

Salt Spring Island Church Monthly

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Excellent hay-making weather the last few weeks, and the crop has for the most part been got in in good condition.

There has been a dearth of strawberries on the Island this spring; the difficulties of shipping and marketing have discouraged persons from growing them. The berries are very extensively grown now in the immediate neighbourhood of Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Welch have been receiving a number of visitors since their return from their wedding trip. They are intending shortly to erect a new house.

Mr. John Norton has sold his farm with his stock, etc., to Messrs. Halley and Smith. He intends to build a house for himself and the younger children elsewhere on the Island.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Tolson left the Island July 22nd, en route for the Old Country. They intend to settle on the Island of Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward, late of Crofton, with their child and lady companion, have settled in Mr. L. G. Tolson's house, having purchased the entire property.

Mr. Hobson, of the Province of Quebec, is making enquiries about the farms on the Island with the view to moving hitherward with his family.

Mr. Walter Dukes is erecting for himself a new house.

Received for Church Monthly since July 1st:—Mrs. Burchell, \$1; Mrs. McFadden, 40 cents; Mrs. Staff, 35 cents; Mrs. T. Lee, 35 cents; Mrs. J. Horel, 35 cents; Mrs. C. W. Tolson, 35 cents; Mrs. J. T. Collins, 70 cents; Mrs. Purvis, 35 cents; Mrs. Sampson, 25 cents.

Miss Legh and Miss Crimp are expecting shortly to leave for England.

Lieut. Walter, R.N., having been appointed by the Admiralty to Sydney, Australia, returned from England with his wife and children via Vancouver, and paid a flying visit to Salt Spring Island, July 21st. Mrs. Walter and the children will remain with the Rev. E. F. Wilson for the present until her husband gets settled in his new quarters.

Messrs. Anderson and Chalmers inspected the gardens and vegetable plots competing for the Farmers' Institute prizes July 7th. A second visit is to be paid in September, after which the prizes will be awarded.

If the day is fine, there will probably be a large gathering at the Sunday School picnic at Fulford Harbor, Wednes-

day, August 5th. Upwards of ten dollars has been contributed thus far towards the sport.

Willie, the eldest boy of Mr. W. J. Hamilton, of Fulford Harbor, was taken to Victoria July 13th to be operated on for appendicitis.

A Directors' Meeting of the Islands' Agricultural Association was held at the Agricultural Hall, Ganges Harbor, July 1st, to arrange about judges and commissariat arrangements at the forthcoming agricultural show.

The next meeting of St. Mark's Ladies' Guild will be held Friday afternoon, August 7th, at the Maples, Ganges Harbor.

Mr. Arthur Walton, J.P., returned from his trip to England the last week in June, having left his daughter there for her education.

There will be morning service at Beaver Point School Sunday, August 30th, at 11 a.m.

Miss Furness was home for a short visit last month. She expects to engage as a teacher in the public school at Kamloops.

Home Sunday School classes will be resumed in September.

There has been a great lack of labor on Salt Spring Island this summer, which has made it hard for the farmers to get their crops in.

Llewelyn Wilson is making tracks for the new gold fields 150 miles north of White Horse.

Walter Stevens is expected to make a visit home this fall.

Among new houses going up or being enlarged are those of Mr. A. McLennan, Beaver Point; A. Raynes, Fulford Harbor; and J. Rogers, Maxwell Lake.

The new creamery is at present the talk of the Island. It is excellently situated in a shady nook at the foot of the hill going up from Ganges Harbor; the land has been cleared and excavated for the foundations and building will be commenced at once, the contract having been let to Mr. A. R. Bittancourt, our local builder, and Mr. Robert Mason, of Victoria. There being plenty of good stone on the spot, it has been decided to make it a stone building; and this decision has been influenced by the present high price of lumber. It is understood that the services of an expert butter maker have already been secured who will take charge of the business just as soon as the building is ready.