

SAANICH DISTRICT --- ONE OF THE GARDEN SPOTS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

THE district known as North Saanich is that portion of the Saanich peninsula occupying the northern tongue, and includes the flourishing town of Sidney. Sidney is the terminus of the Victoria Terminal & Sidney Railway, and is now a very busy point, there being two departures and two arrivals of steamers daily. There is also a narrow mill, but at present it is closed down, the owners having apparently some trouble in keeping the concern running steadily.

North Saanich is one of the most fruitful farming districts on Vancouver Island, and for very many years has been the home of many successful hop-growers, notably Messrs. William Fowgler and John J. Downey, whose farms adjoin on the West Saanich road, west of the farm of Mr. W. Le Poer Trench. This year Mr. Sangster has a very fine looking crop east of Mr. W. Le Poer Trench's place, and years ago Mr. Trench himself grew extensively. Of recent years, however, Mr. Trench has ceased growing hops.



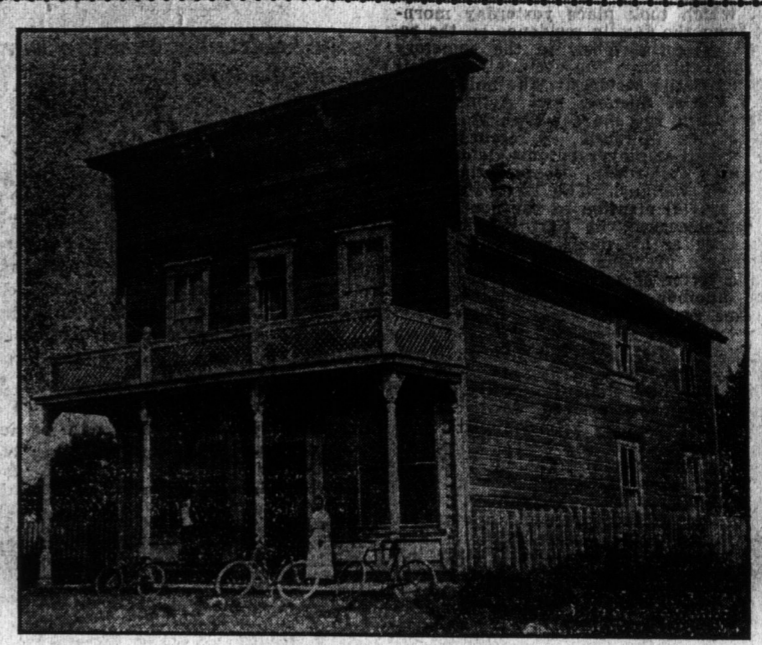
SIDNEY HOTEL—WM. JENSEN, PROPRIETOR.
A First-class Tourist Resort.

The Sidney Hotel is now owned and operated by Mr. William Jensen, who has had very many years' experience in hotel ventures in the province. The hotel is very comfortable, convenient to the railway, and has an incomparable outlook over the Gulf and the islands dotted here and there like emeralds in a setting of silver. It is an ideal spot to spend a holiday, there being every facility for boating, shooting, fishing and hunting.

Horse-raising is carried on extensively in the district, the principal breeder being the city barrister of Victoria, Mr. W. J. Taylor, K. C., on whose farm, Malvern, extensive breeding operations are carried on under the management of Mr. Fryn. Mr. Taylor's father spent the spring on the farm, coming from Eastern Canada, and in the course of conversation with the writer some three months ago spoke very highly of the value of the farm and its richness and productiveness.

Perhaps the most beautiful spot in the district is the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. Le Poer Trench. The oak and park-like openings remind one very much of Nottinghamshire, England, and with the Saanich Inlet, a magnificent view of which is obtainable from the house, forms a picture beyond description. Some idea of the beauty may be obtained from the cut produced in another column and labeled "View of Saanich Inlet from Mr. Trench's house."

The religious needs of the district are well looked after. Rev. T. H. Wright, the rector of the two English churches—North and South Saanich—being well liked and the right man in his position. Recently a garden fête was given in aid of the North Saanich church organ fund, and during a recent visit the writer was informed by Mr. Trench that it had proved most successful financially, and the funds were very considerably augmented from the proceeds.

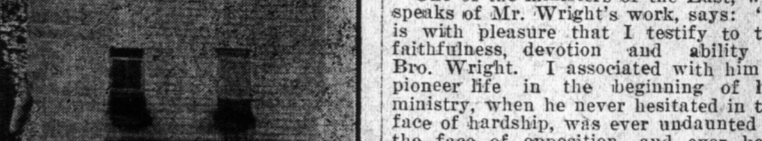


L. DICKINSON'S NEW STORE.

institution he is an undergraduate. Mr. Wright has had a successful career, and has done good work for the church of his choice. He has done pioneer work at Michel and Morrissey mining camps.

