

**Personal Items.**

Mrs. Ted Hutchison and her daughter have gone to Napier for a visit, and left by the *Mosawai* on Sunday.  
 Dr. Welby Fisher, who left Gisborne for England about five years ago, is at present spending a few days in Gisborne.  
 Miss Sherratt returned from her trip to Hawke's Bay on Saturday last by the *Mokoroa*.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Broderick and family left on Sunday for Napier, where their future home is to be.  
 Mr. W. Miller returned from Sydney by the *Maheno* on Wednesday.  
 Miss Aylmer is visiting friends in Napier.  
 Mrs. and Miss Donner have been staying at Mrs. Donne's station up the coast for the last few days.  
 Miss Doughty, of Wellington, is staying with Mrs. Vincent Barker, Kaik.

**HASTINGS.**

May 13.

**At the Races.**

The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club were greeted with fine weather for the second day's races. On the lawn I noticed Madame Melba the centre of attraction, gowned in a handsome coat and skirt of mulberry cloth, braided with black, large black picture hat with flowing veil. Madame Melba motored from Napier, and was entertained at luncheon by Sir Wm. and Lady Russell on the racecourse. Mrs. Foxley Brown wore a mole chiffon velvet *Directoire* gown, trimmed with mole marabout, mole bushy hat with pink wings; Mrs. Williams (Havelock North), grey costume, pink hat; Mrs. Fox, opal grey costume, white silk trimmings, smart toque with peacock plumes; Miss Russell, sage green spotted silk voile, green silk trimmings, black hat with ostrich tips of white; Miss M. Russell, cream serge coat and plated skirt, mole hat, rose pink satin ribbon ruching; Mrs. Nairn, black silk costume, cream lace trimmings, pink floral toque; Mrs. Williamson, fawn coat and skirt, braided white silk vest, large hat of burnt straw, beautiful black feathers, white fox furs; Mrs. Lorry, champagne silk gown, handsome fancy braid trimming, white lace vest, cream hat with white roses and wings; Mrs. Alex. Lane, plaid coat and skirt, sage blue hat; Mrs. Dunsford (America), lovely anemone cloth, braided in silver and mole, Irish crocheted lace yoke and cuffs, stone marten stole and large muff, mushroom hat of hydrangeas, blending from pink to anemone; Mrs. Clarke, Wedgewood striped coat and skirt, sage blue hat; Mrs. Charlie Scott, green *Directoire*, green silk hat, feather ruchings; Mrs. Evans, black cloth coat and skirt, faced with mauve silk, black and white bonnet; Mrs. Tosswill, black over white, black and rose hat; Mrs. Douglas, navy blue coat and skirt, sage blue straw hat, awathed with sage blue silk; Miss Douglas, cream frock, pale blue velvet trimmings, hat with pink roses; Mrs. Perry, grey cloth *Directoire* braided gown, large black hat; Mrs. Stronach, grey striped tweed, hat of pale blue with pink roses, black and white chiffon rosettes; Mrs. Newbigen, dark violet cloth, braided gown, lace yoke, white straw hat, heliotrope tulle draperies, bunches of every coloured dahlias; Mrs. Stead, brown coat and skirt, pink straw hat, cream waist with blue touches; Miss Mason, cream cloth costume, large cream hat; Miss — Mason, floral muslin, floral Empire esch, mole hat, pink roses; Miss — Mason, floral muslin, mole hat, large brown feathers; Miss McInertzen, moss green coat and skirt, braided, moss green hat, tulle to watch, green wings; Mrs. Mackersay, mole striped froed, violet hat, with wings; Miss Austin, navy blue costume, large black hat; Mrs. Brodie, blue coat and skirt, blue hat, with wings; Mrs. Russell, Wedgewood blue plaid, profusely trimmed with white lace, becoming hat of various tones of brown and rose; Mrs. Swan, striped towel, pretty mole hat; Mrs. Nantes (Napier), black costume, large green hat; Miss Williams, black silk gown, white net sleeves and yoke, large black hat; Mrs. Barcroft looked elegant in a forest green striped tured costume, pined with black velvet lace yoke and cuffs, becoming black hat, swathed with green tulle and shaded green quills; Mrs. Barcroft, navy blue cloth coat and skirt, green tie, navy blue straw hat, green wings; Mrs. Frank Cameron looked very charming in pearl grey silk ninon gown, rose pink trimmings, large black picture

hat, white feather stole; Mrs. Reid, dark green gown, gold and white braid trimmings, white lace yoke, navy blue hat, navy wings; Miss Drury, dark plum cloth coat and skirt, large black hat; Mrs. Watt, navy costume, navy blue hat.

**The Race Ball.**

The ball held in the Drill Hall on Tuesday night was delightful in every way. The walls were decorated beautifully. Among the many handsomely-dressed ladies I noticed: Mrs. Tosswill, in a cream satin *Directoire*; Mrs. Barcroft, white satin; Mrs. Perry, grey satin, black trimmings; Mrs. De Lisle, white silk; Mrs. Lowry, heavy turquoise silk, beautiful lace trimmings; Mrs. Williamson, spangled chiffon gown; Miss Beatson, white satin; Miss Russell, shrimp pink silk; Miss Barcroft, pink silk; Mrs. Mason, blue silk; Miss Mason, red silk, gold tissue edgings; Miss Mackersay (debutante), fairy-like soft white frock.

