

Society Gossip

AUCKLAND.

Dear Sir,
May 10.

The prizes won in the Auckland Ladies' GOLF CLUB TOURNAMENT

were presented at the Cornwall links hat Friday afternoon by the Countess of Ranfurly. The Countess was received on arrival by Mrs Street, president, and Mrs Lewis, captain of the club. Perfect weather favoured the gathering, which proved a very successful finale to one of the most interesting tournaments the club has held. Lady Ranfurly wore a black and white frizze cloth, strapped with black velvet, cream vest, smart crimson toque laced with black velvet, crimson quills; Lady Eileen Knox, pretty little fawn coat and skirt; Mrs Street, black costume, very handsome black cloak, black and white bonnet; Mrs Lewis, navy blue cloth, cream vest, shaded hat; Mrs O'Rourke, black skirt, cream cloth blouse, Panama hat; Mrs Mcintosh Clark, black cloth, black glace silk wrappings, black hat; Miss Clark, black skirt, white blouse, white hat; Mrs Archie Clark, very pretty pale grey frizze, black toque; Mrs Nolan, slaty grey Eton coat and skirt, black tucked silk blouse, pink hat; Mrs Gillies, black silk, black bonnet with pink roses; Mrs Morrin, smart chocolate frizze coat and skirt, Tuscan hat; Mrs Ernest Bloomfield, crushed strawberry face cloth, pale blue flop hat; Mrs Waut, dark grey sac coat and skirt, flop hat with shaded ribbons; Mrs Banks, dark grey coat and skirt, toque to match; Miss Violet Banks, pale grey coat and skirt, grey ostrich feather toa, grey hat; Miss Georgie Denniston, brown costume, hat to match. Mrs Markham, black skirt, green and grey rough tweed coat, black torador hat; Miss Eva Firth, dark blue cloth coat and skirt, black wrappings, green toque; Miss Barstow, black costume, black toque; Mrs F. Baume, black and grey tweed skirt, black velvet coat, saddle fur and muff, black hat; Miss Seymour George, electric blue Eton coat and skirt, white hat with green bird; Miss Zoe George, grey frizze coat and skirt, pretty cream lace vest, burnt straw hat trimmed with black; Mrs Wilfrid Colbeck, black skirt, grey coat, Tuscan hat; Miss Stella Rice, gobelin blue coat and skirt, hat to match; and her sister wore dark blue cloth; Mrs Foster, navy blue costume, green facings, black hat; Mrs Raffbone, black voile, Paris insertion, large black hat; Miss Eltye Ireland, black cloth, Russian coat and skirt, green hat, handsome bear's fur; Miss Jennie Ireland, black voile skirt, black and white silk blouse, black hat, white feather boa; Miss Lusk, black voile, black and white picture hat; Miss Kitty Lennox, navy costume, bright blue hat; Miss McLaughlin, navy skirt, grey sac coat, Panama hat; Mrs Harry Gillilan, mourning costume, grey coat; Miss Nolan (Napier), slate blue zibeline, bright crimson hat; Miss Jessie Reid, blue skirt, white blouse, blue hat; Miss Ethna

Pierce, green cloth piped with white, hat to match; Miss Flossie Pierce, navy blue frizze, torador hat; Miss Ida Thompson, blue and white flannel costume, blue toque; Mrs Hunt, black and white; Mrs Rourke, black costume, black hat with touches of blue; Miss Gorrie, slaty grey with white cloth facings, torador hat; Mrs Seaville (Waingaro), black cloth costume, cream vest, pretty shaded hat. The following ladies wore golfing costumes of red and green, the club's colours: Mrs Jack Reid, Mrs W. R. Bloomfield, and Mrs John Reid; Misses Gillies, Pierce, Lewis, Ching, Gorrie (2), Morrin (2), Cotter, Stevenson (2). Draper (2). Auckland, Richmond (2).

OPENING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The opening of the Auckland Chamber of Commerce's new building in Swanson-street on Thursday afternoon was an exceedingly enjoyable function. There was a very large and representative gathering of prominent citizens and their lady belongings, and the affair was in every way a pronounced success. The speeches by the President (Mr Bart. Kent) and His Excellency Lord Ranfurly were really interesting, and were attentively listened to by all. Mrs Ernest Moss-Davis sang very charmingly "For all Eternity." Miss Doris Boulit playing the violin obligato; Mrs Phillips contributed "Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes," and Miss Boulit gave a very beautiful violin solo. Afternoon tea and refreshments were served, and the German bandmen enlivened the proceedings with operatic and other selections. Lord Ranfurly was attended by Captain Alexander and the Hon. H. Butler was one of the party. Amongst the very numerous guests I noticed the following: Mrs Mitchelson, brown cloth, the bodice trimmed with cream applique, brown toque, black chiffon boa; Mrs Kent, black voile, cream yoke, trimmed with beautiful cream lace, black bonnet with pale blue; Miss Kent, black skirt, white tucked silk blouse, big lace collar, crimson felt hat; Mrs Upton, black costume; Mrs John Reid, black voile, trimmed with black glace silk wrappings, pretty black hat; Miss Jessie Reid, dark blue and white coat and skirt, large black hat; Mrs Nathan, navy cloth coat and skirt, cream lace collar, black hat; Miss Davis, black voile, net lace collar, dark grey beaver hat, trimmed with pale blue; Mrs F. Baume, dark grey Russian costume, black and white hat; Mrs Sidney Nathan, navy blue coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs Segar, black costume, relieved with cream insertion, black hat; Mrs Thomas, grey coat and skirt, white hat, trimmed with black velvet and roses; Mrs Talbot-Tubbs, green Russian costume, white cloth collar edged with fur, black hat; Mrs Roberts, black voile, black hat with crimson roses; Mrs Hunt, black costume, black hat; Mrs Hunter also wore black; Mrs Tewsley, black voile skirt, black silk Eton coat, pale blue toque; Mrs Russell, pale grey voile, black velvet coat, very pretty grey and white feather hat; Mrs Houghton, white serge, strapped with silk; Mrs Ivor Evans, very pretty black voile, black hat with ostrich feathers; Mrs Harry Gillilan, black costume, black hat; Miss

