

# Salt Spring Island Parish and Home

DECEMBER, 1896.

Mr. A. Walter and family have moved into their new house.

Snow fell to the depth of eight or ten inches, the 21st November.

Ripe strawberries were picked in several gardens the first week in November.

Mr. H. W. Bullock left for England Oct. 31st. He expects to be away about six months.

The Salt Spring Island Club met at Rev. E. F. Wilson's residence on Tuesday the 1st inst.

Mr. Mansell has built himself a handsome residence, the contractor being Mr. Reid Bitancourt.

Mr. Storkey, an Englishman, has bought and is now occupying Mr. Smith's farm at Beaver Point.

Mr. Lundy has built himself a new frame house 24x30 feet, also a barn, during the past summer.

Messrs. E. Nilson and E. Erikson have the contract to slash eighty-seven acres for Mr. H. W. Bullock.

Pork and chickens down; flour and coal oil up; and freights to pay both ways. Bad for the farmers!

Messrs. Geoffry and Frank Scott are expected to return home from their trip to England shortly after Christmas.

The Home Sunday School System has now been in operation upwards of two months; it is working very successfully.

Deer, pheasants and willow grouse continue to be plentiful. Mr. Broadwell's colony of tame rabbits is on the increase.

Mr. J. T. Collins' cheese factory and creamery is at present in course of erection; the floor of the main building is 30x30 feet.

The Rev. Rural Dean Cooper will visit the Island on the 14th and 15th inst. to give addresses on the Early History of the British Church.

Mr. Foord's ranch of 410 acres has changed hands, the present owner being Mr. Mollett, who arrived on the 20th ult., with his wife, father, two sons, and two daughters.

An entertainment was held at Burgoyne Bay on the 20th ult., the occasion being the opening of the new school house. The room was well filled and the programme well rendered.

Weather report for October.—Kuper Island: Mean, average temp, 48.5; highest, 66.1 on the 1st; lowest,

33.0 on the 26th; average bright sunshine, .41; max., .78 on 15th; No. of days completely clouded, 5; rain-fall, 3.04 inches.

WINTER RELIEF—Rev. E. F. Wilson will be glad to receive promises of help in the way of provisions and clothing—to be called for only if necessity should arise. There have generally been a few cases of real want during the winter months, and the weather hitherto has been rather exceptionally severe.

The recent changes in our steamboat service are by no means satisfactory, the *City of Nanaimo* calling only on Friday and Saturday. There is a very general feeling on the Island in favour of freight and mails being brought to us via the Saanich Railway and Sidney instead of, as at present, by a steamboat plying between Victoria and Comox. The business of the Island is rapidly increasing and we ought at least to have our mails three days in the week.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL. *December 13th.*—Ruth. (1) What two women came to Bethlehem? (2) Who said, "Thy people shall be my people"? (3) What did Boaz say to the reapers? (4) Give a short account of Ruth, Naomi and Boaz. Text, Hebrews, x.: 37. *December 20th.*—St. Mark, i.-iv. (1) Which of Jesus' disciples were fishermen? (2) What did Jesus say to the sick of the palsy? (3) What is a parable? (4) Tell, in your own words, one of Jesus' parables. Text, Mark xiii.-35. *December 27th.*—St. Luke i.-iii.: (1) What did the Angel say to the shepherds? (2) Where did Jesus live when a boy? (3) Who were John the Baptist's parents? (4) Tell about Jesus being baptized. Text, Luke ii.-14. *January 3rd.*—I. Samuel iii.-vi.: (1) How many times did God call Samuel? (2) What did Eli say when Samuel told him the vision? (3) What happened to the idol, Dagon? (4) How did the Philistines send back the Ark of God to its place? Text, John iii.-16. *January 10th.*—St. Luke iv.-vi.: (1) What did Jesus do at Nazareth? (2) What made Simon's net break? (3) What was a synagogue? (4) Tell how Jesus was tempted of the Devil. Text, Proverbs xv.-3.

The Vesuvius Hall is to be publicly opened on the 18th instant with an evening entertainment, the proceeds to be applied towards its completion. The following free labour was given while the hall was building: D. Grey, 1 day; W. McFadden,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Ed. Rosman,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ; W. Robertson,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ; E. Lakin, 2; W. Cotsford, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; L. Bitancourt, 10; J. Harrison, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; H. Beddis, 3; C. Beddis, 1; A. L. Wilson, 4; N. W. Wilson, 1; D. K. Wilson, 1; G. Bitancourt, 1; J. Shepard, 1; B. Lundy, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; W. Stevens, 4; J. Tahoney, 1; H. Colwell,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; W. Colwell,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; E. Harrison, 2; J. Norton, 2; W. Norton, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; S. Cundell, 1; W. Gwyn,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; J. Chalmers, 2.