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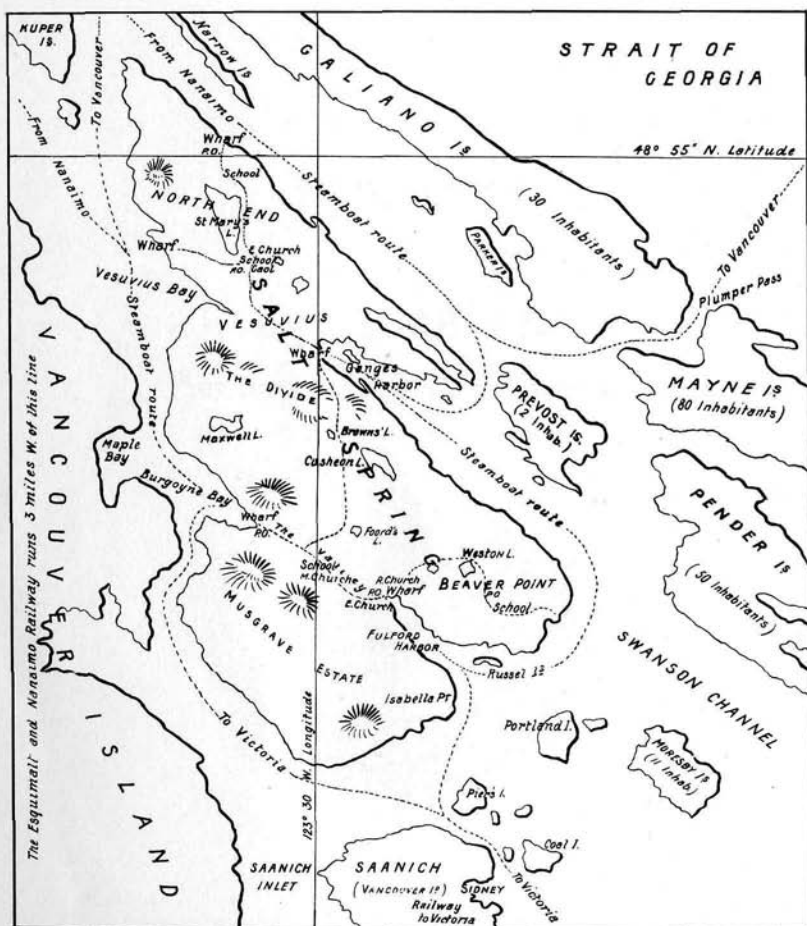
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GRANNIE AND GRANDFATHER WILSON

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# PREFACE

In 1977 Mouat's general store completed 70 years of service to the Gulf Islands. The directors of the company decided that a worthy project with which to commemorate the occasion would be to gather together photos from earlier days in the islands. This might save the pictures from loss or destruction and enable their subjects to be identified while people were still about who could supply the relevant information.

The pioneers of these islands enjoyed somewhat more favourable conditions than their counterparts in many other parts of Canada. Food, fuel and shelter were usually easier to come by while the weather and the scenery were more pleasant. Still, a great deal of courage, determination and hard work were required by the early settlers of the Gulf Islands.

This album is intended to illustrate the hearty, industrious and civilized nature of the early island communities. There are glimpses of the citizens working their pre-emptions, providing for their spiritual needs, for trade, industry, transportation, education, sports, amusements and the arts.

That all these things were accomplished without the destruction of the beautiful surroundings of the Gulf Islands is a lasting tribute to the early settlers. Few government regulations directed their actions, but the freedom they enjoyed was exercised with a regard for generations to follow. It is to all of these "old timers" that this publication is dedicated.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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I am most grateful to Mrs. Patricia Stone of Duncan who made available the treasure of the Bittancourt pictures.

Without the many days of work put in by two other principals of the old firm this book would not yet be printed. My thanks go to John Clunne Lees who helped to collect the pictures and to my brother, William Manson Toynbee, for his help in writing and editing the captions.

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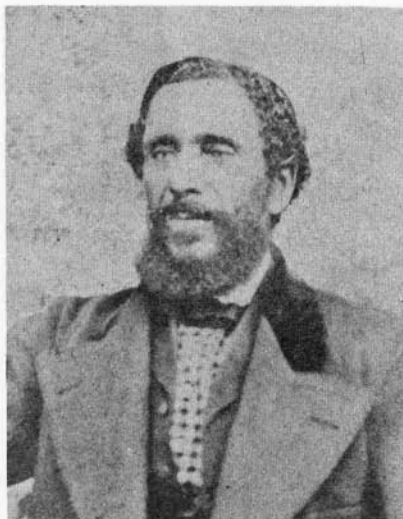
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# *The First Settlers*

"The first settlers of Salt Spring Island were Negroes and came as early as 1857(9?), seeking liberty and freedom from discrimination. Family names of these earliest settlers were Buckner, Davis, Issac, Lester, Levi, Robertson, Robinson, Thompson and Whims."

— from *Salt Spring Island*, by Bea Hamilton

Howard Estes arrived on Salt Spring in 1860 after staying briefly in Saanich. Working in the gold mines of California he had earned money to buy himself out of slavery in Missouri, also his wife Hannah, son Jackson and daughter Sylvia. They settled briefly in California where Sylvia married Louis Stark, but pro-slavery sentiments being expressed there caused the Estes and Starks to seek security in British territory.



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MYRTLE (WALLACE) HOLLOMAN



Willis Stark was a child of two when he arrived on Salt Spring with his parents and grandparents. He stands beside the house built by his father on land pre-empted by the family.

"The first white settlers to arrive on the island were Mr. J. B. Booth, the present member of parliament, and Mr. H. Sampson, formerly an employee of the Hudson's Bay Company at Fort Rupert. These two gentlemen, together with several others who have since died or left the island, arrived in August 1859, and are still resident there with their families. They came in a schooner which was at that time plying between Victoria and the newly discovered coal mines at Nanaimo."

— from *Salt Spring Island*, 1895, by Rev. E. F. Wilson

John Patterson Booth hailed from the Orkney Islands. He settled first at Booth Bay. Later, after marrying a widow, Mrs. Griffiths, he moved to her ranch at Fernwood.



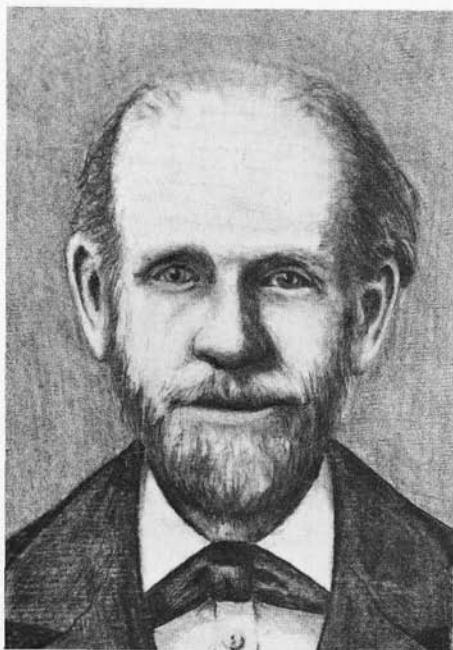
REV. E. F. WILSON (SALT SPRING ISLAND, 1895)

"... any intending settler was permitted to choose land for himself in any desirable spot, and was guaranteed that whenever the land so selected and occupied came to the market he should have the right to pre-empt it at a sum not exceeding \$1.25 per acre."

— from *Salt Spring Island*, 1895, by Rev. E. F. Wilson

"A number of the early settlers married Indian ladies following the example set by Governor James Douglas and his advice 'to take a native woman and settle down'."

— from *Early Days Among the Gulf Islands*  
by Margaret (Shaw) Walter



Henry Sampson and his wife (below) made their home on land at Fernwood. Mr. Sampson, who had been an employee of the Hudson's Bay Company subsequently became Salt Spring's first constable. (c. 1880)

ELIZABETH SAMPSON



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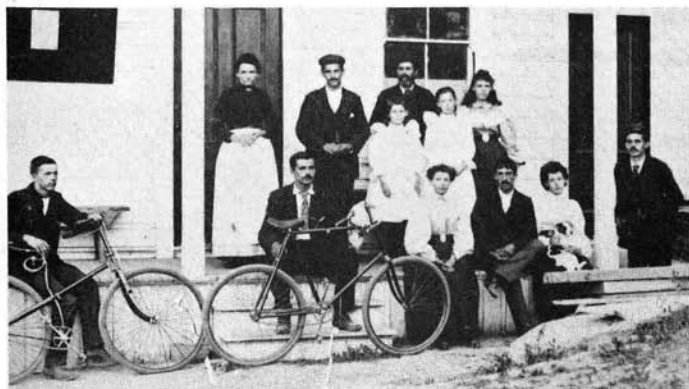
ROBERT M. AKERMAN

The Joseph Akerman family settled in Burgoyne Valley in 1866 on land obtained some years prior. Mr. Akerman had come from England and for a time gardened on the present site of the Parliament Buildings in Victoria. (c. 1890)

“Early residents of Salt Spring Island were of a considerable mixture of nationalities.”

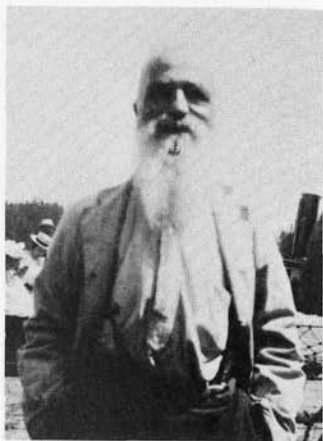
— from *Salt Spring Island*, 1895, by Rev. E. F. Wilson

The Portuguese settlers included Estalon José Bittancourt who with his wife acquired property at Vesuvius. Here they farmed and raised their family. Their large home included space for a general store. (c. 1890)

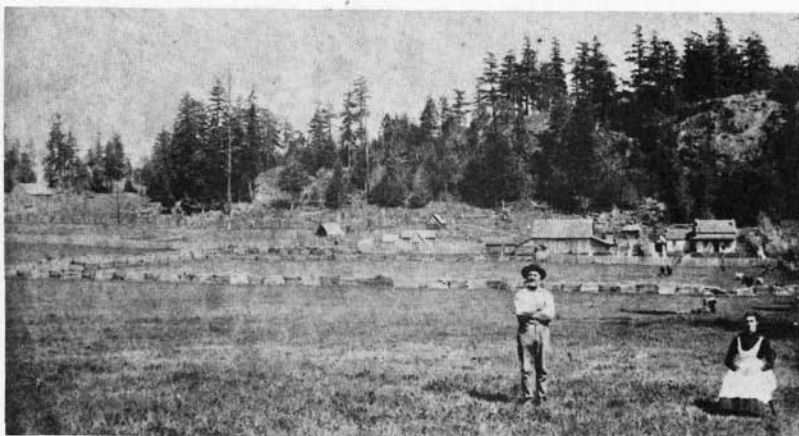


ROBERT M. AKERMAN

Another of the Portuguese settlers was John Norton. He farmed in the area north of where the Lady Minto Hospital now stands. (c. 1900)



NORA (TOLSON) NIXON



H. GORDON RUCKLE

Henry Ruckle pre-empted his first land at Beaver Point in 1872. He had been born in Ireland of German parents. In the early 1880s he married Anna, a young Norwegian widow living in the United States.

“... Mr. H. Ruckle owns 1,000 acres, of which about 40 are at present under cultivation. He believes in mixed farming...”

— from *Salt Spring Island*, 1895, by Rev. E. F. Wilson



Elizabeth and Alexander McLennan moved to Beaver Point in 1880 and established a farm. Here they pose with their children Maggie (Mrs. Hudson Lee), Anne (Mrs. Stewart), Douglas, Jessie (Mrs. Alf. Williams) and Murray (front). (c. 1910)

Henry and Anne Stevens (left) arrived from England in 1884 settling first on Ganges Harbour before moving to Central where they established a boarding house in 1887. They were joined that year by their nephew, Walter Stevens, (lower) who later took over the boarding house and adjacent farm. Mr. and Mrs. Joel Broadwell (right) farmed on the mountain above Vesuvius. He was at the time the largest farmer-landowner on Salt Spring. (c. 1888)



JAMES STEVENS



MAUD I. SCOTT

Mrs. W. E. (Ella) Scott and Maud (Tommy). Will Scott came out from England in 1892 and married Ella in 1893. He acquired an estate extending almost the length of Scott Road and established a good orchard, Fruitvale. A competent administrator, he left the farm to take the position of Deputy Minister of Agriculture in Victoria.

Miss Maud Scott was for years private secretary to the manager of Mouat's store and became during that time the major shareholder in Salt Spring Island Trading Company, the competition. She held both positions with dignity. (c. 1896)

Fred Crofton holds Doreen; Mrs. Crofton, Denise. Standing at back is Dermott, in front are Diana and Desmond. Mr. Crofton secured property at the head of Ganges Harbour and established a farm. The home subsequently became Harbour House Hotel. (c. 1914)



MRS. DOROTHY CROFTON

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. W. Dodds with Alec and Bill. The Dodds lived a short time at Vesuvius before establishing their home on St. Mary's Lake. Mr.

Dodds, who held a Master of Arts degree from Cambridge, taught for a number of years in the Vesuvius, North Vesuvius and Cranberry schools. (c. 1911)



HENRY CALDWELL



PAUL ROLAND

William Naukana was born in the Sandwich Islands (Hawaii) in 1813. He came to this coast to work for the Hudson's Bay Company at Fort Vancouver. He and his family settled on San Juan Island until it was ceded to the United States then resettled on Portland Island. Descendants of the Naukanas still living on Salt Spring are the Harrises and Rolands. (c. 1890)

PAUL ROLAND

The Naukana's daughter Cecile married George Napoleon Parker. The family farmed in the Kanaka area of Ganges. (c. 1890)



David (or Daniel)  
Fredison came from the  
Hawaiian Islands.  
He developed the farm in  
the Long Harbour Valley  
later acquired by Thomas  
Mansell. Mr. Fredison  
from time to time  
preached to the  
Methodist congregation  
at Central.



HENRY CALDWELL

Samuel and Emily Beddis came from England but spent thirteen years in the United States before bringing their family to Salt Spring in 1884. Their home still stands in the original setting on the western shore of Ganges Harbour. From the right are Mrs. Beddis, her daughter Boadicea, son Charlie and brother Raffles Purdy.



ERNIE BOOTH



PATRICK D. LEE

Mr. and Mrs. John Mollet sit among the flowers and shrubs in their garden in Burgoyne Valley. They left the Island of Jersey in 1884 going first to Alberni where Mr. Mollet served as Indian Agent. Coming to Salt Spring in 1894 they farmed for a time near Foord Lake. (c. 1900)

Mrs. T. W. (Jane) Mouat  
(right) holds baby Mary.

Margaret (left) stands  
beside Mrs. Mouat Sr.

Back to front, the  
boys are Thomas,

William and Gilbert.

