

foliage. Tennis and croquet were part of the afternoon's amusements. Mrs Barton received her guests in pretty grey poplin with large black velvet hat; Mrs Gillespie was in pale blue ninon over satin, French blue hat with blue flowers; Mrs Alymer, tussore frock with touches of emerald green, black and green hat; Mrs Willis, champagne foulard gown with touches of blue and black, pretty black hat; Miss McBeth, pretty blue satin with over-dress of black ninon, black hat; Mrs Beedie, blue frock, black hat; Mrs Clayton, amethyst shantung, white hat with large amethyst flowers; Miss Meares of Christchurch, white spotted muslin, very becoming violet hat; Mrs A. Fitzherbert, violet silk trimmed with pretty passementerie, black hat; Mrs McAllum, pretty grey poplin, touches of blue and black, white hat with pink flowers; Mrs Montgomery, saxe blue frock with over-dress of ninon, black hat; Mrs Roberts, black and white coat and skirt, white feather bon, large black hat; Mrs Lethbridge, black velvet frock, grey hat; Mrs N. Porton, saxe blue coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs McBeth, grey costume, black hat; Mrs Redmayne, navy blue coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs Richmond, brown coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs Levin, dove grey costume, black hat; Mrs R. Jones, white muslin frock, pretty black hat; Mrs Wollans, lavender frock with pretty cream lace coat, becoming black hat; Mrs Myers, red cloth coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs Walker, black and white silk frock with touches of green, black hat. Among others I noticed: Miss Millar, Miss Walker, Mrs French, Mrs Mackay, Miss Bruce, (2), Mrs Shannon, Miss Prior, Messrs Barton, Alymer, Fitzherbert, Lawson, Hawke, Shannon, Millar, Horrocks, Redmayne.

Personal.
Miss Meares, of Christchurch, is the guest of Mrs Barton.
Mrs Kerr is the guest of Mrs Monckton.
Mrs Atkinson has gone to Auckland for a few weeks.
Mrs Roberts has returned from Plimerton.
Mrs Guthrie has gone to Wellington for the session.
Mrs Graham, of Shannon, is staying in Feilding.

HASTINGS.

February 24th.

Very Quiet.

We had a very quiet week, social functions having been quite at a standstill. The polo ground is looking at its best and, with the new buildings, is an ideal spot to spend a few pleasant hours. The tennis and croquet grounds, too, are looking very green after the rain.

Colonel and Mrs Goring left last Friday for Wellington en route for England.

Invitations are issued by Sir Wm. and Lady Russell for an "At Home" at their residence, "Flaxmere," on March 5th.

Friends of Mr Donald will be sorry to hear that he is seriously ill.

Dr. McKibbin has gone to Wellington to meet Mrs McKibbin, who has been south for a holiday.

DANNEVIRKE.

February 23.

Tennis and Croquet Club.

Visitors and players at the courts last Saturday were: Mesdames Giesen, Hartgill, Robertshaw, Russell, McDowell, Vartan, Misses Baaker, Hartgill, Cowper, Pollen (Napier), Mason (Hastings), Russell, Pettit, Hitchings (Napier), Robertshaw, McGibbon, Mackersey (Hastings).

Delicious afternoon tea was provided at the Rangitira Club's courts on Wednesday by Mrs J. Simmers and Mrs Roake. Despite the high wind-blowing, a number of interesting games were played. Some of those present were: Mesdames Baddiley, Harvey, Soundy, McNicol, Ryan, Bennett, McDowell, Misses Caulton and Morgan.

STRATFORD.

February 23.

Croquet.

What threatened to be a miserably wet day last Thursday, cleared up sufficiently to allow the croquet match between Inglewood and local players to be played, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent on the courts. The

play was interesting to watch, Stratford scoring a victory by 137 games to 99. The visitors included Mesdames Hammerton, Jacob, Howarth, Roberts, and Winfield. The Stratford players were Mesdames Munro, Dingle, Hobbs, King, and Miss Dingle.

