

ing black costume with insertion over white, white hat with pink roses; Mrs Wardrop, pale blue gown with white lace, pretty toque; Mrs Elworthy, all black; Mrs Bond, black relieved with heliotrope; Mrs G. Gould, very pretty grey gown, black hat; Mrs T. Cowlshaw, pale blue and white crepe de chine, pretty toque trimmed with green velvet and pink roses; Mrs Boyle, a charming grey costume; Mrs G. Lee, heliotrope gown finished with white, Tuscan toque; Miss Lee, Eton costume of white serge, pink hat; Mrs Kettle, black silk canvas over pink, black hat; Miss Kettle, heliotrope frock with lace collar, white hat; the Dean of Christchurch and Miss Harper, Bishop Julius, Bishop Grimes, Bishop Lenihan (Auckland), Mrs E. C. J. Stevens, Mrs (Dr.) Fox, Mrs and Mrs V. Hargreaves, Mr and Mrs C. Morris, Professor, Mrs and Miss Cook, Mrs J. C. Palmer, Mr and Mrs Corfe, Mr and Mrs I. Gibbs, Mrs Palmer, Mr and Mrs R. Allen, Miss Allan, Mrs Kettlewell, Mrs R. Macdonald, Mr and Mrs Waymouth, Mr and Mrs Stringer, Misses N. Reeves, Cotterill, Tabart, Hill, Mrs and Miss Guthrie, and many others. The contingent left about five p.m., giving three hearty cheers for Mr and Mrs Rhodes, called for by Lieut.-Colonel Chaytor.

On Friday the agents of the troopship Cornwall (Messrs Kinsey, Burns and Co.) invited a number of the leading citizens to a luncheon on board. Lord Ranfurly also being present. This was followed by an afternoon tea, about four hundred being invited and conveyed by special train to the ship's side. Some of the decks had been enclosed and nicely decorated, and a band discoursed lively music. A delicious afternoon tea was served by Freeman, Limited, and with partaking of that, viewing the horses, the men's quarters and chatting with friends the time to take the train again came all too quickly. Among those present were Mr and Mrs A. E. G. Rhodes, Captain and Mrs Henton Rhodes, Lieut.-Colonel, Mrs and Miss Chaytor, Captain and Mrs Jackson, Captain and Mrs Lewing, Major and Mrs Slater, Colonel Webb, Colonel and Mrs Gordon, Lieut.-Colonel Day, Bishop, Mrs and Miss Julius, Mrs and Miss Denham, Mr and Mrs J. Anderson, Mr and Mrs A. Anderson, Misses Anderson and Pratt, Mr and Mrs G. Rhodes, Mr and Mrs O'Rourke, Mr and Mrs Wardrop, Mr and Mrs Owen Cox, Miss Hardy-Johnston, Mr and Mrs Meredith-Kaye, Mrs and Miss Denniston, Mr and Mrs Barkas, Mr and Mrs Bickerton Fisher, Mr and Mrs Lambie, Mr and Mrs A. W. Bennett, Mr and Mrs I. Gibbs, Mr and Mrs A. Kaye, Mr and Mrs H. D. Carter, Mr and Mrs Gilbert Anderson, Mr and Mrs de Vries, Mr and Mrs F. Waymouth, Mr and Mrs R. E. McDougall, Mr and Mrs Burns, Mr and Mrs Wm. Wood, Mr and Mrs Staveley, Mr, Mrs and Miss Secretan, Mr and Mrs Appleby, Mr Morton Anderson, Mr and Mrs Graham, Captain and Mrs Bone, Cap-

tain and Mrs Willis, Mr and Mrs T. C. Field, and many more.

