

**AWARDED SPECIAL SILVER MEDAL**  
 for Artistic Floral Display of Flower Bouquets, Baskets, and other designs at the Auckland Horticultural Society's Spring Show, 1906.  
 Table Decoration and all classes of Floral Arrangement undertaken.  
**CILBERT J. MACKAY, Florist & Basketmaker, 125 QUEEN STREET.**

*Society Gossip*

**AUCKLAND.**

Dear Bee, Aug. 13.

**GARRISON OFFICERS' CLUB "AT HOME"**

As in previous years, the was a brilliant success on Thursday night, and quite the most elaborate ball of the year. The club is noted for its annual ball, and this year the members were congratulated upon all sides, for the decorations and arrangements made for the enjoyment of the guests were perfect, and the scene was not easily to be forgotten by those present. For some days the committee, assisted by a number of men-o'-war's men, were busy decorating the interior of the building for the occasion, and the result of their labours was the transformation of the place into a superb ballroom and winter garden, with delightfully cool retreats embowered in greenery. The gun-room was the ball-room, and its bare walls were hidden and beautified with a profusion of flags, foliage, and panel mirrors. At the end was a dais, comfortably furnished as a drawing-room, and at the other end the Garrison Band. From a spectacular point of view the scene in the ballroom was beautiful, the mingling of the scarlet and blue of the officers' uniforms, with their glitter of gold trappings, and the pretty dresses of the ladies, combining to achieve a truly brilliant effect. The delightful music—supplied by the Garrison Band—was quite a notable feature of the ball. The Drill Hall, which was connected with the ballroom by a covered and flag-draped avenue, was converted into a miniature palm forest, its walls being covered with many hued flags and the concrete floors with crimson carpets. Guns and arms of various descriptions were arranged in pretty devices. Occupying a prominent position in the centre of the hall was the Buchanan silver cup, and the No. 1 Battalion colours guarded by a scarlet-clad sentry. Interspersed among the shrubs and palms were settees and rattan chairs, and skillfully arranged cosy corners. Part of the Drill Hall had been partitioned off for the supper-room. The tables were prettily decorated with narcissi and violets for the Ladies' Committee, which consisted of the following:—Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. J. R. Reed, Mrs. Major, Mrs. W. R. Bloomfield, Mrs. Markham, Mrs. Shera, and Miss Dawson. In the opening set were: Colonel and Mrs. Wolfe, Major and Mrs. Myers, Capt. Elliott, Commander and Mrs. Corbett, Major and Mrs. Major, Major Wynyard, Lieut.-Col. Holgate, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Nathan, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Denniston, and Consul-General and Mrs. Prickett. The Executive Committee for the dance was composed of the following officers:—Col. Wolfe (president), Major Wynyard, Captains Bloomfield, Knvett, and Murdoch, Lieut. Cumming, and Captain A. Plugge (hon. secretary). Special mention has to be made of the work done by Captains Murdoch, Knvett, Spinley, and Lieuts. Smythe and Hewson in the arrangement of the decorations, in which they were assisted by the yeoman labour of the contingent from the Encounter and the squad from the Permanent Force. A great deal of the success of the arrangements of the ball was due to Capt. Plugge (secretary). Colonel and Mrs. Wolfe received the guests at the entrance of the ballroom. The gowns were particularly smart. Mrs. Wolfe was attired in an elegant primrose yellow brocade with V composed of white lace frills, and pale green head applique outlining square cut corsage; the Mayores, Mrs. A. M. Myers was exquisitely robed in a subtle shade of pale blue velvet, the skirt being full and plain, and the corsage swathed with blue tulle in folds gracefully fol-