The Mouat family left the  
Shetland Islands in 1884  
arriving on Salt Spring  
the following year after  
stops in Spokane and  
Nanaimo. The family  
home was established  
beside St. Mary's Lake.  
(c. 1888)



MARY (MOUAT) WOOD



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lumley with Bill Jr. left of his father and Richard and Robert right of their mother. In front are Harriet, Dan, Sarah, Mary and Eddie. Mary (Nawana) Lumley was born in



San Juan Island in 1864, her family moved to Salt Spring in 1871. Mr. Lumley was from London, England. They established their home at Isabella Point. (c. 1910)



HENRY CALDWELL

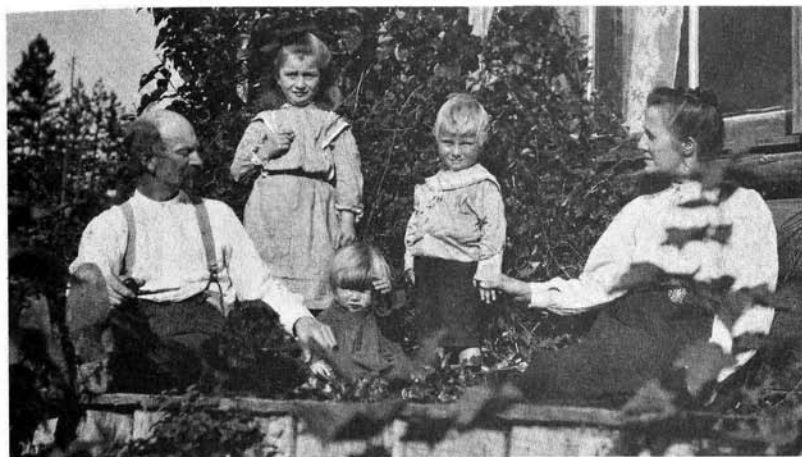
Mrs. Anna Caldwell with John and Edna. Anna came to Salt Spring with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Broadwell in 1882. She married Henry Caldwell in the late 1880s. (c. 1895)

BITTANCOURT COLLECTION

Reid Bittancourt came to Salt Spring in the 1880s first working as a builder. He erected a number of homes in and around Ganges including a large one at the head of the harbour for his own family. This home also provided space for a general store. Later Mr. Bittancourt served as officer in charge of Canadian Customs at Ganges until this post was abolished. His elder son Bert established the Shell service station at Ganges. (c. 1914)







MERVYN GARDNER

Charlie and Florence Gardner with their children Phyllis, Mervyn and Audley. Mr. Gardner arrived on Salt Spring in 1894 but subsequently went off island to work. After marrying in 1902, he returned to farm in the Cranberry. (c. 1911)

The James family liked islands. Annie and Percival, having come from the British Isles, were married in Ontario, then settled on Vancouver Island in 1888. They moved to James Island, then to Parker Island and later to Salt Spring.

Mr. James was a seed farmer who sought out places with conditions most favourable for this branch of agriculture. Shown here in front of their home on James Island are Annie and Percival James (centre), daughter Phyllis (left), sons Fred and Jack (back), Jimmy and Harry (front). (c. 1911)

JACK JAMES





PATRICK D. LEE

Vesuvius Bay towards the end of the nineteenth century showing houses that Estalon Bittancourt had built for three of his daughters. These houses are still standing. Mr. Bittancourt also erected other houses, a Roman Catholic Chapel and various out-buildings. (c. 1890)

Ted Akerman was born in the Burgoyne Valley in 1873. He stands in front of his home with his wife Ellen and daughters Molly and Dorothy. Mr. Akerman was road foreman and justice of the peace for forty-five years. (c. 1905)



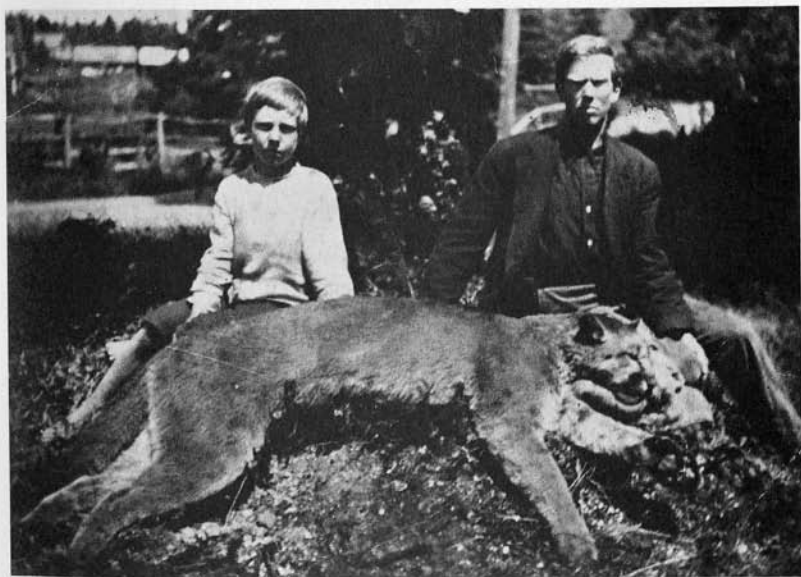
ROBERT M. AKERMAN



HENRY CALDWELL

Clark Whims was born on Salt Spring to which his parents had come in 1860. Three generations of the Whims' family farmed on the north end of the island. (c. 1896)

Olander Joseph Garner and his wife Lona came to Salt Spring Island from Carolina in 1905. "Ole" and son Tommy pose with a cougar they have shot. (c. 1918)



JOE GARNER



GAVIN REYNOLDS

Frank Reynolds with sons Eddie, Gavin and Lloyd following a hunting success. The Reynolds family farmed near Weston Lake. (c. 1920)

Mrs. Howard (Winnie) Horel with Charlie, Margaret and Howard Jr. Mrs. Horel hailed from San Juan Island. (c. 1923)



CHARLES R. HOREL

FLORENCE (GROVES) HEPBURN



John and Mary Hepburn with daughters Mary and Jean. The Hepburns farmed near Fulford Harbour. (c. 1917)



NANCY (HALL) RAINSFORD

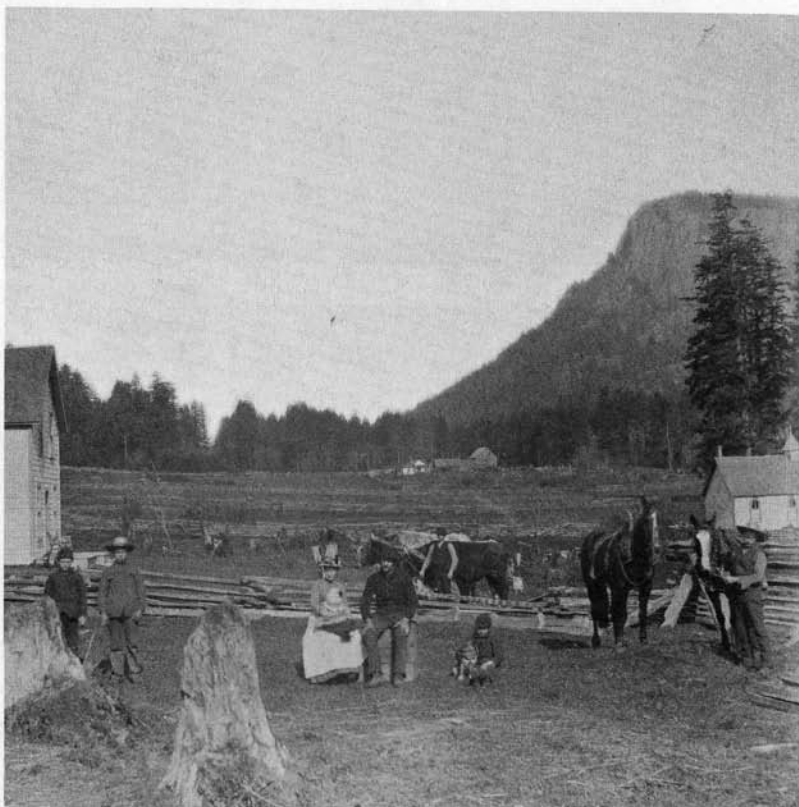
The Steward home on Galiano with Val Maude, Nesta Steward (Hall) and Richard Hall on the steps and Mrs. P. Steward in the doorway.  
(c. 1920)



Riyo and Kumanosuko Okano pose in front of their home. Mr. Okano came to Canada about 1900 first operating fishing boats out of Crofton. Moving to Salt Spring in 1920 he bought land in the Booth Canal valley and developed an extensive market garden. (c. 1925)

KIMIKO (OKANO) MURAKAMI

## *Their Homesteads... Farms*



MALCOLM T. MOUAT

*The Nightingale farm, Burgoyne Valley (c. 1890)*

Joe with his wife Frances (Akerman), daughter Isabelle, son George.

Farming was the chief occupation of most early settlers. In 1895 Rev. E. F. Wilson wrote of the favourable conditions under which these early farmers conducted their labour.

"Here in these islands on the Pacific coast the climate is mild and genial, there is no dread of an intense cold winter, there is no fear of a drought in summer and no lack of fuel for cold months. Whatever is put in the ground is sure to grow and to grow well. No Colorado bug will attack potatoes, no summer or early autumn frosts will injure the cereals, hay time and harvest time is always dry and warm so that crops can be gathered in almost invariably in good condition."

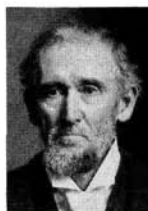
— from *Salt Spring Island*, 1895, by Rev. E. F. Wilson

He quotes farmers from various areas:

#### BURGOYNE VALLEY . . .

*Mr. Jos. Akerman says:* — "I have been over 30 years on the island. The winters are milder here than on Vancouver Island. Often they have three or four feet of snow when we have a mere sprinkling. Any one with a family, coming from the Old Country, could not strike an easier place to live in. Crops are always sure. I have never known the fruit crop to fail. Two years out of three the trees are overloaded and break the branches down. It is an advantage, too, having deer meat so handy.

DOROTHY (AKERMAN) HARRIS



#### ST. MARY'S LAKE . . .

*Mr. T. W. Mouat says:* — "I consider my farm of more value to me than a salary of \$80 or \$85 a month in the city. My poultry alone pay their own cost and find us in flour and groceries, which is pretty well for a family of ten. Poultry raising and dairying I consider to be the most profitable line. We have Jersey cows and Leghorn and Spanish fowls."

JESSIE (MOUAT) TOYNEEE



#### BEAVER POINT . . .

*Mr. H. Ruckle says:* — "A man who understands farming and has a little capital will do as well or better here than any place in North America. We hold a very central position as regards markets. Dairying and poultry I consider pay the best, and fruit growing is also very profitable. I lived formerly in Ontario, and consider there is more to be made off a farm here than there. The chief trouble is the clearing."

H. GORDON RUCKLE







NORA (TOLSON)  
NIXON

Joe Nightingale operates a one ox-power stoneboat.  
(c. 1900)



Later came  
the horses.  
Harold Scott  
on a hay rack.  
(c. 1896)

MAUD I. SCOTT

Young Henry Ruckle stands behind the horse, his  
brother Alfred leans on a wheel. (c. 1910)

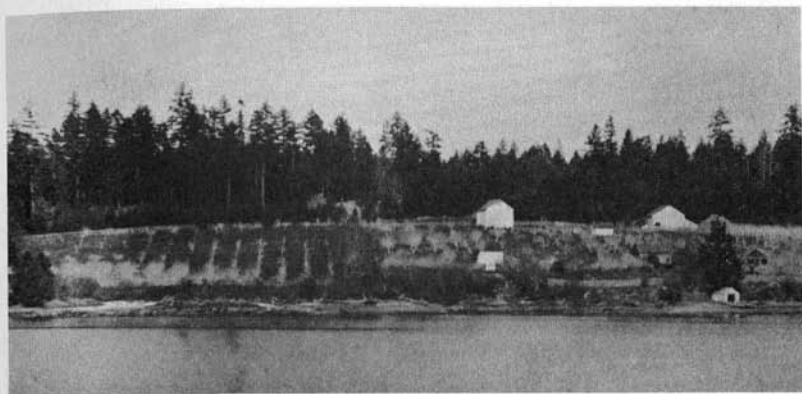


H. GORDON  
RUCKLE



"... Mr. W. E. Scott has 1,200 orchard trees, a large proportion of them but recently planted."

— from *Salt Spring Island*, 1895, by Rev. E. F. Wilson



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One of the orchards of the Will Scott farm at Fruitvale.

"... there appears to be an air of comfort and content about the place, which is too often wanting on the great prairie farms."

— from *Salt Spring Island*, 1895, by Rev. E. F. Wilson



COLIN F. MOUAT

Cocking hay on the Bullock farm. (c. 1911)

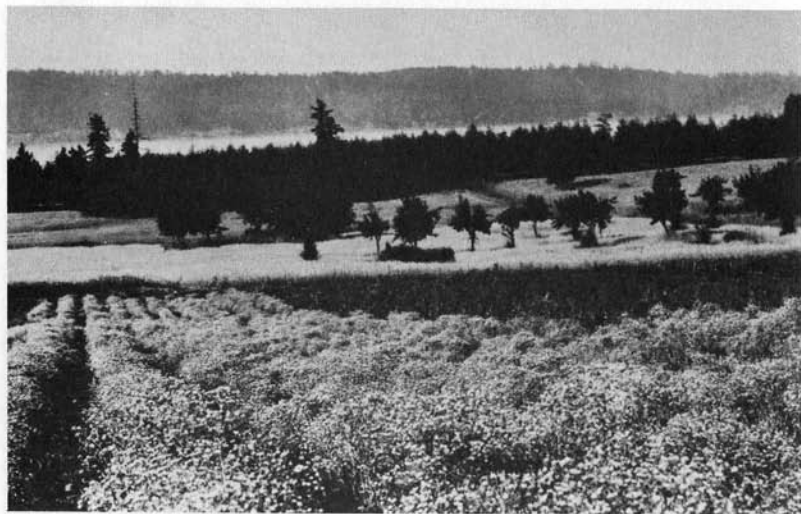


WM. D. PATTERSON

Stooks of oats drying on the Ruckle farm at Beaver Point.

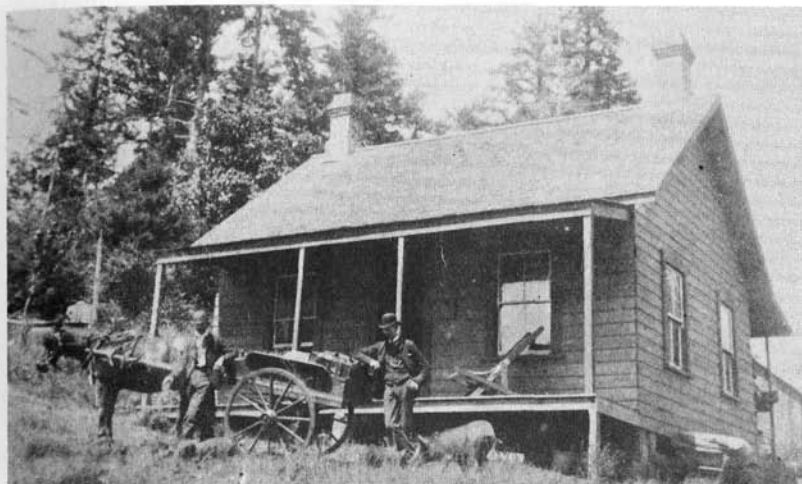
“ . . . A farm on the Pacific Coast may, perhaps, not yield its owner a fortune, but it will at any rate enable him to make a living and to bring up a family with comparative ease and comfort.”