**Personal Items.**

Misses Chatworth, who have been staying in Hastings, left for the South on Monday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Sam Morrison (Christchurch) left Hastings for Rotorua on Tuesday, and will again visit Hastings on their return trip.

SHEBA.

**NAPIER.**

May 14.

**"The Merry Widow."**

The advent of the "Merry Widow" in Napier was welcomed enthusiastically, and the booking was phenomenal. Every available seat in the theatre was taken in spite of the somewhat inclement weather. Amongst the audience I noticed: — Mrs. J. Vigor Brown in black evening gown, relieved with white; the Misses Brown were in pale blue silk and pink respectively; Mrs. Perry wore black; Mrs. Henley, lovely frock of pale green glace silk, finished with soft white chiffon; Mrs. Hawkins, dainty pale pink smart Empire frock; Miss Margolouth, black; Miss Moore, white silk; Mrs. C. Hallett, black silk gown, with lovely point lace berthe; Miss McDonald, cardinal silk; Mrs. Blackman, soft white silk frock; Mrs. Kettle, black, white coat with lace collar; Mrs. J. H. Coleman, black gown, with Oriental trimming; Mrs. W. J. Geddis, black silk gown, relieved with white; Mrs. Edgar, white silk; Miss McVay, white silk; Mrs. Robjohns, black gown; Miss Robjohns, white modified Empire gown of silk.

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Mr and Mrs Waldgrave, of Palmerston North, are on a visit to Napier.  
 Canon Mayne has returned from his visit to Christchurch.  
 Mr H. McLean, Assistant Inspector of Hospitals and Charitable Aid, is at present in Napier.  
 Mrs Davis and Miss Busby, of Tokomaru Bay, are spending a short holiday in the city.  
 Miss Audrey Kettle, of Napier, is visiting Mrs Walter Nathan, in Wellington.  
 Miss Todd, of Napier, is spending a holiday in Wellington.  
 Mr and Mrs Davis Canning, of Porangahau, have been spending a holiday in town.  
 Mrs Bendall, of Wellington, is visiting her daughter, Mrs Cornford, in Napier.  
 Miss Rutherford, who has been in

England studying physical culture, has returned to Napier.  
 Mr and Miss Hoefney went to Wellington last week to see Mr and Mrs Gerald Stead off by the *Rangitiki*. Mr and Mrs Stead are to travel for about six months.

**MARJORY.**

**NEW PLYMOUTH.**

May 14.

**Hockey Dance.**

A very successful dance was held in the Brougham-street Hall last Wednesday evening by the New Plymouth Hockey Club. The music was supplied by Mrs. W. Wood, and extras were played by Misses Kirkby, Brewster, M. Clarke, D. Bedford, and O. Mackay. The table decorations were composed of chrysanthemums and autumn leaves. Among those present I noticed: Miss Robinson, in pretty black chiffon taffetas, with cream net blouse, finished with pale blue French knots; Miss S. Capel, pale blue French knots; Miss S. Capel, pale green taffetas, finished with cream lace; Miss E. Capel black and white striped taffetas, pale blue ribboned sash; Miss Crawford, cream silk, finished with silk embroidery and Valenciennes trimming; Miss A.

Crawford, pale blue silk lustre, with silk bands on skirt, bib yoke inset with cream lace insertion; Mrs. Harvey, tream flowered silk, with satin bands on skirt, cream lace berthe relieved with red roses; Miss Hanna, black satin, frothed chiffon berthe, finished with steel trimming; Miss N. Hanna, pale blue silk, deep band of insertion, inset in fringed skirt; Miss Dempsey, pale green silk, cream lace on décolletage, relieved with pale pink roses; Mrs. Fenton, handsome black sequined robe; Miss Fenton, peach coloured silk, with cream lace and pink roses finishing coverage; Miss Brewster, pale pink muslin, bib yoke of floral pink ribbon; Miss Garth, pretty pale pink chiffon taffetas, bib yoke of cream lace insertion, finished with silver tassels; Miss — Curtis, pale blue taffetas; Miss L. Ryan, rose pink crepe de chine; Miss Clarke, pale blue silk, satin bands on skirt décolletage relieved with dark red roses; Miss B. Clarke, rose pink muslin, cream lace bib yoke bound with rose pink silk; Miss Bedford, heliotrope muslin; Miss D. Bedford, cream silk; Miss M. Clarke, pretty pale pink chiffon silk, over glace, tiny pink roses in coiffure; Miss Kirkby, cream lace over glace, pale blue floral ribbon sash; Miss Leatham, pale blue pua de soie, with frothed chiffon berthe, embroidered with silver sequins; Miss N. Collis, cream silk;

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