

# Salt Spring Island Parish and Home

DECEMBER. 1899

✓ Rain, rain, rain—all through November

J. C. Scovell arrived home from England on the 21st ult.

The Ladies' Guild meets at Mr. Wilson's house Friday, December 1st.

Llewelyn Wilson arrived home from Lake Bennett on the 7th ult., and Walter Stevens and C. Atkins, from Atlin, on the 12th.

Mr. H. W. Bullock is having brick piers built under his residence in place of the former wooden supports, and is also building a cottage for his farm man.

Messrs. Cecil Abbott and Ernest Crofton are settled in at the former's home on Ganges Harbour. Mr. Crofton has given up his sea-faring life and is applying himself to farming.

Jimmy Robertson, of North End, was reported drowned off a raft on the Yukon, but it is hoped the report is a false one, and that ere long he may be back again to Salt Spring.

Weather report for October—Kuper Island: Mean temperature 47.8; maximum, 68.9 (on 4th); minimum, 28.0 (on 13th and 14th); mean proportion of bright sunshine, .29; maximum .860 (on 12th); days completely clouded, 12; rainfall, 5.00 inches; hoar frost on 12th, 13th and 14th.

October, 1896, the rainfall was 3.04 inches; 1897, 2.03 inches; 1898, 4.23 inches; this year, 5.00 inches. Next issue we will give November for the four years; it has probably beaten the record.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL—Dec. 17th to Jan. 14th (5 weeks): Exodus, chapters 13 to 18. *First Class*: (1) How were the Israelites guided while travelling? (2) When did God tell the people to "go forward?" (3) What did Miriam do? (4) Why did the Israelites murmur? (5) Tell how they gathered the manna. (6) What other food did God give them? (7) On which day did no manna fall? (8) Where did Jettro live? (9) What did he advise Moses to do? (10) Name Moses' wife and two sons. *Second Class*: (11) Tell about Moses smiting the rock. (12) What familiar hymn has reference to this? (13) What did Amalek do? (14) Tell about Moses praying for victory. (15) What did Moses call the altar? *Third Class*: (16) Who was Pharaoh? (17) How did the Israelites cross the Red Sea? (18) What became of the Egyptians? (19) What was the manna? (20) How did the people get water to drink?

Some of the farmers have their potatoes and other roots under water.

Norman Wilson got badly kicked by a horse while out driving, and has been laid up for over two weeks.

Rev. E. F. Wilson has received \$20 from a friend in England towards the purchase of a bell for St. Mary's Church.

There are to be Christmas trees for the children at the Public Hall and at the North End School, the week before Christmas.

C. W. Tolson and wife are safe in England, stopping with friends at Tamworth. Mr. Tolson is improving in health.

Mr. Rosman has been in ill health ever since winter set in, and has also been unfortunate, like several others, about saving his crops, owing to the unprecedented bad weather.

This month, four years ago, there was talk of erecting a Public Hall, and of opening a new school at the Divide; old Mrs. Macdonald and Mrs. Ed. Lee had just died. Mr. and Mrs. Collins and family had just arrived on the Island.

Contributions Salt Spring Island to the Mansion House Fund: E. Walter, \$5; W. E. Scott, \$5; H. W. Bullock, \$10; E. G. Borradaile, \$5; L. G. Tolson, \$5; G. Scott, \$5; H. Robertshaw, \$2; R. Mitchell, 25c.; S. P. G., \$2.50; R. B. Young, \$1; Denis Baker, \$1; F. Crofton, \$1; Frank L. Scott, \$1; W. Robertson, \$1; E. J. Bitancourt, \$1; A. Walter, \$5; Wm. McFadden, 25c.; Ed. Rosman, 50c.; Rev. E. F. Wilson, \$4; Mrs. Wilson, \$1; J. Craig, \$5; C. Abbot, \$5. All the foregoing have paid. It is hoped to make up \$100.

It is understood that Mr. Steven's orchard, with his permission, be selected by the Farmers' Institute as an experimental spraying station.

Two meetings of the Islands' Agricultural and Fruit Growers' Association have been held since last issue; one at the Public Hall, Oct. 29th, the other at Mr. Jos. Nightingale's residence, Burgoyne, on Nov. 18th. The following names have been added to the Board of Directors: H. W. Robinson (in place of Mrs. Stevens, resigned), Rev. Father Douckle, Mr. Burchill, W. Grimmer, Mr. Macklin, Rev. R. J. Roberts, Mr. Hoskins, P.P., Mr. Richardson, Mr. W. T. Collinson. It has been decided for the next Agricultural Show to be held at Burgoyne, and a large and influential committee has been appointed to attend to the arrangements.