

ROTORUA.

April 1.

A Busy Season.

This has been a record Easter for Rotorua as regards "numbers," it being estimated that over 2000 visitors arrived between Wednesday and Saturday. Up to Easter Monday the weather was perfect, but then, alas! the rain began to fall, and Rotorua has since come in for its share of the bad weather with which the whole island has been visited. The rendezvous on Good Friday and Saturday was the Sanatorium Gardens, where hundreds of people disported themselves. On Saturday and Monday evenings "The Scarlet Troubadours" played to crowded houses, and on Monday evening also "Maggie's Troupe" gave an entertainment consisting of polka dances and hakas, in the gardens, but the weather proved unkind. Since then we have suffered a deluge, and equinoctial gales have raged and brought down dozens of trees in the gardens and elsewhere, lifted the roofs of stables and sheds, and strewn the streets with broken branches and leaves. Not a tree is left to shelter the monkey-houses in the gardens, and great excitement prevailed amongst the apes during the storm. Over 1000 trees were uprooted in the gardens alone, where the roots have anything but a firm grip of Mother Earth.

Personal.

Miss Peggy Pasley had frightful weather for her wedding on Wednesday morning, and consequently many of her friends were unable to see the ceremony. She is a great favourite with all who know her, and will be much missed by her Rotorua friends, and also by the choir of St. Luke's, of which she was a member. She received a presentation from the choir of her church on Sunday night, the Rev. C. A. Tisdall making the presentation.

Captain and Mrs. Hope-Johnson, of Kihikihi, and Mr. Beauchamp Earle, are visiting Rotorua, and staying at Waiwera House.

Dr. and Mrs. Auld, of Parnell, have just spent three weeks in Rotorua.

Mrs. Edgar, of Auckland, is still here and staying at Grande Vue.

Mrs. Ransome, of Remuera, has returned to Auckland after visiting Rotorua.

Amongst the Easter visitors from Auckland have been Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reed, Mrs. Arch. Clark and Miss Isobel Clark, Mr. Sydney Thorne-Gorge, Mrs. Chas. Owen, Mrs. J. St. Clair (Devonport), Mrs. P. A. Vaile, Miss Minnie, the Misses Udy, the Misses Biss, Miss Harvey, Miss Blades.

Mr. and Mrs. Emspon and family, of Rotorua, went to Hamilton last week to attend the wedding of Mr. Stanley Emspon on the 29th.

Mrs. C. Wallnutt, of Remuera, is visiting friends in Rotorua.

Mrs. P. Rhodes and Miss Carrie, of Rotorua, were in Auckland for Easter week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mills and Miss Mills, of Auckland, are staying here.

Mrs. Huddleston, of Te Aroha, has been spending a holiday here, and staying at Arawa House.

Mrs. Lucas Bloomfield is here just now, and staying at the Grand Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Coleman, of Gisborne, are visiting Rotorua again.

RATA.

GISBORNE.

April 1.

Tennis.

The final for the combined handicap doubles was played at the Kaiti courts on Saturday afternoon, when Mrs. and Mr. Cowan (freebie 10) defeated Miss Coleman and Mr. W. Coleman (scr.). The winners become the possessors of Mr. F. Alston Coleman's trophies, whilst the runners-up take Messrs. Barlow and Burke's prizes.

In the combined doubles, Mrs. Barlow and Mr. Sheppard beat Miss Bright and Mr. Mitgohoff.

Croquet.

In the final croquet match Ladies' singles, Mrs. Broadie beat Mrs. Preston.

Personal.

On Sunday last Mr. Coderwall and Mr. C. A. de Lantour left on business for Wellington. Mrs. Coderwall accompanied her husband.

Dr. and Mrs. Morrison returned from Auckland to Gisborne last week. Dr.

Morrison having decided to practice in Wellington. Dr. Morrison left for Wellington on Sunday last, leaving Mrs. Morrison, who is visiting friends, to follow in a fortnight's time.

Mr. Wachsmann (Canterbury), who has been visiting his brother in Gisborne, returned South on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Barker left for Wellington on Sunday last.

