

Salt Spring Island Parish and Home

MARCH, 1896.

Neither salt nor coal have as yet materialized.

Mr. Daniel Fredson has sold his 100 acre ranch to Mr. Mansell. Mr. Fredson is looking at Mr. W. Perkins' six acre lot with a view to purchase.

Now is the time to spray fruit trees before the buds swell. Use Gilletts' concentrated lye—one pound to five gallons of water. It will destroy the eggs of the aphides and clean off the moss.

Moon's phases :—New, 14th ; first quarter, 22nd ; full, 28th. The rainfall during January on Salt Spring Island was 7.59 in. ; heaviest in twenty-four hours, January 5th, 2.29 ; snowfall for the month, 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.

Kuper Island weather report is as follows :—Rainfall, 14.50 ; greatest in twenty-four hours, January 7th, 1.54 ; Temperature maximum, 54 degrees, minutes, 22.2 ; number of days completely clouded, 13 ; maximum sunshine, January 11th, 6.42.

The population of Salt Spring Island is rapidly increasing. Three little boys have received three little brothers within the month. Mrs. Harry Rogers, February 1st ; Mrs. A. Cartwright, the 12th ; Mrs. Caldwell, the 14th ; each had another son.

If the Burgoyne Bay school is to be re-built, as reported, why not have it erected a couple of miles nearer to the "Divide" instead of so near to Fulford Harbour ? If schools cannot be further multiplied, they should at least hold the most central position possible.

It has been definitely agreed upon to erect the proposed public hall on one third of an acre donated by Mr. Joel Broadwell, postmaster. The situation is a most convenient one, it being on the cross-roads, close to the public school and the court house and easily accessible from Vesuvius Bay, Ganges Harbour and North End. Plans will be got out at once and building proceeded with without delay. The hall is to be thirty feet wide by sixty feet long.

The steamboat "Mary Hare," plying between Salt Spring Island, Plumper Pass and Sidney in connection with the Victoria and Sidney Railway, was totally destroyed by fire on the evening of February 6th when off Reed Island, near to Cowichan Gap. The captain and crew had gone ashore for supper, and when they returned they found their vessel in flames and beyond saving. With great difficulty they secured one of the boats, and they made their way to Chemainus. Happily very little freight was on board at the time of the accident.

Mr. A. Langley has leased his house and farm on Mary Lake to Mr. Adam.

Mr. Percy Brown is buying up dairy stock, and intends to make things flutter this summer on Vesuvius Bay. He has a good second in Mr. Fred. Smedley.

Mr. Mansell has sold his 100 acre ranch, with frame house, barns, farm stock, &c., to Mr. Frank Scott. The house is near the steamboat wharf and has excellent view of Ganges Harbour.

An entertainment was given in the old Vesuvius school house, February 10th. It was very successful, the house was crowded, and over twenty dollars netted for St. Mark's Church, towards improvements and current expenses.

The "Divide" people are in despair about their expected school. So far from Government providing a fifth school for the Island, it is said that all teachers' salaries are to be cut down, and that the average minimum attendance of scholars is in future to be fifteen instead of ten.

The annual meeting of the British Columbia Horticultural and Fruit-growers' Association was held at Westminster on January 30th last. Among other important business, a fruit exchange was formed—to deal with the marketing and transportation of fruits and to operate canneries, &c. In future, no doubt, a delegate from Salt Spring Island will attend the annual meeting.

We all like and respect the S. S. "Joan," but there are two objections to her. Her freight rates are high, and she goes and comes just on the wrong day. If she could alter her time table so as to pass down Wednesday or Thursday and to return from Victoria Friday or Saturday, we should all be satisfied. It does not suit Salt Spring Islanders to reach Victoria upon Saturday and return at 7 a. m. Tuesday, as it gives them Monday only for business and three days hotel expenses.

The Salt Spring Island Horticultural and Fruit-growers' Association has now been duly organized with W. E. Scott as president, Theo. Trage, vice-president ; A. A. Berrow, sec.-treasurer, and a staff of eight directors. There is already a membership of about fifty, and the adjoining islands will be canvassed with a view to adding more. The Association will interest itself in agriculture and horticulture as well as in fruit-growing. The next general meeting will be held March 18, at the old Vesuvius school house, and all members should if possible attend. A fruit, vegetable and agricultural show is to be held on the Island about the end of September.

SALT SPRING ISLAND CHURCH MONTHLY.

Mr. Wright, wife and five children arrived on the island March 29th. They lived formerly in South America. Mr. Wright is at present working for Mr. Block. Four of the children have joined the Home Sunday School.

The Queen Victoria memorial window, from Robt. McCausland Co., Toronto, has arrived, and will be in place for Sunday, May 25th, when a special commemorative service will be held. A few more dollars are still needed to defray the cost.

At the Easter Vestry Meetings, Messrs. J. T. Colson and H. Stevens were appointed churchwardens for St. Mark's Church, and Messrs. C. Abbott and F. W. Raynes for St. Mary's. The Church Committee consisted of Messrs. G. Borradaile, E. Walter, C. Abbott, A. Crofton, N. W. Wilson, Delegate to the Synod, and G. Borradaile.

THE ISLANDS.

Mr. Burchell, of Thetis Island, has set up a donkey engine for threshing and various purposes.

Mr. Percy Roberts, of Kuper Island, paid a flying visit to Salt Spring the beginning of last month. Early all the Roberts family had been down with malarial fever, but are now all recovered.

Farmers' Institute meetings have been held during the month on Mayne and Pender Islands as well as on Salt Spring Island. The attendance was very good at the two former, but rather poor at the latter. The addresses were very practical and useful.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL.

First Class.—(See also page 112) Exodus, chapters 19 and 20.—(1) Where on the map is Mount Sinai? (2) Why is it a noted place? (3) How soon after leaving Egypt did they reach Mount Sinai? (4) What chapter tells about the manna? (5) What chapter tells about the water from the rock? (6) How did the Israelites offer sacrifice? (7) How was an altar made? (8) Which of the ten commandments contain our duty to God? (9) Which of them contain our duty to our neighbor? (10) To which does

Jesus refer in Matthew 5? **Second Class.*—(11) Who went up to the top of Mount Sinai? (12) Were any of the people allowed to go up? (13) What did the people see? (14) What did they hear? (15) Why did they tremble? (16) Who talked with them from heaven? (17) What words were spoken? (18) What does the third commandment forbid? (19) How may we break the first commandment? (20) Why are we to rest on the Sabbath Day?

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.

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