One of the ministers of the East, who speaks of Mr. Wright's work, says: "It is with pleasure that I testify to the faithfulness, devotion and ability of Rev. Wright. I associated with him in pioneer life in the beginning of his ministry, when he never hesitated in the face of hardship, was ever undaunted in the face of opposition, and ever kept before him one single purpose. I have been near him continuously since then, and have marked his growth in position, in mental and spiritual development, in capacity for special work, literary and statistical, and most particularly in journalistic and conference undertakings."

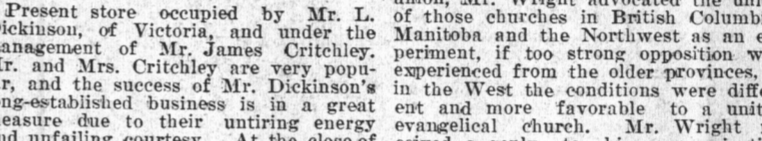
Rev. Mr. Wright is a strong advocate for church union, and believes that such a union is possible between the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches. In communication with a prominent member of the committee on union, Mr. Wright advocated the union of those churches in British Columbia, Manitoba and the Northwest as an experiment, and the strong opposition experienced from the older provinces, as in the West, the conditions were different and more favorable to a united evangelical church. Mr. Wright replies to his communication stating that his views on church union are broad and wise and intelligent.



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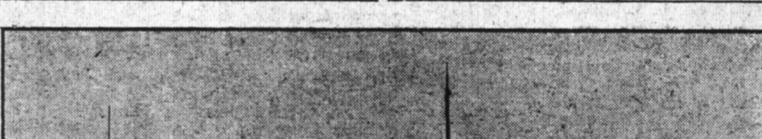
The following are the officials of the church: Stewards, J. W. Brethour and W. R. Armstrong; society representatives, Mrs. Mark Hewitt and Alex. McDonald; organist, Mrs. W. N. Copeland.

Rev. T. H. Wright, the pastor, is one of three brothers who have entered the ranks of the Methodist ministry. He entered as a probationer in the year 1887 at the Montreal conference, and went from the town of Brockville, Ont. His preparatory course of study was taken in the Albert College, Belleville, Ont.,



STEAMER IROQUOIS AT SIDNEY, B. C.

S. S. Iroquois, the fast little passenger and freight steamer which makes the run to Nanaimo twice a week—Mondays and Thursdays—and around the islands twice a week—Wednesdays and Saturdays. She leaves Sidney wharf at arrival of train from Victoria. The trip around the islands rivals the famous Thousand Islands trip on the St. Lawrence River for beauty and change.



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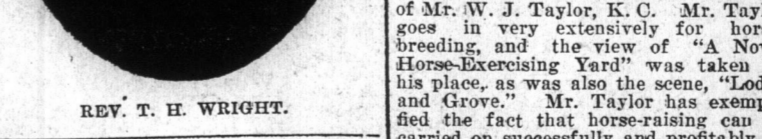
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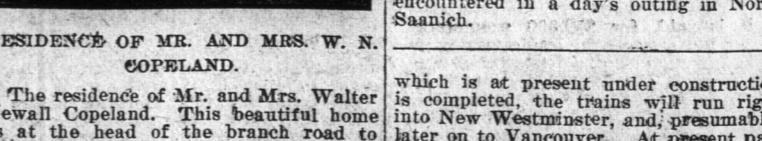
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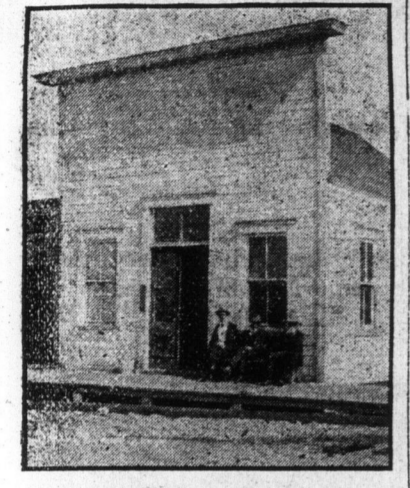
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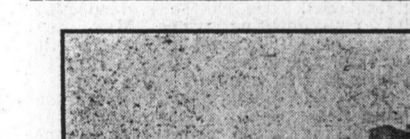
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The above cut represents the store of J. J. White, post-master and general merchant. Mr. White has only very recently entered into business in Sidney, but has already worked up a very nice business. Mr. White was for many years station agent at Sidney for the former owners of the Victoria & Sidney Railway.



