

Salt Spring Island Parish and Home

JULY, 1897.

Mr. H. W. Bullock will leave England to return to his home on Salt Spring Island on July 15th.

There is to be a meeting of the Salt Spring Island Agricultural and Fruit Growers' Association at Burgoyne Bay on Saturday, the 3rd instant.

Mr. Connery has been laid up for several weeks with broken ribs, the result of an unintentional kick by a favourite mare of his. The mare had a foal at her side, and the kick was intended for another horse in the yard, not for her master.

Weather Report for May.—Kuper Island: Mean temperature for the month, 54.9; maximum (on the 28th) 83.2; minimum (on the 1st) 34.5; rainfall, 0.95 inches; mean proportion of bright sunshine, 0.54; number of days completely clouded, 1.

It had been planned to erect a Jubilee flagstaff outside the Public Hall on the night of Wednesday, June 23rd, but owing to a case of severe illness in the immediate vicinity it was thought better to postpone it. Notices are now up for the erection of the flagstaff at 7:30 p.m., Dominion Day, July 1st. A new Union Jack has been purchased by public subscription and will be hoisted as soon as the pole is in its place. Then the National Anthem will be sung and sixty guns fired in honour of the Queen. The pole is about eighty feet high.

Miss Kathleen Wilson, daughter of the Rev. E. F. Wilson, has been dangerously ill with an attack of cerebro-spinal meningitis. For a time her life was was despaired of, but, in answer to the many prayers offered on her behalf, she is now, we are thankful to say, in a fair way towards recovery. The medical men in attendance were Dr. Elliott, of Chemainus, and Dr. McKechnie, of Nanaimo. Mrs. Beddis, Miss Peddar and Miss Collins very kindly assisted Mr. Wilson's family in nursing the invalid, and all the neighbours were most kind in rendering every assistance possible.

A special Jubilee service was held in St. Mark's Church Sunday afternoon, June 22nd. The church was very prettily decorated with flowers, a sweet-scented bouquet adorning the end of each seat, and the font and chancel steps being covered with choice roses from Mr. Berrow's nursery. An appropriate sermon was preached, giving a short history of the Queen's life with allusions to the many acts of kindness and goodness which have so endeared her to her people. At the close of the service the National Anthem was sung.

The last club dinner passed off very successfully at Mr. Philips' house, Cusheon Lake. Mr. Philips proved himself an excellent and genial host.

Mr. Reid Bitancourt, contractor and carpenter, has his hands more than full at present, having houses to erect for Mr. E. J. Bitancourt, Mr. H. W. Bullock, Mr. J. Scovell and Messrs. E. and F. Abbott.

Mr. Edward Walter, of "The Maples," Gauges' Harbour, has done a wise act in taking to himself a wife. The lady arrived from England the beginning of June, and the marriage ceremony took place in Vancouver.

The following donations have been received by Rev. E. F. Wilson towards the purchase of medical stores for use on the Island:—John Tolson, 50c.; Ed. Walter, 50c.; Mr. Purdy, \$1; Mr. Perkins, 50c.; J. Scovell, \$1; H. Stevens, 50c.; Mrs. Fisher, \$1; A. Walter, \$5; Mr. Mollett, \$1; Mr. Robertson, 75c.; anon, \$1.10. Total, \$12.85. Expended, 13.20.

The full carrying out of the programme for Jubilee Day, June 22nd, was somewhat interfered with through various causes. Some, who were to have taken a leading part, were away in Victoria; others were kept at home by illness; and the weather, too, was not very propitious. However, there was a goodly gathering for a picnic under the maples, and all who were present greatly enjoyed themselves. The climb to the mountain top and the lighting of a beacon fire was given up, as with the high wind blowing, it was feared the conflagration might get beyond bounds and do damage to fences.

Home Sunday School, July 18th—Exodus IV-VII. (1.) Who was Jethro? (2.) Who was the oldest. Moses or Aaron? (3.) What was the first plague? (4.) Tell how Pharaoh oppressed the Israelites. Text—I Samuel III, 18. July 25th—Numbers XX-XXII. (1.) How did Moses and Aaron displease God? (2.) What happened on Mount Hor? (3.) What did Balak ask Balaam to do? (4.) Tell about the fiery serpents. Text—Romans VI, 23. August 1st.—Numbers XXIII-XXIV. (1.) Why would not Balaam curse the Israelites? (2.) What sacrifices did Balak offer? (3.) What made Balak angry? (4.) Explain the words of Balaam—XXIV, 17. Text—Joshua I, 9. August 8th.—Deuteronomy IV-VI. (1.) What were the Israelites warned not to worship? (2.) How would God punish them if they disobeyed? (3.) What were they to teach their children? (4.) How were they to guard against forgetting God's law? Text—Daniel XII, 3.