

Salt Spring Island Church Monthly

JULY, 1903.

The long stretch of hot dry weather broke June 21st.

W. Grimmer, Pender Island, has sold his ranch to Mr. Percival, a farmer from Manitoba.

Mr. and Mrs. Legh, of North Salt Spring, have recently imported some thoroughbred Guernsey stock.

A novel feature at our next agricultural show will be dessert tables prettily prepared with fruit and flowers in competition for a prize.

Mr. H. O. Allen has taken the place of Mr. Ashby, resigned, as Secretary of the Islands' Agricultural and Fruit Growers' Association.

Will those who have not yet paid their subscription for the CHURCH MONTHLY for this year kindly do so. Over \$20 is due, and the printer has to be paid.

L. G. Tolson has sold his ranch and live stock to Mr. Ward, late of Crofton, and will shortly leave for England.

Received for CHURCH MONTHLY since June 1st:—

A. Wright, \$1; E. Walter, \$1; Mr. Rosman, 35 cents; Miss Renwick, 35 cents; A. W. Cooke, \$1; H. Stevens, 35 cents.

Land is being cleared and got ready for the creamery; and a delegation has visited Victoria to inspect the Victoria Creamery and arrange to have the necessary plans and specifications prepared. Building will probably be commenced within a month or six weeks.

Mr. Abbott has sold his house on Ganges' Harbor with the land attached to it to Mr. Cunningham, who arrived recently with wife and two children from the neighborhood of Brandon, Manitoba. Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham are delighted with what they have seen thus far of Salt Spring.

We are sorry to have to record the death of Mr. Ross Malon, who for many years had been a resident of Salt Spring Island. He died somewhat suddenly of heart failure, after bathing, on June 9th. The funeral was on the 12th at St. Mark's cemetery. The floral offerings contributed by friends were many and varied, including wreaths, crosses and an anchor.

The Secretary of the Farmers' Institute reports the following entries to compete for the prizes that have been offered: For best kitchen garden (not less than one-quarter acre) Messrs. E. Lee, T. Lee, J. C. Mollet and Rev. E. F. Wilson. For best flower garden, Mrs. Mollet, Mrs. E. F. Wilson and Mrs. L. G. Tolson. For best half acre's roots, Messrs. Mollet, T. Lee, E. Lee, and A. Wilson. For juvenile prize, best plot

of potatoes, Hudson T. Lee, Hudson E. Lee, and T. Mansell.

• The public schools all closed for summer vacation June 26th.

At a recent meeting of the Agricultural Society Mr. A. Walter and Rev. E. F. Wilson were appointed auditors of last year's accounts.

The school children belonging to the North End school had an enjoyable picnic near the Fernwood wharf, Friday, June 26th.

Mr. Halley and Mr. Smith (the friend he brought with him from England) intend to go into partnership in dairying as soon as they can find a suitable farm.

Missionary boxes (for Foreign Missions) received thus far contain as follows:—Maude and Douglas Scott, \$2.06; Ruth Baker, \$1.20; Miss Jenkins, \$1.20; Mr. Wilson's family, \$4.80; A. B. Walter, 90 cents; Mrs. Cotford's family, \$1.15; Mary and Charlie Tolson, \$1.86.

• The Sunday School picnic is to be at Fulford Harbor on the flat opposite H. N. Rogers' old place, close to the sea shore. There is a small creek there with excellent drinking water, and trees at the back for shade, so it would seem to be an ideal spot for a picnic. It is to take place Wednesday, August 5th, or if that should chance to be a wet day, which is not very likely, then Thursday, August 6th. It is proposed to meet on the ground between noon and 1 o'clock; and those who come from a distance and want to get home early can leave about 5 p.m. It is expected that several teams will come from the North End and Ganges' Harbor and the Divide, and we hope also Beaver Point, so that those who do not possess horses will get a chance for a lift. All who can should bring baskets of good things, besides plates, cups, etc. Bachelors would do well to put in a few dozen oranges and lemons. Ladies in the Valley will, we expect, arrange the feast, as they know so well how to do it. There must also be sports and prizes for the children. Let all come who can and have a jolly time. Home Sunday School prizes will be distributed in the course of the afternoon. One big dinner for all and tea made over the camp fire at 1 o'clock, and lemonade, oranges and cake before going home at 5 o'clock. Swings and other amusements will be provided for the children, and if the weather is hot there may be some play in the water, such as tub racing, greasy pole, etc. Mr. Wilson will be down the night before to help get things ready.