

also the tennis, when Mr. Barrow and Miss Sherratt won the combines in the open tournament, started during the Easter holidays; Mr. Margolouth and Mr. Hawley being victorious in the men's doubles.

A visit and address from the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Massey, warns us that in a few months the excitement of the General Election will be with us. Mr. Massey and Mr. Herries spent a very busy time whilst in Gisborne, motoring out each day, and seeing as much as possible of the country. The extreme richness of the land inland from Gisborne seemed to have impressed deeply Mr. Massey, who in his address on Tuesday last, to a very large and sympathetic audience, very strongly advocated the conclusion of the railway connecting Gisborne with Auckland.

Mr. Massey and Mr. Herries went North by yesterday's boat.

Mr. H. E. Dodds, who recently resigned the accountancy of the Bank of New South Wales at Napier, returned to Gisborne last Wednesday, entering into business here as a general accountant. Prior to his departure from the Napier Bank, he was presented by the staff with a silver flask as a token of esteem.

A large and representative gathering of business men (His Worship the Mayor in the chair), took place on Tuesday afternoon to bid farewell to Mr. Hawley, Collector of Customs, who has been promoted to Timaru. After a very laudatory speech from the Mayor, Mr. Hawley was presented with a handsome case of brushes, also a sum of money for Mrs. Hawley to purchase, as she wished, a memento of Gisborne. Several toasts were proposed and responded to, the proceedings closing with a toast to the chairman, Mr. Hawley left on Thursday for Timaru, his successor, Mr. Howie, arriving on Wednesday last.

News was received on Thursday last of the death of the Hon. Mr. S. Leger, who was on his way to England to visit the different members of his family. His death is keenly regretted by a large circle of friends made during his residence in Gisborne.

Miss Rees (Gisborne) is at present visiting Mrs. Ludbrook (East Coast).

Mr. and Mrs. Tiffin returned to Gisborne from Napier on Saturday.

Mr. Maclean, who has been visiting Wellington, returned with his daughter who is on her school vacation visit, on Saturday.

Mr. Kingrome, who has recently resigned from the Banking Service in India, is staying with Mr. Max Jackson (Gisborne).

Mrs. Stevenson (Auckland), having returned from a visit to Christchurch, is at present staying with her daughter, Mrs. F. Parker (Gisborne).

Mrs. Lippett (America), is at present on a visit to Gisborne, and staying with her aunt, Mrs. Field, of Ormond (Gisborne).

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NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee, May 9.

Mrs. Blundell and Mrs. Addenbrooke's DANCE

took place last Thursday evening, and was specially given in honour of their daughters (Miss Muriel Blundell and Miss Muriel Addenbrooke), who both made their debut. The dance was given in the Freemasons' Hall, Brougham-street, which was the best floor in town for dancing. The table decorations were white cosmos and chrysanthemums. Mrs. W. Wood's orchestra supplied spirited music, and with plenty of partners, we all agreed it was a most successful and thoroughly enjoyable affair to open the dancing season with. The guests were received by Mr and Mrs Blundell, and Mr and Mrs Addenbrooke. Mrs Blundell was wearing a pretty black net, with sequined bodice, decolletage relieved with pale blue; Mrs. Addenbrooke, dainty black net, with full tucked skirt, over lace, lovely real lace berthe; Miss M. Blundell (debutante), a very pretty white silk chiffon taffetas, full tucked skirt, decolletage finished with berthe of silk lace, and she carried a dainty shower bouquet; Miss M. Addenbrooke (debutante), a charming frock of white muslin over a lace foundation, full tucked skirt, with folded belt and Rhapsody sash, berthe of white silk lace, and she

