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Tuesday, and like all gatherings of the kind it was most enjoyable.

The Hon. F. H. Fraser, M.L.C. (Wellington), who has been seriously indisposed for some time, has recovered sufficiently to take his seat in Parliament.

Mr Foley, son of Mrs Foley, Papanui Road, Merivale, left for South Africa on Friday. This is the second son Mrs Foley has seeking his fortune in that country.

Mr. W. C. Hunter, manager of the Wellington branch of the firm of A. Clark & Sons, is leaving very shortly for England on urgent private business.

Mr and Mrs A. E. G. Rhodes, Miss Ada Julius, and Miss Elworthy, who intended participating in the Coronation festivities in Wellington, returned to Christchurch at the end of last week.

Nurse N. Speed, who returned to New Zealand in the troopship Manila as one of the nurses in charge of the wounded of the Seventh Contingent, has gone back to South Africa on a similar errand.

The Count de Courte, French Consul for New Zealand, and the Countess de Courte, who have been absent from New Zealand for some time, returned to Wellington via Sydney by the Westralia this week.

Miss Fodor, Christchurch, has returned from her visit to Sir Logan and Lady Campbell (Auckland), and had the gratification of seeing for herself the estimation the people of Auckland have for her venerable host and hostess, as she was present when the news of Dr. Campbell's knighthood arrived.

Mr. W. C. Fitzgerald, Wellington, has disposed of his business to a Christchurch firm, and intends leaving shortly on an extended tour, which will include visits to England and South Africa. Mr. Fitzgerald will spend some time in the latter country, with a view of eventually settling there.

Mr. M. McLaren, of New Zealand, has been appointed to the position of special geologist to the Indian Government. Mr. McLaren was a student at the Thames School of Mines, and was the winner of an 1881 exhibition scholarship. A fellow-student of his, Mr. H. G. L. Kenrick, is reporting on gold mines in Siberia.

Mr. Murrell, general manager in New Zealand for the Huddart-Parker Company, has resigned his position, after many years' connection with the firm. Mr. Murrell has made himself very popular during his residence in Wellington, and his many friends will be glad to hear that he intends to remain in the colony.

Captain Evans, formerly commander of the s.s. Aotea, is understood to be on his way to the colony to act as assistant to Captain Babot, who has been marine superintendent to the Shaw, Savill and Albion Company in Wellington for nearly twenty years. It is probable that Captain Babot will visit England towards the end of the year in connection with the company's business.

The late Mr William Bayly, of New Plymouth, whose death was announced the other day, was a veteran of the Taranaki wars. When the Maori rebellion broke out Mr Bayly, in common with other settlers, had to take his share in the defence of his adopted home, and at the battle of Waireka, on March 28th, 1860, he received a bullet in his shoulder which was never extracted and which he carried to his dying day.

Mr James Monaghan, telegraphist and chief messenger at Newmarket, and who has been transferred to Wellington, has been presented on behalf of the business people with a handsome writing desk and material and smoker's companion, whilst his friends at the railway station presented him with a silver-mounted umbrella suitably inscribed. Mr Wells (stationmaster) made the presentation.

Mr and Mrs J. Scarl, who are giving up the management of Scarl's Hotel, Wellington, were the recipients of a gift of a handsome silver biscuit box and a set of carvers, from the employees of the hotel. Mr J. Dwyer (business manager) made the

presentation, and spoke very highly of the good terms on which the late proprietor and his staff had been, and expressed a hope that good fortune would attend Mr. and Mrs. Scarl in their new venture.

A presentation was made last week by the members of the staff of the Wellington Post Office to Mr. Arthur Wiffin, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Blanche Hall. Mr. Jago, Chief Postmaster, acted as spokesman, and presented Mr. Wiffin with a pipe and a handsome clock, wishing him, on behalf of the staff, every happiness in his future life. Mr. Wiffin suitably replied.

