

Lace insertion: Miss Glenn (Hawera), pale blue velvet Empire frock, with cream lace-berthe; Miss Hanna, black satin, pale pink flowers in coiffure; Miss N. Hanna, pale pink silk, tucked and inserted skirt, decolletage finished with frills of lace; Miss Saxton, white muslin, pale blue silk rosettes on corsage, and deep band on hem of skirt; Miss M. Capel, heliotrope floral muslin, trimmed with Valenciennes lace; Miss Hunter (Hamilton), cream striped point d'esprit over yellow silk, yellow silk folded Empire sash; Miss Kirton, cream muslin; Miss S. Kirton, white silk, pale blue flowers in coiffure; Mrs Oswin, cream satin, scarlet rose in corsage; Miss O. Mackay, pretty pink coral silk muslin, trimmed with Valenciennes lace; Miss Saunders, cornflower blue silk, pale pink folded silk belt; Mrs H. Stocker, white silk; Miss M. Kirk, cream voile trimmed with silk lace; Miss McAllum, cream silk kimono, bodice outlined with orange silk; Miss E. McAllum, black frilled net; Mrs Rollo, black silk kimono bodice over cream lace blouse; Miss Leatham, cream crepe de chine over glace decolletage outlined with silk lace, full skirt with silk band on hem; Mrs G. Kebbell, dainty blue floral silk muslin; Miss Carte, cream tucked and inserted silk, turquoise blue ribbon threaded through coiffure; Miss Taylor (Cambridge), very pretty frock of cream tinselled net over geige, finished with silver sequined designs on decolletage and skirt; Miss Kerr, blue floral muslin, finished with Valenciennes lace, pale blue ribbon threaded through coiffure; Mrs Penn, rose-pink silk trimmed with moss green velvet; Miss Penn, pale pink muslin, trimmed with Valenciennes lace; Miss Colson, turquoise blue silk; Mrs Hannah, cream silk, tucked and finished with frills of lace on corsage; Mrs McDonald, rose-pink silk.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Mrs A. D. Gray, New Plymouth, is on a visit to her relatives in Auckland.
Miss King, New Plymouth, has gone to Timaru to attend her cousin's (Miss Marchant's) wedding.
Miss Standish, New Plymouth, is visiting her many friends in Dunedin.
Miss Q. Glenn has been visiting Miss Bayley, New Plymouth, but has now returned to Hawera.
Mr and Mrs C. L. MacDiarmid paid a short visit to New Plymouth last week, but have now returned to Hamilton.

NANCY LEE.

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee,
July 24.
We are having a gay week with a vengeance, and, long as my letter is, there is much I am obliged to hold over. Everything seems to have concentrated during the last few days, and the weather mercifully cleared. There is some talk of holding a carnival week in Wellington, but it will be difficult to beat the existing record.

Seldom has Wellington seen such a brilliant scene as at

THE GARRISON OFFICERS' BALL
on Monday night. Flags hung from the walls, on which were festooned trails of greenery, while heliographs, Maxims, shells, and other military items carried out the effect. Bell tents figured in the background, and the band was stationed in a marquee in the centre of the room. On the platform were placed two imposing guns; with a background of national flags. Supper was laid in the big artillery room, where the decorations were also martial; and a special item of the evening was the pipe band, which provided the music for the Highland schottische. The following were in the official set:—Sir Joseph Ward and Mrs Webb, Colonel Webb and Lady Ward, Colonel Robin and Mrs Collins, Colonel Collins and Miss Robin, Colonel Davies and Mrs Tuson, Colonel Tuson and Mrs Davies, Lieut. Colonel Bauchop and Mrs Hume, Lieut. Colonel Campbell and Miss Bauchop.

Lady Ward wore, here, charmeuse satin, with rich embroideries in dull silver, draperies of lace; Mrs Collins, black taffeta veiled in lace and net; Mrs Davies, ivory satin, with berthe of handsome lace; Mrs Tuson, mirage blue chiffon velours, with vest of meclun lace; Mrs Hume, ivory lace and net over taffeta; Mrs Webb, grey brocade and ivory lace; Miss Robin, can-de nil satin veiled in ivory lace and net; Miss Bauchop, pale turquoise velvet and lace; Mrs Mackintosh, black crepe de chine and

sequins; Mrs Harcourt, painted floral chiffon, bordered with black, draped with lace; Mrs Chapman, black messaline, with an overdress of lace embroidered with gold; Mrs Anderson, black lace over a foundation of silver tissue; Mrs O'Sullivan, lilac chiffon satin and lace; Mrs Corrigan, semi-Empire gown of white ninon de soie, the hem and decolletage encrusted with gold; Mrs Seaton, black lace net; Mrs Wylie, white taffetas, with black lace; Mrs Duncan, black crepe de chine and jet; Mrs K. Duncan, rose-pink mousseline de soie, showing an underskirt of Valenciennes lace frills; Mrs Izard, ruby velvet Empire dress; Mrs Pearce, ivory taffetas and lace.

