

vantage of the holiday and excursion fares to spend a day by the sea. Several private picnics were got up, one to Tiritia being particularly enjoyable. As there were no trains in that direction the journey was made in traps. Among others present were Mr and Mrs Elliot, Mr and Mrs McKnight, Mr and Mrs H. Gibbons, Mr and Mrs Freeth, Misses Bell (2), Preece (2), Waldegrave (2), McCormick (2), Warburton, Porter, Reed, Messrs Vaughan, Smith, Moodie, Waldegrave, Warburton and Barrand.

The Rangitikei races attracted the usual large number of visitors from here on the first and second of January.

The Saturday previous to New Year's Day was another general tea at the local tennis courts. Those playing were: Miss Alice Reed, in white, Panama hat; Miss Fitzherbert, navy skirt, white muslin and insertion blouse, Panama hat; Miss Preece, pale blue muslin, white hat; Miss Olive Preece, in white; Miss C. Smith (Wellington), in pink, white hat with pink roses; Miss Armstrong, pale blue linen, white embroidery on bodice, pale blue and white straw hat with wreath of forget-me-nots; Miss Warburton, blue tailor coat and skirt, white hat with navy blue satin ribbons; Miss Margaret Waldegrave, pale blue dress, cross-over bodice with white embroidery, white hat with pale pink roses; Mrs Bell, black cloth coat and skirt, white facings, cream hat with blue and green silk trimming; Mrs Campbell, blue and white spotted muslin, white lace vest, Tuscan hat with pink and green satin ribbon bows; Mrs Millton, white linen with Tenerife insertion, cream hat with pink roses; Mrs McKnight, Mrs Elliot, Mrs Fitzherbert, Messrs Smith, Vaughan, Spencer, Collins, Barrand, Klot, Waldegrave, Briscoe (2), Moodie, Dr. Campbell.

Last Saturday was so wet and stormy that tennis and croquet were out of the question.

Lately I have noticed several pretty summer toilettes in the street. Mrs Clifford Moore was wearing a cornflower blue blouse; white lace yoke and cuffs, burnt straw hat; Miss Gummel, white linen frock, pale blue hat; Miss Graham

red and white check, red belt, burnt straw hat with red trimming; Mrs Colbeck pale green linen, collar, cuffs and plings of Iowa linen, cream hat with green and pink tulle; Mrs Tripe, white and mauve striped linen, cream hat with pale yellow roses and green foliage; Mrs Connel, tussore silk, lace vest and touches of narrow black velvet ribbon, black chiffon hat with yellow chiffon rosette; Miss Margaret Waldegrave, dainty white linen, cross-over bodice, transparent vest of fine white lace, white hat with pink roses; Miss Reed, pale blue linen, white embroidery on bodice, white hat. VIOLET.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Bae, January 10.

A SMALL TENNIS PARTY

was given on Monday by Mrs John Deans (Riccarton), whose beautiful garden and lawns are looking their best just now. The day was beautifully fine, and several good games were played. Amongst the guests were Mrs Symes, Mrs and Miss Kettle, Mr and Mrs C. Coop, Miss Draper (Auckland), Miss Stranger, and Miss Phillips (England), Miss Somerville (Wellington), the Rev. J. and Mrs Mackenzie, Miss Denniston, Miss Turnbull, Dr. J. Guthrie, Dr. Moorhouse, and Messrs. Abraham, (Palmerston), Cox, and Behan-Brown. Mrs Deans, who received her guests on the lawn, was beautifully gowned in black. Delicious afternoon tea and fruit was served in the garden.

A TENNIS PARTY

was given by Mrs Andrew Anderson at Ohawa on Wednesday afternoon, at which several officials of H.M.S. Promotions were present. Mrs Anderson wore a becoming gown of cornflower blue voile, and a black toque; the Misses Anderson wore white linen frocks with pink sashes, and cream straw hats; Mrs Woolcombe wore a cream serge coat and skirt, and pale heliotrope toque; Mrs Khuslia wore black silk voile re-

beved with cream lace, hat en suite; Mrs Denniston, a pretty dress of grey chine silk with touches of turquoise; Mrs Cobham, a black and white costume; Mrs Gower-Burns, pale grey crepe de chine, black hat; Mrs Isaac Gibbs, a pretty pale blue silk, with dainty toque to match; Mrs Wigram, cream serge gown made with long redingote of the same, cream and black hat; Miss Denniston, pale blue and white muslin; Miss Meares, cream serge, and white toque; the Misses Nedwill, cream linen costumes; Miss Hazel Elmshie wore white; Miss Muriel Anderson, white muslin, and heliotrope hat; the Misses Gower-Burns, white muslin frocks; Miss Kitson, white serge costume, cornflower blue hat; Miss Maling, pale green linen.

