

PORANGAHAU.

January 8.

The Races.

We had glorious weather for the races last Tuesday, which were a great success. Some very smart frocks were worn. Mrs. Roach wore a charming mauve nixon, and a pretty mauve straw hat; Mrs. J. White, becoming black and white dress, smart black toque; Mrs. Sobley, navy linen coat and skirt, black hat; Miss Sobley, white muslin, pretty mauve hat; Miss Simcox, pale blue linen coat and skirt, chic brown hat trimmed with pink roses; Miss Irene Simcox, dainty mauve linen Russian coat and skirt, prettily braided, becoming large burnt straw hat trimmed with mauve

and pink roses and black velvet; Mrs. Patterson (Waipukurau), smart cream lustre coat and skirt, coat faced with black, pretty vieux rose hat trimmed with roses; Miss Ida White, electric blue linen Russian coat and skirt, smartly braided, large black hat prettily trimmed with roses; Mrs. H. White, biscuit Shantung coat and skirt, smartly braided, large black hat; Miss E. Sargross, pretty pink linen frock, cream hat trimmed with pink roses; Mrs. Sargross, purple Shantung coat and skirt, pretty burnt straw hat trimmed with purple flowers.

Tennis.

At the tennis tournament last week I noticed:—Mrs. Simcox wearing a smart grey linen coat and skirt, a large black hat trimmed with black and white roses; Mrs. White, black coat and skirt, black toque; Mrs. Roach pretty white muslin gown, large pink hat; Mrs. Patterson, pale blue and white striped frock, burnt straw hat prettily trimmed with roses; Miss Ida White, pink striped print dress, pink tie and belt, smart white hat; Miss Simcox, white muslin, large straw hat trimmed with roses; Miss Irene Simcox, pale blue linen dress, black tie and belt, chic white linen hat trimmed with black; Miss St. Hill, red and white striped dress, red hat; Miss Sobley, blue print dress; Miss Sidwell was also in blue; Miss Hunter, black and white print dress, black linen hat; Miss E. Sargross, pretty pink frock, pink hat.

Personal.

Mrs. Patterson is staying with her mother, Mrs. White, "Braeburn." Mrs. and Miss Irene Simcox have gone on a visit to Mrs. Brathwaite (Gisborne). Mr. and Mrs. Mohin (Wellington), are the guests of Mrs. E. White.

PEGGY.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Tennis.

The Pukekohe Park Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club held their opening day last Tuesday, the formal ceremony being performed by the Mayor (Mr. Fischel). Other speeches were made by Mr. H. Okey M.P., and Dr. Hatham (president of the New Plymouth Club). Tea was served by members of the Ladies' committee. Amongst the bevy of women were:—Leatham, white embroidered muslin, black hat with flowers; Mrs. F. Tribe, pale blue muslin, cream lace yoke, black hat with feathers; Mrs. Tribe, pretty heliotrope coat and skirt, cream hat wreathed with flowers; Mrs. Schumacker, very pale blue muslin, pretty pale blue and pink floral hat; Mrs. Chapman, brown costume, hat en suite; Mrs. Staples, green check linen, hat to correspond; Mrs. Bannister, cream coat and skirt, brown hat; Mrs. Scanlon, white muslin robe, burnt straw hat, trimmed with blue velvet and red poppies; Miss Young, black and white costume, hat to match; Mrs. Anbery, pretty grey muslin, black feathered hat; Mrs. Tribe (senior), pretty grey and black voile, lovely lace scarf, dainty pale blue bonnet; Mrs. Okey, pale heliotrope costume, trimmed with a darker shade, hat en suite; Mrs. Dowling white and pale blue costume, black hat; Mrs. R. Cook, mauve linen coat and skirt trimmed with braid a darker shade, white hat with black and white feathers; Miss Pult, petunia linen with hat to match; Misses Pult, white muslin; Miss Baker, grey muslin, black hat; Miss R. Baker, white muslin; Miss Smith, white muslin, burnt straw hat trimmed with black velvet; Mrs. Newman, petunia coloured costume, pretty toque to correspond; Mrs. Sinclair, white embroidered muslin, black and white hat; Mrs. Sinclair, white costume; Misses Avarin (2), white frocks, pretty coloured hats; Mrs. Sole, grey and black muslin, black hat; Mrs. Hill, white; Mrs. Dew, white muslin; Mrs. Doyle, white costume, black hat; Mrs. Rudolf, pale pink linen, black hat; Mrs. Stanford, black and white muslin, toque to correspond; Mrs. C. Cotter, white muslin, black hat; Miss Stanford (Christchurch), white linen costume, brown hat; Mrs. H. Stocker, white muslin, black hat; Mrs. Medley, cream silk, hat relieved with pale pink roses; Mrs. F. Okey, black and white costume, black toque with flowers; Miss Okey, white linen.

