

Feb. Mrs. Max-Jackson, black Chantilly lace over satin; Mrs. Monkton, black taffetas; Mrs. Gardiner, white silk gowna paulo of white net, trimmed with rose colours; Mrs. S. Barton, cream satin; Mrs. MacLean, black lace over white silk; Mrs. Kennedy, pink taffeta; Mrs. Humphries, white taffeta; Miss Bennett, pale blue satin; Miss Scott, green taffeta; Miss Dunlop, black silk; Miss Faulkner, a debutante in very dainty white satin; Miss R. Rees, cream satin; Miss Lusk, (Napier), pale blue chiffon; Miss McLean, yellow satin gown; Miss Ferguson, pink silk nino; Miss Nolan, black nino de soie; Miss Payne, white net, bands of green; Miss Davis, mauve silk and lace; Miss Williamson, pale blue taffetas; Miss M. Sherratt, black, glace silk; Miss H. Sherratt, pale blue satin; Miss K. Sherratt, white mousseline de soie; Miss Worthington, black net gown; Miss de Lautour, white net; Miss Gray, white net over dress; satin slip; Miss E. William (Ruakaka) soft cream satin; Miss C. Williams (Frimley), gown of mauve eolienne; Miss Wachs-mann, white silk; Miss Loiset, pale blue chiffon; Miss Seymour, pink taffeta; Miss Carter, black and white spotted chiffon gown; Miss Ensor, reseda green taffeta; Miss B. Black, pale pink satin and gold; Miss E. Busby, white satin; Miss T. Busby, black silk; Miss L. Busby, white net and lace; Miss Coleman, white taffeta; Miss Murray, green satin; Miss Chrisp, white nino de soie; Miss Bright, white silk, mauve touches; Miss Cameron, pale blue silk; Miss Graham, pale blue nino over satin. Amongst the men present: Messrs. Reynolds, Willock, Williams, Murphy, Black, Nolan, Russell, Max Jackson, Nairn (Hawke's Bay), Symes, Bennett, Sherratt, Johnson, Monkton, Gillingham, White, Graham, Smith, etc., etc.

Polo Tournament.

The Annual Tournament under the auspices of the East Coast Polo Association opened at Makauri on Monday last in perfect weather, five teams taking part. The ground was in capital order, and the arrangements well carried out by the very able secretary (Mr. R. G. Black), assisted by his committee. A large number of ladies were present on the opening day, afternoon tea being dispensed by Mrs. R. J. Reynolds. The tournament closes on Saturday, when the Polo Sports take place. Given fine weather, a large number of people intend being present.

Personal.

Messrs. Bloomfield (5), from Auckland, are at present staying at their station, "Te Hau," Whatatutu. Mrs. G. Bloomfield, returning from a tour of the Southern lakes, joined her husband here, and is also staying at "Te Hau." Mr. and Mrs. S. Williamson went South on Wednesday evening last. Archdeacon Williams went North on Wednesday last. Mr. C. A. de Lautour left on Wednesday for Melbourne, purposing returning about the second week in March. Hon. Jas. Carroll returned to Wellington by Wednesday's boat.

ELSA.

HASTINGS.

February 17.

A Juvenile Party.

A juvenile party was given by Mrs. Jas. Landels at the racecourse on Saturday. The day was intensely warm but the large overhanging willows afforded plenty of shade and made the racecourse an ideal spot for a children's party. Refreshments were handed round, and before dispersing each child received a small paper basket of sweets. During the afternoon races were held for the little ones, and arranged so that each child won a prize. Mrs. Landels (hostess) was wearing a brown linen, and hat to correspond, and her little daughter Joan, a white linen. Among the young children I noticed Misses Beamish, Lean, Gregory (2), Miller, Douglas (2), Johnson (2), Lindsey (2), Dellwood (2), Scott, White, Lawlor, Woodward, Halse, McLeod, Messrs Douglas, Miller, Gregory, White, Lindsey, McLeod.

The Theatre.

Pullard's Opera Company paid Hastings another visit on Monday and Tuesday evening. Among those present I noticed: Sir Wm. and Lady Russell, black silk taffeta gown; Mrs. Nairn, dove grey gown, trimmings of cream net and lace; Mr. Holderness, Mrs. Holderness, soft pale blue silk gown, trimmings of heavy cream lace; Mrs. Goring, black silk, cream lace; Mr. Evans, Miss

Evans, white silk, scarlet flowers in corsage; Mr. J. Beamish, Mrs. Beamish, black silk taffeta gown, silk embroidery trimmings; Mrs. Tipping, saxe blue silk taffeta blouse, black trimmings, black skirt; Mr. Mackersey, Miss Mackersey, white silk frock, bandeau of blue silk ribbon in hair; Mr. Tanner, Miss Tanner, saxe blue silk gown; Mrs. Braithwaite, black and white gown; Miss Braithwaite, white silk gown, lace trimmings; Mrs. De Lisle, cream silk voile, trimmings of net and lace; Miss Nairn, cream silk gown.

