

HAWERA.

Dear Bee.

June 1.

Such an enjoyable evening was spent at Mr Lovell's last Friday, when the band of the

CLUB ECCHIRE PARTIES

was held. Although the rain came down in torrents during the early portion of the day, the weather was very considerate, and cleared up in time for the roads to dry a little, and allow everyone to go. The party was a very large one, there being fifteen tables, which, of course, meant sixty players. There were several ladies looking on as well, which brought the number of guests up to about seventy. Play was kept up until about eleven o'clock, after which a dainty supper was served, and the prizes were given out. Mrs Hogg, winner of the ladies' prize, received a very nice silver mounted mother-of-pearl pen. Mr Mack was the successful player among the gentlemen, and won a card-box, with two packs of cards in it. Now I must tell you of some of the many pretty dresses, although it is impossible to describe them all, there being so many of them. Mrs Lovell wore a dainty green silk blouse with strappings of yellow to correspond, black silk skirt; Mrs Turnbull, black silk, jet trimmings; Mrs Mack, tomato-red silk blouse, transparent yoke of white lace with touches of black velvet ribbon, dark skirt; Mrs Wilson, very dainty blue tucked lace silk blouse, trimmed with Oriental silk bow, black skirt; Mrs Caplen, black silk; Mrs Dingle, black satin skirt, heliotrope silk bodice, covered with black lace; Mrs Meek wore a becoming white silk blouse, tucked and embroidered, dark skirt; Mrs Coutts was gowned in a black silk with Maltese lace collar; Mrs Hogg, white silk blouse, handsomely beaded and hem stitched, black skirt; Mrs Charlie Goodson, very smart blue-glass silk blouse profusely tucked, and two medallions let into sleeves and yoke; Mrs (Dr.) Westraen wore a dainty pink and blue flowered delaine, trimmed with ecrú insertion, black satin skirt; Mrs Welsh, white tucked silk blouse, transparent yoke of lace, dark skirt; Mrs Fantham, black, white trimmings; Miss Scaton, yellow silk blouse, black skirt; Miss Baird, white silk blouse, black skirt; her sister wore a white lace silk blouse, figured with blue flowers, dark skirt; Miss Alexander was dressed in white silk, tucked and trimmed with ecrú insertion; Miss V. Hunter (Hamilton), white tucked silk blouse, trimmed with lace medallions, black skirt; Miss E. Caplen looked very smart in a blue silk blouse with transparent yoke of ecrú lace, dark skirt; Miss White, pink silk blouse, Maltese lace trimmings, black skirt, strapped with black silk; Miss Hamilton (Manutahi), pink muslin blouse, black chiffon bonnet, black silk skirt; Miss Dunstford, black silk, jet trimmings; Miss Nancarrow (Christchurch) wore a white silk, the bodice covered with cream net, and also trimmed with red silk. Some of the gentlemen present were Messrs Lovell, Welch, O'Callaghan, Caplen, Turnbull, Hamilton, Payne (Manutahi), Hogg, Winter, Chettle, Koch, Tonks, Dr. Watena, Liddle, Story, Hirst (2), Simson, Baird, Dingle (2), Goodson, Ginge (Manutahi), Meek, Gray.

A large Race Ball is to be held out at Maniaa next Friday night, and I hear it is to run the Hawera Hunt Club Ball very close in the way of arrangement. Visitors are coming from everywhere, even as far south as Rangitikei, so that it ought to be a great success. The first Maniaa race meeting is to be held the day of the ball, and is to be an annual affair.

Mr and Mrs F. McGovern, who are leaving Hawera, where they have been most highly esteemed, are being tendered a social this evening by the residents of Hawera and surrounding district.

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WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee.

June 3.

Quite a wave of pre-seasonal gaiety has been setting in for the last week or two, and hopes are being held out of quite a gay season. Teas were given last week by Mrs Sprott, Mrs Coleridge, Miss Kane, and Miss Hoggard, the latter's being of the "curio" variety.

MISS KANE'S GUESTS

always look for some novel and amusing competition, and they were not disappointed on Wednesday last when they found they were expected to embark on an "aliterative journey round the world." Some startlingly original tours were planned; and even Cook's agents would be staggered if asked to arrange a trip to "Bombay to blushingly boast about bunions," while the girl who announced her intention of going to Masterton to meet a moral millionaire evidently had ambitious matrimonial aspirations. "K" was perhaps the hardest letter to negotiate, and the desire to be phonetic and spell "calm" or "candied," etc., with a "k" was cruel in its intensity. The prize, a black lace fan, embroidered with sequins, was won by Miss Edwin. Miss Kane wore a white voile, the skirt having a hip-yoke of gnipure lace, which also adorned the delicately tinted chine blouse. Her guest, Miss Wright, was in white cloth, with insertions of lace; and Miss Osborne-Gilbs, who was helping with the tea, was also in white, made with an elaborately-tucked overskirt and a deep foot flounce. Miss Finch wore navy serge and a blue hat, with green wings; Miss Jeff, black and white flaked tweed, and pelerine collar strapped with white; Miss Ida Nelson was in grey, with mincever furs; Miss Vera Macdonald's black crepe de chine was horizontally gauged and appliqued with tinted lace, and her white beaver hat was wreathed with green leaves; Miss Seed was wearing pastel blue cloth and a black picture hat; Miss Tohurst had a chestnut brown voile, with effective trimmings of thick cord, and tassels; Miss Fulton's dress was of red, with stole collar of white fur; Miss Edwin wore a dark tweed dress and a red hat; her sister was in pale blue voile; Miss Rowne (Dunedin), a dark blue tailor-made, and blue was also the colour of Miss Stafford's bolero costume; Miss Hoggard and Miss Ewen both wore Guard's coats over their light dresses; Miss MacGregor, dull blue, with bands of Oriental embroidery, and a black hat; Miss Beere's dark green zibeline had a pelerine collar bordered with fringe.