A Dance.

A most enjoyable little dance was got up by the girls of the town, last Friday evening in the Brougham-street Hall. Mesdames Bewley, Fitzherbert, and Waller acting as chaperones.

Personal.

Miss Cornmack, who has been the guest of Mrs. Fitzherbert, New Plymouth, has returned to her home in Carterton. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Atkins, who have been visiting New Plymouth, have returned to Mt. Eden. Mr. and Mrs. M. Fraser have returned to New Plymouth, after their short but pleasant trip to the Dawson Falls, Mt. Egmont. Mr. Evans (Auckland), is the guest of his brother, Rev. F. G. Evans, New Plymouth. Miss Lucy Skinner has returned to New Plymouth after her pleasant eighteen months' trip to the Old Country. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Horrocks, who have been visiting Mrs. Quilliam, New Plymouth, have returned to their home in Feilding. Mrs. B. Dolan, of Napier, has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Percy Lawson, New Plymouth, but has now returned. Miss Inez Kirkby has returned to New Plymouth after being absent for twelve months. Mr. and Mrs. R. Lusk (Parnell, Auckland), are the guests of Mrs. W. D. Webster, New Plymouth. Mr. Warne Pearce, of Tomuka, is the guest of Mrs. J. B. Ray, New Plymouth.

NANCY LEE.

STRATFORD.

January 7.

The Races.

Our much-looked-forward-to annual race meeting took place on Monday and Tuesday. All donned their gala attire, and sallied forth despite the "half gale" that was blowing. Mrs. A. W. Budge was wearing a smart white tussore silk, large leghorn hat with roses; Mrs. H. Bayley (Wanganui) wore a pale grey paillette Empire frock with silk passementerie, large black hat; Mrs. C. Bayley was in grey corded silk robe, hat en suite; Mrs. Glasgow, dark blue striped coat and skirt, large burnt straw hat with mirror velvet trimmings; Mrs. G. Harrison (Eltham) looked well in a Russian coat and skirt in mauve Liberty cloth, large black silk hat, white feather boa; Miss Harrison, smart rose-coloured linen, black silk hat, with roses to match; Mrs. Paul, handsome grey colienne costume; Mrs. Stubbs, brown and blue cloth coat and skirt, saxe blue toque, black silk stole; Mrs. Grayshaw, pale pink linen coat and skirt, black toque; Mrs. W. Penn (New Plymouth), heliotrope costume, hat to match; Miss Kirkby, Mrs. Renel, Mrs. Glynes; Mrs. Raikes, saxe blue linen coat and skirt, large straw hat; Mrs. Carbery, black poplin coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Uinicke, eau de nil linen coat and skirt, black silk facings, black silk scarf, very large straw hat trimmed with roses and black silk; Mrs. Porritt, white embroidered muslin, black hat; Mrs. Paget, white lace robe, very large white hat, with black feathers; Mrs. L. Paget, shepherd's plaid costume, large burnt straw hat; Mrs. Frank Mackay, becoming dark grey coat and skirt; toque to match; Misses Glenn (Hawera), Miss Nolan (Hawera); Mrs. Monzie, blue linen coat and skirt, blue hat with pink roses; Mrs. E. C. Robinson; Mrs. Webster, white embroidered muslin, pretty grey hat with feathers; Mrs. W. Anderson, Mrs. Wilkie; Mrs. Thompson (Invercargill), grey voile; Miss Kirkwood; Mrs. H. Kirkwood, terra-cotta lined coat and skirt, large black hat; Mrs. W. Young, vieux rose coat and skirt, handsome white feather stole, large vieux rose hat to match; Mrs. Richards, brown coat and skirt, chip hat; Miss Gladys James; Mrs. Copping, grey coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Tyver; Mrs. Hogg (Midhurst), blue cloth Princess robe, with black braiding, blue hat to match, white silk lace scarf; Miss Skaglund, white cloth costume; Miss Abbott, pale blue silk costume, dark blue hat; Mrs. Stohr, grey costume, large hat with roses; Mrs. J. D. Malone, dark green linen coat and skirt, black hat; Miss Malone, purple costume; Miss West; Miss Young (Inglewood), grey costume, large Panama hat; Mrs. Welch, etc. The lawn was very crowded, and the band from Patea played many pleasing items.

