

NEW PLYMOUTH.

February 22.

Mesdames Hockley, Hartgill, Morrab, Cowper, Lloyd, Nymand, Bickford, Misses Hopper, Irvine, Baker, Hartgill, Black, Buckhurst, Riley, Gurr, Hunter, and Crallan.

At the Rangitira Croquet Club, Mrs. F. Cowper, assisted by Miss Melton, dispensed tea to a number of players and visitors, amongst whom were Mesdames Harvey, Macallan, McDowell, Carlson, W. Green, Kerr, R. Robertshaw, Johnstone, Morison, McNicol, A. Bennett, Roake, Ryan, Black, Simmers, Collett, Messrs. Patterson, Wiltshire, Cross, McKay.

"Get-rich-quick Wallingford"

A splendid audience greeted this clever company on Monday night at the Town Hall. Amongst those present were: Mr. and Mrs. R. Blackiston, Miss Burmester, Mr. and Mrs. J. Armstrong, Mrs. and Miss Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Vartan, Mr. and Mrs. B. Bunn, Miss Phillips, Dr. and Mrs. Reid Mackay, Miss McGregor, Mrs. and Miss Hartgill, Mr. and Mrs. F. Cowper, Mr. and Mrs. Hickford, Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson, Miss Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hunter, Mrs. G. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. B. Hill, Mrs. and Miss Barker, Mr. S. Barker, Miss Kane, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin (Titree), Mr. and Mrs. W. Davis (Kume-roa), Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. R. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Simmers, Mr. and Mrs. Kelleher, Miss Ryan, Mr. K. Ryan, Mr. Prichard, Mr. Rowe, Mr. Webb-Bowen, Mrs. G. Speedy, Mrs. Macallan, Mr. and Mrs. Rathbone, Mr. and Mrs. Giesen, Mr. A. Evans, Mr. H. Smith.

Croquet Tournament.

The Rangitira Croquet Club's open tournament commenced on Friday with a splendid number of entries from Napier, Hastings, Heretaunga, Norsewood and local clubs. Keen interest was taken in the play, and there were many very close and exciting games. Luncheon, morning and afternoon tea, presided over by the committee, was provided on the ground, and thoroughly appreciated by all. Amongst the many present were: Mesdames Macallan, Harvey, Simmers, Greig (Auckland), F. Cowper, A. E. Green, N. Green, Glass, L. Armstrong, Heid, Mackay, Pegler (Hastings), Halse (Hastings), Russell, Kerr, Brabant (Napier), Roake, Bennett, Robertson, Souady, Thomsen, R. Robertshaw, Ryan, H. Knight, Morison, Hartgill, Baddeley, Murray (Hastings), McDowell, Messrs. Gossett (Christchurch), A. Bear, Oldershaw (Norsewood), Barker, Russell, Bryson (Napier), Kelleher (Christchurch), Cross, Wiltshire, Secker, Patterson, Caulton, Messrs. Campbell (Norsewood), P. G. Grant (Norsewood), Russell, K. Ryan, King (Hastings).

Personal.

Mrs. McNickle and her sister (Miss Hobday) returned from a short visit to Wellington on Tuesday. Dr. and Mrs. Dawson are on a visit to Wanganui. Mrs. W. F. Knight and Mrs. H. Cowper are in Wanganui for a few days. The Rev. J. A. McNickle, who has been acting as locum tenens for the Rev. E. Robertshaw for some months, leaves on Wednesday for Te Aute, where he has been appointed principal of the Native College. Mr. C. Thompson, accountant at the local branch of the Bank of New South Wales, has returned with his wife from Timaru, where he was recently married. Miss Cowper has returned from a long holiday spent in Wanganui.

Races.