A CROQUET PARTY

was given by Mrs Izard at "Whenaha" on Friday afternoon in honour of Mr and Mrs Arthur Izard, who are visiting Christchurch. Some of the guests were Mr, Mrs and Miss Neave (Okeover), Mrs Michael Campbell, Miss Campbell, Mr, Mrs and Miss Bourne, Mrs and Mrs Denniston, Professor and Mrs Arnold Wall, Professor and Mrs Cook, the Misses Cook, Mr, Mrs and Miss Corfo, Mrs Leonard Harley, Mr and Mrs Arthur Izard, Miss Reeves, Miss Wynn-Williams, Miss Cotton, Miss Hill, and several others.

A CHILDREN'S PARTY

was given by Mrs Vernon Hargroaves (Merivale), and was immensely enjoyed by all present. A beautifully decorated Christmas tree, which was laden with presents, was presided over by Father Christmas, who dispensed his gifts with a lavish hand to both young and old. Among the grown-ups present were Mrs Cunningham, Mrs and Miss Hargroaves, Mr and Mrs Hume, Miss Babbington, Miss Allen, and Mr and Mrs P. Cunningham.

Mr and Mrs Arthur Rhodes arranged

A CRICKET MATCH

on the College ground. The teams were

made up of school boys, one side being captained by Master Tahu Rhodes, and the other by Master Archer. Great interest was taken in the play, and quite a number of spectators were present. Mrs Rhodes entertained the onlookers and players at tea during the afternoon. Amongst the guests were Mrs Vernon, Mr and Mrs Ranald Macdonald, Mr J. Vernon, Mrs and Miss Godby, Mrs T. Cowlishaw, Mrs Otterson (England), Dr. and Mrs Jennings, Miss Kettle, Miss Ford (Dunedin), and Mr and Mrs Laird.

Mrs George Gould entertained a few friends.

AT A BRIDGE PARTY,

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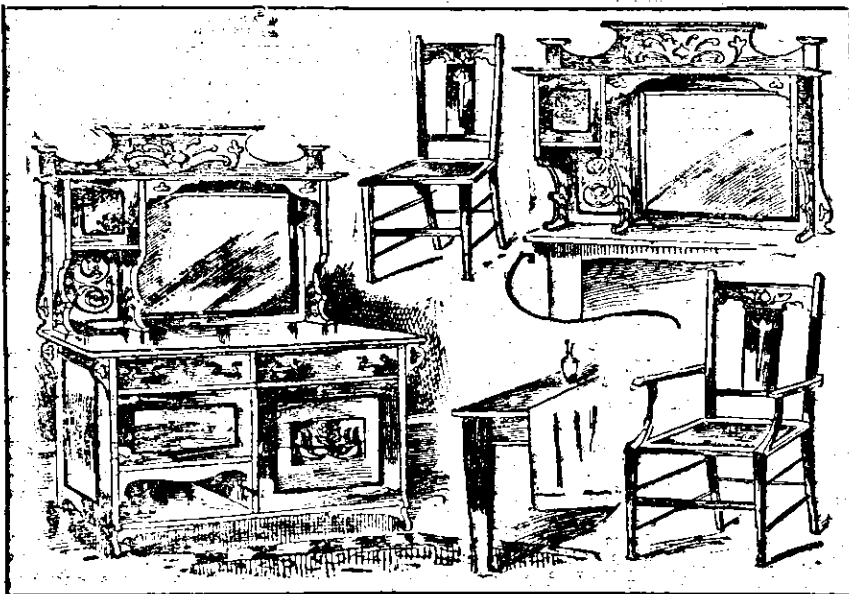
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