Flower Show.

The Horticultural Society's annual Summer Show, held at the Town Hall on Thursday and Friday, was in every way a success. The decorated tables, of which there were a great many, created much interest. The first prize was won by Miss Reader, and the second by Mrs. James. The mantel-pieces were also most artistic, Mrs. Hobbs and Miss Dingle winning first and second prizes, respectively. The children's exhibits were especially good. Among the visitors, I noticed: Mrs. Stevens, wearing blue cloth coat and skirt, large black and white hat; Mrs. Menzies, grey and navy blue coat and skirt, white hat with the latest mode in wool fruit; Mrs. Munro, fawn coat, with large collar of black and white, silk hat en suite; Mrs. Wake, grey tailormade, hat to match with green osprey and handsome cabochon; Mrs. Uniacke, smart black and white striped coat and skirt, hat with saxe blue velvet and flowers; Mrs. Crawshaw, blue coat and skirt, blue and fawn straw hat; Mrs. Stubbs, black and white shepherd's plaid, with black silk scarf, large black hat with verise roses; Miss Wake, blue coat and skirt, large black hat with pink roses; Miss Joyce Monro, blue costume with touches of black velvet, becoming large black hat; Miss Curtis, brown coat and skirt, cream hat.

Personal.

Mrs. Stubbs entertained a few friends at bridge on Friday evening, Mesdames Wake, Uniacke, Menzies, Chinchin, Crawshaw, and Miss Freda Wake being among the players.
Miss Mackay is visiting Mrs. Paget. Great sympathy is extended to Mr. J. R. Mackay during his serious illness.
Mr. and Mrs. C. Mackay have been visitors to Stratford during the week.
Mr. and Mrs. Wake and Miss Freda Wake returned from Australia on Saturday.
Mrs. A. W. Budge and family are spending a few weeks at New Plymouth.

PERSONAL.

Miss Mackersey (Hastings) is on a visit to Mrs F. Cowper, Kaitoke.
Mrs W. T. Irvine has returned from a visit to Wellington.
Miss Smith, Napier, is the guest of Mrs D. McLennan.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

February 24.

A Bazaar.

A bazaar in aid of the Victoria Girls' College was held in Mr. Percy Smith's lovely grounds last Tuesday. The weather was not all that could have been desired, but it didn't rain, and that was the main thing. The garden was looking its best, and the stalls were enchantingly dotted here and there amongst the lovely trees and ferns. Miss Percy Smith wore white muslin with black spot, trimmed with old and white chiffon, black feathered hat; Mrs. J. Cook, black voile with white stripes, black hat; Miss B. Smith, black silk striped voile, black hat; Miss Curtis, cornflower blue linen; Mrs. Home, grey coat and skirt, black hat, striped ribbon bows; Miss Wade, black and grey striped tweed costume, grey toque with black wing and erise ribbon; Miss C. Bayly, black and white check costume with black facings, piped with blue, putty-coloured hat with black velvet and pink flowers; Mrs. Renaud, grey striped tweed with blue lapels, blue hat; Mrs. Courtney, cream Sicilian costume, faced with black, black hat; Mrs. Paton, floral voile over green glace, black hat lined with white and wreathed with pink flowers; Miss Stephenson, bicuit and green striped linen coat and skirt, vieux rose hat; Mrs. Devenish, black silk; Miss Devenish, saxe blue with black facings, black feathered hat; Miss Grant, navy coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Holbert, of Wellington, black alpaca coat and skirt with narrow white stripe, black and white toque; Mrs. Fookes, black silk; Miss Fookes, cream costume; Miss M. Fookes, pale green liner, burnt straw hat with striped ribbon bow; Mrs. Cornwall, black silk, black and white feather bon, black bonnet; Mrs. Pott, silk striped colienne, white hat with wings; Miss Leatham, brown tweed costume, burnt straw hat with emerald green ribbon; Miss R. Leatham, cream delaine, white

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