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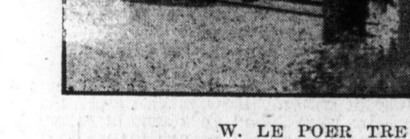
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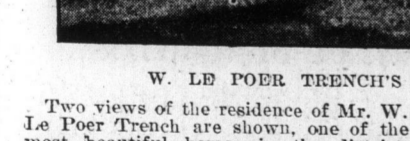
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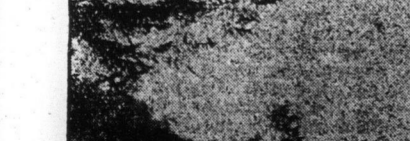
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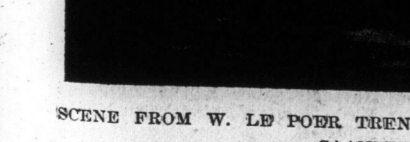
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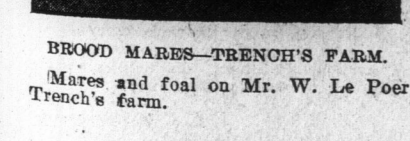
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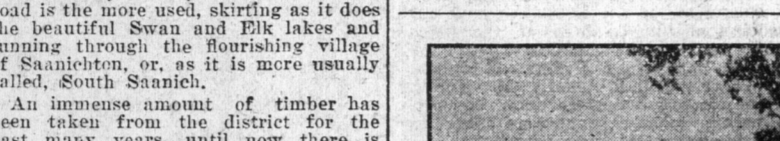
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North Saanich is reached from Victoria by either the East or West roads, both of which are splendidly macadamized and ideal for bicycles, automobiles and ordinary conveyances. The East road is the more useful skirting as it does the beautiful Swan and Elk lakes and running through the flourishing village of Saanichton, or, as it is more usually called, South Saanich.

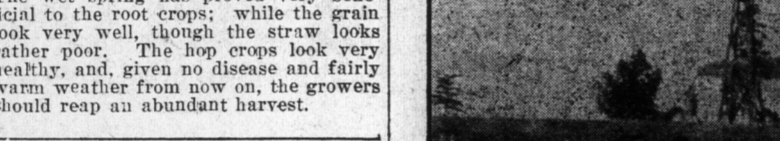
An immense amount of timber has been taken from the district for the past many years, until now there is more cleared land than uncleared, and the country looks well settled, as indeed it is, and in a high state of cultivation.

The outlook for the present year for the farmer is very bright. Haymaking, though very considerably delayed, has continued uninterrupted for the past three weeks, and now all the crop is in and safely stacked and in the barns. The wet spring has proved very beneficial to the root crops; while the grain look very well, though the straw looks rather poor. The hop crops look very healthy, and, given no disease and fairly warm weather from now on, the growers should reap an abundant harvest.



