

Loughnan, Parma violet Shantung braided in the same hue, violet hat; Mrs. Dyer, natural tussore, and teal hat with flowers; Mrs. Luke, saxe blue chiffon taffetas with a lace yoke and a black picture hat; Mrs. Litchfield, pearl grey crepe de chine with appliques of lace, and a black picture hat; Mrs. Izard, dark amethyst voile with a net yoke of the same shade, and a toque to match; Mrs. Prouse, natural Shantung, with soutache, and a brown hat with flowers; Mrs. Samuel, rose colienne, braided in the same shade; rose coloured hat; Mrs. de Castro, black crepe de chine and black picture hat; Mrs. McCarthy, sapphire blue cloth, braided in black, blue and black hat; Mrs. Lurvey, amethyst and white striped ninon and a smart black hat; Mrs. Poynton, navy taffetas and black hat with wings; Mrs. Corrigan, grey cloth tailormade, elaborately braided in black, black hat; Mrs. Wilson, blue Shantung braided in black, blue hat; Mrs. Moore, black figured taffetas, lace vest and black hat; Mrs. K. Brown, black chiffon taffetas, black and white toque. Others present were:—Mrs. R. McKenzie, in black crepe de chine, and a velvet toque; Miss Kathleen Millar, pale pink colienne with lace appliques, and a hat with roses; Mrs. McArthur, black ninon with a floral design of chrysanthemums, black plumed hat; Mrs. Fisher, pale blue charmeuse with entre deux de lace, dark purple hat with white plumes, Mrs. Fulton, royal blue satin, veiled in black ninon applique with lace; Miss E. Richmond, a saxe blue Shantung braided in blue, and a blue hat; Mrs. Leonard Tripp, pale green and white striped ninon and a black hat; Mrs. Algar Williams, pale mole-coloured cloth and mole-coloured hat; Miss Coates, dark navy tailor-made, and black plumed hat; Mrs. Louis Blundell, black ninon and lace over blue satin, black and white hat; Mrs. Corliss, white silk veiled in black ninon, black hat; Mrs. Seddon, black silk and a black hat; Miss M. Seddon, black ninon and a black hat; Mrs. J. Blundell, amethyst cloth braided in the same shade, black hat; Mrs. Morice (West Coast) violet coat and skirt and black hat; Mrs. Dymock, saxe blue robe, and a blue hat; Mrs. Edwin, black lace dress with a long lace coat and a black hat; Mrs. Robertson, mole ninon over vieux rose silk, mole picture hat; Mrs. Kennedy, black silk voile and black hat; Miss A. Kennedy, mauve and white floral ninon and mauve hat; Mrs. West, sapphire blue tailor-made, and black hat; Miss West, tussore tailor-made, with Paisley facings; Mrs. Harding, black ninon and Chantilly lace, black plumed hat; Mrs. Jones, black spotted ninon over ivory silk, black hat; Mrs. Herbert, blue tailor-made, with black facings, royal blue and black hat; Miss Harding, tussore tailor-made, faced with blue moire, teal hat with roses; Mrs. Royd Garlick, champagne ninon with embroideries and a deep silk hem, tuscane hat; Mrs. M. Ross, re-seda Shantung and hat with roses; Mrs. Bacon, biscuit tweed tailor-made and a black toque; Misses Cole-ridge, grey Shantung dresses with grey lace yokes and grey hats; Miss McGregor, Shantung tailor-made, and a black picture hat.

**Personal.**  
Mrs. Seddon and the Misses Seddon left for Sydney on Friday en route to England. They will spend two or three weeks in Australia before continuing their voyage.

**HAMILTON.**

**March 4.**  
The South Auckland Croquet championship tournament commences in Cambridge on Saturday, March 4th. Mr. and Mrs. Hyde, members of our local club, are competing in the various events.  
The Waikato Central Agricultural Show opened yesterday. Judging by the incessant road traffic with its unwonted stream of country visitors, and the heavy and continuous trains constantly going through, the attendance should be a record one.