— from *Salt Spring Island*, 1895, by Rev. E. F. Wilson



BITTANCOURT COLLECTION

The James' Seed Farm at Fernwood. (c. 1920)



NORA (TOLSON) NIXON

Ross Mahon with Hugo Robertshaw in front of the Mahon home near the head of Ganges Harbour. The name of this pioneer is commemorated by Mahon Hall and Mahon Hill. (c. 1890)



ROBERT M. AKERMAN

Charles and John Tolson are standing in front of a cottage erected by F. M. Philips at the head of Cusheon Lake. The building is still there. (c. 1890)

"... Mr. J. Maxwell owns 400 acres, cultivates 50, and has about 600 sheep."

— from *Salt Spring Island, 1895*,  
by Rev. E. F. Wilson

The Maxwell farm at Burgoyne Bay with Dick Maxwell in charge of the team of horses; his father stands in the background.  
(c. 1890)

H. GORDON RUCKLE



"... As clearing land is expensive, there is a vast difference between the price of cleared land under cultivation, and that which is still primeval forest. The market value of the former is from \$50.00 to \$125.00 per acre... while the latter may be purchased at from \$7.00 to \$15.00 per acre."

— from *Salt Spring Island, 1895*, by Rev. E. F. Wilson

One of the first mechanical monsters to be brought to Salt Spring had helped with the clearing of parts of the Maxwell property. The tree felling and land clearing machine was operated by steam. (c. 1883)



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Getting produce to market was always a problem. Owing to inadequate roads, boats were needed not only for inter-island trade but for getting things from place to place within the same island.



MAUD I. SCOTT

Will Scott had a wharf at Fruitvale from which scows could be loaded with cases of apples, pears and prunes for shipment to Victoria, Nanaimo and Vancouver. (c. 1896)



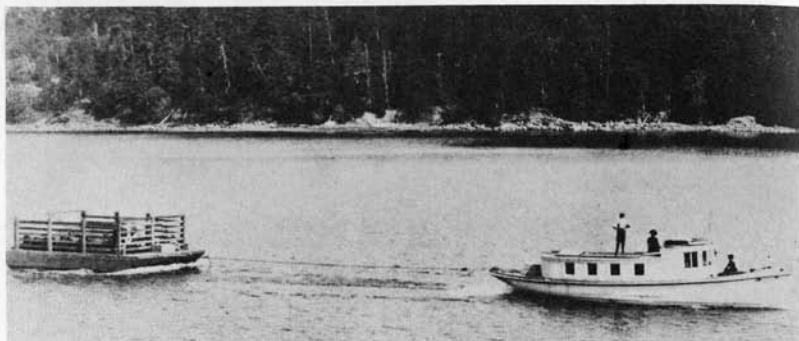
MAUD I. SCOTT

Frank and Geoff Scott, next door to their brother, maintained a wharf from which their "naptha launch" could load fruit. To save on fuel, the sail was used as long as there was a puff of wind. (c. 1896)



Richard Hall's steam launch *Alice* carried people and produce between James Island and Sidney. (c. 1907)

NANCY (HALL) RAINSFORD



Reid Bittancourt's *Winimac* tows a small scow of sheep to market.

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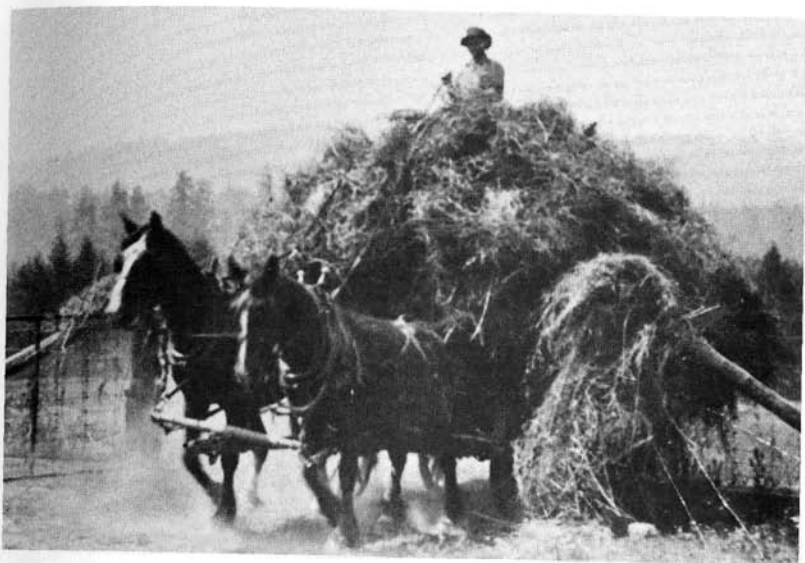
John Norton, Charlie Tolson, Jack Scovell and Nels Nelson haying at Scovell's farm in Ganges. (c. 1890)

NORA (TOLSON) NIXON



Haying on the Bullock farm. Bill Evans, Willie Palmer and "Bowsie" Bowes-Elliott. (c. 1912)

JESSE T. BOND



Chester Sampson getting in hay at Fernwood Farm.  
(c. 1912)

MRS. LOUISE HARKEMA

"... The hay crop is invariably a success . . . two to three tons to the acre. On new land 'Cocksfoot' is generally sown, as it is strong and holds its own against bracken and weeds, but after the land is well under cultivation 'Timothy' is preferred."

— from *Salt Spring Island*, 1895, by Rev. E. F. Wilson



Haying on Galiano at the Finlay Murchison farm.  
Donald New is up in the hay loft. (c. 1915)

DONALD NEW



*Some of the farmers . . .*

H. W. Bullock pauses  
to talk to his dog.



JESSE T. BOND



PHYLLIS (BEECH) NEWMAN

Jesse Bond, as a youth,  
was a member of Mr. Bullock's  
household staff. Later he became  
a leading Salt Spring farmer. (c. 1908)

" . . . Panthers and wolves in those days swarmed on the island and prevented any attempt at keeping cattle or sheep. One man relates how he and his father shot nine panthers between them within a few weeks one autumn, and the howling of wolves was a constant source of disturbance at nights."

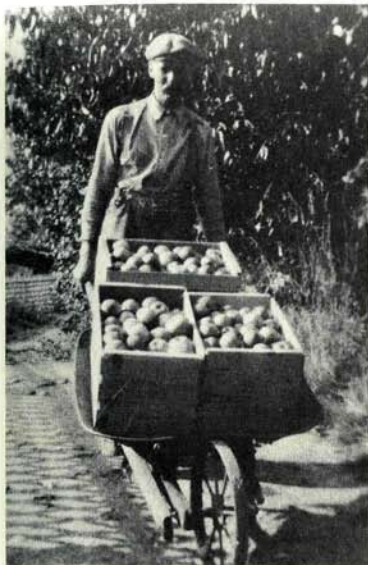
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MRS. IRENE PALMER



Willis Stark was a marks-  
man. Cougars frequently  
came across from Vancouver  
Island and caused havoc  
among the flocks of sheep.





BERYL (SCOTT) WEATHERELL

Geoff Scott wheels in apples from the orchard. (c. 1920)



ETHEL (WALLACE) CLAIBOURNE

Mrs. Sylvia Stark holds a bowl of apples; daughter Marie (Mrs. Wallace) looks on. (c. 1930)

Henry Caldwell settled on Salt Spring in 1884 on property adjacent to his brother William along Trincomali Channel. There he developed an impressive orchard. The Caldwell property comprised 640 acres, and three generations of Caldwells have kept it beautiful.



Anna and Henry Caldwell stand in their orchard; in the background is Clark Whims. (c. 1900)

HENRY CALDWELL

Horses helped the James family on three islands.



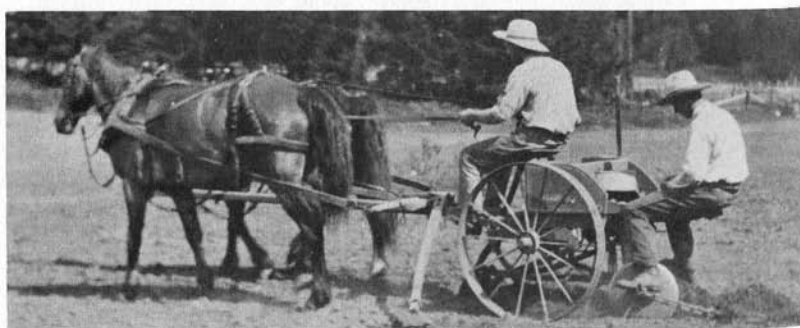
Spraying crops on James Island. (c. 1911)

JACK AND DOROTHY JAMES



Ploughing on Parker Island. (c. 1913)

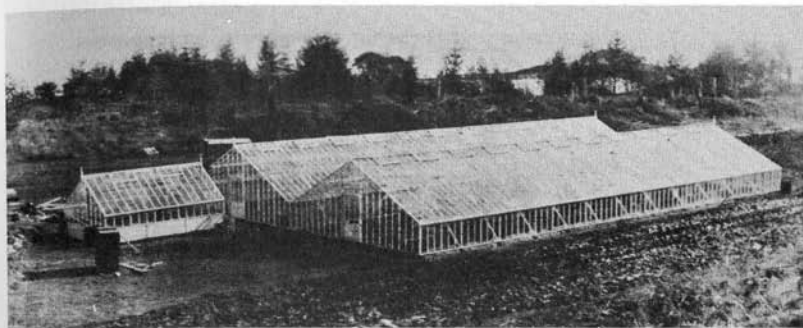
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Seeding on Salt Spring. (c. 1918)

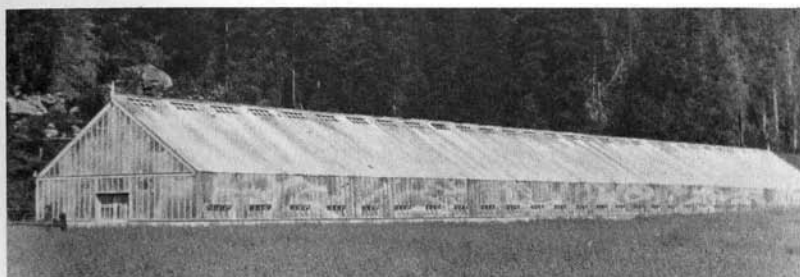
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The Gulf Islands grew tomatoes and cucumbers under glass for the Victoria market.



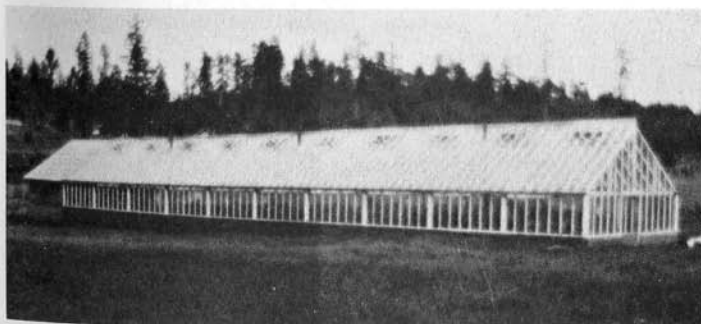
Richard Hall's greenhouses at Lighthouse Point,  
(c. 1912) Mayne Island.

NANCY (HALL) RAINSFORD



A larger greenhouse erected by Richard Hall  
near Miner's Bay, Mayne Island. (c. 1920)

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KIMIKO (OKANO) MURAKAMI

The first major greenhouse on Salt Spring was erected  
by Kumanosuko Okano. Many more were to follow. (c. 1930)



MURRAY MCLENNAN

Farmers began to make use of engines. Alexander McLennan and son Stewart with a 7½ h.p. Tangee kerosene fueled engine imported from England. (c. 1915)

Horses continued to do much of the work. Norman Wilson loads his wagon with grain at Mouat's feed shed. The pony comes along at its mother's side. (c. 1924)



MISS L. ROWAN



A horse helps Finlay Murchison and daughter Rosamund cultivate potatoes on Galiano. (c. 1930)

DONALD NEW



MYRTLE (WALLACE) HOLLOMAN

John Whims holds on to a horse; Willis Stark has a bull and a horse.



"... Dairying is very profitable, some farmers marketing as much as 1,000 lbs. of butter in a year."

— from *Salt Spring Island*, 1895,  
by Rev. E. F. Wilson

Betty Dunnell milking  
at Bullock's farm. (c. 1912)

JESSE BOND



HUBERT DE BURGH

Sheep on Digby Hussey de Burgh's farm on Prevost Island. (c. 1939)





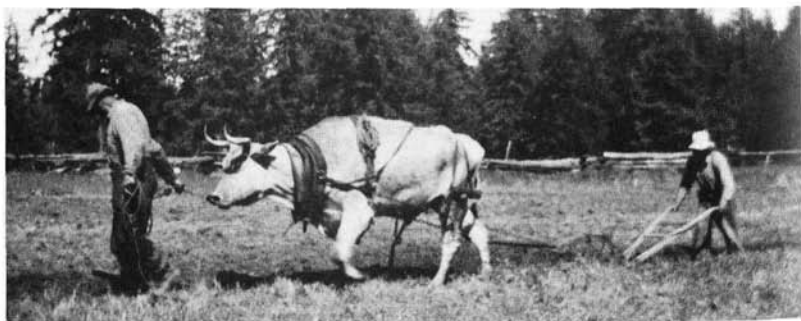
Ancient and modern transport on Galiano. Tony Bell's oxen meet up with Donald New's 1928 Model T Ford. (c. 1933)

DONALD NEW



Tractors take over. Billy Palmer, Reg Price and Harold Price gather in hay on Bullock's farm. (c. 1940)

MRS. IRENE PALMER



But still the faithful old ox doesn't give up. Roy and John Aitken turn a furrow on Highfield Farm, Mayne Island. (c. 1940)

MRS. ANNIE DE ROUSIE

"... The farmers' wives all say that chickens pay well, but that more is made by selling the eggs than by raising young birds."

— from *Salt Spring Island, 1895*,  
by Rev. E. F. Wilson

Beryl (Scott) Weatherell scatters grain for her flock of Leghorns.



BERYL (SCOTT) WEATHERELL



Henry Ruckle and Digby H. de Burgh look over a clearing on Mr. de Burgh's farm on Prevost Island.  
(c. 1934)

HUBERT DE BURGH

John Whims, the son of Salt Spring pioneers, takes time off from ploughing to enjoy a pipe. (c. 1941)



DICK TOYNBEE

## *Early Hostelries*

"... There are ... two boarding houses, (1) by Mrs. Stevens at Vesuvius, roomy and home-like, with accommodation for twelve guests; charges by the day, \$1, by the week, \$5; and (2) by J. Akerman, in the Valley (Burgoyne), charges the same."