Personal.

Mrs. Duff (Keruru) has gone south for a holiday. Mrs. Watt is visiting Dannevirke. Mrs. Macdonell is visiting Wellington. Mrs. Newbiggin and children have returned from Wellington. Miss Mason is visiting friends in Dannevirke. Mrs. and Miss Mackersey have returned from Dannevirke. Mr. and Mrs. C. Cado have returned from Dannevirke. Mrs. A. Lean has gone South for a few weeks. Dr. Copland is leaving shortly for the South Island.

SHEBA.

FEILDING.

February 21.

Garden Party.

Mrs. Barton gave a most enjoyable garden party at her residence, Monmouth-street. The weather was glorious, and the garden was in perfect order, and looked so pretty and bright with flowers and foliage. The lawns were like velvet, and some very good games of tennis and croquet were enjoyed. Mrs. Barton received her guests in a white dress, and a very pretty violet hat; Miss Webster (Wellington), white dress, Tuscan hat; Mrs. Miles, blue and white linen coat and skirt, Tuscan straw hat, with pink and white clovers; Mrs. Clayton, a very pretty frock of stone-grey, and stylish black hat; Mrs. Halliday, blue linen coat and skirt, trimmed with black buttons, floral loque; Mrs. Stewart, white muslin dress, black hat with pink roses; Mrs. Montgomerie, white muslin frock, mole-coloured hat; Mrs. Gillespie, Empire coat and skirt of grey, white hat with pink roses; Mrs. Campbell (Wanganui), a pretty dress of periwinkle silk, brown toque; Mrs. Walpole, grey dress, black hat; Mrs. Wheeler, stone-grey silk frock, pretty black hat; Mrs. Walker, blue Empire gown, trimmed with buttons, black hat; Mrs. Carr, crushed strawberry silk dress, black hat; Mrs. Long, dress of black silk taffeta, black hat trimmed with feathers; Miss Long, heliotrope silk frock, Tuscan straw hat with pink roses; Miss Livesey, white muslin frock, white hat with brown roses; Mrs. Hill, black chiffon taffeta frock, white lace yoke, black hat; Mrs. S. Fitzherbert, white linen coat and skirt, black and white hat; Mrs. Horrocks, pretty dress of blue foulard, black and white hat.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Horrocks are spending a few days in New Plymouth. Mrs. Woodward is the guest of Mrs. Gillespie. Miss Prior and Miss J. Bruce have gone to Rotorua for a holiday.

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NEW PLYMOUTH.

February 18.

The Races.

The Taranaki Jockey Club held their autumn meeting last Wednesday and Thursday. The weather being glorious, all the pretty frocks showed to great advantage. The first day I noticed: Mrs. Davey, saxe blue costume, trimmed with brown, hat en suite; Miss Carte, white muslin, green hat to match; Mrs. Walker, prune silk gown, cream hat trimmed with green leaves and pink roses; Mrs. Claude Weston, pale blue Directoire gown, cream hat with pink roses; Mrs. Paul, green eolienne, green toque with pink; Mrs. Keibell, cream cloth coat and skirt, black revers, burnt straw hat, pink roses; Mrs. Quilliam, brown striped silk voile, rich brown insertion, cream lace, white feather boa, brown hat; Mrs. Leo Horrocks (Feilding), white embroidered muslin, black hat; Mrs. Percy Webster, heliotrope check silk, trimmed Maltese lace insertion, black hat; Miss Cunningham, black striped muslin black and white hat;