Nolan (Gisborne), blue costume, crimson hat; Mrs E. Turner, black and white costume; Mrs Pollen, black voile, black tucked silk Eton coat, black hat; Mrs Runciman, black costume, black bonnet; Mrs Ernest Moss-Davis, cream voile, trimmed with insertion, black hat; Miss Skinner (New Plymouth), black costume, cream lace collar, pretty rosewood pink felt hat; Mrs Phillips, pretty tucked black silk, very handsome cream applique, white felt hat, with black ostrich feathers and velvet; Miss Doris Boulit, crimson voile, with transparent yoke of lovely lace, tucked white mousseline-de-soie Eton coat; Mrs Brooke-Smith, black coat and skirt, black bonnet trimmed with velvet; Mrs Cheeseman, blue cloth, strapped with black glace silk, black hat, trimmed with pale blue and pale pink; Miss Alice Binney, wore blue cloth, braided with black, black hat; Mrs Langguth, black cloth Russian costume, ermine collar, black hat; Mrs Napier, black skirt, long fawn jacket, burnt straw hat, trimmed with black.

PIANOLA RECITAL.

Another informal pianola recital took place at the artistic Piccadilly tearooms in the Strand Arcade, on Saturday afternoon. The representative of the Pianola Company from New York illustrated the wonderful capabilities of the pianola, and the varied programme was enjoyed by lovers of music present. I noticed: Mrs Fenton, in a mourning costume; Miss Fenton wore Royal blue cloth, with white lace collar, blue turban with spotted silk; Mrs Tibbs, fawn cloak, white hat with black roses; Miss Tibbs, white silk blouse, black skirt and hat; Mrs Elliot Davis, stylish black cloth, with white cloth applique on Eton jacket, white felt hat with light shaded berries and leaves; Mrs Ernest Davis, black cloth skirt and coat, burnt straw hat with silk trimmings; Miss Moss Davis, cream silk blouse, navy cloth skirt, navy turban with white quills; her two sisters wore cream serge dresses and black picture hats; Mrs Gillilan, black costume with touches of white, black toque with wings; Mrs Goldie, black spotted voile, with tucked skirt, black toque; Miss Goldie, navy skirt, black Astrakhan Russian coat, with a red chenille elon, navy turban; her sister was in electric blue, white felt hat and fur boa; Mrs Mueller, black costume; Miss Mueller; Mrs Lawry, black costume and hat; Mrs Starland, fawn skirt and coat, black

hat; Miss Berry, grey tweed, with navy band, piped with white on capes, grey felt hat with white wings; Miss Nichol, black cloth costume, black plateau hat with cherries in front underneath brim; Mrs Bell, black; Miss Winnie Lewis, holland costume, grey jacket, and sailor hat.

DRESSES AT THE THEATRE.

Crowded houses have been the rule at His Majesty's, and everyone seems delighted with Sweet Nell. It is noticeable, by the way, that far more patrons of the stalls and dress circle are wearing evening dress than has been the case for a number of seasons past. I am glad of it, as it certainly makes the "house" look brighter. Amongst those I have noticed during the past week were: Mrs Moss Davis, very handsome black silk evening gown; Miss Moss Davis wore a dainty soft white silk, with turquoise blue ribbons; Miss Dolly Davis, black, the bodice relieved by some soft white chiffon; Mrs Tewsley, pretty black and silver sequined net frock, with touches of dull green, crimson velvet opera cloak; Mrs Bussell, pale grey brocaded silk trimmed with same shade of chiffon; Mrs Angus Gordon, wore a black skirt and dainty grey silk blouse; Mrs Edmiston, black sequined net over black silk; Mrs Rosenthal (Sydney), black skirt, pretty pale blue blouse, grey opera cloak; Miss Earl, black silk with white chiffon, and pink ribbon on bodice; Miss Ivy Biddle looked very well in all black; Mrs Kekwick, black evening gown with soft white chiffon; Miss Myers, black; and her sister wore white tucked Liberty silk; Mrs Houson, black sequined net, lovely Maltese lace collar; Mrs Shyman, pink satin trimmed with white chiffon and silver passementerie; Mrs Keating, black skirt, old rose silk blouse, black chiffon; Mrs Roberts, black, with vest of cream spotted net and insertion; Mrs Lambton wore a pretty black and white spotted frock trimmed with black applique insertion; Mrs De Clive Lowe wore black, dark opera cloak; Miss Fenton, black; Mrs Friend, black skirt, pale blue silk blouse, white insertion; Mrs Ashley Hunter, black; Mrs Gillilan, black satin; Miss Dagmar Gillilan, pretty white Liberty silk with twine-coloured insertion; Mrs Holmes, black satin; Mrs Newton, white silk; Miss Seymour George, black, white chiffon; Miss Colter, pretty flowered silk with spray of pink roses on corage; Miss Stevenson, black and white; Mrs Denniston, all black; Miss Dennison,

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