lowing the figure; Mrs. J. Rankin Reed looked exceedingly well in black peau de soie, with white tucker, while a cluster of crimson roses lent their floral aid to the left side of corsage with excellent effect; Mrs. W. R. Bloomfield was very handsome in white and pink rosebud Pompadour silk, with side panels of silver tissue caught on either side with large pale blue ribbon velvet Louis Seize bows and straps; Mrs. Denniston wore a recherche brown silk toilette, with cream lace; Miss Helen Denniston was in a soft cream point d'esprit frock; Mrs. Corbett looked very pretty in pale blue chiffon taffeta; Mrs. Markham's black crepe de chine with point d'esprit sleeves, was brightened with La France roses; Mrs. Major was picturesque in a lovely black Brussels net robe with white embossed chiffon roses and white silk tendrils; Miss Dawson was dainty in an ivory accordion-pleated chiffon frock; Mrs. F. W. Dawson wore a black silk toilette; Miss Shera was prettily frocked in white silk, with touches of black; Mrs. Elliot Davis looked wonderfully well in a black net robe, elaborately embroidered with paillettes; Mrs. H. Bloomfield was pretty in black point d'esprit gown, and silver tissue Josephine scarf; Mrs. Buckleton's pink and white painted chiffon over pink glace, with silver sequin berthe, was very effective; Mrs. E. Horton was attired in a lovely pale blue shimmering satin, with balero and berthe of white lace embroidered with tiny pink sequins, and wreathlet of white roses in her coiffure; Miss Dolly Metcalfe was sweetly pretty in a golden brown chiffon glace, with painted chiffon lace round decolletage, caught with tangerine roses; Miss Towle looked daintily in white chiffon taffeta, and a white Hussar aigrette in her coiffure; Mrs. Alfred Nathan was exquisitely gowned in black Chantilly lace, inset with wide white filmy lace with lovers' knots design, mounted over a white glace foundation; Miss Roie Nathan looked pretty in white tucked chiffon taffeta, with gold tissue band round chiffon bodice with an Empire effect; Mrs. Puddle's effective white chiffon gown, with a tracery of black lace design on the hem, was mounted on a pink glace foundation; Miss Biggs wore a black point d'esprit frock and pink roses wreathlet in her hair; Mrs. Hertz looked extremely well in black crepe de chine, with jet on decolletage, and white sequin feather in her coiffure; Mrs. D. W. Guthrie wore a handsome cream satin gown, brocade with an effective grape design, the corsage softened with chiffon; Mrs. Lucas Bloomfield's black satin toilette was brightened with black and silver sequined net Josephine scarf, and white heath arranged in tiara effect in her coiffure; Mrs. Ware was attired in black and crimson radium silk; Miss Ware looked pretty in black Oriental satin, with white lace V, and applique on kimono sleeves; Mrs. Chalmor Purchas wore white and pink rosebud painted chiffon, with pink silk bands and white lace, over a pink glace foundation; Miss Buckland wore a dainty confection of white chiffon over white silk, with corsage bouquet of large pink roses; Mrs. A. M. Ferguson looked exceedingly well in an orchid mauve brocade, surmounted with ceru lace frills on sleeves and V of corsage, and orchid in coiffure; Miss Devereux wore white silk with silver sequined lace berthe; Mrs. C. Lawford was wearing an opal-tinted silk with lovely lace on decolletage; Mrs. Spinley was attired in a black gros grain silk, with pailletted net entredeux and full sleeves; Miss Minnett was charmingly frocked in a heliotrope chiffon taffeta, with Irish lace bolero and berthe; Miss Eva Kinloch looked winsome in white silk and a chine silk ceinture; Miss N. Thompson was in her lovely white silk debutante's frock; Miss Ida Thompson wore a very pretty white point d'esprit frock strapped with chine silk and bands of rose Du Barry Velvet; Mrs. Guinness' graceful white silk was gauged at the waist, which had a princess robe effect; Miss Payton wore her debutante's white silk frock; Miss Isaac looked pretty in pale blue crepe de chine; Mrs. W. R. Holmes was distinctive in white and pink rosebud pompadour silk, with rose pink ribbon velvet on corsage; Miss Eileen Macfarlane's eau de nil crepe de chine gown, with lovely lace berthe bordered with moss green velvet, was of much distinction; Mrs. A. Foster wore a lovely shell-pink chiffon taffeta, with a mixture of velvet of a darker tone; Mrs. Duder was attired in a black chiffon toilette; Miss Duder looked graceful in blue Oriental satin, with large American beauty rose on cor-

sage; Miss Sybil Gray was daintily frocked in canco pink chiffon and glaze, with point lace berthe; Miss Dargaville wore white Oriental satin, with La France roses; Miss Brookfield was becomingly frocked in white and pink disc spotted chiffon over rose pink glace, with graniture of pink Dresden china roses round decolletage; Miss Lloyd wore a handsome black pailletted net robe; Mrs. Goetz wore a black pailletted net robe; Miss Northcroft was wearing white silk; Miss Smith wore white Oriental satin; Miss Eve Smith was in a chic rose pink silk, with white lace on corsage; Miss Jameson wore a soft white silk; Miss Benjamin was frocked in white crepe de chine; Mrs. Noyes was graceful in Quaker grey velvet and pink roses; Miss Myra Reid was in pale blue silk with inset of V lace frills; Miss and Miss Daisy McIntosh's white chiffon taffeta frocks were much admired; Miss Pearl Goric looked chic in a pretty pale blue chiffon glace, with groups of violets round berthe; Mrs. Pilkington was attired in white chiffon with puffings of the same filmy material; Mrs. Oley wore black chiffon taffeta; Miss Mills was in soft white silk; Miss Dyer was attired in a soft and graceful can de nil crepe de chine; Miss C. Dyer wore daffodil nimon de soie; Miss Hautfain was dainty in black point d'esprit, with spray of Virginian leaves on corsage, and a coronet comb of brilliants; Miss Nicol wore soft white tucked silk, and pink chiffon rosette in coiffure; Mrs. Greg Shaw was also attired in white silk; Mrs. Mackay's graceful black satin gown had cream lace and crimson roses; Miss Morton's white silk frock was worn with a silver sequin corselet belt; Mrs. Gaudin was attired in black silk matrisette over cabinet silk, and jet on corsage; Miss Dehrose (debutante) was charmingly frocked in white mousseline de soie; Miss Simpson, an effective salmon pink Oriental satin with silver applique; Mrs. Hazard wore a lace overdress mounted on lemon silk and a floral sash; Mrs. H. Harrowell was in black velvet; Miss Marjorie Harrowell wore a dainty white mousseline de soie; Miss E. Willis was attired in a white be-ribboned net over silk; Miss Hodgson wore black with Maltese lace berthe; Mrs. W. Firth was in white crepe de chine.