A bitterly cold, wet day, with gusts of wind, quite spoilt the proceedings when

Sir Joseph Ward went out to Petone to open

THE NEW RAILWAY STATION.

which is somehow supposed to embellish the longed-for straightening of the railway line. The building was gaily decorated with ferns—which enjoyed the rain—and with bunting, which dangled damp and lugubrious in the wind. Lady Ward, who accompanied Sir Joseph, looked very well in a dark blue dress, long sealskin coat, and becoming toque. Two dear little girls, Misses Dorothy Cotton and Barbara Rodger, dressed in dainty white silk dresses, presented Lady Ward with an artistic shower bouquet.

THE AT HOME GIVEN BY MRS SPROTT

and her daughter (Mrs Coleridge) was quite a large affair, but St. Paul's Vicarage is so admirably adapted to entertaining that the guests wandered about at will without any overcrowding. The tea-table was artistically decorated with red chrysanthemums and Japanese maple. Mrs Sprott and Mrs Coleridge received their guests in the hall, Mrs Sprott wearing a black crepe de chine skirt and a blouse of pale heliotrope Louisiana with a pelerine collar and deep ruffles of tinted lace; Mrs Coleridge wore a white cloth skirt and a blouse of Orient satin with much herringboning. Among those present were Mrs Wallis, wearing maroon brown frieze with a blue vest, and an elaborate pelerine of pale blue panne, herringboned with gold braid; Mrs Elgar, dull petunia cloth with revers and cuffs of red satin, studded with gold buttons, and jabot and ruffles of tinted Alencon lace, hat of petunia-tinted panne with clusters of shaded flowers; Mrs Harrison, pale blue frieze, the flounces hemmed with white cloth, grey panne collar and white cloth revers; Misses Williams, pale blue voile dresses and long white coats; Mrs Leekie, black voile and brocaded coat; Mrs F. Leekie, tabac brown cloth with paites of dark brown velvet and of white cloth, ruffles of tinted lace, large white beaver hat with riche of white panne and steel buckles; Miss Coleridge, dull blue bolero costume and scarlet hat; Mrs A. Pearce, black voile and long sealskin coat, cerise hat; Mrs R. Brown, champagne-tinted voile, strapped with brown lace; Miss McTavish, navy blue tailor-made; Miss Twigg, pale blue frieze and white furs; Mrs Fitchett, seal brown zibeline with cravat of lace; Miss Brown, brown cloth and furs; Miss Harcourt, navy serge and black hat; Miss Fitzgerald, black voile, shirred horizontally, appliques of Paris lace, and deep belt of pale blue silk; Mrs Findlay, dull blue frieze and long seal coat, hat of rose-coloured velvet; Mrs H. Parker, dull prune cloth and picture hat.

SUCH A JOLLY LITTLE DANCE

was given one night last week by Miss Ewen. Some thirty or forty young people met at Mrs Ewen's, and then adjourned across the road to Lady Stout's, where the ballroom had been hospitably placed at their disposal. Dancing was kept up until midnight, when the party returned to a very merry supper. Mrs Ewen wore black satin and sequins with a trail of mauve flowers on the corsage; Miss Ewen was in white crepe de chine, much shirred, and with a pretty ribbon sash; Miss Greta Ewen wore a dress of white silk with many tucks and much insertion; Miss G. Riley was also in white; Lady Stout wore black brocade with some handsome lace.

Following the example of other towns in New Zealand, Wellington is shortly to have a revival of roller skating. Already the specially built hall in Vivian-street is being put in order again after some years' disuse, and a large supply of skates is on its way from America. There is a rumour that a Rinking Club is to be got up for the winter months, and, well-organised, it should be very popular, and will do much to enliven the slack parts of the session. Rinking is such a fascinating pastime that the club should have a highly fascinating career.

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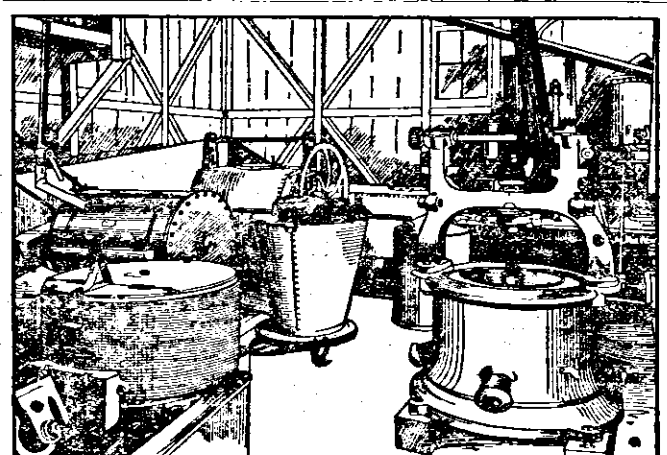
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