On Thursday evening about one hundred of the contingent were present at Miss Alice Hollander's concert by invitation. I regret to say these concerts have not been so well attended as they deserved. The youthful contralto has much improved since her last visit, and Herr Vollemar, Mr Neal McCay and Mr Farrell are all worth hearing, as 'cellist, tenor and pianist respectively. I have noticed there Mr and Mrs A. E. G. Rhodes, Mrs E. C. J. Stevens and party, Mrs Mathias, Mrs and Miss Julius, Mr and Mrs Barkas, Mr and Mrs Burns, Mr and Mrs Struthers, Mr and Mrs Kohn, Mrs and Miss Merion, Mrs and Miss Gibson, Mr, Mrs and Miss Graham, the Misses Gardner, Mr T. Garrard, Mr and Mrs A. L. Parsons, Mr Carrick, Miss Martin, etc.

Tennis parties continue to be held. Mrs G. Gould had a very pleasant afternoon party last week for the purpose, and though rather warm a delightful time was spent. Among those present were Mrs Hawkes, in a cool tussore gown; Mrs Woodroffe, white linen costume; Miss Earle; Mrs Gould wore a cool white costume; Mrs Boyle, Mrs Alister Clark, Mrs Ogle, Mrs Wardrop, Mrs T. Cowlshaw, Mrs J. D. Hall, Mrs Beawick, Misses Cowlshaw, Hill, N. Reeves, and others.

Miss Cowlshaw gave a boating party one day last week, and the day was so hot the river was really a delightful resort. The party landed at Park Terrace and had afternoon tea at the residence of Sir John Hall. Among those present were Mr and Mrs J. D. Hall, Mr and Miss Cowlshaw (Sydney), Mr and Mrs J. M. Turnbull, Mr and Mrs W. Cowlshaw, Mr and Mrs T. Cowlshaw, Mrs Wardrop, Miss Lee, Mrs Alister Clark, Mrs G. Gould and others.

Mrs Pat Campbell, "Ham," entertained a number of friends one afternoon last week, but not at the name by which the guests were summoned, a "Hay Party," the ruin in the morning damping everything. But some of those present were Mrs and Miss Stead, Mrs and Misses Denniston, Mr and Miss Connal, Mrs Pyne, Mr and Miss Neave, Mrs Cotterill, Mrs O'Rourke, Misses Sanders, Mrs and Miss Bowen, Mrs Boyle, Mrs Rhodes, Mrs Woodroffe, Miss Earle, Miss Hoskins, etc.

On Saturday no one thought of anything but farewelling the contingent. Lord Ranfurly took leave of them at the camp at Addington before they entrained for Lyttelton. There was great disappointment the men did not march through the town, as the citizens wished to show more enthusiasm than they were able to. A great crowd greeted them at Lyttelton, where the Premier and Mrs Seddon, Sir Joseph Ward and Lady Ward, the Hon. W. C. Walker, the Hon. G. Jones, Mr A. E. G. Rhodes (Mayor of Christchurch), Mr T. C. Field (Mayor of Lyttelton), Messdames A. E. G. Rhodes, Henton Rhodes, T. C. Field

and others were on the platform. After the men had put their kits on board several speeches were made, and the unfortunate length of the Premier's quite forbade the troopers getting even a last few minutes with their friends. No one seeing the Cornwall steaming away from the wharf could think solely of the sadness of the departure, for there was so much noise of bands, steam whistles, rockets and cheering, with the men cheering and waving in return, one forgot for an instant what it was all for.

The greatest sympathy has been expressed for Mr and Mrs W. Reece, who have just returned from England, at the death of their eldest daughter, which took place on Sunday at their residence, "Norholme," Springfield Road. Miss Reece accompanied her father and mother on their recent tour, and it was hoped the trip would benefit her health, which was not altogether satisfactory. It has turned their home-coming into a very sad one, but expressions of sympathy are widespread.

DOLLY VALE.

NELSON.

Dear Bee, February 10.

