

gossamer veil; Miss Murray, pson
 fonce green gown, black hat; Mrs
 A. P. Friend, galsis grey bolero and
 skirt, black hat; and her daughter
 wore white; Miss Thorne George,
 dark skirt, light blouse; Miss Rooke,
 black silk; Mrs Neilson George, black
 silk, black hat; Miss Williamson,
 white; Miss Morton, navy flowered
 muslin skirt, fawn jacket, black hat;
 Mrs Cotter, black silk gown, lovely
 violet toque; Miss Cotter, grey bea-
 griline, black hat; Mrs Gorrie, black,
 Miss Gorrie, dark skirt, fawn jacket,
 black and white hat; Misses Nora
 and Gwen Gorrie wore white piques,
 white hats; Mrs Kelly, white muslin,
 white hat; Mrs Dunnett, cream China
 silk, with embossed embroidery
 work finished with blue ribbon, blue
 tulle toque; Miss Dunnett, black silk
 skirt, black bolero with crewelled
 silk pattern, lilac hat with variegated
 peepies; Mrs Geo. Hill, black skirt,
 white blouse, black hat, Misses Ire-
 land (2), black canvas cloth skirts,
 black satin bodices, black hats lined
 with ruffled white tulle; Mrs Pollan,
 black bolero and skirt, faced with
 white, rose pink swathed toque;
 Miss Lusk, black gown handsomely
 trimmed with ceru lace, black hat
 with black and white ostrich plumes;
 and her sister wore a similar gown
 and hat, pink waistband; Mrs Keogh,
 black; Miss Keogh, brown shower,
 muslin, black hat; Mrs Hope Lewis,
 violet foulard, with ceru lace, black
 toque; Miss Hope Lewis, navy gown,
 white hat with blue; Mrs Markham,
 black costume; Mrs Reg. Masefield,
 dark skirt, blue silk blouse, white
 picture hat swathed with tulle; Mrs
 Coyle, black gown, sailor hat; Mrs
 Niccol, lavender gown, black toque;
 Mrs. Thomas Morrin's handsome
 mauve tacked voile, with white lace,
 white toque with black; Mrs Stead,
 cream striped silk, blue toque with
 gold feather in front; Miss Morrin,
 white gown, pink flop hat; and her
 sister wore white gown, white flop
 hat; Mrs S. Morrin, black gown with
 lilac finishings, lilac toque; Mrs Mc-
 Laughlin, black silk, with bolero with
 white machined braiding, black bon-
 net; Mrs Grey, lilac striped zephyr;
 Miss Morrin, fawn bolero and skirt,
 hat with blue; and her sister wore
 a dark skirt, light blouse,
 sailor hat; Mrs Louis Myers, black
 silk, grey tulle, bonnet; Miss
 Myers, blue foulard, black hat;
 Miss Richardson, fawn edged with
 blue, hat swathed with blue; Miss
 Percival, black silk gown, white silk
 fichu, black hat; Miss Ethel Percival,
 grey tacked skirt, white blouse, sailor
 hat; and younger sisters wore white;
 Mrs Stuart Reid, lavender skirt, the
 bodice was veiled in ceru lace; Mrs
 Roberts, white silk broadcated with
 black, black toque; Mrs Hutchison,
 black silk, black hat with wreath of
 roses; Mrs Torrance, black and white
 figured silk, black toque; Miss Tor-
 rance, black gown, white sailor collar,
 with embroidered flowers, sailor hat;
 Miss Thorpe, grey tacked voile, black
 hat with tulle; and her two sisters
 looked sweet in white hallstone
 muslin with touches of blue, white
 hats; Mrs Leo Myers, black silk,

black hat; Mrs L. D. Nathan, hand-
 some English costume of fawn ma-
 terial, bolero and skirt, with black lace
 applique, pink waistband, black
 toque with arlat roses; Mrs Alfred
 Nathan, black silk finished with blue,
 white crinkley toque relieved with
 blue; Mrs Arthur Nathan, black;
 Miss Julia Nathan, very handsome
 China blue figured silk over pink
 silk underskirt, lavender wire toque
 swathed in tulle and relieved with
 gold feather; Miss Dolly Davis, brick
 pink flowered silk with black velvet
 rosettes, black hat; Miss Peacocke,
 dark skirt, light blouse; Mrs (Dr.)
 Scott, grey gown; Mrs Bodle, black
 and white figured foulard with white
 lace applique, black hat; Mrs Ranson,
 periwinkle blue tacked costume,
 black toque; Mrs H. O. Nolan, cream
 silk, hat with violet decoration; Mrs
 A. P. Wilson, check skirt, black
 bolero, cream hat; Mrs J. C. Smith,
 black gown; Miss Smith, serpent
 green coat, and skirt, Italian hat;
 Miss Wallnutt, white gown, black hat;
 Mrs Martelli, electric blue gown,
 black hat; Mrs Walker (Elliott),
 handsome violet costume, violet bon-
 net; Mrs Bartor, white silk veiled in
 black net and lace insertion; Miss
 Wilkins, black bolero and skirt, hat
 with flowers; and her sister brown
 tailor-made gown, hat with blue;
 Miss B. Voren, blue flowered
 costume, black toque; Mrs Thornton
 (Waikato), black and white figured
 foulard, black hat; Mrs Williams,
 black; Miss Williams, dark skirt,
 white blouse, sailor hat; Miss Shep-
 herd, black silk; Mrs Waymouth,
 navy foulard, black hat; Mrs Fair-
 burn (Wellington), navy foulard,
 black toque; Mrs Munroe, bright pink
 flowered foulard trimmed with black,
 black hat; Mrs MacCormick, dark
 skirt, light blouse, black hat; Miss
 Nichol, grey; Mrs Goodhue, black;
 Miss Raynes, black gown, black hat;
 Mrs Kilgour, black over white lace;
 Mrs Goodison (Hawera), violet foul-
 ard; Miss Nichol, navy foulard, black
 hat; Miss Chapman, grey satin, white
 hat; and her sister, grey skirt, white
 blouse; Mrs Davey, black; Mrs Jones,
 mourning costume; Miss Kenp-
 thorne, grey; Mrs Crowe, grey; Mrs
 J. G. Ralph, black and white figured
 silk, black and white toque; Miss
 Ralph, white muslin, white picture
 hat swathed with tulle; Mrs Balph,
 navy; Miss Ralph, navy; Mrs Clap-
 gott, black silk, black bonnet with
 yellow; Mrs Otway, black; Mrs
 Hume, white silk, white hat; Miss
 Little, dark skirt, light blouse; Mrs
 Otway, black silk, white hat
 wreathed with roses; Mrs Ot-
 way, dark skirt, pink striped blouse,
 black hat with feathers; Mrs Pas-
 more, black silk, black hat with
 plumes; Mrs Hamlin, black relieved
 with white; Mrs Hamley, black; Mrs
 Cattanaeh, dark skirt, white blouse,
 black toque; Misses Possenski (2),
 dark skirts, light blouses, sailor hats;
 Mrs Read Bloomfield, black silk; Miss
 M. McDonald, black relieved with
 white; Miss Scherrf, green skirt and
 bolero, white vest, hat wreathed with
 flowers; Miss Stead, dark skirt, white
 blouse with blue tie, sailor hat; Miss
 Simpson, dark skirt, light blouse,

black hat; Mrs Forbes, black silk,
 black toque; Miss King, black skirt,
 blue blouse; Miss Morrow, fawn
 bolero and skirt; and her sister wore
 dark skirt, light blouse.

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 veyor-General, by past and present
 officers of the Lands and Survey De-
 partment, Wellington and Canterbury
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