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Society Gossip

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee, February 15.
The Taranaki Jockey Club inaugurated their

SUMMER MEETING

last Wednesday, under favourable circumstances. The weather was all that could be desired, a few showers rather tending to increase the enjoyment by cooling the air and keeping down the dust. The attendance was large, the racing interesting and the arrangements excellent. The Garrison Band played selections during the intervals, which were much appreciated. Amongst those present I noticed on the

FIRST DAY:

Mrs. MacClelland looked well in black, trimmed with cream lace, picture hat; Mrs. Paul, black silk, sequin zouave, toque, trimmed with roses; Miss W. Capel, black Eton coat and skirt; Mrs. Nathan, green silk, covered with black lace; Miss MacKenzie, white muslin; Miss Lewis, blue costume, black hat; Mrs. Hall looked striking in cream silk, cream toque, trimmed with violets; Mrs. Standish, black silk; Miss Standish, grey; Miss Paul looked very pretty in grey, white hat trimmed with pink roses; Mrs. H. Weston, black coat and skirt; Miss Govett, blue costume, pink hat; Mrs. W. Webster (junr.), blue silk blouse, dark skirt; Mrs. W. Webster, blue and white, black hat; Miss L. Webster, white muslin; Mrs. Oswin, yellow muslin, black hat; Mrs. Holmes, grey; Mrs. Teed, rose pink blouse, dark skirt; Mrs. Wright, white silk blouse, dark skirt; Miss Ellis, black Eton coat and skirt, rose chiffon hat; Miss I. Ellis, flowered muslin; Mrs. Alexander, black; Mrs. Major, black coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Nolan, black silk; Mrs. Goldwater, black flowered silk, jet trimmings; Mrs. Hart, black; Miss Hart, tucked white silk; Miss Goldwater, white muslin; Miss C. Bayly, pale blue; Miss B. Bayly, violet blouse, dark skirt; Miss E. Jacob, black; Miss C. Jacob, white silk blouse, dark skirt; Miss Thomson, white silk; Mrs. Beane, a tucked grey dress; Miss Teed, pretty white tucked silk; Miss D. Teed, blue silk blouse, dark skirt; Mrs. Newman, pink silk, covered with beautiful lace; Miss Cunningham, blue and white, white hat; Mrs. Fordham (Wellington), white silk blouse, dark skirt; Mrs. E. Cock, black; Miss E. Rennell, pink and white blouse, dark skirt, white hat; Mrs. Biggs, black, black hat; Miss Skeet, Tussore silk; Mrs. Percy Webster looked well in pink muslin, black hat. On the

SECOND DAY

were: Miss Walker, blue and white muslin; Miss Walker, pink and white muslin; Miss Weston, fawn costume, pink vest, toque en suite; Miss Humphries, black lace over helio-

trope; Mrs. W. Webster, cream; Mrs. Fordham, white tucked muslin; Miss E. Rennell, white tucked silk; Miss V. Kennell, tucked white silk; Mrs. S. Teed, white; Mrs. Holmes, white pique, white hat with blue; Misses Ellis (2), figured muslins, pink hats; Miss McKenzie, blue and white silk blouse, dark skirt; Miss Teed, white silk; Miss Robertson, white silk; Mrs. Percy Webster looked very pretty in blue silk blouse, black silk skirt; Mrs. Paul, brocaded violet silk, violet toque; Miss Roy, white silk; Miss George, blue and white muslin, black hat; Miss E. Bayly, white silk, pink hat with roses; Miss C. Bayly, blue and white, pink hat; Mrs. Palmer, white costume, black chiffon hat; Mrs. Alexander, black; Mrs. Stubbs, grey; Miss Reed, black lace over gold; Miss Murphy, black, green toque; Mrs. Nathan, flowered black silk, chiffon boa; Miss Drury (Sydney), blue and white; Mrs. Oswin, white muslin, pink hat; Miss C. Jacob, black and white muslin; Miss Jacob, white, black hat; Mrs. Goldwater, black and white; Mrs. Hart, black; Miss Hart, grey; Miss Goldwater, white silk; Miss Paul looked extremely pretty in cream net lace over cream silk; Miss Cunningham, grey, floral hat; Mrs. Hall, green, fawn zouave, toque to match; Mrs. Biggs, black; Miss Cleveland, blue and white muslin; Mrs. Wright, white; Miss Standish, white silk; Miss Skeet, Tussore silk; Mrs. Major looked stylish in a most beautiful dress of turquoise blue, trimmed with cream insertion, black hat; Mrs. Abbott (Wanganui), black; Mrs. Watson, wine-coloured dress; Mrs. Langford, electric blue; Mrs. Newman, white muslin, black hat; Mrs. Beane, black silk; Mrs. Alexander, pretty tucked tussore silk; Mrs. Gray, black satin; Miss G. Holdsworth, pink silk blouse, dark skirt; Mrs. Brewer (Waitotara), black silk.