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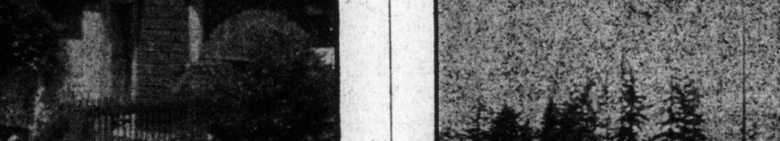
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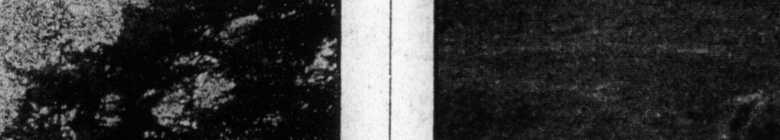
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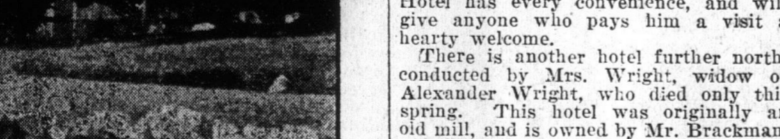
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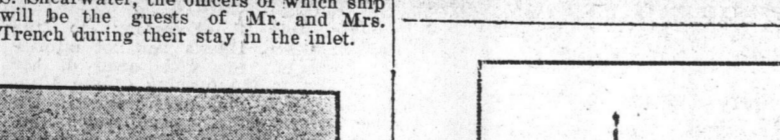
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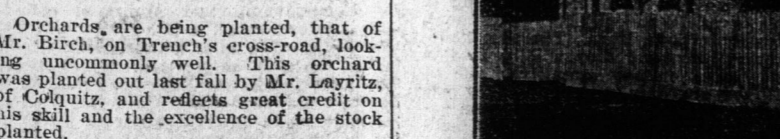
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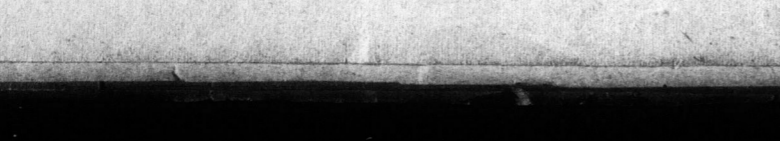
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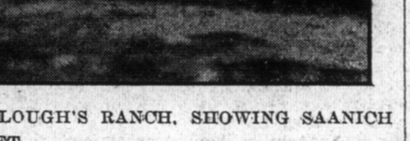
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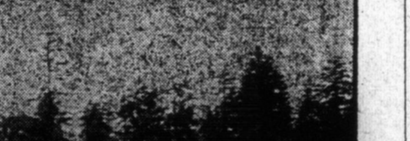
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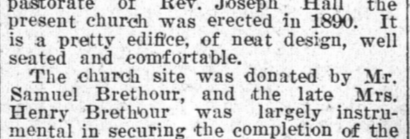
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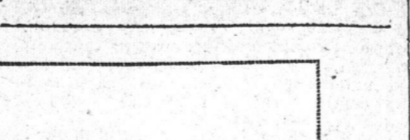
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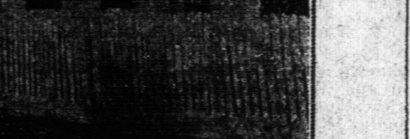
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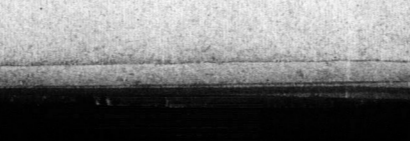
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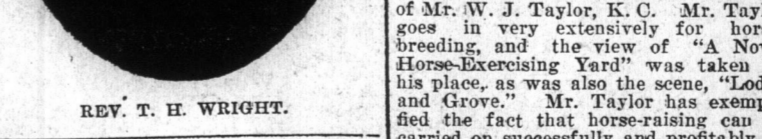


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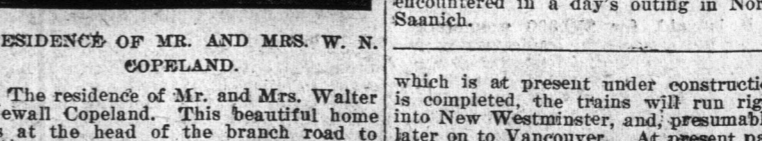
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run over in the daytime it is a very desirable route, remaining as it does a run through the Saanich peninsula, across the Gulf and up the Fraser, through the fertile Delta farming country, and across country from New Westminster to Vancouver. The whole trip takes about seven hours. The Victorian has been so altered that full cars are readily brought over from Great Northern points, and one evening last week (Friday) a car arriving at 8:30 p. m. was brought into the city the same night, ready for unloading on Saturday morning.

Our thoughts are melting amidst spheres, And, like a blessing or a curse, They thunder down the formless years, And die throughout the universe.

We build our futures by the shape Of our desires, and not by acts; There is no pathway of escape; No prior-made events can alter facts.

Salvation is not begged or bought; Too long this selfish hope sufficed; Too long this selfish hope sufficed; And leaned upon a tortured Christ.

Like shivered leaves these worn-out creeds Are dropping from Religion's tree; The world begins to know its needs, And souls are crying to be free.

Free from the load of fear and grief, Man fashioned in an ignorant age; Free from the acts of rebel, He fled to in rebellious rage.

No church can bind him to the things That fed the first crude souls evolved; He questions mysteries all unsolved. Above the chant of priests, above The blindest voices of braying doubt, He hears the still, small voice of Love, Which sends its simple message out.

And clearer, sweeter, day by day, Its mandate echoes from the skies—"Go roll the stone of self away, And let the Christ within thee arise."

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

Many different ways of exterminating the Pimple are known, but the most successful and the most economical is the use of Ferrozone. It is a simple, safe, and effective remedy for all skin diseases, and is the only one that does not irritate the skin.

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