

Salt Spring Island Church Monthly

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An attempt after all is to be made to have a Show this year. The Secretary, in his notice, says: "As the Government give no grant in aid this year, it is hoped that all residents of the Islands will do their best to promote the success of the Exhibition." The date is to be Wednesday, September 20th.

Mr. Alfred Ruckle, of Beaver Point, was united in marriage to Miss Martha Helen Margison, of Victoria on July 17th, the ceremony being performed by Rev. E. F. Wilson.

Every Parish in the Diocese of Columbia is to be assessed this month in order to pay off a present deficiency in the Diocesan Fund of \$1,486.13.

Why is it that the Dairy Farmers on Salt Spring Island do not all of them patronise and help on our local creamery at Ganges Harbor? Surely it is to every one's interest to make this Island prosperous, and it cannot well prosper unless all unite in supporting its embry industries.—

Properties are improving fast in that part of the Island known as "The Valley" and Fulford Harbor. Old rubbishy buildings have disappeared and picturesque residences have taken their place, many of them with nicely kept gardens in front. Among the newest buildings are the cottage dwellings of Mr. C. Soule and Mr. T. M. Jackson. Mr. G. E. Akerman has a very neat cottage. Mr. Edwards, the Postmaster, has an attractive little garden, and a number of runs for thoroughbred poultry. Messrs. A. Wilson, J. Nightingale and A. Raynes have added to and improved their residences within the last few years. Mr. J. Akerman has capped his log house with an iron roof and a belfry. Several large barns have also been built. Down towards Isabella Point is Mr. J. W. Hamilton's pretty house and garden, and beyond that, the new school.

If the weather is fine there will, we expect, be a large gathering at the Home Sunday School picnic, Tuesday, August 8th. The spot selected is a very picturesque one, just at the foot of that steep hill where those immense rocks are which look as though they had been hurled into their present position by volcanic action. The little lake, with its waterfowl, is quite a picture; and there will probably be some swimming matches, and possibly a gander hunt on its surface. Boys should be getting ready for the coming sports—sack races, three-legged races, obstacle races, etc., etc., The more that enter for the races the more

the fun. The picnic will begin about noon and end about 5 p.m.—after the prizes have been distributed.

A preliminary meeting to examine plans for the new St. Paul's Church was held at Mr. A. R. Bitancourt's store, Saturday, July 22nd. Mr. H. W. Bullock, while in England, had kindly had several plans prepared at his own expense, and these were submitted. As only eight gentlemen were present (there being unfortunately a creamery meeting at the same hour) it was thought better to defer any final selection of a plan for the church until a larger meeting could be held. There is therefore to be another meeting at the same place on Saturday, August 12th; and it is hoped that all who can possibly do so will attend, so that a building committee may be appointed and steps taken to arrange for the commencement of the work.

A Farmers' Institute Directors' meeting was held at Malcolm & Purvis' store, Ganges' Harbor, on the 26th ult., the subject being finance and prizes. The present officers are: E. Walter, president; S. Percival (Pender Island) vice-president; J. T. Collins, secretary-treasurer; J. Horel, T. Lee, J. Harrison, E. F. Wilson, A. H. Menzies, directors.

Received for CHURCH MONTHLY.—Mrs. Barker, 35c.; Dr. Beech, 35c.

Received for the Canadian Missionary Society.—Miss Pedder, 50c.; Mrs. Upjohn, 25c.; Col. Craig, \$2; Miss. boxes:—Miss Jenkins, \$2.20; Mary and Charlie Tolson, \$4.60; Rev. E. F. Wilson's family, \$4.30; Ruth Baker, \$1.65; Mrs. McFadden's family, 90c.

The Dominion Exhibition at New Westminster is from September 27th to October 7th. W. H. Keary, the Mayor, is manager of the fair.

Our lay delegates, Messrs. Clive Phillipps-Wolley and W. J. Hamilton, were both at the Synod in Victoria on the 6th of July. All the missions of the Diocese, with the exception of Comox and Salt Spring, are now under what is known as the "Quebec System," that is, they pay in all their offertories to the Synod office, and the Synod office pays the clerical stipend in full.

Six bluejackets from H.M.S. Egeria played against six of our local men at water polo one day last month. The bluejackets were beaten.

Another \$50 towards the new church has been kindly promised.