The Taranaki Jockey Club enjoyed favourable weather for their Autumn Meeting. On the first day I noticed: Mrs Young wore black and white coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs Nolan, grey costume, grey hat; Mrs M. Standish, green, black hat; Mrs I. Standish, white coat and skirt; Mrs Dell, smart navy coat and skirt, hat with tangerine osprey; Mrs Kirby, black costume, black hat; Mrs Quilliam, green coat and skirt; Mrs Matthews (Waitara), black and white striped coat and skirt, grey hat with roses; Mrs T. Anderson, black and white striped frock, black hat; Mrs Colson, grey costume, black hat; Miss Chambers (Auckland), navy coat and skirt, biscuit coloured hat; Mrs Newton King, saxe blue coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs Fitzherbert, black, black toque; Mrs W. L. Fitzherbert (Palmerston North), natter blue crepe de chine frock, panier effect, black hat; Mrs Kebbell, fawn tweed costume, Leghorn hat with black feathers; Mrs Sidney Allen (Dunedin), saxe blue frock with black trimmings, biscuit coloured hat; Miss K. Saxton, pale blue satin chapeuse, white hat; Mrs Pritchard (Dannevirke), white, black hat; Mrs W. Webster (Stratford), champagne coloured costume; Miss Sybil Fitzherbert wore her bridesmaid frock; Mrs Brewster, navy coat and skirt; Mrs Oliver Samuel, grey coat and skirt; Miss Alice Brewster, white frock piped with black and white; Mrs Tyre, green coat and skirt, cream hat with red flowers; Miss C. Leatham, white muslin; Mrs Robinson (Stratford), grey and black striped coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs Wilfred Perry, grey coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs F. Cartlew, floral muslin, black hat; Miss Wheatley, turquoise blue Shantung, black hat with cream roses; Mrs J. Smith, apricot coloured chapeuse frock, black hat; Mrs Munro, grey coat and skirt; Miss Glenn (Hawera), champagne coloured costume with crystal buttons, black hat with large white feather; Miss Fraser, navy blue coat and skirt; Mrs Nolan (Hawera), smoked blue taffetas, black hat. Miss Nolan, navy blue costume, black hat, white ostrich feather; Miss Penn, green eolienne; Miss O. Mackay, bismit coloured frock, trimmed with black; Miss Blundell, fawn coat and skirt; Mrs Blundell, grey costume; Mrs F. Honan, saxe blue, black hat; Mrs Claude Weston, cream coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs E. A. Walker, black glace silk, black hat; Mrs Paul, heliotrope Shantung, trimmed cream Irish crochet lace, purple hat with shaded roses; Mrs (Dr) Bennett (Blenheim), golden brown eolienne trimmed with cream lace, cream hat with large ostrich feather; Mrs Glasgow, grey coat and skirt; Miss Glasgow, pink frock, white hat; Miss L. Fitzherbert, crushed strawberry coloured frock, white hat; Mrs Moyes, black coat and skirt, black feathered hat; Mrs W. Bayly, black, blue hat; Miss Wordsworth, white muslin, black hat; Mrs Paget (Stratford), cream coat and skirt, blue facings, blue beaver hat; Mrs Percy Webster, heliotrope eolienne, trimmed with cream lace, black hat; Mrs W. Spence (Wellington), champagne coloured coat and skirt, Oriental trimmings, cream hat; Miss A. Cunningham, smart navy blue coat and skirt.

Second Day.

Mrs Abraham (Stratford), black and white check costume, Leghorn hat, large black bow; Mrs Paul, mole coloured chapeuse, Oriental beetle trimming, hat to match; Miss Cunningham, black green-amine over white satin, trimmed with wide white lace, white hat underlined with black, white osprey; Mrs (Dr) Bennett, grey coat and skirt, white tagel hat, lavender plume; Mrs J. Smith, white lace frock, white hat with roses; Miss M. Glasgow, navy coat and skirt; Mrs Newton King, grey striped coat and skirt; Mrs Glasgow, Mrs Brewster, Miss Brewster, Mrs Samuel, Miss L. Fitzherbert, black and white striped muslin, pale blue hat with white lace and bunch of pink roses; Mrs Kebbell, fawn costume, white Leghorn hat with pink roses; Mrs G. Tabos, natter blue chapeuse with crepe de chine tunic, hat trimmed with lace and pink roses; Miss Olsson, navy coat and skirt; Miss Mackay, floral silk trimmed with wide lace, purple hat; Miss O. Mackay, shot blue and green silk with piped ruching trimming, black hat; Miss Kirby, white insertion muslin; Mrs Penn, blue check coat and skirt; Mrs Quilliam, navy coat and skirt, hat with brown; Mrs Moyes, navy coat and skirt; Mrs T. Anderson, cinnamon brown Shantung frock; Mrs Gordon Fraser, navy coat and skirt, navy and white hat; Mrs Faber Fookes, grey coat and skirt; Mrs Leo Nolan, white satin with black overskirt, white hat with pink roses; Miss S. Capel, white muslin, white hat with blue; Mrs Bob Cutfield, saxe blue frock, mole coloured hat with shaded roses; Mrs Percy Webster, light green tweed costume faced with darker shade of green, hat to match; Mrs Percy Lawson, pink floral muslin, black hat with roses; Mrs Paget; Mrs Budge (Stratford), black and white check costume; Mrs Leatham, pretty smoked blue race coat, black hat; Miss A. Roberts, pale blue frock; Miss W. Roberts, natter blue frock, lace hat; Miss R. Bennett, grey coat and skirt; Miss Wisshall, pale pink champagne coloured hat with roses; Miss Chambers (Auckland), white linen, black hat, white costume; Mrs Ken Webster, blue costume, black hat with blue; Miss W. Webster, white muslin, hat with pink roses; Mrs Cruickshank, black and white shepherds' plaid, grey feather boa, black hat; Miss Wodsworth, purple crepe frock, hat to match; Miss Vickers (Inglewood), navy coat and skirt, Panama hat; Mrs Street, black silk, hat with pink roses; Mrs Young, cream coat and skirt, black hat with willow plumes; Miss Baker, navy blue costume; Mrs E. C. Griffiths; Miss Nell Coutes, white muslin; Mrs Lowe; Mrs Malone (Stratford), white cloth costume piped with black, black hat with white; Miss Payne (Wellington), grey coat and skirt, hat with magenta flowers; Miss Blundell, grey coat and skirt, blue facings, blue hat.