The Misses Barker (3) left on Sunday for the South Island, where they intend touring for some weeks.

Mrs. Sheild, senr., and her daughter-in-law (Mrs. A. Sheild) are at present staying in Gisborne.

Messrs. Broom and R. Beamish are at present the guests of Mr. A. H. Wallis, "Mangarua."

ELSA.

NAPIER.

April 1.

The Holidays.

Easter weather in Napier, as in other places, was a disappointment. After beautiful days on Friday and Saturday, Monday, the real holiday, was broken, and in the afternoon very heavy rain fell, much to the discomfort of those seeking outdoor pleasure. There were numerous outings for the holidays, and the rowing regatta, tennis, picnics, and cricket all had their share of patronage. There were quite a number of visitors in town for Easter.

Personal.

Miss Brabazon, of Makotuku, was in town for the holidays.

Mrs. Veitch, of Morsewood, spent Easter with Mrs. Kinnross White.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, of Hastings, were in Napier this week on their honeymoon trip.

Mrs. von Dadelzen leaves for Timaru next week, where she is going to live for a year with her son, Mr. Herman von Dadelzen.

Miss Horton is visiting Mrs. Balfour.

Mrs. Gilbert Clark and Miss Sindelar have gone to Wellington, and are at present the guests of Mrs. H. Frost.

Miss Kirk, a popular teacher of the Girls' High School, Napier, leaves shortly for a year's holiday in England. She joins the P. and O. steamer Marnora at Sydney.

Mrs. Arben returns to Timaru next month.

Misses Seale spent Easter with their mother, Mrs. Lananze, of Hastings.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are on a visit to Napier.

Miss Roberts, of Dunedin, is visiting Mrs. Kettle.

The marriage of Miss Jessie McVay and Mr. Allen, of Wellington, takes place early in April.

MARJORY.

FEILDING.

April 2.

The Races.

Monday, 28th, the first day of the Feilding races was beautifully fine, and there was a record attendance. The pretty grounds looked very picturesque with the numbers of womanfolk dressed in their smart frocks. I noticed Mrs. Willis, grey coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Clayton, brown velvet corduroy coat and skirt, smart black hat; Mrs. Halliday, navy blue coat and skirt, green hat; Mrs. Gillespie, light summer tweed coat and skirt, hat with flowers; Mrs. Miles, grey coat and skirt, violet hat; Mrs. Haggitt, dark tweed coat and skirt, violet hat; Mrs. R. Levin, dark blue coat and skirt, black and blue hat; Mrs. Stewart, striped coat and skirt, saxe blue hat; Mrs. Cottrill, navy blue coat and skirt trimmed with buttons, violet hat; Mrs. Porter, grey coat and skirt, floral toque; Mrs. Gouson, dark blue coat and skirt, green hat with black wings; Mrs. Frank Smith, navy blue coat and skirt, violet hat; Miss O'Halloran, navy blue coat and skirt, green hat; Mrs. S. Johnston, light blue coat and skirt, floral hat; Mrs. Carr, blue and black striped tweed, black hat; Mrs. Goodhue, brown coat and skirt, black heaver hat; Mrs. Guillian (New Plymouth), bright navy blue coat and skirt, hat to match; Mrs. Horrocks, smart fawn coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Lawson, light tweed coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Pickering, blue coat and skirt, green hat; Mrs. Revington Jones, heliotrope coat and skirt, violet hat.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Corfe, senr., are staying with Mrs. Corfe, junr.

Mr and Mrs Miles have been in Marton for a few days.

Mr and Mrs Innes-Jones have gone to New Plymouth for a week.

Mr and Mrs Glasgow have been in Wanganui for a few days.

Mr and Mrs Dyer are staying with Mrs Atkinson.

Mrs Guillian has been staying with her daughter (Mrs Horrocks).

Mr Gillespie is away in Masterton.

Mrs Bruce and her daughter have gone to Rotorua for a month.

Mr and Mrs G. Luxmore and their little daughter are staying with Mrs Luxmore at "Westmount."