Juvenile Parties.

Mrs. Copping gave a jolly children's party on Friday. The competition for

th; best brown paper elephant (which caused great merriment) was won by Miss Eileen Marvie; second prize, Sybil Clarke; and the most comical, Miss Geraldine Uinicke. Mrs. Stubbs gave a juvenile party on Wednesday. The guessing competition was won by Miss Sybil Clarke first, and Miss Marjory Kinbell (Hawera) second.

Personal.

Mr. Cook (Tauranga) spent the New Year holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Budge. Mr. Black (Taihape) paid a short visit to his people here during the holidays. Mr. Aldsworth was the guest of Mr. Budge for the races. Mr. Baker has been on a visit to Mr. Healy. Mr. H. Valentine, just returned from South Africa, is visiting his sister, Mrs. G. Harrison (Eltham). Mrs. Harry Bayley spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. Renel.

DENISE.

WANGANUI.

January 7.

Tennis Party.

On New Year's Eve Mr. and Mrs. H. Lethbridge (Turakina) gave a very evening tennis party, and dance in the evening. Amongst those present were:—Mr. and Mrs. J. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. G. Lethbridge, Mr. and Mrs. G. Marshall, Miss Anderson, Miss Smith, Miss Humphreys, and others.

New Year's Day was glorious weather. The town was quite deserted, but the up-river steamers and Castlecliff were well patronised. There were also several small private picnics in oil-lanterns.

Afternoon Tea.

On Thursday afternoon Mrs. H. Sargeant gave a very enjoyable afternoon tea in honour of Mrs. and Miss Kennedy, of Wellington, who are spending some weeks in Wanganui. Amongst those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Duan, Mrs. Pharazyn, Mrs. A. Lewis, Mrs. Rochfort (Eltham), Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson, Rev. J. and Mrs. Jacob, Miss Westera (Christchurch), Mrs. Janisch (Auckland), Mrs. and Miss Kennedy (Wellington), Mrs. Ballance, Mrs. Darley, Mrs. and Miss Moore, Mrs. D'Arcy, Mrs. Krull, Miss Krull, Miss Thompson (Sydney), Mrs. Lomax, Mrs. Christie, Dr. Wilson, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Colin Campbell, Mrs. Wall, and others.

Personal.

Mrs. and Miss Kennedy, of Wellington, are spending some weeks in Wanganui. Miss Williams, of Sydney, is at present staying in Wanganui. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peck, of Wanganui, have returned from their visit to Auckland. Miss Westera, of Christchurch, is the guest of Mrs. Jacob, in Wanganui. Mrs. Rochfort, of Eltham, is staying in Wanganui with her mother, Mrs. A. Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. Pattle-Izett, of Wanganui, are spending some weeks in Australia. Dr. and Mrs. Carle, of Wanganui, are staying in Wellington. Miss Maling, of Wanganui, is spending her holidays in Australia. Mr. and Mrs. Crombie, of Wanganui, are staying with friends in the North. Mrs. Gill-Carey, of Wanganui, is staying in Hawera with friends. Miss Northcote, of Wanganui, is spending some weeks in the South. Mrs. Janisch, of Auckland, is spending some weeks in Wanganui. Miss McDonald, of Wanganui, is spending her holidays in the South.

HUIA.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

January 8.

Entertainment.

Laurence Campbell, the English and Australian entertainer, played a two-nights' season here at the end of last week. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fitzherbert, Mr. Blackmore, Mr. and Mrs. A. Strang, Miss Campbell (Christchurch), Mr. and Mrs. B. Davis, Mrs. C. Louison, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sutherland, Mrs. A. Guy, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Watson, Miss Winnie Watson, Mrs. and Miss Warburton were included in the audiences.



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