NANCY LEE.

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee, February 13.
Sir Robert and Lady Stout were at Home last Friday afternoon to a very large gathering of friends, to celebrate their silver wedding. The host and hostess were the recipients of hearty congratulations from everyone and also received a number of handsome silver gifts. The fine large rooms and hall were decorated for the occasion with flowers and greenery. Tea was laid in the dining-room, the tables being laden with every imaginable kind of dainty and sweet, and in the centre was a large wedding cake surrounded with white and silver flowers. Delicious ices and grapes were also handed round and the day being one of the hottest we have had this summer they were, needless to say, much appreciated. A room downstairs, on the ground floor, was used for Ping-Pong, and, considering the temperature, people were wonderfully energetic in playing. Minife's String Band was stationed at the side of the staircase, and their music was greatly enjoyed. Sir Robert and Lady Stout received in the drawing-room. The latter wore a beautiful trained gown of pale grey satin brocaded in a darker shade, and with yoke and sleeves of cream lace. She wore a handsome pearl necklace and pendant, and carried an artistic bouquet of roses and maiden hair. Amongst the many handsome gowns worn I noticed Lady Berkeley's, of rich black silk and lace, and a small black toque; Miss Berkeley, wore a pretty pink figured muslin gown, the bodice tucked and trimmed with insertion, white and pink straw hat trimmed with pink flowers; Mrs. C. Johnston's gown was of rich stone grey lace brocade with pink, and with pink chiffon revers and vest veiled with open eiru lace, small black toque trimmed with cream and pink flowers; Mrs. Jellicoe wore a lovely white merveilleux gown the bodice trimmed with coloured embroidery, and a flat black tone with flowers; Mrs. Duncan, a striped black silk canvas gown with mauve satin vest, and a black bonnet with mauve crown; Mrs. Edwards wore a lovely gown of biscuit coloured lace veiled in an overdress of fine gauze of the same shade embroidered with white applique flowers, and a black chiffon toque; Miss Edwards, a pretty gown of white tucked muslin and cream insertion,

and a cream hat with flowers; Mrs. Findlay wore a dark blue corded silk gown, tucked and with a yoke of cream lace, black hat with flowers; Mrs. Fitzherbert wore a soft grey spotted crepe gown trimmed with white lace, and a grey straw toque with crimson flowers; Mrs. Bell, a pale grey voile gown with vest of white lace, and a black chiffon toque; Miss Hell, a blue and pink Paisley silk gown, tucked and trimmed with eiru insertion, white straw hat with pink roses; Mrs. Wallis in a blue and white gown, and straw hat with cream chiffon and red roses; Mrs. Newman wore a very pretty gown of pale greyish mauve voile trimmed with handsome broad cream guipure, and a chiffon toque to match trimmed with roses and cream lace; Mrs. Stowe, a grey brocaded gown with cream lace vest and a black bonnet trimmed with white chiffon and pink roses; Miss Stowe wore a pale green flowered silk gown and a cream straw hat with roses; Mrs. Gore, handsome black brocade gown with vest of white under black lace, cream and blue bonnet with ospreys; Miss Gore wore a cool white muslin dress tucked and trimmed with embroidery, and a cream straw hat with mauve and blue hydrangeas; Miss Knight (Australia) wore a black spotted merveilleux gown with yoke of white under black chiffon, and a black and white bonnet; Mrs. Barron, a black silk gown with white lace scarf and a cream toque; Miss Barron wore a lovely pink and white checked girdle silk gown made with an underskirt and yoke of cerise accordion chiffon, and a cerise straw hat with flowers; Mrs. Kemp (England), black skirt and grey silk bodice trimmed with white lace, and a black bonnet with blue flowers; Miss Kemp had a blue Eton gown with cream lace collar and vest, cream straw hat with roses; Mrs. McKenzie, a white skirt and silk blouse and a pink hat; Mrs. Tuckey, a black gown and mantle, and a black bonnet with roses; Mrs. Leckie, black brocade, black and blue bonnet; Mrs. Deane had a pale blue figured muslin gown and a large black toque; Mrs. Easterfield, black coat and skirt, black hat with tips; Mrs. Quick, handsome black silk gown with cream silk lace scarf and a black and mauve bonnet; Miss Quick in a white and finely tucked and insertioned silk blouse, straw toque with pink roses; Mrs. Morrison, sage green gown with white yoke and a hat to match; Mrs. Butt, black, black satin gown and black toque with violets; Miss Butt, black skirt and pink tucked silk blouse with lace; Mrs. Joseph in a black costume with real lace collar; Mrs. Rawson in a dark gown and large black hat; Miss Rawson wore a pretty white tucked silk and lace gown, and a burnt straw hat



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