Mrs. Clark, green and white striped taffetas, black and white hat; Miss Clark, pale heliotrope embroidered frock, cream hat with pink roses; Mrs. A. D. Gray, blue voile, black hat; Miss Faulder (Auckland), black taffetas, black hat; Mrs. Penn, pale heliotrope striped silk muslin, mole-coloured hat with roses; Misses Penn (2), heliotrope and white respectively; Miss Brewster, white embroidered muslin, blue and black hat; Miss Hannu, white muslin, trimmed with embroidery and Val. insertion, brown hat with green ribbon and pink roses; Mrs. F. Ross (Cambridge), white linen coat and skirt, heliotrope hat; Mrs. Harry Clarke (Auckland), pale pink coat and skirt, pretty black hat; Mrs. C. Webster, cream lustre, cream hat trimmed with pale blue forget-me-nots; Miss V. Kirkby, white muslin, burnt straw hat with roses; Mrs. A. Goldwater, black eolienne, rich black insertion and glace silk, black plumed hat; Mrs. Hart (Auckland), handsome black taffetas gown, black hat; Miss S. Capel, green frock, green hat; Miss M. Robinson, pale pink nino over glace, burnt straw hat with shaded roses; Mrs. Paget (Stratford) looked very dainty in blue and white muslin tastefully trimmed with net and insertion, blue hat; Mrs. Hall, black and white striped silk; Miss K. Hall, pale blue silk cream insertion, cream hat; Mrs. Russell, black and white Princess robe, white and black hat; Mrs. Harle (Wanganui), pretty heliotrope spotted silk trimmed with insertion and heliotrope chiffon, extremely pretty black hat with pale pink Banksia roses; Mrs. Nathan, black and white striped muslin over heliotrope, cream insertion, and black lace, black bonnet; Miss McKenzie; Mrs. Avery, black taffetas trimmed with black insertion, black bonnet; Miss A. Avery, cream frock, galon trimming, pale blue hat; Miss Snowball, white linen coat and skirt, blue hat; Mrs. Fraser, plum-coloured frock, black hat; Miss F. Penton, white muslin, embroidered, white hat; Miss Fitzherbert, brown and white striped crepe, trimmed with cream insertion, brown hat; Miss L. Fitzherbert, white silk, vieux rose chip straw hat with black velvet; Miss S. Fitzherbert, white embroidered muslin; Miss Keelling (Palmerston North), brown striped muslin, black hat; Miss Winnie Alexander (Auckland), white linen, black hat; Mrs. F. Wilson, Miss L. Webster, Miss S. Thomson, blue and cream striped coat and skirt, saxe blue hat.

On the second day I noticed: Mrs. Harry Clark (Auckland), royal blue coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Paul, black voile, white vest, black and white toque; Mrs. Davey; Miss Carte, white linen coat and skirt, green hat; Mrs. Keibell, dainty white embroidered muslin, burnt straw mushroom hat with black velvet; Miss Hamra, white muslin; Mrs. Percy Webster, white embroidered muslin, black Empire sash, black plumed hat; Mrs. Leo Horrocks (Feilding) was much admired in a fawn cloth Newmarket coat and skirt, large black hat; Miss S. Capel, white coat and skirt, black hat with pink roses; Miss A. Avery; Miss N. Capel, black and white striped silk, black hat; Mrs. Avery, black net over glace, touches of pink, black bonnet; Mrs. Paget (Stratford) wore a very handsome gown of cream Maltese lace over glace, pretty black hat trimmed with shaded roses; Mrs. C. Webster; Mrs. V. Kirkby, cream striped linen coat and skirt, burnt straw hat trimmed black velvet; Mrs. Budge (Stratford) looked well in a pale blue striped frock trimmed with cream insertion, black hat with large black ostrich feather; Mrs. Clark, black taffeta, black and white insertion, black hat; Miss Clark, brown linen coat and skirt inset with Oriental insertion, cream hat with tulle; Mrs. Harle (Wanganui), black and white check Empire gown braided with black, cream vest, burnt straw hat, with black velvet ribbon and pink roses; Miss Bayley, white semi-Empire embroidered muslin, threaded with heliotrope ribbon, heliotrope hat; Mrs. Penn, cream shantung silk with touches of black, black hat with pale pink roses; Miss Penn, white Empire frock, white hat; Miss R. Penn, pale blue muslin cream hat; Mrs. Nathan, grey costume, black lace coat; Miss McKenzie, cream, burnt straw hat with black velvet; Miss Messenger, white muslin, cream hat with pink roses and autumn leaves; Mrs. F. Wilson, white lace over glace, black hat; Miss Thomson, heliotrope muslin; Mrs. A. D. Gray, brown voile trimmed with cream insertion; Miss L. Webster, black voile, trimmed cream insertion, black hat; Mrs. Hall, black silk, black and white hat; Mrs. Ginnson, pale blue silk, cream hat; Miss Hoskin, pale pink silk trimmed cream insertion, cream hat; etc., etc.

Visit of H.M.S. Pegasus.

We have been very gay in our pretty town this week during the visit of the officers and men of the warship. His Worship the Mayor officially received them on Monday, and after a visit to the oil wells and Pukekura Park, entertained them at afternoon tea at the Kia Ora rooms. The members of the Navy League invited the officers to a dance at the White Hart, and in the evening and next day the committee of the Taranaki Club and the Sports Ground entertained the visitors at the golf links, fishing parties, and an electric light night football and fireworks exhibition in the Recreation Grounds. As a graceful return to our efforts to entertain them, the ship was thrown open on Tuesday and Wednesday to the public, and in the evening the warship was brightly illuminated with electric and search lights. We are anxiously looking for-

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