Among the numerous visitors to the Star Hotel during the past week are: P. S. Morse, F. Lascelles, H. Burrows, J. H. Lee, Mr and Mrs Milland, J. Stevenson, Harry Brown (Sydney), J. McKendrick, E. V. Coulter, L. Kaye (Wellington), R. Allen, J. Hurst, F. Buchanan, N. Dunlop, Max Eielebann, C. T. Durrant, C. A. Biss, J. Hunter (Wellington), A. W. Ellis, Leonard Clark, E. George, H. C. Hunt, Mr and Mrs Colebrook and maid (London), A. H. Ayden, Eric Cales (Colombo), J. Barclay (Dunedin), Robert Allen (Christchurch), Mrs Ballantyne, Miss Haynes (Christchurch), Herbert Price (Hong Kong), E. Street, E. Branson (San Francisco), E. Davidson, A. Gaffney, E. Leonard, J. Williams, Mrs Wightman, T. Chadwick (Melbourne), Leon Curtis and valet (Naples).

Amongst visitors to Auckland last week the following were stopping at the Central Hotel: Mr. and Miss Williams, Wellington; Mr. A. B. Woolf; Mr. Barschall, Germany; Mr. Wise, Dunedin; Mr. and Mrs. Evans, Gisborne; Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Taranaki; Mr. P. R. Dix, Wellington; Mr. and Mrs. Morris, London; Mr. and Mrs. Hayman, Christchurch; Mr. Bown, Melbourne; Mr. Lamb, Christchurch; Mr. Redstone, Wellington; Mr. Donald MacRay, Queensland; Miss Ryburn, England; Mr. Amos, Melbourne; Captain Dawson, Dunedin; Mr. Lambert, Dunedin; Mr. and Mrs. Doughty, Wellington; Mr. Hancock, Sydney; Mr. Murphy, Paeroa; Mr. and Mrs. Revol, France; Mr. Adams, Melbourne; Messrs. F. and R. Foote, Whangarei; Mr. Bissett, Whangarei; Mr. Chissell, Whangarei; Mr. Gray, Taranaki; Mr. and Miss Ames, Christchurch; Mrs. Wheeler, Christchurch; Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Murrill, Melbourne; Mr. Henderson, Christchurch; Mr. Robertson, Christchurch; Mr. Evans, Christchurch; Mr. and Mrs. Manning, Christchurch; Mr. Miller; Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher & Sons, England; Mr. Isaacs, s.s. Mararoa; Captain and Mrs. Rae, England; Mr. Gardiner, Sydney; Mrs. W. Wilson, Sydney; Mr. and Mrs. Bates, Sydney; Mr. Grimshaw, Whangarei; Mrs. Pilling, Te Aroha; Mr. Butters, Wanganui; Mr. Jagger, Whangarei.

**Wellington Garrison Ball.**

**A BRILLIANT ASSEMBLY.**

The annual ball promoted by the officers of the Wellington Garrison took place at the Sydney-street Schoolroom on Friday, July 11, and was a success in every particular. Great taste was displayed in the decorations, and some very beautiful dresses were worn, the result being that when dancing was at its height the scene was brilliant and full of exhilaration. A Maxim gun in position on the stage gave a stern military aspect to its surroundings, the effect being heightened by the presence of two six-foot soldiers—a Guardsman and a Highlander—who solemnly paraded, doing "sentry go" over the "Colours of the 1st Battalion Wellington Rifles." His Excellency the Governor and the Countess of Ranfurly, who were accompanied by Captain Alexander and the Hon. C. Hill-Trevor, were prominent amongst the guests. They were attended to the ball-room by an escort of the Heretaunga Mounted Rifles, and were received by a guard of honour drawn from the Wellington Highland Rifle Corps, the Garrison Band being also present. The official set was composed as follows:—His Excellency the Governor and Mrs (Colonel) Collins; Major-General Babington and Lady Ranfurly; Captain Rich, R.N., and Mrs Brandon; Colonel Newall and Mrs (Dr.) Collins; Colonel Collins and Mrs J. Duthie, junr.; Colonel Messenger and Miss Babington; Colonel Pitt, M.L.C., and Mrs (Dr.) Martin; Captain Alexander and Miss Newall.

