

Salt Spring Island Church Monthly

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How is it we are allowed to take clams off the beach and not take the clam shells?

Mrs. George Barker died June 6th, and was buried in the public cemetery the following Sunday.

Mr. Edward Cartwright has opened a private school in a room near to the Creamery, Ganges Harbor.

A meeting was held at Mrs. Schetke's June 18th to arrange for an entertainment to be given in July.

Messrs. A. Cartwright and R. Purdy have been cutting the grass and tidying up St. Marks Cemetery.

Six thousand three hundred pounds of butter were made at the Salt Spring Creamery during the month of May.

There will be no large general picnic this year,—but several smaller picnics at which the Home Sunday School prizes will be distributed.

We are glad to see that a beginning has been made towards putting the Public Cemetery in order; it has been in a disgraceful state for a long time.

Excursions to Salt Spring Island are becoming increasingly popular. Our "streets" were filled with strangers June 20th, June 23rd and again June 25th.

The Methodists are showing wisdom by erecting a driving shed near their place of worship. In a country place like this there should never be a church without a driving shed.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Tolson and their little girl Norah, arrived from England June 11th. They are at present living in the cottage on their property, but intend shortly to build a new house.

The Ven. Archdeacon Scriven and the Rev. Canon Beanlands will visit the Island shortly after Synod as a delegation from the Bishop to have a talk with our members on the subject of Church Finance and other Diocesan matters.

Missionary boxes should all be sent in now and the amounts will be acknowledged next month, together with subscriptions to the same fund. This money goes to the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada,—the M. S. C. C.

Dr. Baker was the recipient last month of a generous testimonial from his many friends on Salt Spring Island who desired in this way to express their appreciation and gratitude for the kindness and sympathy which they had invariably received from him during his nine years' residence among them. Dr. Baker desires to acknowledge the gift with many thanks.

There was a largely attended political meeting at the Central Hall on June 8th, when the Island was honored by the attendance of three members of the Provincial Government, who came, as they said, to give an account of their stewardship and to answer any questions that might be asked them. Reference was made to the dairying and fruit interests, also to the recent increase in taxation, and the condition of the roads. Some objections were offered to the Government team which had been provided, and there appeared to be a desire on the part of the people to elect their own road boss. The farmers present were glad to learn that stumping powder would be supplied now at \$5.25 per case instead of \$6.75 as formerly.

The Columbia Coast Mission appears to have become a greater success than even its warmest friends had anticipated. The Rev. John Antle, who is captain of the mission steamboat and general manager of the mission, hails from Newfoundland and had been brought up to a sea life from childhood so is particularly well fitted for the work. The little steamboat was built at a cost of \$4,000 and is called "The Columbia"; it is 60 feet long, 14 feet wide, and draws $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet of water; it contains a mission room for services, captain's and doctor's cabins, a bath room, a hospital cot and dispensary. Although the mission has been less than two years in operation, it is already practically self-supporting, the expenses being met by the contributions of the men in the various logging camps which are visited.

The following amounts have been received by the Incumbent and forwarded to the Synod office: Lenten envelopes and subscriptions to the *Diocesan Mission Fund*—Mrs. Ward, \$2; Mrs. Upjohn, \$1; Mrs. E. F. Wilson, \$2.50; Mr. and Mrs. Keith Wilson, \$2; N. W. Wilson, \$2; Rev. E. F. Wilson, \$3; H. Sampson, \$1; E. G. Borradaile, \$1; H. Stevens, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie, \$2; E. Nilson, 50c.; H. Ruckle, \$2; Col. Craig, \$2; Miss Pedder, \$7; Miss Collins, \$1; E. Walter, \$2; Mrs. McFadden, 50c.; J. C. Scovell, \$2; H. W. Bullock, \$2; A. R. Bittancourt, \$1.50; Dr. Beech, \$2; R. B. Young, 50c.; A. W. Cooke, \$1; A. Walter, \$2; J. J. Akerman, \$1; Mrs. Cotsford, 50c. Total, \$39. Towards the *Synod Debt*—Concert, \$11.35; Rev. E. F. Wilson, \$1; Col. Craig, \$1; J. C. Scovell, \$2; E. Walter, \$1. Also (sent direct), H. W. Bullock, \$5. Total \$21.35.