**Personal.**  
Mrs. Arthur Brett (Devonport) has been visiting Hamilton for a short stay.  
Mr. and Mrs. Haylor (England) are staying with Miss Cox.  
Miss Moira Brown (Auckland) is spending a week or two with the Misses Jolly.  
Mr. and Mrs. Mulcock (Canterbury) and Miss Mulcock are visiting Mr. F. Mulcock.

ZILLAH.

**ROTORUA.**

March 4.

**Personal.**  
Mrs. and Miss Wynyard, of Auckland, are visiting Rotorua.  
Mr., Mrs., and Miss James, of Hamilton, are staying at "Waiwera House."  
Mr. Chamberlain, of Wellington, is in Rotorua.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. Tregear, of Wellington, are making a lengthy visit to Rotorua.  
Mr. Troutbeck, of Napier, is here.  
Mr. Ross, M.P. (Pahiatua), is staying at "Waiwera House."  
Mrs. C. Ransome, of Auckland, is staying at "Grande Vue."

Amongst the Australian visitors lately in Rotorua have been: Mr. and Mrs. Crooke (Melbourne), Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Cox (Melbourne), Mr. Percival (Sydney), Mr. and Mrs. Anderson (New South Wales), Mr. Roelzer (Melbourne), Mr. C. H. Voss (Sydney), Mr. and Mrs. Hicks and the Misses Hicks (Melbourne).  
Captain Makgill Maitland, late A.D.C. to His Excellency the Governor, is fishing at Taupo.  
Captain J. Kennedy, of Waibeke, is fishing at Taupo.  
The Messrs. Kettle (2) (Napier residents) are staying at "Waiwera House."  
The sudden death of Mrs. M. E. Vincent, a visitor from Perth, took place at "The Mansions" here last week. The deceased lady was travelling with her daughter (whose pianoforte playing delighted a Rotorua audience last week), and her death was entirely unexpected, and very sad.  
Messrs. T. E. Taylor and C. H. Poole, M.P.s, were in Rotorua last week.  
Mr. Geo. Chirnside, of Werribee Park, Victoria, is fishing at Taupo.  
Mr. J. W. Webber, who is retiring from his position of head-teacher of the Rotorua School, received two presentations from his pupils last week.

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**GISBORNE.**

March 2.

I have no social news to chronicle this week, with the exception of weddings, which ceremonies seem to be quite the order of the day in Gisborne.

**Personal.**  
Mrs. Russell Duncan (Hawke's Bay) is at present visiting friends in Gisborne.  
Mr. and Mrs. P. Barker left on Wednesday last for a wedding tour to Sydney, thence to England for the Coronation festivities and a motor tour through England and the Continent.  
Colonel Gudgeon is at present visiting Gisborne.

The Rev. Father Finn, of Gisborne, left for Auckland on Wednesday, to which district he has been appointed.

Mr. Donaldson (Dunedin) is at present the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Symes (Gisborne).

ELSA.

**NAPIER.**

March 3.

**Farewell Gatherings.**  
Everyone has been so busy this week saying good-bye to friends departing for England that there has been but little time for anything else.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry, who left for England on Wednesday, entertained a number of friends to dinner at the Masonic Hotel on Saturday evening. The guests included:—Dr. and Mrs. Bernau, Dr. and Mrs. Edgar, Dr. and Mrs. Ziele, Mrs. Dixon, Miss Lever, Mr. and Mrs. Snodgrass, Miss Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Hector Smith, Mr. E. H. Williams, Mr. Murdoch, and Dr. Harvey. All present wished their host and hostess a very pleasant holiday in the Old Country, and a safe return to Napier.

Many friends assembled at the Glasgow wharf on Thursday afternoon to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and Miss Moore, who leave Wellington by the Kaipara on Monday. Mrs. C. H. Maclean has gone to Wellington to see her son Frank off to Cambridge. Other Napier passengers sailing by the Kaipara are the Rev. W. Robinson, Mr. Donald Williams, and Mr. Duke Sunderland. Many are the arrangements made by these New Zealand friends for meeting in London at Coronation time.