— from *Salt Spring Island, 1895*, by Rev. E. F. Wilson



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Springwater Lodge at Miner's Bay, Mayne Island, opened for business in 1867. Built to provide an overnight resting place for miners headed for the Cariboo gold fields, the original lodge is still in use more than a century later. (c. 1880)





ROBERT M. AKERMAN

Joe and Martha Akerman opened their home to paying guests soon after their arrival in Burgoyne Valley calling it the Traveller's Rest. It was the first inn on Salt Spring. (c. 1890)



DAPHNE (CASE-MORRIS) BRADLEY

The Henry Stevens family moved into a log house on a farm at Central Settlement in 1887. They hired Samuel Beddis and his son Charlie to build the large white frame structure, "Stevens's Boarding House." (c. 1910)



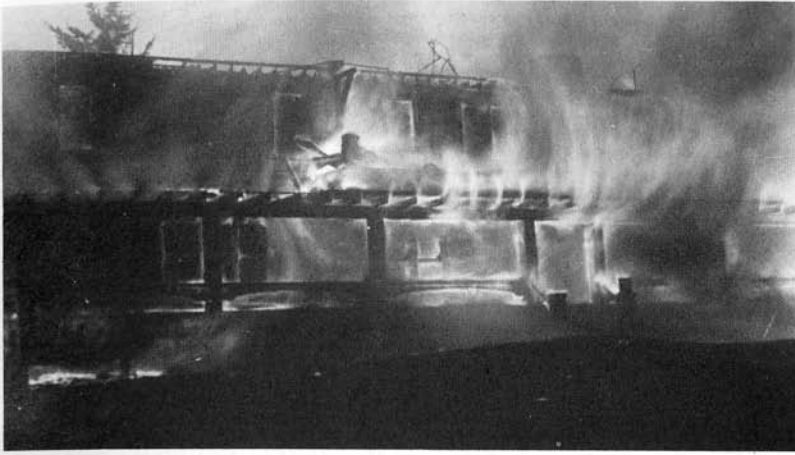
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This is the second of three inns that stood on a site at the head of Fulford Harbour. The first, a tavern operated by H. M. Rogers, burned down in 1901. In 1909 its place was taken by a country store. When guest rooms were subsequently added, the building became known as the White House, and later the White Lodge. Destroyed by fire in the mid 30s, it was replaced by the Fulford Inn which in the 50s also burned to the ground. (c. 1920)



JESSE T. BOND

The Ganges Hotel erected in 1912 alongside the Salt Spring Island Trading Company store offered extensive facilities being by far the largest building on Salt Spring at the time. (c. 1912)



JESSE T. BOND

Barely a year passed before the Ganges Hotel was completely destroyed by fire. Jesse Bond ran with his camera from Bullock's farm to Ganges to get this photo of the burning building. (c. 1913)



CHARLES R. HOREL

Had the Ganges Hotel caught fire two or three years later, it might have been saved. In 1915, thanks to the vision of J. C. Lang, water piped from Maxwell Lake in the Cranberry reached Ganges. As can be seen, the pressure available permitted water to be directed over the Boarding House operated by Mrs. Jane Mouat as well as the new store building erected by Mouat Brothers in 1912. (c. 1915)



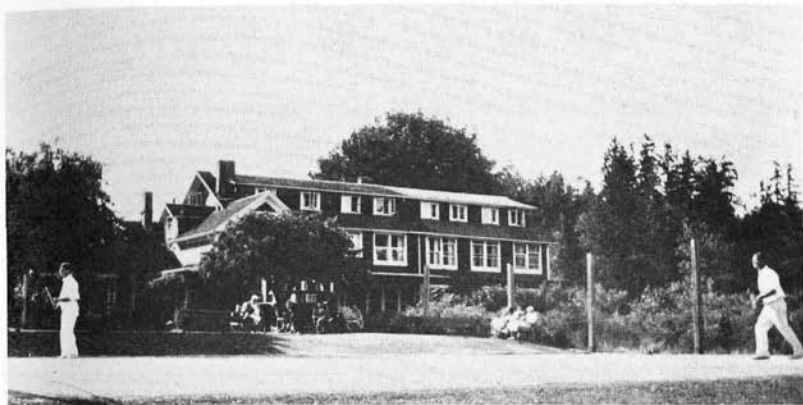
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Gossip Island Hotel (off Galiano Island) —  
“Every room faces the sea.” (c. 1923)



NORMAN MOUAT

Beautyrest Lodge located at Port Washington, Pender Island. (c. 1930)



DERMOTT K. CROFTON

Dermott and Desmond Crofton play tennis on the courts of Harbour House Hotel. While Mr. Crofton was overseas during the First World War, Mrs. Crofton and her five children converted their home into a guest house. The comfortable accommodation, good food and friendly atmosphere for which Harbour House was to become renowned brought growing numbers of guests necessitating various extensions. The building was destroyed by fire November 14th, 1972. (c. 1930)



CLAIRE (WILSON) BUTTERFIELD

During the 1930s the Boarding House at Ganges was modified and expanded becoming known as Ganges Inn. (c. 1937)

# *Down to the Sea in Ships*

The lack of usable roads and efficient land transport necessitated the erection of numerous public and private wharves.



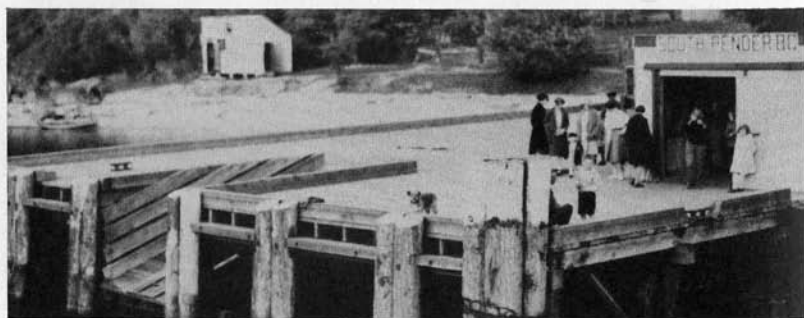
Fulford Harbour. (c. 1900)

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Musgrave Landing. (c. 1900)

NORA (TOLSON) NIXON



South Pender (post office in background, left of centre). (c. 1920)

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“... Settlers crowd around the little Post Office window to get their mail and their freight bills, then all disperse, and the wharf is left empty and deserted.”

— from *Salt Spring Island*, 1895, by Rev. E. F. Wilson



Fernwood, deserted after the crowd has gone. (c. 1920)

WM. WESTCOTT

*The coming of car ferry service to the Gulf Islands.*



*The Island Princess* at Port Washington, North Pender Island. The *Island Princess* was transformed into the *Cy Peck* in 1930. (c. 1927)

CHARLES R. HOREL

The *Cy Peck*  
at Beaver  
Point. For  
many years  
the *Cy Peck*  
sailed between  
Fulford and  
Swartz Bay.  
(c. 1935)

WM. D. PATTERSON

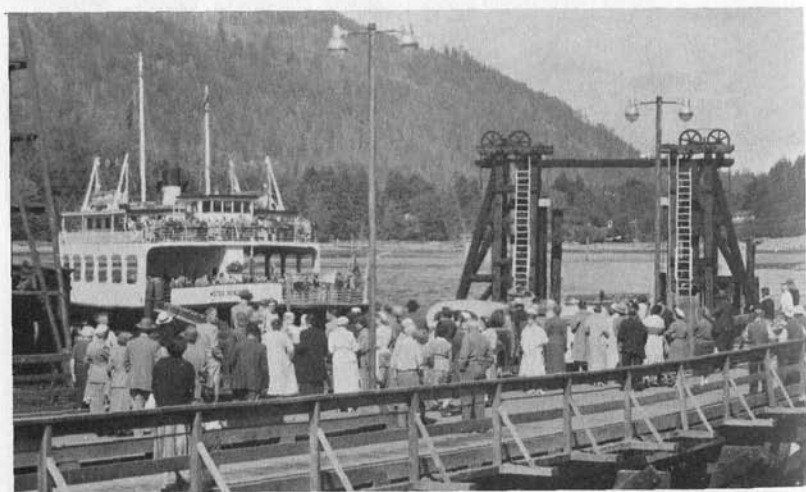






DONALD NEW

The *Motor Princess* arriving at Galiano. In the 1930s, the *Motor Princess* began making Sunday evening calls in the Gulf Islands to carry weekenders and their cars back to Vancouver. (c. 1935)



MOUAT'S

The reconstructed *Motor Princess* arrives at Fulford on her inaugural run in 1955. Purchased by the Gulf Islands Ferry Company and rebuilt, she was used to expand ferry service among the islands. Renamed the *Pender Queen*, the ship is still in use. (c. 1956)



*Boat Day at Ganges.*



Parking in front of Malcolm & Purvis' Store. (c. 1905)

GARNET YOUNG

"All around the wharf under the trees are picturesquely grouped the settlers' saddle ponies and conveyances, ox-teams, one-horse carts, heavy waggons with horses, spring buggies, etc."

— from *Salt Spring Island, 1895*, by Rev. E. F. Wilson



Outgoing cargo is ready. (c. 1912)

CHARLES R. HOREL

"There are crates of poultry, boxes of eggs, cases of butter, lambs or sheep lying uncomfortably on their sides with their legs pinioned, little pigs carefully boxed up, and great old hogs with their feet tied firmly to a pole by which they will be carried, yelling and struggling but incapable of resistance, on board."

— from *Salt Spring Island, 1895*, by Rev. E. F. Wilson

*All dressed up for a boat trip.*



WM. D. PATTERSON

The Lee sisters pose on deck.  
(c. 1911)

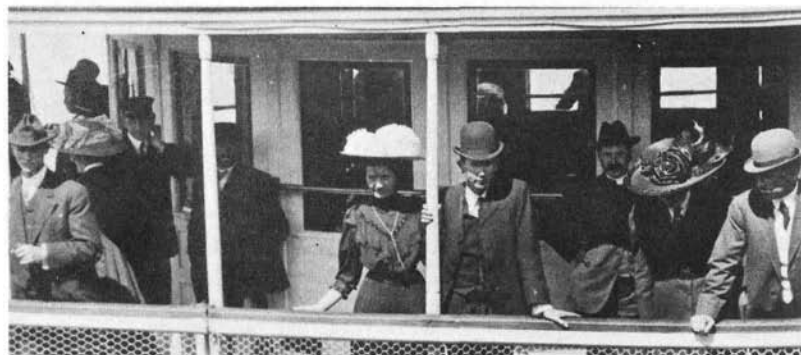
Phyllis James and  
Dorothy Lyme (James)  
on their way from Parker  
Island to Ganges. (c. 1916)



JACK AND DOROTHY JAMES

Mary Mouat and brother Laurie  
in centre wait with other  
passengers. (c. 1908)

JESSIE (MOUAT) TOYNBEE



*Wharves were places where people met and bade farewell.*



NANCY (HALL) RAINSFORD

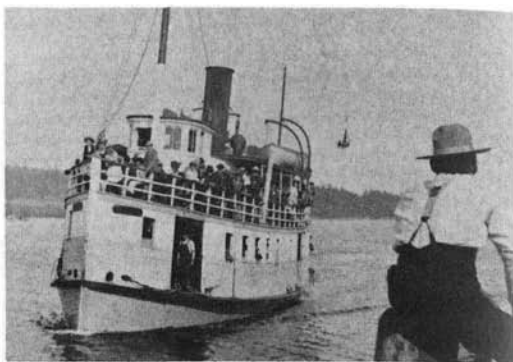
Waiving goodbye from Point Comfort, Mayne Island. (c. 1910)



NANCY (HALL) RAINSFORD

Watching the *Princess Mary* come in at Miner's Bay. (c. 1945)

The *Iroquois* was no grand liner, but for years she was the best link between the Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island.



Arriving at Ganges.  
(c. 1907)

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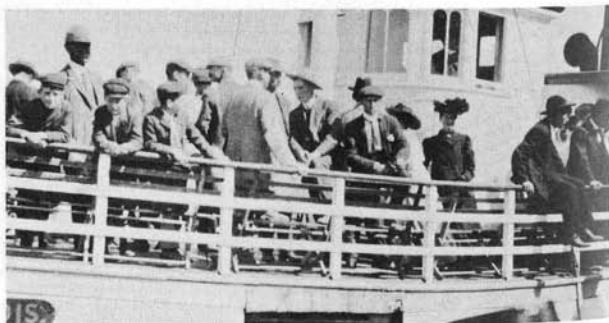


Welcoming  
crowd.  
(c. 1907)

PATRICK D. LEE

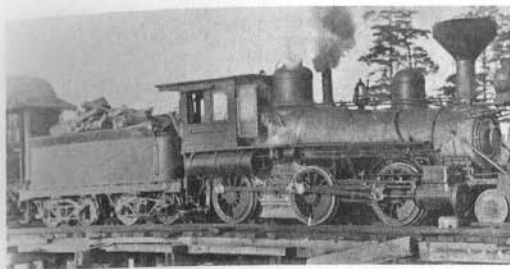
"On boat days we congregated at Ganges Wharf to meet the boat, supposedly to get the mail, but actually on the chance of getting the purser of ss *Iroquois* to relent, to open the bar and let us have a drink. The said purser, when he was feeling his best, might even be persuaded to part with a bottle of whisky."

from *A Late Summer* by E. R. Cartwright, CBE



Waiting  
to depart.  
(c. 1907)

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The "Cordwood Limited" of the Victoria and Sidney Railway that ran on a schedule to fit in with the arrivals and departures of the *Iroquois*. (c. 1910)

DAPHNE (CASE-MORRIS) BRADLEY



The *Iroquois* at Saturna Beach. (c. 1907)

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*Some days  
nothing  
went right!*

The *Iroquois* after encountering trouble rounding Jack Point, Nanaimo, but this was not the end of the little ship. Salvaged and repaired, she gave several more years of service. (c. 1905)

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Charles Appleby foretold the tragic end  
of the *Iroquois*. (c. 1910)

On April 10, 1911, less than a mile off Sidney wharf, the *Iroquois* encountered very strong winds that caused deck cargo to shift. The vessel listed, rolled over and disappeared beneath the waves with a loss of twenty-one lives.

Leonard Tolson's memoirs provide an interesting account of this: "An old negro named Appleby lived on the island in those days. He was a mild and harmless old fellow but his mind was disarranged. However, he certainly appeared to possess second sight and foresaw many things that came to pass. One example was his vision of the sinking of the *Iroquois* off Sidney. He stumbled up to a group of men, weeping and hysterical, and told them that he had just seen the *Iroquois* sinking and many people drowning. The men did not take this too seriously, knowing that his mind was unhinged."

Others who saw Charles Appleby that day confirm his agitated state and recall people at the creamery and store explaining to him that the ship was still in dock at Sidney awaiting arrival of the "Cordwood Limited" from Victoria. But he wept and insisted on his facts. The facts were to prove correct.



NORA (TOLSON) NIXON



In the same year as its final trip, the *Iroquois* passes through Pender Island Canal. (c. 1911)

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*The Joan* at  
Fulford in  
C.P.R. colours.

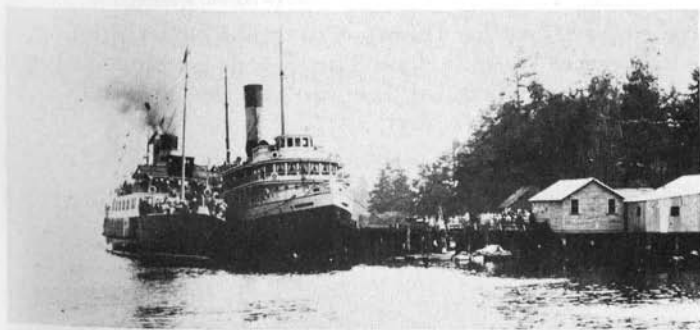
PATRICK D. LEE

When fairs were being held and for other special occasions, steamships sometimes came in pairs.



