and accessories; Dr. Aubin securing the gentlemen's win, a handsome morocco letter-case tipped with silver. Mrs. Read and Mr. Paul carried off the booby prizes, their allotment causing some amusement. Supper was served on a lavish scale. Mrs. Court wore a handsome black gown, medallioned with black silk guipure, Maltese lace front; Miss Court, a becoming white merveilleux silk, finished with chiffon ruffling, angel sleeves of fluted chiffon, and lace corsage surmounted with a turquoise blue bandeau; Miss Court (Auckland), black with much lace. Amongst the guests were Mrs. O'Callaghan, in black, and vest of cream silk and lace; Mrs. Aubin, lovely white satin, garnished with pearl passementerie and cluster of white silk poppies; Mrs. Burton, a handsome brocade; Mrs. Paul, floral silk, relieved with cream silk; Mrs. Read, black silk voile, profusely tuckered and trimmed with guipure; Mrs. Phillips, black canvas voile gown; Mrs. Haskins, smart black canvas cloth, transparent yoke of fancy stitching; Miss E. Price, soft white silk, inserted with Valenciennes; Miss L. Price, dainty white silk, tuckered and frilled and outlined

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