Our week's festivities in connection with the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the foundation of the province of Nelson were begun last Monday morning under most favourable auspices, and were most successfully carried out. In fact, the whole of our Diamond Jubilee celebrations have been a great success in every way. The weather has been perfect throughout. Several days were intensely hot, but we did not mind that. There were numbers of different amusements each day and night, so many that it was impossible to see everything; but we all did our best and gave ourselves up to a week of enjoyment. There were hundreds of visitors present from the country districts and all parts of New Zealand. The city was most gaily decorated with flags and ferns, etc., and was beautifully illuminated each evening. On Monday morning the town was astir at a very early hour, and many finishing touches were put to the decorations and other preparations. At 8.30 the salute was fired by the "H" Battery, and at nine o'clock a short religious service was conducted by the Bishop of Nelson at the church steps, in the presence of several thousand people. A grand procession was then formed to the Botanical Reserve, where speeches were made by the Premier, Sir J. G. Ward, Colonel Pitt, and others. One feature in the procession which called for special mention was a dray drawn by ten bullocks, a sight which has not been seen here for many years. Amongst those who drove in the procession were the Mayor and Mrs Bagient, the latter wearing a smart grey costume, white chiffon toque with pink roses be-

neath the brim; the Premier and Mrs Seddon, the lady wearing a black and white costume with hat to match; Sir J. G. Ward, Lady Ward, heliotrope costume, toque en suite; Mr C. H. Mills and Mrs Mills, the latter wearing a smart black costume with full vest of heliotrope silk, black hat. Mrs Seddon and Lady Ward each carried a beautiful bouquet, presented to them by little Miss Mabel Traak. A BANQUET TO THE MINISTERS was given by the citizens on Monday evening, which I hear was a great success, but ladies were not admitted. The Mayor presided, and amongst those present were the Premier, Sir J. G. Ward, Hon. C. H. Mills, Captain Watson, of H.M.A. Lizard, the Bishop of Nelson, Colonel Pitt, M.L.C., Messrs Graham and Mr McKenzie, M.H.R., and many others.

On Monday afternoon the Athletic and Cycling Club held most successful

SPORTS

In Trafalgar Park, and on Tuesday afternoon the chief attraction was the

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In the Botanical Reserve. On both occasions there were thousands of people present, and I noticed numbers of pretty costumes worn by ladies. A few were: Mrs Seddon, black and white foulard, hat to match; the Misses Seddon (2), pretty white silk and lace blouses, black skirts, large black chiffon hats; Lady Ward, white and heliotrope flowered costume, toque to match; Mrs Mills, black costume and toque; Mrs Traak, smart black costume, hat en suite; Mrs Baigent, grey costume, white toque; Mrs Wolfe, white, hat to match; Mrs Mules, black costume and bonnet; Miss Mules, light costume, black chiffon hat; Mrs Richmond, black; Miss Richmond, white skirt, blue muslin blouse; Mrs F. Richmond (Blenheim), white muslin, heliotrope toque; Mrs Barr, heliotrope costume and toque; and her sister, Miss Boyd, wore white, hat with blue trimmings; Mrs and Miss Oldham; Mrs Stafford (Monterey), black and white; Mrs Saunders, black; Mrs Macdonald (Cable Bay), white silk, white hat; Mrs B. Lewis, white costume, large black hat; Mrs Leven; Miss Leven, white, red hat; Mrs de Castro, light muslin; Mrs and the Misses Preshaw; Mrs Robinson, black and white; Mrs and the Misses Wright; Mrs and the Misses Harris; Miss Blackett, heliotrope muslin, black hat; Miss Lunny, royal blue muslin trimmed with lace, hat en suite; Miss Buchanan, white muslin; Miss Clifford; Miss Duff, white blouse, black skirt and hat; Misses Edwards (3); Miss P. Fell, white; Miss Gribben, rose pink, black hat; Miss Gibson, floral muslin; Miss Grubb, blue blouse, black skirt, sailor hat; Miss W. Hunter Brown, floral muslin, large black hat; her sister wore white; Miss Heaps, green linen,

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