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*The Iroquois* and *Princess Charmer* at Ganges. (c. 1910)



JESSIE (MOUAT) TOYNBEE

*The Princess Patricia* and the *Princess Royal*  
at a more developed Ganges. (c. 1930)



*Odd happenings on Gulf Island waters.*

A strangely rigged  
Chinese junk  
anchored in  
Miner's Bay, Mayne  
Island, on a  
winter morning.  
(c. 1910)

MRS. ANNIE DE ROUSIE



MRS. (WELFARE) RITCHIE

The ups and downs of boating. The tugs *Crest* and *Kingfisher* resting on Atkin's Reef east of Walker's Hook. Two ships do not often land on the same rock at the same time, but these two had been "in bridle" while towing a boom of logs. (c. 1931)

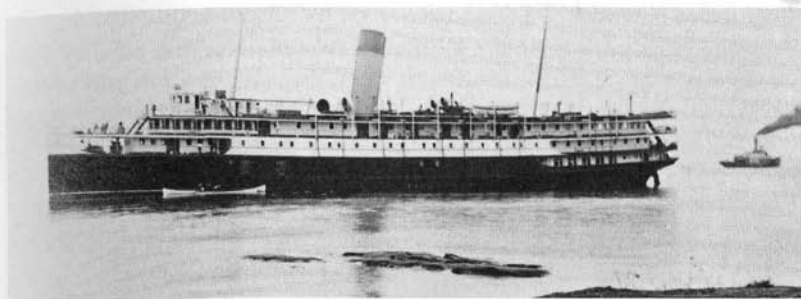
In the 1930s the *Cy Peck* had a third regular port of call . . . the "Penal Colony" on Piers Island. (Sign above gate reads "Piers Island Penitentiary.") (c. 1934)



HENRY CALDWELL

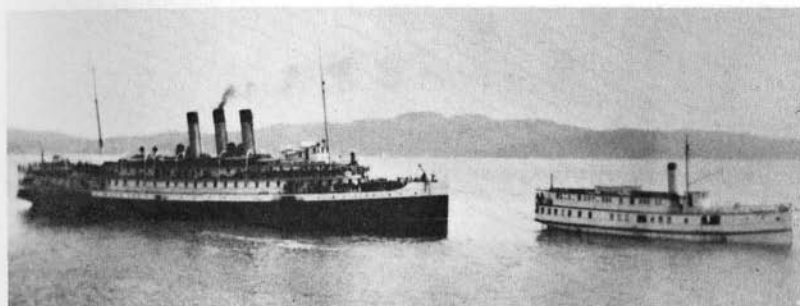


*Steamships sometimes got into difficulties . . .*



MRS. ANNIE DE ROUSIE

The ss *Adelaide* grounded on Georgina Point, Mayne Island.  
The tug, *Nitnat*, stands by to render assistance. (c. 1918)



OWEN RUCKLE

The *Princess Victoria* nudges the *Island Princess* into Beaver Point wharf for repairs to be made to its engine. (c. 1928)

With the start of war in the Pacific in 1941, the coastal fleet of the C.P.R. was repainted in battleship grey.



DICK TOYNBEE

The *Princess Norah* in  
Ganges  
Harbour.  
(c. 1942)

# School Days

Vesuvius (Central) School was started in 1864. Its first teacher, Mr. Jones, was a black man educated at the University of Ohio and possessor of a first class teaching certificate. A dedicated man who arrived with the earliest settlers, Mr. Jones received no regular income for his teaching until 1869 when the Legislature approved a salary of \$50.00 per month. He taught three days a week at Central Settlement and three days at Begg's Farm, and did a lot of walking.



MARGARET (PURDY) CUNNINGHAM

During the latter years of the nineteenth century, Vesuvius School was taught by Raffles Augustus Robert Purdy, a highly certified teacher and an outstanding man. He instructed eight grades and, if a youth had the potential and inclination, Mr. Purdy would educate him through to university entrance. (c. 1888)

The class of  
Vesuvius School  
five years later.  
Mr. Purdy  
was still the  
teacher but no  
doubt occupied  
in taking the  
picture. (c. 1893)



IVAN C. MOUAT

*Rear:* Rose Bittancourt, Margaret Mouat, Dorothy Norton, Francis Norton, Norman Wilson, William Mouat, Albert Norton. *Middle:* Annie Morris, Nellie Bittancourt, Eva Jenkins, Mary Mouat, Cecelia Bean, Elsie Norton, Howard Waklim, Alex Berrow, Frank Fisher and Walter Norton. *Front:* Leland Berrow, Archie Berrow, Sidney Berrow, Gilbert Mouat and Michael Bean.

Archibald John William Dodds, B.A., M.A. (*Cantab.*), was another outstanding teacher of Vesuvius School. He and his class pose in front of the school building that stood for many years next door to Central Hall. (c. 1908)



JESSIE (MOUAT) TOYNBEE

Rear: Jerry Mouat, Chester Martin, Lyndell Bittancourt, Madge Barret, Mary Barret, Pearl Norton, Edith Lundy, Jean Purvis, Bert Bittancourt and Glen McIntyre. Front: Frank Mansell, Mary Wright, Kate Nelson, Cremo McIntyre, Jessie Mouat, Viva Wood, Ethel Purvis, Alma Wood, Mary Nelson, Herbert Purvis, Helen McIntyre, George Nelson, Bill Purvis, Gerald Mason.

Community support played a large part in the erection of school buildings and the operation of schools.



ROBERT M. AKERMAN

A group of the men who participated in a "bee" to build the second schoolhouse in the Burgoyne Valley. The group includes Mike Gyves, Mr. Stafford, Dick Maxwell, Claude Hamilton, Bill Akerman, Bill Norton, Ted Akerman and John Sparrow.

As well as being used for classes, school buildings provided accommodation for other community gatherings.

Rev. Wilson wrote of the position at Central Settlement in 1895: "The second schoolhouse has now been replaced by a modern looking frame building, but the old log one still stands close beside it . . ."



DORIS (DRINKWATER) ROGERS AND MYRTLE (WAKELIM) DRINKWATER

The old log building serves as a backdrop for the school children on and about Edward Harrison's wagon. (c. 1894)

Problems of distance and transport resulted in Salt Spring having a multiplicity of schools. As late as 1937 there were still ten schools operating: the high school at Ganges; elementary schools at Isabella Point, Beaver Point, Burgoyne (Fulford), Divide, Ganges, Central and North Vesuvius (Fernwood), and Formby House and Mrs. Moorhouse's private schools located at Ganges. By 1940 the number of schools had been reduced to three as a result of the opening of the Consolidated School at Ganges and the instituting of school bus service.



Ganges Private School (1907): *Rear, sitting on rail:* Bob Scott and Roy Beech. *Rear, standing:* Willie Palmer, Ian Halley, Duncan Craig, Charlie Tolson, Marg Tolson, Maud "Tommy" Scott. *Sitting, upper:* Marjorie Beech and Beryl Scott. *Front:* Nora Tolson.

NORA (TOLSON) NIXON

The Divide School drew its pupils from a considerable area stretching from the Cranberry to Beddis Road. (c. 1923)



MARY (PURDY) INGLIN

Vesuvius (Central) School in the 1930s still had neither electricity nor running water, while a class of up to thirty pupils in eight grades placed heavy demands on the teacher. (c. 1928)



BILL HELE

*Rear:* Lorna Stevens, Bessie Stevens, Gladys Wood, Evelyn Wood, Leola Whims, Hide Iwasaki, Luke Murakami, Maso Ito, Horace Stevens and Miss Mae Murry, teacher. *Centre:* Muriel Stevens, Juanita Smith, Violet Hele, Doris Stevens, Babe Smith, Frances Smith, Mitsu Iwasaki, Kazumi Ito and Kanako Numaziri. *Front:* Roy Selby, Ichiro Numaziri, Jim Wood, Fred Whims, Ken Ito, Kaoru Numaziri, Setsuko Iwasaki, Bob Wood, Ejero Ito and Bill Hele.

GWEN  
RUCKLE



The teacher, Mr. Lavigne, stands behind pupils of the original class of Beaver Point School. At the time of the closing of this school, the building, which still stands, had been used continuously for classes longer than any other school in British Columbia. (c. 1885)



MRS. ELIZABETH SAMPSON

*Front row:* Wilkie Richards, George Whims, Ed McAfee, Mary Robertson, Ed. Cotsford, Bill Madden, Mary Richards, Bill Richard(?). *Middle row:* Wick Whims, Mary Rule, Carrie McFadden, Martha Sampson, Jane Whims, ——— McAfee, Amy Rule, Charlie Sampson, Jack Whims, Jim Richards. *Back row:* Matilda Sampson, Annie Rule, George Booth, Mary McFadden, Chester Sampson, Bill Spence, May Sampson. *Teacher:* Miss Kate Furness.

The pupils of North Vesuvius School with teacher Miss Kate Furness. This school, often referred to as North End or Fernwood School, was located at the junction of North End and Fernwood roads. (c. 1896)



ROBERT M. AKERMAN

The pupils of Burgoyne Valley School with teacher Jim Dongan.  
(c. 1901)

"... The pupils at these schools are, many of them, well advanced, quite a number having passed successfully the High School Entrance Examinations. The teacher's pay is \$50 a month."

— from *Salt Spring Island*, 1895, by Rev. E. F. Wilson



EDWARD LUMLEY

A gathering on the grounds of Isabella Point School at which Willie Pallua received the Roll of Honour from teacher Adelina Bailey.  
(c. 1905)



Mrs. Moorehouse's Private School was located where Churchill Road joins Upper Ganges Road. It closed in 1937.  
(c. 1936)

Mrs. Moorehouse's School: 1936.  
*Top row:* Miss Helen Moorehouse. *2nd top:* Rosemary Loosemore, Catherine Popham and June Mitchell. *3rd:* Lucy Burkett, Gwen King and Sylvia Crofton. *Bottom:* Mrs. Moorehouse, Faith Buchanan and John Buchanan.

JUNE MITCHELL



*Galiano Island had two schools for many years.*



MARY (GYVES) BRENTON

At the southern end of the island, the school's original class poses for teacher Mary Gyves. The school building is said to have been "most primitive."  
(c. 1913)



DONALD A. NEW

The old and the new at North Galiano. The log schoolhouse was built in 1918 while the frame one was erected beside it nine years later by George and Harry Baines on land donated by Andy Deacon. (c. 1927)





TED PARSONS

The Ganges Public School was located on Drake Road in the building that is now the Roman Catholic Church. Principal Norman West stands beside the pupils of grades five to eight. (c. 1932)

*Standing:* Norman West, Principal; Gladys Winthrop, Daisy Evans, Herbert "Bud" Tweedhope, Masau Mikado, Arthur Stacey, Lion Cansusa, Vernon Drake, Gerald Howard, Basil Robinson, Shigiko Mikado, Douglas Parsons and Dorothy Mouat. *Seated, centre:* Ida Dewhurst, Mary Hague, Jessie Nobbs, Valerie Lowther and Alice Howard. *Front:* Ralph Seymour, Kenneth Eaton, Robert Loosemore, Jack Allan, Ivan Mouat, Fred Young and Kenneth Goodrich.



MURIEL (DEWHURST) LEFLAR

The high school at Ganges grew in the thirties to have two teachers, John B. Foubister and Florence Groves (Hepburn).

The Salt Spring Island Consolidated School opened in 1940. It was erected at a cost of about \$30,000, half provided by the provincial government and the other half raised locally through donations of cash and labour. (c. 1940)



DICK TOYNBEE

# Trade & Industry

*Before the days of chain saws . . .*

Joe Nightingale  
and Jim Horel  
on springboards  
falling a tree  
on Mr. Collins  
property.



COLIN F. MOUAT



DONALD A. NEW

Ron Page and Alan Steward  
falling big timber on Galiano.  
(c. 1931)

Seated in the undercut of  
one of the largest trees  
harvested on Salt Spring  
are Hugo Grenlick,  
Charlie Horel and John  
Inglin. The tree had to  
be side-notched so that  
the largest saw available  
could be used. (c. 1938)



CHARLES R. HOREL

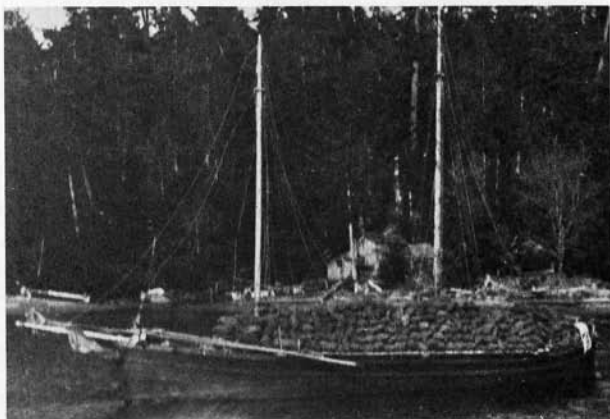
*Fuel was shipped from the Gulf Islands*



WM. D. PATTERSON

Cordwood stacked at Beaver Point awaiting shipment. The wood is to be used to fuel boilers generating steam for heat and power. (c. 1910)

A schooner  
anchored off  
Saturna loads  
cordwood for  
Vancouver.  
The operation  
was run by a  
crew of  
Japanese  
woodsmen.



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TED BROWN

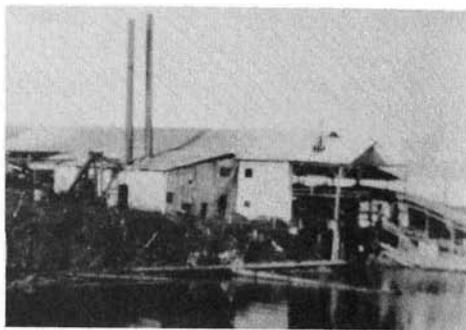
At Ganges, Guy Brown  
and a friend load  
slab wood from a mill  
in the Cranberry for  
use in Victoria as  
domestic fuel.

The Bulman and Allison  
Sawmill was established at

Cusheon Cove on Salt  
Spring between the years  
1906 and 1908. The largest  
mill to operate on the Gulf

Islands, it was plagued  
with bad luck culminating  
in the collapse of its wharf  
in the late twenties.

(c. 1924)



MURRAY MCLENNAN



A scow being  
loaded at the  
wharf — Mr.  
and Mrs.  
Stephen  
Carter look  
on. (c. 1912)

ROBERT M. AKERMAN

Over a million feet of  
lumber was dumped  
into the sea when the  
wharf collapsed.

Some of it can be  
seen between the  
scow and the shore.  
The large building in  
the background is the  
bunkhouse. (c. 1928)



GAVIN L. REYNOLDS



A holiday crowd in front  
of the cookhouse.  
(c. 1912)

ROBERT M. AKERMAN



Emiek  
Sparrow and  
Newcombe  
Lee boom logs  
in front of the  
White Lodge,  
Fulford  
Harbour.  
(c. 1914)

MURRAY MCLENNAN

Reid Bittan-  
court and son  
Lyndell let  
their Wee  
MacGregor  
do the  
pushing and  
pulling.  
(c. 1920)



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And on  
Galiano, Alan  
Steward with  
his Wee  
MacGregor  
turns out some  
good splitting  
wood.  
(c. 1931)

DONALD A. NEW

Lloyd  
Reynolds and  
Chester Kaye  
get some help  
shifting a  
log at Beaver  
Point.  
(c. 1928)



GAVIN L. REYNOLDS



The donkey  
engine  
is getting  
steam up, near  
Cusheon Lake.  
(c. 1931)

COLIN F. MOUAT



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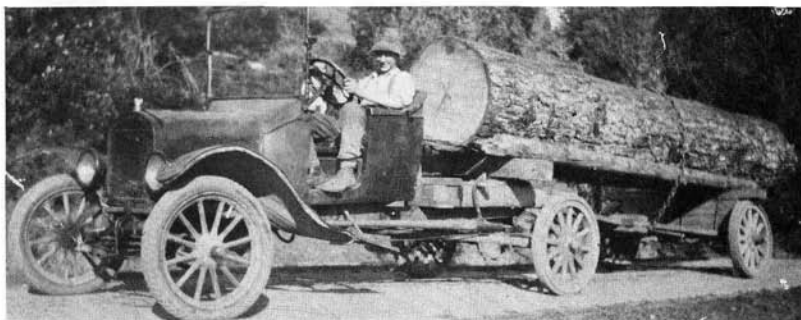
With Eddie Reynolds at the controls, the logs start to move. (c. 1946)



And on Galiano, a truck is being loaded while nearby a spar tree is being topped.

