

HAWERA.

Dear Bee,

February 15.

THE SUMMER MEETING

of the Egmont Racing Club was held on the Hawera Race Course on Wednesday and Thursday. The meeting as usual was a most enjoyable one, although there was a smaller attendance on both days than last year. This no doubt was owing to the weather, as it rained very hard during the early morning of the first day. Luckily, however, it cleared up beautifully during the morning, and by 12 o'clock it was a glorious day. Nearly all the ladies made their appearance in summer clothes, which gave a very pleasing effect to the lawn and stand, there being so many bright colours. Amongst the many pretty dresses worn I noticed: Mrs Meek, in a smart grey costume faced with white, becoming hat of heliotrope relieved with chiffon and flowers; Mrs Woodward, (Stratford), costume of fawn voile trimmed with a deeper shade, pretty white hat trimmed with roses; Lady Muriel Deck, tailor-made gown of navy blue cloth faced with white, white sailor hat; Mrs Nolan, an effective gown of black silk voile prettily trimmed with pleated silk, smart black hat; Mrs Brett, black and white voile over black glace, black and white hat; Mrs Williams, grey flannel coat and skirt, becoming violet toque; Mrs Willis, grey tweed tailor-made costume, black picture hat; Mrs Porritt (Inglewood), black cloth Eton coat and skirt, white hat profusely trimmed with violets; Mrs Glenn (Manaiia), was wearing a black cloth costume, pretty black and white bonnet to match; Mrs Stevens, black tailor-made gown, black hat relieved with red flowers; Mrs Harold Greville, grey coat and skirt, smart blue and white hat; Mrs Welsh, green tucked voile, the corsage relieved with a yoke

of pink and white, white hat trimmed with hydrangea flowers; Mrs Baird, black cloth tailor-made costume, black hat trimmed with feathers; Mrs Bradley Corrigan, (Manaiia), navy blue costume, pale blue and white collar, white hat; Mrs Foyster, white linen coat and skirt, brown hat; Miss Nolan, grey Eton coat and skirt, smart white hat, trimmed with red; Miss Day, very smart costume of creme serge, the skirt pleated, becoming hat of white straw trimmed with pink roses; Miss Baird, grey flannel coat and skirt, very smart blue hat trimmed with white wings; Miss P. Baird, dainty frock of creme voile relieved with transparent yoke of lace, white hat; Miss Eva Baird, white silk blouse tucked and inserted with lace, black skirt, sailor hat; Miss Douglas, creme serge coat and skirt, becoming red hat; Miss Carey, decidedly pretty frock of heliotrope floral muslin over glace, the corsage trimmed profusely with lace, the toilette being finished with a high swathed belt of shaded heliotrope, smart white hat trimmed with black velvet ribbon and heliotrope; Miss Waldgrave (Palmerston North), navy blue costume, white hat profusely trimmed with pink roses; Miss Brett, creme canvas coat and skirt, white silk blouse, black picture hat; Miss Glenn, pretty frock of grey voile, white hat trimmed with green; Miss Nellie Coult, blue voile frock relieved with black velvet bows, sailor hat; Miss A. Brett, brown Norfolk coat and skirt, heliotrope hat trimmed with silk; Miss Binton, frock of creme voile, the skirt pleated, white hat trimmed with foliage; Miss Queenie Glenn, white embroidered linen, sailor hat; Miss G. White, navy blue tailor-made Eton coat and skirt, the coat faced with white embroidered silk, white hat trimmed with silk; Mrs Sutton, creme serge coat and skirt, smart hat profusely trimmed with violets; Miss Hughes, black silk gown, the skirt frilled, black picture hat; Miss B. Flynn, pretty frock of blue linen, white hat relieved with blue; Miss Slatery, black and white check costume, blue hat; Messrs. Nolan, O'Callaghan, Touks, Turton, Willis, Dr.

Paget, Hirst, Dr. Deck, Foyster, Good, Budge, Taylor, Day, Liddie, Douglas, Young, Kenny, Bond, (Palmerston North), Welsh, Raine, Webster, White, Greville, Saldar, Bradley, Corrigan, (Manaiia), Moore (Manaiia), Baker, Williams, Buchanan, Gray, E. Liddle (Wellington), Kenny, (Greymouth), Meek, D. Buchanan, etc.

SWIMMING SPORTS.

were held in the Hawera Baths on Wednesday night, under the management of the Hawera Swimming Club. They were very well attended, and most successfully carried out. Several races were put down for the early part of the evening, some of them having most exciting finishes. The latter part of the evening was taken up with spar boxing and medley races, both these causing a great deal of amusement.

E.N.A.

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee,

February 16.

Our principal event has been the

NAVY LEAGUE BALL

given in honour of the Admiral and the officers of the squadron. It was quite a brilliant affair, and went off with much eclat, in spite of gloomy prognostications, caused by a misunderstanding between the Mayor of Wellington and the officials of the Navy League. It is hopeless for an outsider to try and explain the difficulty—suffice it to say that the Town Hall was the bone of contention. Mr. and Mrs. Hislop, as Mayor and Mayoress, received the Admiral and Lady Fawkes, and one or two of the leading Navy Leaguers were not present. Apart from all this there is no doubt of the success of the ball. The Town Hall was gay with hangings of red, white, and blue, the electric lights carried out the same scheme of colour,

and both the programme and the menu had pictures of H.M.S. Powerful, surrounded by nautical emblems. The supper was most elaborate. The floor sub-committee, which struggled—in the exact meaning of the word—with the notorious floor, had indeed achieved a miracle, and the surface was really excellent. There was plenty of sitting-out room, and a special alcove, comfortably furnished, was reserved for the guests of honour. The view from the gallery was kaleidoscopic. A special feature of the ball was the energy with which the committee worked to introduce the naval officers to the ladies, and to assist them in finding their partners. There were about 50 naval men present. His Excellency the Admiral and Lady Fawkes both expressed their pleasure and gratification at the result of the League's efforts. Conspicuous among the members of the committee who had to do with the ball were the hon. sec., Mr. Palmer, who bore the brunt of the work; Colonel and Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Firth, Mrs. Findlay, Misses Pitt, Mills, Dr. Izard, and Mr. Crombie.

Now for some of the dresses. Lady Fawkes wore a handsome dress of chiffon satin, entirely veiled in lace, diamond ornaments; Mrs. Hislop, black taffetas, with white tulle tucker and ruffles; Mrs. Wallis, primrose glace, with

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