Mrs Frank Smith is staying with Mrs Cottrill.

Mrs R. Jackson (Wanganui) is staying with Mrs H. Stewart.

Mrs Mostyn Jones and her little girl have gone to Waimate, to stay with her mother.

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NEW PLYMOUTH.

March 28.

Golf.

The fifth annual Taranaki championship and handicap tournament commenced on Saturday morning last, and was continued till the following Tuesday in Easter week. There were 50 competitors, and the largest entry for any event was 47. The principal clubs sending players were the following:—Wanganui, Feilding, Waverley, Hawera, Inglewood, and Waitara. Amongst those present were: Mrs. Bewley, pale grey costume, pale blue hat; Miss G. Bewley; Mrs. Murray, green striped linen coat and skirt, burnt straw hat trimmed with black velvet ribbon; Mrs. Lewis, white linen coat and skirt, black feathered hat with gold band; Miss Turton (Hawera), white linen coat and skirt, inset with lace, rose pink hat with roses; Mrs. V. Mackay, sage green linen coat and skirt, burnt straw hat swathed with black silk ribbon; Mrs. M. Bayly, biscuit coloured linen costume faced with black, green hat with pale blue roses; Mrs. A. Jones, cream costume with silk blouse, brown hat relieved with pale blue; Mrs. S. Porritt (Stratford), cream silk blouse, dark green skirt, mauve hat finished with black silk bows; Mrs. B. Meek, cream coat and skirt, green tweed hat; Miss G. Roy, white muslin trimmed with lace insertion, saxe blue hat; Miss Smith, pale blue and white check blouse, grey skirt; Miss Bedford, white embroidered muslin, ecru coloured hat with crushed pink roses; Miss D. Bedford, white Persian lawn, white clip hat swathed with pale pink roses; Miss Leatham, cream silk, green centre, green hat massed with pale pink hankens roses; Mrs. Glasgow, grey coat and skirt, hat en suite; Miss M. Glasgow; Mrs. Butts, cream serge coat and skirt, black feathered toque; Miss Munro, roseda green costume, brown hat finished with pale pink hankens roses; Mrs. E. Saunders, grey Norfolk costume, tweed hat with quills; Mrs. O'Callaghan (Hawera), grey costume, wine coloured hat; Mrs. Brewster, pale heliotrope striped costume, violet centre, burnt straw hat finished with loops of black silk ribbon; Miss Sutton (Wellington), moss green linen coat and skirt, biscuit coloured hat trimmed with green velvet ribbon; Miss Kirkly, striking dark green tailor-made coat and skirt, pretty burnt straw hat trimmed with mauve ribbon; Mrs. A. D. Gray, Wedgwood blue costume, cream silk vest, black feathered hat; Miss Palders (Auckland), brown costume, cream silk yolk, brown hat with feathers; Mrs. Alexander, navy blue coat and skirt, black and white hat; Miss Read, pale blue costume, maroon hat with vieux rose trimmings; Miss M. Fookes, scarlet linen costume, black hat; Miss G. Fookes, white muslin, black and white hat; Mrs. W. Shaw, grey costume, hat en suite; Miss Jackson, white muslin, brown hat.

At the Races.

The Feilding races on Easter Monday, and Tuesday attracted the usual number of visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Alan Strong, Mr. and Mrs. C. Louison, Mr. and Mrs. Levein, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. McRae, Mr. and Mrs. P. Sim, Mr. and Mrs. R. Davis, Mrs. and the Misses Bell, Mrs. Tripe, Mrs. E. W. Hitchings (Levin), Mrs. Potts, the Misses M. and D. Waldegrave, Miss Warburton, Mrs. J. P. Innes were amongst others present from Palmerston.

Maori Tennis Tourney.