DONALD A. NEW

(Below) Tommy Garner is at the wheel of the first logging truck on Salt Spring . . . fashioned from a Model T. (c. 1922)



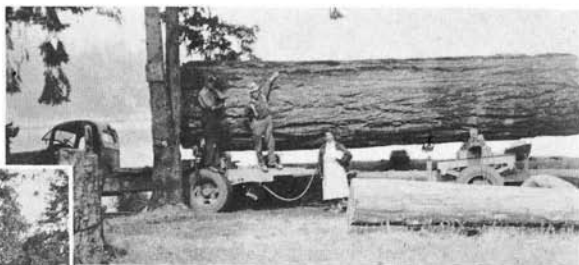
JOE GARNER



Mike Lumovitch, Bill Morgeson and Walter Jameski stand atop a chunk from a forest giant. (c. early 1930s)

COLIN F. MOUAT





CHARLES R. HOREL

Winnie Lautman supervising the dumping of a log into Ganges Harbour. Cyril Wagg and Joe Lautman stand on the truck. (c. 1946)



GAVIN L. REYNOLDS

A heavy load being checked by Ralph Stephenson and Larry Anderson. (c. 1946)

### *Commercial fishing in the 1930s*



The salmon fleet at Sturdies Bay.

DONALD A. NEW

The Japanese owned herring salteries at North Galiano.

MRS. MARY HARDING





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The fish reduction (fertilizer) plant at Shingle Bay, North Pender.

John Armstrong, buttermaker, stands in the doorway of Salt Spring Island Creamery, erected in 1905; it was owned by island farmers. When Arthur Drake was in charge, butter entered in major competitions won various prizes,



JESSIE (MOUAT) TOYNBEE

including a Canada-wide trophy. The building now houses a bakery. (c. 1909)



JESSE BOND

W. A. "Mac" McAfee stands in the doorway of his blacksmith shop which stood on the present site of the Ganges Auto Marine building. Mr. McAfee's shop was a popular stopping place of children going to and from school. (c. 1930)



JESSIE (MOUAT) TOYNBEE

Dick Toynbee's Ganges Garage was built by Mouat's in 1916 on the site where the Bank of Montreal now stands. The garage did machine shop work and welding in addition to auto repairs. (c. 1942)



DEVINA (ALLISON) BAINES

Baines' marine shop at Porlier Pass, North Galiano, attended to boat and engine repairs.



DAPHNE (CASE-MORRIS) BRADLEY

The Indians had known the Gulf Islands for centuries before the first settlers arrived. Their skill provided the early travellers with the fastest passage possible.

A native couple call at Fernwood. (c. 1910)

Like their predecessors the early settlers made good use of man-powered vessels for fishing and transportation. The Ruckles rowed to Sidney with produce to market, the Caldwells rowed to Crofton or Chemainus with theirs. One might carry a sail to take advantage of a favourable breeze. The Beddis children rowed to school at Beaver Point as did the Naukana children from Portland Island.



A handliner  
goes ashore  
at Booth Bay.  
(c. 1911)

JESSE BOND

Regular steamer service was soon available to early settlers travelling between Victoria and Nanaimo.

Leonard Tolson came from Staffordshire, England, to visit his brothers Charlie and John "... arriving in Victoria on December 14th, 1889, and got to Salt Spring a few days later. Captain Butler ran a small boat called the *Amelia* and it took us nearly all day to reach Vesuvius Bay."

December 17, 1889 — Leonard Tolson



The *Amelia* at  
Vesuvius Bay  
pier. (c. 1889)

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## Commerce

The first store on Salt Spring Island was opened at Fernwood in 1859 by Jonathan Begg who appropriately named it the Salt Spring Island Store.



NORA (TOLSON) NIXON

During the 1870s Estalon J. Bittancourt opened a store at Vesuvius Bay. At that time Vesuvius was on a busy steamer route between Victoria and Nanaimo. Bittancourt was a keen and imaginative merchant and prospered with the rapid growth

which took place on Salt Spring during the latter part of the nineteenth century. In the 1930s the building that had housed the store became the Vesuvius Lodge which was destroyed by fire in 1975. (c. 1907)



BITTANCOURT COLLECTION

Abraham Reid Bittancourt built his home and store in 1904 at the foot of Ganges Hill. In 1910 the store business was sold to Mouat Brothers with the space it had occupied being used in later years variously as a meeting place for the Ganges Methodists, the office of Canada Customs, and the police station, jail and magistrate's court for the island. From 1945 until its demolition in 1965 the building accommodated the office and nursing home of Dr. Arnold Francis. (c. 1907)

Percy Purvis and Joe Malcolm built a store and blacksmith's shop at Ganges in 1904. Purvis had previously had a store at Central. His brother-in-law, Malcolm, was a blacksmith. The future for their joint enterprise appeared bright, but, following the sudden death of Malcolm, Purvis sold the business to Jane Mouat and her son, Gilbert. (c. 1905)



New owners  
require  
a new sign.  
(c. 1907)

JESSIE (MOUAT)  
TOYNEBEE

The staff of Mouat Brothers: Jim Rogers, Bill Akerman, Will Mouat, Douglas Harris, Gilbert Mouat and Gavin Mouat pose on the porch of the recently acquired store with Fred Crofton. (c. 1907)



COLIN F. MOUAT



COLIN F. MOUAT

Standing off from the wharf is the *Ganges*, the boat owned by Mouat Brothers, in the foreground is the *Victor*, a launch belonging to Reid Bittancourt. Merchants in those days had to be mariners as well. Boats were needed to fetch purchases from city wholesale houses, to make deliveries to isolated settlers and to pick up produce from remote farms.  
(c. 1908)



JESSIE (MOUAT) TOYNBEE

In 1912, Mouat Brothers moved into a new building, the one still occupied by the store. (c. 1912)

*Shortly after the move, Gilbert Mouat's wife, Belle, sent two photographs (opposite) of the interior of the store and accompanying commentaries to her brother George.*





LAURIE (MOUAT) FIANDER

"This is a view of the centre of the first floor of our store showing the stairs with the paint and oil department at the top of the stairs. You will see the window. That window is used for displaying shoes."  
(c. 1912)



LAURIE (MOUAT) FIANDER

"This is a view of the sporting goods and hardware counter. This is just as you come in the front door on the right hand. You will go some to find a section in a city store that looks better than this." (c. 1912)

In 1911, H. W. Bullock, the Scott Brothers and T. F. Speed among others incorporated the Salt Spring Island Trading Company Limited. The store was built and went into service the following year. Though competitors, a warm relationship existed between the Trading Company and Mouat's. Frank Speed and Gilbert Mouat, for many years respective presidents of the two firms, were lifelong friends and regular Wednesday fishing companions.

Of course, each business had its own style. The late Mrs. V. C. Best told the story of going to Mouat's to buy Christmas gifts for the Sunday School. The clerk knowing that Mrs. Best was new to the Island, pointed out that she had come to the wrong place; the Trading Company was Conservative and Church of England, Mouat's Liberal and Methodist. Mrs. Best thanked the clerk but made her purchases there regardless. (c. 1912)



STANLEY J. WAGG



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CYRIL WAGG

Stanley Wagg fills a customer's order. "Stan" arrived on Salt Spring in 1921 and went to work for the Trading Company remaining on the job for forty-six years, the last twenty-four of them as Manager. (c. 1940)

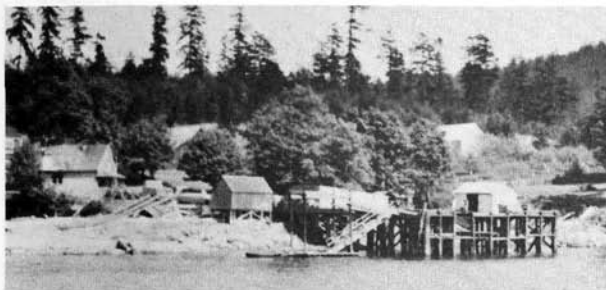
Downtown Ganges at high tide as seen from the Trading Company's wharf. From the left:

Ganges Post Office, Mouat's Store, the Boarding House, Mr. Brayshaw's Blacksmith Shop, Gavin Mouat's Real Estate and Ford Car Sales Office and Dick Toynbee's Ganges Garage. (c. 1920)



Patterson's Store at  
Beaver Point with  
Bill Patterson  
wheeling down  
three cases of eggs  
to go out on the  
boat. (c. 1920)

BITTANCOURT COLLECTION



BITTANCOURT  
COLLECTION

Fulford wharf with Mouat's feed shed at the head of it and Patterson's  
Store and feed shed to the left. (c. 1920)

Handtruck loads  
being wheeled  
from the *Island  
Princess* at  
Saturna. In the  
foreground is a  
storage shed,  
beyond is the  
general store.  
(c. 1920)



BITTANCOURT COLLECTION

# Land Transportation

*Road construction:* The building of adequate road systems to serve the Gulf Islands was a major undertaking.



Building a new road on South Pender Island. Workers include Elijah Pollard, foreman; John MacDonald; Evan Hanson and Pete Huffman. (c. 1908)

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Building the road to de Maine's (Maxwell) Lake. Joe Nightingale, foreman, with Charlie Gardner, John Rogers, George de Maine and Joe Bowers. (c. 1912)



MERVIN GARDNER



George Bradley hauling beach gravel on Saturna Island to use on the road.

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*Bridges  
were needed:*

This bridge on the Fulford to Ganges Road ran from St. Paul's Catholic Church to the Isabella Point Road junction. At the far end of this lengthy bridge is Mr. Sewell's house, and right is St. Mary's Anglican Church. (c. 1904)



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ROBERT M. AKERMAN

A bridge built across Cusheon Creek with members of the construction crew: Dick Maxwell, Cliff Wakelim and Ted Akerman. (c. 1920)

*Also needed was  
road maintenance:*

A rock crusher was established near where the Cusheon Lake Road meets the Fulford-Ganges Road to turn out the aggregate needed for road surfacing. (c. 1928)



PHYLLIS (BEACH) NEWMAN

WM. D. PATTERSON



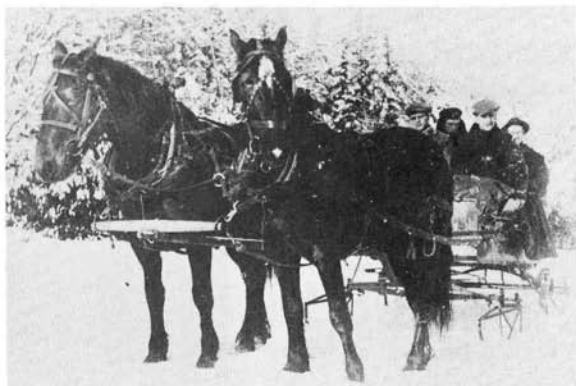
Henry Ruckle Jr. and wife Polly  
call on the Ed Lees. (c. 1910)



MURRAY MCLENNAN

Alex McLennan  
shows a guest  
his estate.  
(c. 1920)

A fall of snow  
allows Willie  
Palmer and Jesse  
Bond to treat  
friends to a  
sleigh ride.  
(c. 1911)

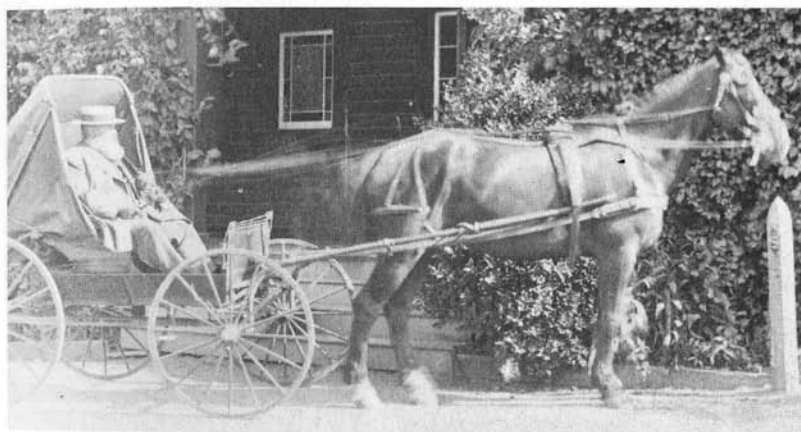


JESSE BOND



WM. D. PATTERSON

Jimmy Rogers  
and Henry Noble  
going to call on  
a couple of  
young ladies.  
(c. 1910)



Henry Bullock sets off for church. (c. 1910)

DONALD GOODMAN



DONALD GOODMAN

A year or two  
later, the horse  
and carriage  
had been  
replaced by Salt  
Spring Island's  
first automobile.  
Mr. Bullock is  
in the driver's  
seat, Willie  
Palmer is get-  
ting in behind.  
(c. 1912)





JESSIE (MOUAT) TOYNBEE

All ready for the start of Mouat's 1914 Ford Rally. Driving the first car is Ernest Crofton accompanied by Mrs. Crofton and her brother, H. W. Bullock. The second car, owned by Dr. Allen Beech, is driven by Gavin Mouat with Mrs. Beech the passenger. (c. 1914)



IVAN MOUAT

The Rally ends at Vesuvius Bay where a stop is made for lunch. (c. 1914)



DONALD A. NEW

Donald New's Ford truck well-loaded for a Sunday afternoon trip along Southwind Drive, Galiano. (c. 1931)

Harry  
Nichols  
ready to  
demonstrate  
his skill  
and daring.  
(c. 1928)

DONALD  
GOODMAN



Salt Spring's  
first snow-plow  
parked at Fulford  
behind the Island  
Freight truck.  
The building is  
Cudmore's Store,  
which is now  
Nan's Coffee Bar.  
(c. 1933)



WM. D. PATTERSON



COLIN F. MOUAT

After attending Sunday morning service at St. Marks, Miss Alice Collins stands on the running board; her brother Bob is behind the wheel. On either side of him is a Miss Nunn with Mrs. Nunn behind. (c. 1913)

Winnie Lautman and friend at  
the wheel of her Model A.  
(c. 1946)



CHARLES R. HOREL

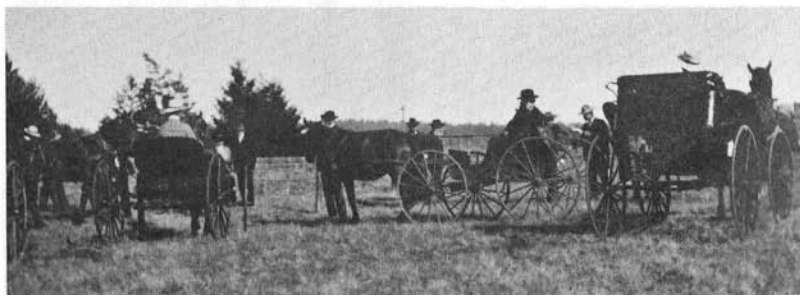
## *Shows & Fairs*

Island farmers had considerable produce to dispose of so it was important to maintain standards and let the market know what was available. Exhibitions at home and away provided excellent opportunities. Much time and money were contributed by island farmers towards constructing exhibition halls, cattle sheds and corrals as well as for organizing and setting up the fairs.



