

Salt Spring Island Parish and Home

MARCH, 1900.

✓ Freddie Crofton left for Ireland February the 6th.

✓ The Japs on Salt Spring Island are expecting to be called home to fight the Russians before long.

Mr. Palmer paid an official visit to the Island last month, and did some spraying at our local experimental station.

Rec The concert at the public hall on the 14th ult. was a great success. About \$25 was netted towards paying for the seating of the hall. Of this amount \$5 was made by the sale of violets and other flowers from Mrs. E. F. Wilson's garden.

Weather Report for January.—Kuper Island: Maximum temperature, 55.5, on 12th; minimum, 24.3, on 28th; mean temperature, 41.2; mean ratio of bright sunshine, .245; maximum, .794, on 30th; days completely clouded, 12; frost on nine days; no snow; rainfall, 6.49 inches.

Joel Broadwell has opened a general store at the Post Office, and has a good stock of canned meats, fruits, etc., biscuits, candies, tobacco; also such staples as flour, rice and sugar. The store is neat, clean and nicely kept, and Joel is an obliging salesman.

✓ The new steamboat, which Mr. Paterson is putting on in connection with the Victoria & Sidney Railway will commence running, we understand, the first week in April. It will call Monday up, Tuesday down at Fulford and Ganges Harbour, and again Wednesday up and Thursday down, visiting on those days the other islands on the route. On Fridays, it is the intention, we believe, to take the other side of the Island, via Burgoyne Bay and Vesuvius, and thence on to Nanaimo, returning by the same route on Saturday. The new boat is to carry the mails.

The poultry business is on the increase on Salt Spring Island. Several ranchers have between 200 and 300 hens; and several of late have invested in incubators. W. Akerman probably does the biggest business in ducks, geese and fowls. W. G. Scott raises a large number of turkeys; this spring he has 14 turkey hens. Mr. Purvis last year marketed about 600 chickens, nearly all hatched in his incubator. Mr. Edwards also has an incubator, and keeps some well-bred fowls and ducks. Mr. Ruckle is reported to have sold about 2,000 dozen eggs last season.

Good Friday, April 13th; Easter Sunday, April 15th.

Pay! Pay! Pay!—Always good natured; always ready, always obliging—Trot, trot, trot! Do you owe him anything?

Additional subscriptions to the Mansion House fund for soldiers' widows and orphans: S. Conery, \$1; Mrs. Hampton, \$1. Total, \$106.

Mrs. C. W. Tolson with her two babies, and her brother-in-law, Mr. Leonard Tolson, are expected to arrive home from England about the first week in April.

The Home Sunday School is keeping up well, many of the children answer the questions very carefully, giving chapter and verse; several can repeat the whole of the Church Catechism.

There is some talk of the Victoria telephone people making connection with Salt Spring Island. It would be a great convenience if they did, as we have wires now nearly all over the Island.

St. Marks' Ladies Guild meets the first Friday in each month at Mr. Wilson's residence; the attendance has been good notwithstanding the inclement weather; and a sale of work for the benefit of the church will be held in the summer.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL.—March 18th to April 15th (five weeks)—St. Mark, chapters 14 to 16. *First Class*—(1) What happened at Bethany? (2) What took place in an upper room? (3) Why did the disciples say, "Is it I?" (4) Who went into the garden of Gethsemane? (5) What did Jesus say about temptation? (6) Did the disciples fight for Jesus? (7) What did the high priests' servants do to Jesus? (8) What did the people shout during Jesus' trial? (9) What was done with Jesus' clothing? (10) What happened at the sixth hour? *Second Class*—(11) Tell about Peter's denial. (12) Who carried the cross? (13) What was the superscription? (14) Who came first to the sepulchre? (15) To whom did Jesus shew Himself after His resurrection? *Third Class*—(16) What did Judas do? (17) Who was Pilate? (18) How was Jesus put to death? (19) What did the Centurion say? (20) Where was Jesus buried?