carried an exquisite shower bouquet: Miss Hoskin, pretty pale pink silk, tucked, with folded bodice, finished with Valenciennes lace, rosettes of pink ribbon in coiffure; Miss Leatham, pretty pale blue crepe de chine over glace, decolletage trimmed with white silk lace, finished with scarf of pink floral chiffon, embroidered with silver sequins; Miss M. Kerr looked well in white crepe de chine corsage relieved with pale pink roses; Miss Colson, turquoise blue silk, trimmed with white lace; Miss Brett, white muslin, green silk Empire belt; Miss Standish, white book muslin, trimmed with bands of satin ribbon; Mrs. Kyngdon, rich black lace, with sequined bodice, relieved with scarlet roses; Miss Messenger, pretty pale blue crepe de chine, with satin shoulder straps, and band on skirt, frilled vest of white Valenciennes lace; Miss Saxton, puce-coloured muslin, profusely shirred over a rose-pink foundation, and relieved with frills of cream lace on decolletage; Miss King, cream chiffon taffetas, with scarlet roses on corsage; Miss Skinner, rose pink silk, with chemisette of frilled Valenciennes lace; Miss D. Skinner, white tucked silk; Miss N. Dempsey, white point d'esprit, profusely tucked and trimmed with satin bebe ribbon; Miss Fookes, soft, pale pink muslin over a darker shade, finished with Valenciennes lace; Miss Hanna, pretty cream satin striped organdie, with shoulder straps ornamented with bretelles of crimson roses, appliqued on, also running down front panel, and round hem of skirt, pink agrette in coiffure; Miss Webster, black tucked net, real lace berthe, relieved with green silk roses; Miss L. Webster, a dainty pale blue chiffon taffetas kimono bodice over blouse of white point d'esprit; Miss G. Shaw, pink silk veiled in pale pink net, with deep band of satin on hem of skirt; Miss Bedford, ecru coloured point d'esprit, over silk, black and yellow bird in coiffure; Miss D. Bedford, white silk veiled in net with folded silk belt, scarlet roses in coiffure; Miss G. Kyngdon (debutante) was much admired in white point d'esprit, with tucked decolletage, finished with tiny bows of satin ribbon, and she carried a very pretty shower bouquet; Miss Kemp, black lace over white silk, with kimono bodice; Miss Brewster, white silk, with deep band of pale pink silk on hem of skirt, tucked bodice, finished with Valenciennes lace and bands of pale pink and black floral lace insertion; Miss Jameson, pale pink silk, with cardinal velvet shoulder straps and belt finished with narrow berthe of sequined net; Miss Rule, pretty silver sequined net bolero outlined with silk tasselled fringe; Miss R. Baker, white book muslin, moss green silk folded belt; Miss Bradbury, white silk; Miss G. Fookes, pale blue chiffon taffetas; Misses Roy (2), pale blue frilly muslin, with white lace berthe; Miss Holly, pale pink silk, with shoulder straps and band on skirt of moss green velvet; Mrs. Le Cren, black silk, with berthe of real lace relieved with scarlet roses; Miss Wade, cream lace frock over glace, with folded bodice strapped with black silk; Miss Tidy, black net, cream lace berthe finished with shaded chrysanthemum; Miss E. Bayley, lovely frock of apple green Oriental satin, with berthe of rich cream lace ruffled with apple green chiffon; Mrs. Butler, black net, with sequined bodice, sequined agrette in coiffure; Miss Quilliam, pale heliotrope silk, berthe of silk lace finished with a bunch of violets; Miss Fitzherbert, very pretty pale blue chiffon taffetas, with V-shaped decolletage and sleeves of white point d'esprit; Miss S. Thomson, cream satin; Miss Penn, turquoise blue silk, with shoulder straps of cream lace; Miss V. Kirkby, pretty shell pink silk over glace, folded bodice finished with cream lace; Miss Deacon, black silk, cream lace berthe relieved with scarlet roses.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Mr Bert Remell, New Plymouth, is on a visit to the Waikare district.

Misses Woodsworth (2), Auckland, are the guests of Mrs Standish, New Plymouth.

Mr and Mrs R. Ellis, of New Plymouth, have returned after their pleasant trip down South.

Rev. Mr and Mrs F. Evans, New Plymouth, who have been on a short visit to Cambridge and Auckland, have now returned.

Mrs and Miss Kerr, who have been the guests of Mrs Donald Wilson, Nelson, have returned to their home in New Plymouth.

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