NORA (TOLSON) NIXON

Mahon Hall grounds on the eve of the annual exhibition. The first portion of the livestock display shed is to be seen. In the background is Tolson's Ranch, later to become Formby House School; and now Goodman's Funeral Home. (c. 1900)



H. GORDON RUCKLE

"Judging of Buggy Horses. Salt Spring Exhibition Sept. 17th, 1906" — from a postcard received by Miss Jessie McLennan, October 1906.



JESSIE (MOUAT) TOYNBEE

A delegation from Salt Spring attending the Saanich Fall Fair to exhibit, compare notes and have a good time. (c. 1908)

*Rear:* Clinton Wood, Billy Nightingale, Gilbert Mouat, Bill Wear, Jim Rogers and W. A. McAfee. *Front:* Tom Hammond, Myrtle Beddis (Roe), Ted Parsons, Eva Jenkins (Stevens), Decie Beddis, Isabella Nightingale (Mouat) and Mary Mouat (Wood).



COLIN F. MOUAT

A display of fruit, vegetables, jams and preserves mounted in Victoria towards the end of World War I. (c. 1918)



JOHN D. REID

The judge sizes up four heifers as their owners stand beside them. Produce and handicrafts were displayed in Mahon Hall, in background. (c. 1920)



JOHN D. REID

Heifers being judged in front of the livestock shed that ran parallel to Rainbow Road. The taller building behind is the Salt Spring Island Jam Factory, now transformed into apartments. (c. 1925)

The Hon. W. C. Nichol, Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, speaking from the porch of Mahon Hall declares open the annual Salt Spring Exhibition. (c. 1924)

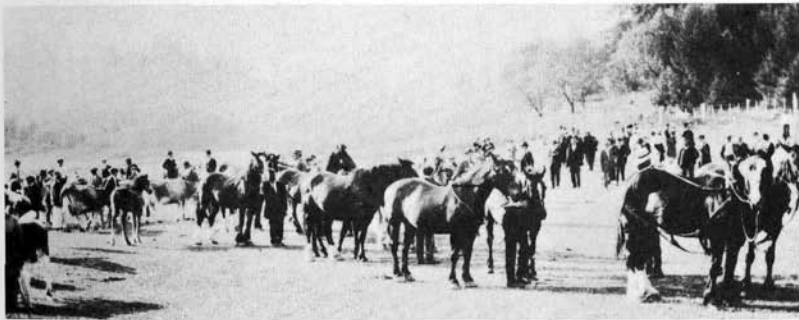


MISS L. ROWAN



COLIN MOUAT

The judging of cattle is taking place with Harold Price and John Harrison being two of the farmers standing beside their entries. Among the spectators in the rear is Henry Bullock wearing his "boater."  
(c. 1920s)



MISS L. ROWAN

The showing and judging of work horses was always popular with spectators. (c. 1922)

## *The Sheep Show*

Salt Spring Island lamb has long enjoyed a reputation as a quality product, while the wool of the Island's sheep has also been sought after. During the 1930s the Sheep Show organized by the Salt Spring Island Sheep Breeders Association became a popular annual event. As well as Islanders, the show attracted spectators from Vancouver for whom the C.P.R. laid on special boats.

*A highlight of the show was the sheep shearing contest.*



NORMAN G. MOUAT

The sheep are down and the shearers await the signal from Gavin Mouat to start. (c. 1934)



NORMAN G. MOUAT

The fleeces have been sheared from three of the sheep, Billy Trueworthy is about to finish the fourth. (c. 1934)

*And the ladies participated in a spinning contest.*



JESSE (MOUAT) TOYNBEE

At the spinning wheels are Mrs. Jane Mouat, Mrs. Stanley Robson, Mrs. William Deacon, and Mrs. Elsie Charlesworth, standing behind is Mrs. Simmons, the judge. (c. 1934)



# Hunting & Fishing

"None of the savage animals are to be found on the Island of Salt Spring, having been all rigorously exterminated; but deer, raccoon, mink, beaver and sea otter still abound, and of game birds there is an abundant supply of English pheasants, blue grouse and willow grouse, and a few California quail and snipe. During the winter and early spring the same bays and inlets are alive with water fowl of all descriptions, wild geese, mallards, butter-balls, black duck, teal, brant, blue-bills, canvas backs, saw-bills, wood duck and widgeon; also loons. Salt Spring Island is certainly an El Dorado for the sportsman."

— from *Salt Spring Island*, 1895, by Rev. E. F. Wilson



Obviously Bill Evans is going hunting,  
not returning. (c. 1914)

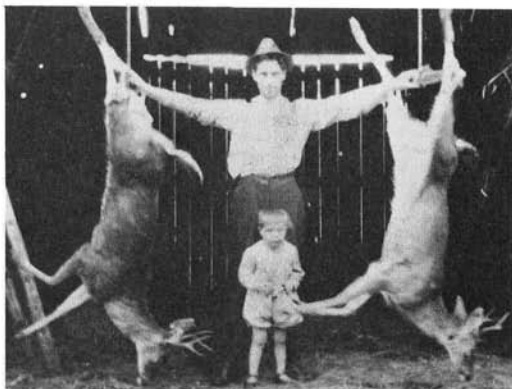
"Every farmer on Salt Spring has his butcher-shop at his own back door, and it is seldom that his larder is not well stocked with venison and birds."

— from *Salt Spring Island*, 1895,  
by Rev. E. F. Wilson

MRS. IRENE PALMER

Will Patterson has had  
better than average  
luck this morning.  
His nephew Gordon  
Ruckle stands with  
him. (c. 1908)

WM. D. PATTERSON



"The fish inhabiting the lakes and streams are the speckled trout and salmon trout."

— from *Salt Spring Island*, 1895, by Rev. E. F. Wilson



"Chaldecott Fisheth in the Lake" . . . so Alfred Scott titled this picture of a fishing scene on Cusheon Lake. His brother Frank and fiancé Kathleen Wilson are paddling by. (c. 1896)

MAUD I. SCOTT

"In the salt water bays are caught salmon, rock cod, black cod, dogfish, and candle fish (both valuable for their oil), perch, herring, smelt, sardine, etc."

— from *Salt Spring Island*, 1895, by Rev. E. F. Wilson

Strenuous business,  
fishing; Bob Collins  
reclines exhausted  
beside his catch.  
(c. 1913)

COLIN F. MOUAT



# Picnics & Outings



Members of the  
Odd Fellows  
Lodge of Salt  
Spring have their  
picture taken  
before starting  
their picnic.  
(c. 1895)

PATRICK D. LEE

Mr. and Mrs. Henry  
Stevens have callers at  
Central settlement.  
(c. 1895)



MARY (PURDY) INGLIN



The Scott's picnic at  
Cusheon Lake. (c. 1896)

MAUD I. SCOTT

A Malcolm-Purvis-  
Mouat picnic at  
Ganges. (c. 1904)



JESSIE (MOUAT) TOYNBEE

Picknicking on South  
Pender Island.  
(c. 1908)

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A picnic at  
Vesuvius Beach.  
(c. 1915)

JESSE T. BOND

Henry Bullock  
holds a picnic  
under the trees  
beside his lake.  
(c. 1915)

MRS. IRENE PALMER



The picnic of the  
Imperial Order  
Daughters of the  
Empire, Ganges.  
(c. 1917)

PHYLLIS (BEECH) NEWMAN



Picnic of the  
Anglican  
Church  
Sunday  
School held at  
Harbour  
House beach,  
Ganges.  
(c. 1915)

DAPHNE (CASE-  
MORRIS) BRADLEY

Children attending  
the joint picnic of  
the United Church  
congregation of  
North Pender and  
Salt Spring held at  
Toynbee's beach.  
The boat and scow  
brought the Pender  
Island folk to  
Ganges. (c. 1926)



*Jaune  
Island*

TED PARSONS



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The annual staff picnic of Mouat Brothers  
being held at Southey Point. (c. 1926)



KIMIKO (OKANO) MURAKAMI

The picnic of the Salt Spring Island Japanese Young People's Association held at Ernest Crofton's Beach, Booth Bay. (c. 1933)



GERTRUDE (WELFARE) RITCHIE

Jim Anderson and a young friend. Mr. Anderson, a kindly gentleman who resided at Walker's Hook, established the first public picnic site on Salt Spring Island. He made no charge for its use, but derived great pleasure from seeing people use and enjoy what he had created. (c. 1931)



GERTRUDE (WELFARE) RITCHIE



GERTRUDE (WELFARE) RITCHIE

A happy gathering at Jim Anderson's Walker's Hook picnic site.

During the 1930s Mr. Anderson moved to Isabella Point Road where he established a new picnic site.

# Sports

In the Gulf Islands, equal rights for women were established early in some sports activities, including field hockey.



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A mixed group enjoying a New Year's Day field hockey game on Saturna Island. (c. 1898)



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Posing for a snapshot, perhaps at the same game, are players and spectators from Saturna, Samuel, South Pender and Galiano Islands. (c. 1898)

*Standing:* Harold Payne, Harold Drummond, Lilius Mabel (Mrs. A. R.) Spalding, Ralph Geoffrey Grey, Emma (Mrs. L. L.) Higgs, Mabel F. H. Higgs. *Front:* Joe Burrill, Gertrude MacKay, Arthur Reed Spalding, Charlie Long (head peeping around), Helen Spalding (masked by dog's head), Thomas Higgs, Leonard L. S. Higgs, Amelia W. Higgs (holding doll), Janet Wilde, Gerald F. Payne and Gerald F. Richardson.





DAPHNE (CASE-MORRIS) BRADLEY

Salt Spring Island hockey players have their picture taken. (c. 1912)

*Standing:* Dunn Halley, Mrs. Sadie Lang, Vernon Case-Morris, Miss Freda Lang, Norman Heaton, Pat Fry.

*Front:* Basil Cartwright, Mrs. Daisy Cartwright, Tom Lang, Mrs. Violet Case-Morris.



VALERIE (LOWTHER) MAC MILLAN

Another group of Salt Spring hockey enthusiasts, but this time all male. (c. 1919)

*Cricket was another popular sport in the Gulf Islands.*



DAISY (LANG)  
CARTWRIGHT

The Salt Spring Island Ladies' Cricket Club decided to do its bit for the female cause. It challenged the Men's Cricket Club to a match. (c. 1920)

*Standing:* Mrs. J. D. Halley, Miss Sharpe, Mrs. R. Price, (unknown), Miss Aitkens, Mrs. B. Cartwright. *Sitting:* Miss B. Medd, Miss Donna Layard, Miss G. Lang, Miss F. Lang, Mrs. W. Evans.



DAISY (LANG)  
CARTWRIGHT

So as not to be at an advantage, the men were required to wear women's clothing for the match. (The ladies won!) (c. 1920)

Bill Evans, Stanley Dean, Mr. Wilkes, Mr. Walcot, Mr. Aitkens, Edward Smith, J. D. Halley, Mr. Streeton, Reg Price and Harold Price.



The male members of the Galiano Cricket Club approach a match in more conventional attire.

DONALD A. NEW

J. Page, S. Benson, O. Cook, C. Morgan, G. Head, T. Head, G. Steward, M. Enke, L. T. Bellhouse and F. A. Thornley.

*Football was a source of keen competition among island communities.*



BERYL (SCOTT) WEATHERALL

An early match being played between Fulford and Ganges.



PATRICK D. LEE

The Fulford football team was beaten by Ganges in 1910, but the following year it won the playoffs receiving the McPhillips Cup. Uniforms were donated by Cecil Abbot. (c. 1911)

*Rear:* Art Williams, John Sparrow and Leon King. *Centre:* Adolf Trage, Billie Sheppard and Tommy Williams. *Front:* Claude Hamilton, McIntyre, Jack Lumley, Mike Gyves, Bill Hamilton.



JESSIE (MOUAT) TOYNBEE

Fulford won again in 1912, but the next year Ganges was victorious. Then World War I intervened and most team members enlisted. When tournaments resumed after the War, Fulford had the more successful team. (c. 1913)

*Rear:* Robby Norton, Gavin Mouat, Stanley Dean and Godfrey Milne. *Centre:* Tom Lang, Eric Springford and Henry Emerson. *Front:* Cecil Springford, H. A. Robinson, Ernest Stanford, Vernon Case-Morris and Basil Cartwright.



HUBERT DE BURGH

A Pender Island team visits Ganges for a game on the exhibition grounds. (c. 1932)

*Standing:* Laurie Auchterloni. *Centre:* Laddie Auchterloni, Horace Logan, Arthur Bowerman, Bill Falconer and an import from Prevost, Hubert de Burgh. *Front:* James Bradley, Cliff Brackett, Leslie Bowerman, George Logan and George Grimmer.

## Golf

"Barnsbury," the club house, was originally the home of Rev. E. F. Wilson and his family and later of his son Norman who farmed the surrounding land before converting it into a golf course. "Barnsbury" was the scene of many parties, family gatherings and weddings. (c. 1930)



STANLEY J. WAGG

The senior foursome  
with ages totalling  
346 years. S. H. Adams  
85, W. M. Mouat 80,  
Dr. W. Lockhart 97  
and Henry Hill 84.  
(c. 1965)



JESSIE (MOUAT) TOYNBEE



Tournament winners  
and the trophies.  
(c. 1930)

DERMOTT K. CROFTON



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Sinking the ball on number  
7 green of Salt Spring  
Island Golf Club. (c. 1930)

# *Sports days on Mayne Island*



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It looks like a new record  
is going to be established for the egg and spoon race. (c. 1913)

Where are the  
runners? (c. 1918)



MRS. ANNIE DE ROUSIE



A couple of years  
later. Here they come  
at last! (c. 1920)

MRS. ANNIE DE ROUSIE

The ladies show their stuff  
in a tug of war. (c. 1928)



MRS. ANNIE DE ROUSIE

## Water sports



Jesse Bond and three friends swim at Bullock's Lake. (c. 1911)

JESSE T. BOND

Spectators on Ganges wharf watch the slippery log contest. (c. 1913)

BITTANCOURT  
COLLECTION



Harbour House beach is the scene of water sports. (c. 1919)

BERYL (SCOTT) WEATHERALL

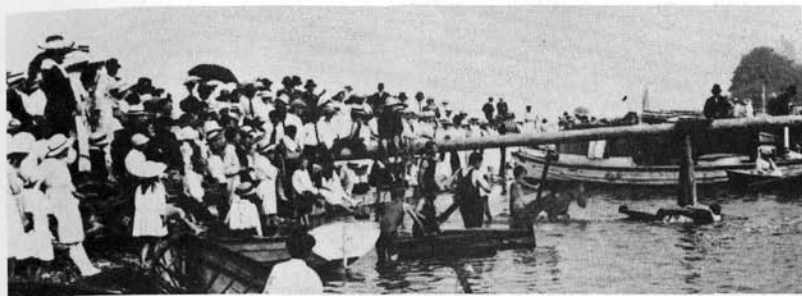


ROBERT M. AKERMAN

Six suitably attired young ladies try the waters of Fulford Harbour. (c. 1920)

Deena Gotsford, Molly Akerman, Eliza Maxwell, Dorothy Akerman, Inez Maxwell and Tillie Akerman.