- INVITATION LIST.**
- Mr and Mrs E. Anderson; Lieut. Burgess; Capt. and Mrs. Bosworth; Miss D. Bonjamy; Capt. and Mrs. Bosworth; Consul and Madame Bouffes; Mr P. E. Batty; Miss Buddie; Mr and Mrs C. Buddie; Capt. and Mrs W. R. Bloomfield; Mr and Mrs J. L. R. Bloomfield; Mr W. Benjamin; Dr Eleanor Baker; Miss Baker; Mr Butler; Lieut. Boyle; Miss Maud Buckland; Major Bartlett; Mr and Mrs H. R. Bloomfield; Capt. and Mrs H. H. Browne; Mr Biss; Miss Biss; Mr J. C. Burns; Miss Brookfield; Mr and Mrs H. Buckleton; Mr Carl Buddie; Miss Butler; Miss Oberlin Brown; Miss Hazel Buckland; Sir John and Lady Campbell; Miss Casellberg; Lieut. Cooke; Miss Cooke; Miss Colledge; Mr Colledge; Lieut. and Mrs Cumming; Mr and Mrs Arch. Clark; Miss Clark; Capt. and Mrs Coutts; Capt. and Mrs Carpenter; Inspector and Mrs Callen; Mr and Mrs W. Coleman; Colonel and Mrs Collins; Commissioner and Mrs Corbett; Mr Justice and Mrs Denniston; Miss Denniston; Mr and Mrs W. H. Derry; Mr E. A. Dargaville; Miss Dargaville; Colonel R. H. Davies; Miss Devereux; Lieut. and Mrs E. B. Davis; Mr V. Baine; Mr and Mrs D. W. Duthie; Mr De Lisle; Mrs and the Misses Dyer; Mr J. Davis; Mr and Mrs E. Davis; Mrs and Miss Dawson; Capt. Dawson; Mr Robt. and Miss E. Duder; Mr Denniston; Mr W. Edeane; Capt. Elliott and Officers I.M.S. Encounter; Mr B. F. Finn; Mrs Firth; Mr R. Finlayson; Miss Firth; Capt. and Mrs Forbes; Lieut. Freney; Mr A. T. Firth; Mr W. and Miss Frater; Mr and Mrs Alfred Foster; Mr and Mrs Ferguson.
- Mr. S. George, Miss S. Greig, Capt. Grant, Mrs. Goetz, Lieut. and Mrs. Greenough, Mr. A. J. Gibson, Miss Grey, Captain and Mrs. Gaudin, Colonel and Mrs. Goring, Mr. R. Grierson, Miss P. Gorrin, Mr. Grey George, Dr. Goldstein, Mr. W. Gorrie, Dr. and Mrs. Guinness, Mr. R. Griffiths.
- Mr. S. Harrowell, Mrs. A. Harrowell, Lieut. Hewson, Miss Hayland, Miss A. B. Hodgson, Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Holgate, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Holmes, Dr. and Mrs. Hertz, Miss Hautfain, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hartland, Mr. and Mrs. E. Horton, Miss Horton, Mr. D. Hay, Capt. and Mrs. Hazard, Mr. L. Hardie, Mrs. B. Holde, Mr. Hamish Henderson, Mr.

**ENGAGEMENTS.**

The engagement is announced of Miss Phyllis Mountaine, adopted daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Mountaine, Maungaturoto, to Mr. Fred Hemphill, youngest son of Mr. Harry Hemphill, son of James Hemphill, Esq., Maungaturoto, Kaipara.

The engagement is announced of Miss Mary Jackman, eldest daughter of W. H. Jackman, Esq., of Whakapirau, to Mr. Hardy Hemphill, Esq., Maungaturoto, Kaipara.

The engagement is announced of Miss F. Barker, daughter of Mrs. P. Barker, Gisborne, to Dr. Schumacher, also of Gisborne.

The engagement is announced of Miss Sissie Wilkinson, only daughter of Mr. W. Wilkinson, Devonport, to Mr. F. H. Hutchinson, manager for Messrs. E. Reynolds and Co., Ltd., Auckland, and formerly of Christchurch.

The engagement is announced of Mr. James Taylor, youngest son of the late Capt. T. B. Taylor, Wanganui, to Miss Hook, of Wanganui.

The engagement is announced of Miss Dorothy Cleghorn, eldest daughter of the late Dr. Cleghorn, of Wanganui, to Lieutenant Olliver White, of India.

The engagement is announced of Miss Isabel Blackett, younger daughter of the late Mr. John Blackett, C.E. (at one time engineer-in-chief for the colony), to Mr. J. Houston, formerly of Wanganui. Miss Blackett and her sister are at present on a visit to the Old Country.

The engagement is announced of Mr. H. A. V. Bolland, youngest son of Mr. John Bolland, M.H.R., Avondale, to Miss Rosa M. Binsted, eldest daughter of Mr. James Binsted, Avondale.

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