**Personal.**  
Mrs. John Humphries gave a small afternoon tea for her sister, Mrs. Charles Margoliouth, of Gisborne, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector Smith are on a visit to Wellington.

Miss Gossett has returned to Christchurch.

Miss Harvey has arrived from the West of Ireland on a visit to her brother, Dr. Harvey.

Miss Edith Williams and Mrs. C. H. Maclean are visiting Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lane are on a visit to Masterton.

Mrs. Russell Duncan is visiting Gisborne.

Miss Dean leaves on Friday for Auckland to join the P. and O. steamer for London.

Mrs. Alec Williams and Miss M. Williams (Hukarere) left by the Rimutaka on Sunday for Tokomaru Bay.

MARJORIE.

**FEILDING.**

March 3.

**Personal.**  
Miss Corfe is visiting Palmerston for a few days.

Mrs. Haggitt is leaving for England on Friday next.

The Rev. A. Colville is the guest of Mrs. Innes Jones.

Mrs. Roberts and family have returned from Palmerston.

Mrs. Bruce and family (Cheltenham) have returned from Day's Bay.

Miss Walker has returned from the seaside.

Mrs. McAllum has gone to Napier for a fortnight.

TUI.

**HASTINGS.**

March 2.

Hastings is looking very fresh and green after the rain we had last week. Croquet and tennis are still being played vigorously by the enthusiasts of outdoor games. I noticed some rather smart autumn toilettes lately:—Mrs. J. Beamish, amethyst coat and skirt, and smart black hat; Mrs. Hurley, coat and skirt of cream serge, toque of violet shades; Mrs. Faulkner, smart coat and skirt of marine blue cloth, braided champagne hat, with wreath of roses; Mrs. McLeod, stylish frock in chocolate colour, hobble style, transparent yoke and cuffs, hat in same tone with saxe blue feathers; Mrs. Macdonell, hay coloured canvas coat and skirt trimmed with dead gold and black, small high hat of white satin, black and gold wings; Mrs. Newbigen, tight-fitting skirt and jacket of dark serge, large black hat with Copenhagen blue feathers; Mrs. H. Shields, white cloth frock, black plumed hat, white ostrich stole.

**Personal.**  
The Misses Mason have returned from Dannevirke.

Miss Catherwood has returned to New Plymouth.

Mrs. G. Mannering (New Plymouth) is the guest of Mrs. R. Nairn.

SHEILA.

**MARTON.**

March 3.

**At Home.**  
On Monday Mrs. W. J. Birch gave a most enjoyable "At Home" at her residence, "Thoresby." The grounds are ideal for such an occasion. The Marton Band was in attendance, playing bright music. A delicious afternoon tea was served on many small tables in the rose garden, which is well sheltered from the wind. The day being slightly chilly, dancing on one of the lawns was much enjoyed. Mrs. Birch received in a gown of smoke ninon over black silk, grey hat trimmed with black velvet and scarlet berries; Mrs. Dove (Wanganui), a rich cream lace gown, black picture hat, handsome mauve velvet coat; Mrs. Willis (Woodendae), black ninon, pale pink bonnet; Mrs. Abraham (Palmerston North), pale grey ninon over satin charmeuse of the same shade; Mrs. Potts (Palmerston North), rich cream lace gown, black picture hat with white ostrich feathers; Mrs. Taverner (Bulls), black ninon over a train of Royal blue brocade silk, black picture hat; Mrs. Dan Willis (Hawera), white satin, bordered with black, overskirt of black and green Indian embroidery, hat to match; Mrs. Beckett, a gown of rich black satin, picture hat, white furs; Mrs. H. Arkwright, a handsome embroidered cream cloth robe, hat trimmed with long black feathers and pink roses; Mrs. Watson (Bulls), saxe blue gown and brown furs, hat in suite; Mrs. C. Rawson, heliotrope ninon, black picture hat; Miss N. Wil-

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