Lady Ranfurly looked well in a dress of purple velvet trimmed with real lace, she also wore her diamonds; Mrs (Col.) Collins wore a lovely black broche satin trimmed with chiffon and jet; Mrs (Major) Brandon, a handsome black satin; Mrs (Dr.) Collins wore a striking dress of white satin, relieved with black lace; Mrs (Capt.) Duthie, a handsome black silk trimmed with black lace; Mrs (Dr.) Martin looked charming in a pretty blue silk trimmed with lace; Miss Babington looked nice in a black satin skirt, with handsome white satin bodice; Miss Newall looked pretty in a dainty white silk.

The handsome colours presented to by the ladies of Wellington, occupied a conspicuous place in the room, and were much admired, as were also the valuable and beautiful trophies won by the Battalion, the most striking of which was the "Challenge Cup," the 1st Battalion Wellington Rifles presented by the Colonial Ammunition Company of Auckland for field firing, and valued at £70.

**Personal Paragraphs.**

Miss Pow (Fernhurst) is visiting friends in Christchurch.

Mrs. (Dr.) Barr, of Nelson, is visiting Mrs. Collins, of New Plymouth.

Dr. Grace Russell has left Auckland for Sydney.

Miss Travers, of Wellington, is visiting Mrs. Penn, of New Plymouth.

Mrs and Miss Tripp (Orari Gorge) are visiting friends in Christchurch.

Dr. Valentine, of Wellington, paid a short visit to New Plymouth.

Miss Wilder (Ngapara) has been on a visit to Mrs Boyle, Riccarton.

Miss Ahier, of Auckland, is visiting her uncle, Mr. C. Ahier, of New Plymouth.

Mrs (Dr.) Hargreaves, Akaroa, is staying with Mr and Mrs W. H. Hargreaves, Christchurch.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hughes, of New Plymouth, have gone for a trip to the Old Country.

Mr and Mrs J. Hume are living at Opawa, as they found it quite impossible to get a house in Lyttelton.

Mr. Ashcroft, Official Assignee, has been on a short visit to Picton and Blenheim.

Mrs Lionel Harris (Christchurch) has gone to Auckland, finding the cold of winter quite too much here.

Mrs F. Barker (Temuka) and her son were in Christchurch last week, and have gone up to Rotorua.

Mr. Penn, editor of "Taranaki Herald," has returned to New Plymouth, after spending a well-earned holiday in Wellington.

Mr. J. G. Wilson (Bulls) is in Wellington on business connected with the Farmers' Conference, of which he is president.

Captain Weller, of the Westralia, with his wife, spent a few days in New Plymouth last week before going South.

Mr Maurice Denniston has passed his final examination in dentistry in New Zealand, and now proceeds to America to pursue his studies.

Misses I. and O. Burton, who have been visiting their sister, Mrs. R. C. Hughes, of New Plymouth, have returned to their home in Dunedin.

Miss M. Newton, who has been staying with Mrs W. A. Moore, and other friends in Dunedin, returned to Christchurch on Monday.

Mrs Stevenson, who, with her husband, has been visiting her mother, Mrs J. B. Russell, in Auckland, returns to England by the next mail steamer.

Miss Day and Miss Wilson, of Clutha, Dunedin, who have been visiting Wanganui, have returned to the former's home in New Plymouth.

Mrs J. H. and the Misses Hall, Gloucester-street, who have been at Sumner for two months, returned to Christchurch at the end of last week.

Mr. J. Kowin, the New Zealand representative of Messrs. Lovell and Christmas, was in New Plymouth last week.

Mr and Mrs Duncan Macfarlane (Lyndon), who went to Dunedin for the Winter Show there, have returned.

Mr. H. Graham, son of Mr. C. C. Graham, S.M., of Dunedin, is in British Columbia, where he has an excellent appointment in matters connected with dredging.

Dr. Courtenay Nedwill, son of Dr. Nedwill, Christchurch, returned last week in the Delphic, but only on a short visit, as he goes home again by the same steamer.

Mrs F. Wymouth, "Karewa," Riccarton, invited some of her friends to an impromptu afternoon tea on

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 OBTAINABLE FROM  
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 Throughout New Zealand.  
 IN MANY VARIETIES, SHAPES,  
 AND STYLES.