Mrs Dykes, ivory mousseline de soie, with silver belt and tassels; Mrs R. Collins, pale blue taffetas and spray of crimson roses; Mrs Biss, Amande taffetas, and lace sleeves; Mrs Samuels, ivory taffetas, with an overdress of lace and net; Mrs Kember, black radium silk and jet; Mrs Davis, sky blue velvet; Mrs Stott, azure blue mousseline de soie, the Empire corsage outlined with lace; Mrs Chapple, black velvet embroidered with jet; Mrs Webster, white net over pale blue; Mrs Harold Johnston, white poplin with chou of black velvet stretching up draperies of lace; Mrs. Martin, mauve and white mousseline de soie; Mrs Dwan, silver tissue, the overdress scintillating with silver sequins. There were two debutants, who thoroughly enjoyed the occasion—Miss Chapman (Dunedin), who wore white charmeuse satin with silver tissue gleaming through delicate lace; and Miss Eveline Collins, who had a pretty frock of white chiffon taffetas with a high silver belt, a berthe of lace and a silver filet in her hair. Miss Eileen Ward, rose pink meteor, the sleeves being of Alencon lace; Miss Webb, pale blue messaline, with silver belt and choux; Miss Richmond, pink and white floral taffetas with lace berthe; Miss Harton, sky blue messaline; Miss Seaton, nut brown mousseline de soie over ivory Louise; Miss Miles, white satin and silver paillettes; Miss H. Miles, sky blue meteor with frills of lace; Miss Winder, pale blue chiffon taffetas, with touches of velvet and lace; Miss Simpson, ivory satin relieved with palest pink; Miss R. Seddon, sky blue crepe de chine, with sleeves of lace and net; Miss Butta, white glace veiled in net encrusted with silver sequins; Miss Russell, white and pink floral net spangled with silver; Miss Wylie, white ninon de soie and lace; Miss Kember, flame coloured satin and sequins; Miss Hursthouse, black crepe de chine and Maltese lace; Miss E. Fitzgerald, white chiffon taffeta, with silver belt and tassels; Miss Partridge, aloe green peau de soie, black lace and sequins.

MRS. NEWMAN'S TEA

on Tuesday was a very bright and pleasant one; the rooms were at no time too crowded, the tea table was quite spring-like with its vases of feathery mimosa, which had been sent from the country. Mrs. Newman wore a graceful gown of black chiffon taffetas with fine white lace on the bodice; Mrs. C. Johnston, cloth gown with velvet hem, seal-skin coat, black and white toque; Miss Doris Johnston, coral pink linen with short pleated coat, blouse of fine embroidered muslin; Mrs. Christopher, green tailor-made, hat with tips; Mrs. D. Nathan, soft grey coat and skirt, white furs, large picture hat; Mrs. Hunter (Hawke's Bay), brown tweed, sealskin coat; Lady Miller, black cloth, much braided, black hat with white aigrette; Mrs. Fulton, brown coat and skirt, brown and green hat; Mrs. Samuel, grey tweed, white satin and lace vest, grey hat; Mrs. Fell, black brocade, black toque with lilac; Miss Barron, nut brown tweed, toque to match; Mrs. Denniston, green tailor-made; Mrs. L. Gorton, brown tailor-made, brown hat with roses; Mrs. C. Pearce, white cloth, white hat with long feather; Miss E. Richmond, navy blue gown, blue hat with tips; Miss Brauton, brown tweed tailor-made, brown hat with cream tips; Mrs. Larnach, green coat and skirt.

Wednesday was a glorious day

FOR THE RACES,

and there was a big attendance, including their Excellencies the Governor and Lady Plunket; with them came Miss Una Williams, Miss Denniston and Miss Creswell, the latter being a sister of Mrs. Waterfield's, and out here on a visit. Lady Plunket wore black taffetas was a short fur coat, and a blue and green hat with a fantasia; the Hon. K. Plunket was in a grey tailor-made, piped

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