Afternoon Tea.

Last Tuesday Mrs. Fitzherbert invited her friends to play tennis and have tea in the garden at her home in Vogeltown. Unfortunately it rained hard all the morning, but cleared a little in the afternoon, and those that ventured spent a most enjoyable afternoon. Mrs. Prichard, Miss Leatham, and Miss B. Hirst contributed songs and pianoforte solos. A proverb competition was held, and Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Courtney tied for first prize, with Mrs. Sidney Allen (Dunedin) winner of the booby. Mrs. Fitzherbert wore black eolienne, trimmed with

black Maltese lace; Mrs. E. P. Fenton, a very pretty white Indian muslin frock, trimmed with Irish crochet embroidery; Miss Lorin Fitzherbert, black and white striped silk, white lace yoke; Miss Sybil Fitzherbert, pale blue silk, black cin-ture, white tucked net yoke; Mrs. Courtney, black brocade, black hat with ostrich feathers; Mrs. Burgess, navy blue coat and skirt, smart hat in burnt straw, trimmed with posies; Miss Hammond, shepherd's plaid coat and skirt saxe blue hat; Mrs. Mills, black and white striped voile, black hat with blue osprey; Miss B. Hirst, grey muslin; Mrs. Walker, navy coat and skirt, black hat with black feather; Mrs. Leatham, navy coat and skirt, floral hat; Mrs. Weston, black and white check coat and skirt, black hat with roses; Mrs. Demy-Brown, black and white striped coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Prichard, navy coat and skirt, putty coloured hat with red roses; Mrs. Sidney Allen, navy blue braided coat and skirt, putty coloured hat lined with black, trimmed with blue wheat; Mrs. Penn, green coat and skirt, hat with roses; Miss Simpson, white crepe, pretty burnt straw hat lined with black, black osprey; Miss D. Simpson, floral muslin; Miss Brewster, navy coat and skirt, black beaver hat; Mrs. Blundell, old rose coat and skirt braided, black hat; Miss Blundell, fawn costume, with saxe blue collar, black hat; Miss Colville, grey sponge cloth, grey felt hat trimmed with white; Mrs. Leatham, green tweed costume, black hat with pink roses.

Bridge.

Mrs. Newton King gave a bridge party on Thursday, at "Brooklands," for her daughter, Mrs. Sidney Allen, of Dunedin. Mrs. Prichard won the first prize and Mr. R. Matthews had top score for the men. Last Friday Miss Blundell had a bridge party at her home for Mrs. Prichard and Mrs. Sidney Allen, who are both leaving shortly for their respective homes in Dannevirke and Dunedin. Miss Dora Bedford won the ladies' prize, and Mr. Bloxam the men's. Mrs. Blundell wore green shantung, with Oriental embroidery; Miss Blundell, grey ninon over blue satin; Mrs. Sidney Allen, primrose satin, with tunic of black ninon; Mrs. Prichard, pale blue crepe de chine; Miss E. Gayley, white satin with overdress of Spanish lace; Miss Brewster, royal blue, with a slight touch of emerald green; Miss Lorin Fitzherbert wore her pretty bridesmaid frock; Miss D. Bedford, red velvet; Miss Sybil Thomson, pale blue silk; Miss Gay Shaw, black velvet; Miss R. Saxton, heliotrope ninon over satin of same shade; Messrs. Blundell, Bloxam, King, Matthews, Millar, Jago, Bain, Bewley, Bayly, Whitcombe, and Webster.

Personal.

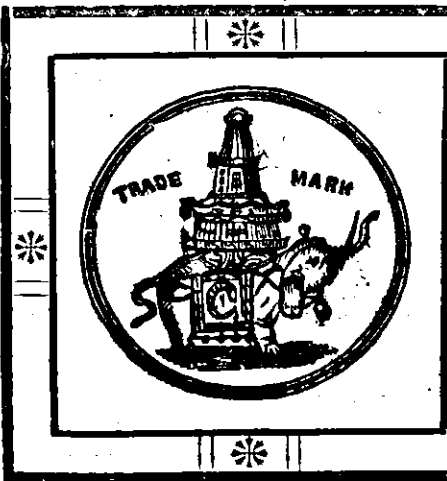
Mrs. Fraser, who has been visiting Auckland, has now returned. Mrs. Birch-Johnston has returned from a short trip to Wellington. Miss Gretta Wood, of Christchurch, is on a visit to her aunt, Miss F. Wood. Mrs. R. D. Colson and Miss Chambers leave for a visit to Auckland next week. Miss Cook, of Christchurch, is staying with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Moyes.

WANGANUI.

February 21.

Tennis.

It was cold at the tennis courts on Saturday. During the afternoon several



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