

# Salt Spring Island Church Monthly

JANUARY, 1903

A stormy Christmas day, mild, and heavy showers.

The present Cabinet consists of Col. the Hon. E. G. Prior, Premier and Minister of Mines; the Hon. W. C. Wells, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works; the Hon. J. D. Prentice, Finance Minister; the Hon. D. M. Eberts, Attorney-General; the Hon. W. B. McInnis, Provincial Secretary.

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A concert was held at the Burgoyne Bay School, where Miss Furness is teacher, Friday, December 12th. The object was to raise money to provide an organ for the school. About \$30 was collected.

St. Mark's Ladies' Guild has contributed \$5 towards the organ which has been purchased for the Divide School. This, with the concert money and other subscriptions, settles the bill.

At the election held December 23rd Burgoyne Bay stood 11 for Robertson, 35 for Paterson; at Ganges Harbour the poll was 45 for Robertson, 39 for Paterson.

The liquor law in respect to steamboats is that the special license granted them "authorizes the sale of liquor on said steamer only to the passengers and crew of said steamer, and to said passengers and crew only when the steamer is not at any port."

The Ven. Archdeacon Scriven delivered a sermon on Foreign Missions at St. Mark's Church, Wednesday evening, December 3rd. The offertory amounted to \$5.35. Missionary boxes have been given out as last year, and will be collected at Whitsuntide.

Col. and Mrs. Craig have returned to the Island after their long absence in the Old Country, and are settled once more in their own residence at Ganges Harbour. Their little boy, John, has grown to be a fine little fellow, nearly five years old.

The Christmas Tree Entertainment at the North End School passed off very happily and pleasantly on Thursday, December 18th. The little school was crowded, and the children acquitted themselves well in their songs and recitation. The children presented a nice little gift to their teacher, Miss Maggie Brethour.

Thirty-four persons on Salt Spring Island thus far have signed the following pledge: "I promise to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and will discountenance such use by others." Rev. E. F. Wilson, at the North End of the Island, and Miss Mollet, at the South End, will be glad to receive more names.

Owing to the stormy weather, the congregation at St. Mark's Church was only about half its usual size on Christmas Day. The church was prettily decorated with cedar and pine, and some choice hot-house flowers presented by a lady member of the congregation. The offertory for the Clergy, Widows' and Orphans' Fund amounted to \$8.45.

The Board of License Commissioners for this district sat at the Court House on December 15th. Mr. A. R. Bittancourt, of Ganges Harbour, applied for a "hotel license," which would mean keeping a bar and selling liquor to be drunk on the premises. Fifty-two persons had signed their names in favour of Mr. Bittancourt's application, but as the law requires a two-thirds vote, and there were 98 persons eligible to vote within the three-mile limit, the application could not be entertained. Some persons seem to have been under the misapprehension that the application was for a "bottle license," such as the grocers in the towns have, but this was a mistake, as there is no such thing as a "bottle license" outside a municipality.

Following are the receipts and payments on Painting and Fencing account, St. Mary's Church, Fulford Harbour: Receipts—Miss Greaves, \$20; Mrs. Bird, \$5; Rev. E. F. Wilson, \$5; C. Abbot, \$5; T. Trage (for painting), \$1; H. Ruckle (for painting), \$5; J.

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Horel, 50c; H. Ruckle (for fencing), \$5. Total receipts thus far, \$46.50. Payments—F. Raynes, putting in chancel window, \$5; J. W. Mellor's account for paint, etc., \$21.65; Lemon & Gonnason's account for pickets, etc., \$16.84; Purvis, for white lead, \$2; nails, 35c. Total payments, \$45.84. Balance on hand 66c.

An elaborate entertainment was given in the Public Hall Friday evening, December 19th, beginning with a magic lantern show by N. W. Wilson, and embracing several amusing acts, hoop drill, flag drill, etc., by the children of the Public School, besides songs and recitations and a well-loaded Christmas tree. The whole reflected great credit on the teacher, Miss Brethour, who had evidently spared no pains in arranging it all.

### HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL.

*First Class*—(See also page 18). Genesis, chapters 12 and 13. (1) Who was Abram? (2) What did God promise him? (3) What journey did he make? (4) What other names has the Land of Canaan? (5) Name *some of its principal towns*. (6) Who were its first inhabitants? (7) By whom was it eventually conquered? (8) Why is it a noted country? (9) What sort of life did Abram lead? (10) Who was the father of all the Jews? (See John 8.) *Second Class*—(11) Who was Lot? (12) Why did Abram and Lot separate? (13) What is said of Sodom? (14) Did Abram or Lot make the best choice? (15) Was Abram rich? (16) Who was Sarai? (17) Who was Pharaoh? (18) Why did Abram say Sarai was his sister? (19) Was he right or wrong in saying it? (20) What was God's second great promise to Abram?

### THE ISLANDS.

Mr. John Gardhouse, of Highfield, Ont., who visited most of the local agricultural shows in British Columbia this past autumn, in a letter to the *Toronto Globe*, spoke in highly complimentary terms of the Islands' show held at Ganges Harbour October 1st last. "This was a splendid little show," he said, "and I think it is one that will grow. They have a very nice ground, and have built a new hall and a number of horse stalls."

The bye-election in North Victoria, which took place Tuesday, December 23rd, resulted in the return

of Mr. Paterson, his majority over Mr. Robertson being 43. The poll at Pender Island stood 9 for Robertson, 4 for Paterson; at Mayne Island, 25 for Robertson, 23 for Paterson; at Galiano Island, 17 for Robertson, 34 for Paterson; at Sidney, 43 for Robertson, 61 for Paterson.

## 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.

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