

Salt Spring Island Church Monthly

OCTOBER, 1902.

SALT SPRING ISLAND.

The Islands' Agricultural Show at Ganges Harbor, October 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Crofton returned from their trip to England September 13th.

The Bishop has been asked to attend our Harvest Thanksgiving this year. The date is not yet decided.

Mr. Fred Crofton has presented St. Mark's Church with an Irish Church tune book and a dozen hymn books.

Mr. and Mrs. Upjohn, of Manitoba, have bought a small property at the foot of the Divide and taken up their residence.

There was an exhibition of correct apple packing by an expert at Malcolm's store the early part of last month.

A good deal of widening has been done, making it possible for vehicles, when they meet, to pass one another.

The Divide School is undergoing repairs and enlargement. Subscriptions are being raised to provide an organ for the school.

Mr. Theo. Trage of Beaver Point, expects to pick from 1,800 to 2,000 boxes of apples. Messrs. Stewart, of Victoria, will take the whole consignment.

Mr. A. Raynes, with a gang of men, is busy constructing the new government wharf at Ganges Harbor. The main part is to be 80 feet long by 70 feet wide.

Apples, pears and plums are abundant this year. More fruit has been shipped East from British Columbia than ever before, and it is said that the demand for it is increasing.

Llewelyn Wilson is on the sick list, having been operated on for hernia by Dr. Baker, assisted by Staff Surgeon Dr. Pierson, R.N., on the 19th ult.

Aewell attended "Bee" was held on the grounds of the new Agricultural Hall, Ganges Harbor, September 18th, for the purpose of clearing up the grounds, grading and gravelling.

Mr. E. Rosman had some bad luck with his threshing machine the first start off, the driving gear getting badly broken, which obliged him to lay off for some days, but he is at work again now.

Two thousand dollars is being spent on the Salt Spring Island road this season, and, under the able management of Mr. Jos. Nightingale, they are beginning to assume quite a respectable appearance.

Mr. Ross Mahon, of Long Harbor, has a cote of Homing pigeons, and we believe intends to try the somewhat novel experiment of domesticating some of them on board his launch, so that he may both receive and send messages when away on a trip.

A "Bee" was held at St. Mary's Church September 8th to burn the logs and stumps in the church yard, and erect a dividing fence. It has been decided to have dressed pickets for the front of the church, and they have been ordered from town and will be painted.

There were four competitors for the prizes offered by the Farmers' Institute for the best kept kitchen garden, viz., Messrs. J. C. Mollet, T. Lee, W. McFadden and Rev. E. F. Wilson. The first prize was awarded to Mr. Mollet and the second to Mr. McFadden. Mr. Chalmers was the judge.

A ploughing match, under the auspices of the Farmers' Institute, is to take place on Mr. E. Lee's farm, Burgoyne Bay, Saturday, November 1st, competitors to be on the ground by 10 a.m. Major James Sheppard and Mr. John Gardhouse, from Ontario, will be asked to act as judges. Prizes, first and second are offered, (1) to men, (2) to lads under 18 (members or sons of members of the Farmers' Institute).

SALT SPRING ISLAND CHURCH MONTHLY.

Mr. H. O. Allen, of Victoria, has purchased Roberts Lake and 160 acres of land, and will come and live there with his family as soon as a house can be built. His intention is to keep thoroughbred poultry and other stock.

• We have plenty of steamboats now, but they are getting to be very erratic in their visits. Many of the farmers have a long way to go to the wharf and very little time to spare and frequently have had to take things home that they had wanted to ship. One young man remained all night on the wharf with a pig waiting for the boat that did not come.

Frank Scott is recovering from a serious illness, blood poisoning, as the result of some impurity in his shaving soap. Dr. Baker had to make a deep cut in his throat and a day or two later, by his advice, Dr. Jones, of Victoria was sent for and an operation of even greater severity resorted to. But for this he probably could not have lived. Now, however, he is making fair progress towards recovery. Mr. Chaldecott very kindly tendered his services as nurse, and his assistance proved invaluable.

THE DIOCESE.

Mr. E. G. Borradaile, of Salt Spring Island, has been elected to serve on the Mission Board.

The Diocesan Synod sat in Victoria July 9th and 10th. About 50 clerical and lay members were present.

The Diocesan grant to Salt Spring Island has been reduced from \$350 to \$250 per annum. This has been rendered necessary by the opening up of new work.

The "Quebec System" is now in force in all the missions of the Diocese, with the exception of Salt Spring Island and Comox. Under the Quebec system all local offertories are paid direct to the Synod office, and the clergyman receives his stipend in full from the Synod office.

Among changes made during the past year have been Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, appointed to Ladysmith; Rev. J. W. Flinton, to Alberni; Rev. J. A. Cleland, to Cumberland; Rev. F. G. Christmas, to Cedar District; Rev. G. W. Taylor to Wellington; Rev. F. H. Wimberley to Saanich, and Rev. R. Connell, to Cedar Hill.

The Mission Board estimate for the current year is as follows: Receipts: Assessments, \$4,200, interest C.E.F., \$1,500; Lenten offerings, \$1,000; offertories for M.F., \$450; Can. Board Missions, \$650; C.C.C.S., \$250; Mr. Robins, \$250; total estimated receipts, \$8,300. Expenditure: Stipends (Quebec system), \$7,620; assisted stipends, Comox \$450, Salt Spring \$250, Alberni (horse hire) \$120; total estimate of expenditure, \$8,440; deficit, \$140.

Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway

Victoria-Nanaimo Steamship Schedule,

Effective Tuesday, January 21st, 1902.

S.S. CITY OF NANAIMO—Sails from

VICTORIA—Tuesday, 6 a.m., for Nanaimo, calling at North Saanich, Cowichan, Musgraves, Burgoyne, Maple Bay, Vesuvius, Chemainus, Kuper, Thetis and Gabriola.

NANAIMO—Tuesday, 3 p.m., for Union Wharf and Comox direct.

COMOX and UNION WHARF—Wednesday, 12 noon, for Nanaimo and way ports.

NANAIMO—Thursday, 7 a.m., for Comox and way ports.

COMOX—Friday, 7 a.m., for Nanaimo direct.

NANAIMO—Friday, 2 p.m., for Victoria, calling at Gabriola, Fernwood, Ganges, Fulford and North Saanich.

VICTORIA—Saturday, 7 a.m., for Island ports, calling at North Saanich, Cowichan, Musgraves, Burgoyne, Maple Bay, Vesuvius, Chemainus, Kuper, Thetis, Fernwood, Ganges and Fulford and Nanaimo when freight or passengers offer.

Special arrangements can be made for Steamer to call at other ports than those above mentioned when sufficient business is offered.

The Company reserves the right to change sailing dates and hours of sailing without previous notice.

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