A Maori tennis tournament was played on the Palmerston North Tennis Club's courts on Monday and Tuesday of this week for a cup presented by Mr. T. C. Maru Maru. The Hawke's Bay "A" team proved the winners. There were nine teams competing. The spectators on the lawns included: Mrs. Adam McDonald, wearing a grey striped coat and skirt, black hat with pink roses; Mrs. Morrish, light grey coat and skirt, pale blue silk braided waistcoat, black hat with feathers; Miss Morrish, navy blue coat and skirt, sailor hat; Miss Lyons, pale green linen frock with white lace yoke, hat with green velvet band and bows; Mrs. F. E. Watson, grey and black striped coat and skirt, black hat with quill; Miss Watson, navy coat and skirt, mauve hat with roses; Mrs. McKnight, grey striped coat and skirt, white coque, feather boa, black hat with green wings; Miss Keith (Masterton), white embroidered linen frock, black hat; Mrs. Warburton, navy blue coat and skirt, black and white; Mrs. Elliot, brown tweed skirt, brown velvet coat, black plumed hat; Miss Beveridge, green tweed coat and skirt, stone Marton furs, green tricorne hat with ribbon of same shade; Mrs. A. D. Thompson, navy coat and skirt, brown hat with shaded hyacinths; Miss Alma Grey, navy coat and skirt, sailor hat; Miss Mahoney, navy coat and skirt, grey tweed hat with green wing; Miss Kathleen Bell, Miss MacIntyre, Mrs. Wilson (Wellington), Miss F. Waldegrave, Miss Dundas, Miss D. Tripe, Miss W. Montgomerie (Wanganui), Messrs. A. D. Thompson, McKnight, Keeble, R. Reed, Watson (2), Waldegrave (2), Robertson (Wellington), and several others.

Personal.

Mrs. and Miss Standish (New Plymouth) have gone on a visit to Wellington.

Miss B. Stoddart (New Plymouth) is visiting her home in Auckland.

Misses E. Penn and G. Colson (New Plymouth), have gone for a trip to Auckland.

Messrs. F. Honan and T. Anderson (New Plymouth) are spending their Easter holidays in Auckland.

Miss Fitzherbert (New Plymouth) is the guest of Mrs. Cormack, Carterton, Wairarapa.

Mrs. — Snow (Waikato) is the guest of Mrs. H. Davey, New Plymouth.

Mrs. and Miss T. Fitzherbert (New Plymouth) attended the Navy League ball in Wellington last week, at which the latter made her debut.

Miss Bayley (New Plymouth) is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. Christie, Wanganui.

Miss Turton (Hawera) is the guest of Miss Munro, New Plymouth.

Messrs. C. Baegass, Johnstone, and O. Gray (New Plymouth) spend their Easter holidays touring Mount Ruapehu.

Mr. Hunter, of the Union Bank, Auckland, is the guest of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Evans, New Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Porritt (Stratford), have been on a visit to New Plymouth, but have now returned.

Dr. Leatham and Miss Constance Leatham (New Plymouth) are on a trip to Wellington.

Mr. Fred. Watson (New Plymouth), has gone for a short trip to Auckland.

Messrs. Dugald, McKellar, R. C. Hamerton, and F. Humphries, all of Wellington, were in New Plymouth last week to take part in the Waireka anniversary celebrations.

Mr. J. F. Strang, who has been with the legal firm of Messrs. Malone, Anderson, and Johnstone, New Plymouth, for the last six years, is leaving shortly for Taurimaru, where he intends to commence practice.

NANCY LEE.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

April 1.

Bridge Party.

Mrs. W. Coombs, Featherston-street, entertained a few friends at bridge last week. The hostess wore a soft black satin toilette, the corsage trimmed with black lace and jet embroidery; Miss Coombs, white muslin and lace; Mrs. Fuller, green charmeuse with cream tucked net vest; Mrs. Daniels, black net over black silk; Mrs. Tripe, cream silk and lace; Mrs. Bell, black silk skirt, cream spotted net and lace blouse; Miss H. Bell, cream embroidered silk; Miss D. Waldegrave, white muslin and lace; Mrs. McKnight, green Shantung silk, vest of cream tucked net and cluster of crimson roses; Miss D. Reed, cream silk and lace; Messrs. McKnight, C. E. Waldegrave, Fuller, Daniels, Dempsey, Armstrong, Collins, and a few others.

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