JESSIE (MOUAT) TOYNBEE

There is a big turnout at the "Spit." The slippery pole contest is getting underway. Meanwhile, below the pole young people are trying to topple one another from wooden horses. (c. 1921)



MISS L. ROWAN

Mr. Speed in *Perhaps* tows lifeboats out into Ganges Harbour to the starting point for races. At the head of the Harbour can be seen the home of Major Rowan. (c. 1924)



MRS. (WELFARE) RITCHIE

A less demanding kind of water sport. Mr. Welfare, his son and a friend see if there are any fish off Walker Hook. (c. 1932)

# *The Lively Arts*



HENRY CALDWELL

The community hall built at Central Settlement towards the end of the last century replaced the old log building. On the left of the hall can be seen the school, on the right is the jail. Of the latter, Rev. Wilson wrote:

"The gaol, a small square white building, containing a hall and two cells, was built nine years ago, but has only been occupied about five times, once for cattle stealing, twice for killing game out of season, and twice for fighting; this speaks well for the peaceable condition of the community." (c. 1900)

Other communities built similar halls to be used for dances, card parties, recitals, dramatic productions, school concerts, badminton, basketball and other activities.



DAISY (LANG) CARTWRIGHT

A fancy dress ball at Mahon Hall, Ganges.  
Notice the stovepipe and the gasoline lamp. (c. 1912)

Gulf Islanders on occasion were able to enjoy theatrical presentations of a high standard. On Salt Spring, the Dramatic Club was very active with its main stay for fifteen years being Mrs. A. J. "Maggie" Smith. The club boasted a good orchestra and a scenic painter with Drury Lane experience.



Dramatic Club members practice in the Smiths' garden. Alan Williams is on the left, Mrs. Smith and Gilbert Wilkes are on the right. (c. 1911)

DAISY (LANG) CARTWRIGHT

A scene from a production of the Salt Spring Island Dramatic Club that took place at Mahon Hall. (c. 1913)

DAISY (LANG) CARTWRIGHT



And from Mayne Island, the cast of a play presented at the Maudes' Point Comfort Home.

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# *Patriotic Celebrations*

## *Empire Day Parades*

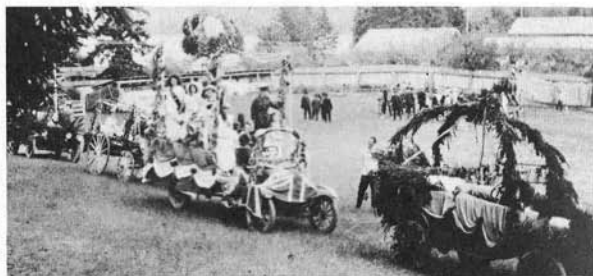


A covered wagon  
entered by Beaver  
Point School arrives  
at Drummond's field,  
Fulford.

WM. D. PATTERSON

At Ganges, the  
May Queen  
and her atten-  
dants arrive in  
the second  
float. (c. 1924)

MISS L. ROWAN



BILL HELE

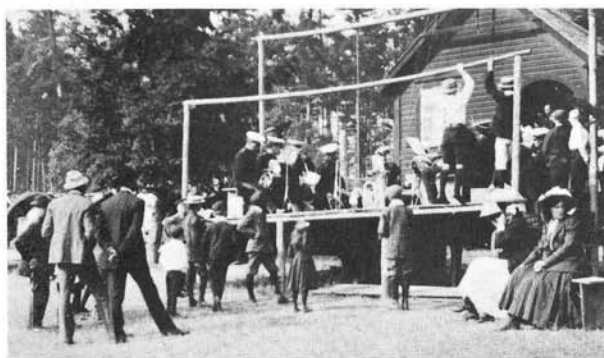
The entry of the Divide School in celebrations at Ganges.  
Beside the truck stands driver Charlie Gardner. (c. 1927)

## May 24th Celebrations

Queen Victoria's birthday, later known as Victoria Day, Empire Day and Commonwealth Day, was a much celebrated holiday.



A 24th of May picnic, Cranberry community, de Maine's (Maxwell) Lake.



An early celebration of May 24th outside of Mahon Hall, Ganges. On stage is a talented brass band from Kuper Island.  
(c. 1905)

NORA (TOLSON) NIXON

Maypole dancing at Galiano. The girl on the extreme left is Betty Bellhouse, on the extreme right is Irene Rauder. Others include Dorothy Patience, Dorothy Page and Edwina Morgan.  
(c. 1929)



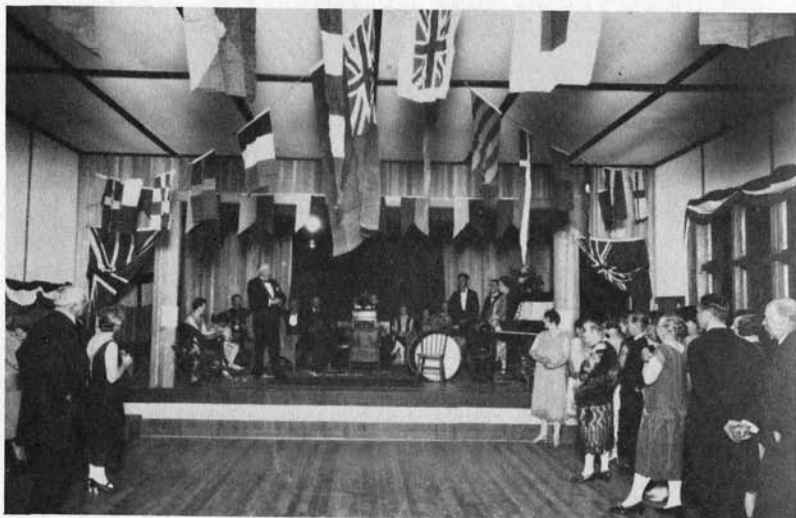
DONALD A. NEW

*Flag Waving:* A major event left no doubt as to whose side Gulf Islanders were on.

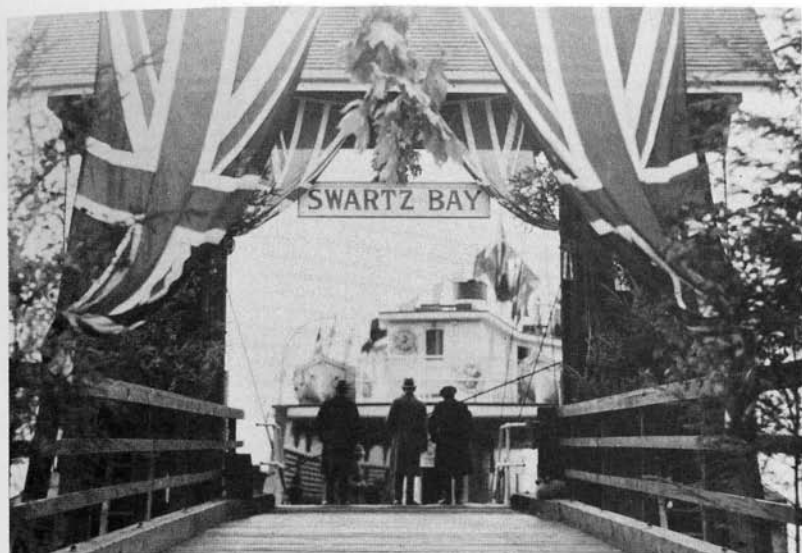


DONALD A. NEW

The official opening of the Galiano Island Community Hall was a gala occasion indeed. Special guests arriving by boat received a royal welcome at the dock while preparations at the hall were no less grand. (c. 1929)



DONALD A. NEW



LUKE HARRISON

The mv *Cy Peck* inaugurates ferry service between Salt Spring and Vancouver Island. The new docks were decked out for the occasion while the *Cy Peck* carried liberal amounts of bunting. (Sept. 27, 1930)



LUKE HARRISON



*For King and Country:* Gulf Islanders amply demonstrated their loyalty in two World Wars.



NORA (TOLSON) NIXON

First group from Salt Spring to go overseas in 1914 board the ss *Charmer* at Ganges. (c. 1914)

(Below) An unveiling service of the volunteer's honour roll at Ganges. The boards bearing the names of the volunteers can be seen now in the Canadian Legion Hall. (c. 1917)



JESSIE (MOUAT) TOYNBEE



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Gavin Mouat, centre, and Arthur Bartlett, right, relax momentarily with two friends near the front line in France. (c. 1917)

*Remembering those who served . . .*



MRS. JOAN SPRINGFORD

On the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the inauguration of the Salt Spring Branch of the Canadian Legion, charter members pose.  
(c. 1961)



COLIN F. MOUAT

The Cenotaph was erected at Ganges in memory of Salt Spring Islanders who lost their lives in World War I.  
(c. 1922)

And on Mayne Island, homage is paid to those who gave their lives in two World Wars by a lych gate at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, home church of the Gulf Islands Branch of the Canadian Legion.



NANCY (HALC) RAINSFORD

*A quarter of a century later . . .*



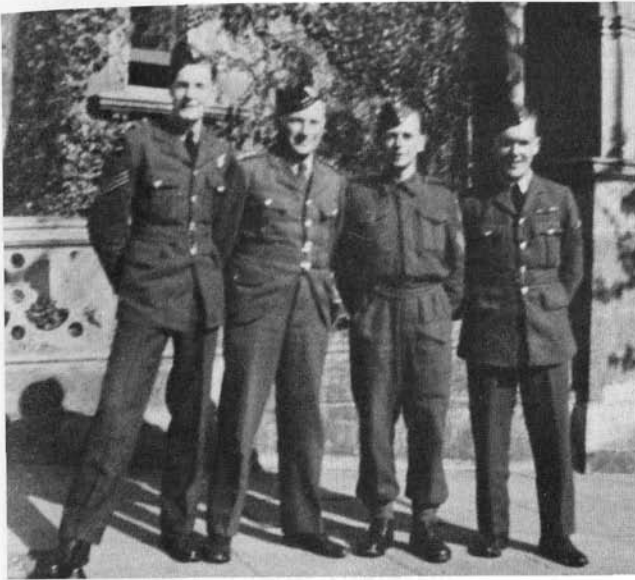
CHARLES R. HOREL

With the outbreak of World War II, the platoon prepare for overseas duty. Here it is seen marching into the Mahon Hall grounds led by Lieut. Paddy Crofton. (*c.* 1939)



DOROTHY CROFTON

Members of Salt Spring Island 13th Platoon, Canadian Scottish, pose with their commanding officer, Major (later Lt.-Col.) Desmond Crofton. (*c.* 1935)



IVAN MOUAT

Four cousins from Ganges meet in England: Bruce Drake, Colin Mouat, Mac Mouat and Ivan Mouat. (c. 1942)



HENRY CALDWELL

And on the home front, No. 38 Company of the Pacific Coast Militia Rangers are prepared for any eventuality. (c. 1944)

# *Get togethers*

## *Weddings and Anniversaries*



MRS. DOROTHY CROFTON

Frank Scott and Kathleen Wilson get married. (c. 1898)



MRS. DOROTHY CROFTON

Half a century later they celebrate their golden wedding. (c. 1948)



MRS. DOROTHY CROFTON

Norman Wilson marries Ethel Crowe. (c. 1908)



JAMES STEVENS

Walter Stevens and  
Eva Jenkins have their  
picture taken with guests  
at their wedding. (c. 1912)

Gilbert and Belle  
Mouat being  
driven around  
Stanley Park  
during their  
honeymoon in the  
boomtown of  
Vancouver.  
(c. 1908)



JEAN (MOUAT) SHOPLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Parsons (left and right), and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hammond (centre) have their photo taken on the day both couples were married. (c. 1913)



TED PARSONS



HENRY CALDWELL

Married on June 14, 1892, Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers, late of the Cranberry, celebrate the 70th Anniversary of their wedding. (c. 1962)



WM. D. PATTERSON

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McLennan of Beaver Point receive the congratulations and good wishes of family and friends on the occasion of their golden wedding. (c. 1929)



*Family Groups . . .*



DOROTHY CROFTON

Rev. E. F. Wilson and his family shortly before leaving Ontario to settle on Salt Spring. (c. 1890)



JESSIE (MOUAT) TOYNBEE

Mrs. Jane Mouat and her children. (c. 1908)



DONALD A. NEW

The Georgeson family of Galiano. (c. 1935)



BILL HELE

Chester and Elizabeth Sampson surrounded by their children and grandchildren.

*Pioneers gather ...*



DAISY (EVANS) GEAR

At the Pioneer Reunion held on the grounds of Harbour House in 1950, Ernest Harrison, oldest surviving black person born on Salt Spring, and Joe Akerman, oldest surviving white person, are seated on either side of B.C. Premier Byron Johnson. (c. 1950)

And members of the Caldwell family also attended the Pioneer Reunion. (c. 1950)



DONALD GOODMAN



GWEN RUCKLE

At a Beaver Point School Reunion a year later, some of its original students got together for a photo. (c. 1951)

And a later get-together at Ganges.

MYRTLE (WALLACE) HOLLOMAN



## *and last, the Churches*

"Religious connection is about represented as follows: Church of England, 220; Presbyterian, 30; Methodist, 60; Roman Catholic, 80; Baptist, 2; Lutheran, 13; Greek Church, 2; Congregational, 3; Salvation Army, 2; leaving about 40 whose religion is unknown."

— from *Salt Spring Island, 1895*, by Rev. E. F. Wilson

St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church  
erected at Fulford in 1884, with  
the rectory in the foreground.



NORA (TOLSON) NIXON



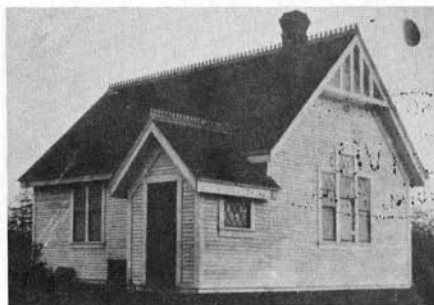
PATRICK D. LEE

St. Mark's Anglican Church,  
Central, erected in 1889.  
(c. 1897)

When no clergyman was on hand, laymen often  
filled in. Schoolmaster Raffles A. R. Purdy was a  
lay reader.



MARGARET (PURDY)  
CUNNINGHAM



The Methodist Church  
erected at Central in 1903.  
In 1926 the building was  
moved to Ganges. The  
structure now forms part of  
the Canadian Legion Hall.  
(c. 1904)

JESSIE (MOUAT) TOYNBEE

"It remains now only to add that the chief wants felt by the settlers, and which they hope will ere long be supplied, are:

1st. A doctor. Not that there is much sickness — far otherwise. The island seems to have a wonderful immunity from disease of all kinds, whether as affecting man, beast or feathered fowl. But there are occasionally cases when a doctor's presence is most urgently and promptly needed . . .

2nd. A family hotel, built on some pretty spot overlooking the sea.

3rd. A good general store in some central spot.

4th. A shoe maker.

5th. Telegraphic (or telephonic) communication with Vancouver Island.

6th. More frequent steamboat service, especially in summer when small fruits are liable to spoil, if not shipped at once. A daily ferry to Sidney, to connect with the Saanich train would be very advantageous.

7th. More settlers. . . ."

— from *Salt Spring Island*, 1895,  
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