

Salt Spring Island Parish and Home

SEPTEMBER, 1896.

The Bishop was prevented by illness from coming to Salt Spring Island on the 9th ult. He will, we hope, be with us at the end of this month.

St. John's Church, Victoria, annual excursion party visited our Island on the 15th ult. During the two hours that the steambot remained at the wharf a number of parties were formed and went off in vehicles to visit their Island friends.

Messrs. Booth, Robertson, Irwin, Purvis and Broadwell have been appointed a building committee to superintend the erection of the proposed public hall near the Vesuvius school house.

Mr. J. T. Collins is, we believe, prepared to start a cheese factory on this Island, should there appear to him to be sufficient inducement to do so.

Mr. J. Broadwell, postmaster, has marketed nearly a ton of black currants this season.

Mrs. Wakelim was removed to the hospital on the 30th ult. Her complaint was thought to be typhoid fever.

The Delta creamery, Ladner's Landing, is in quest of a manager. It is a large concern, handling the milk of about 1,500 cows. We understand that they have offered the post to Mr. Collins of this Island. Should Mr. Collins accept it, there are many here who will be very sorry to lose him.

Weather report for July, Kuper Island: Mean temp. 60.9; max. on 14th, 88.5; min. on 6th, 46.0; mean of bright sunshine, .53; max. on 14th, .886; days completely clouded, 4; rainfall, .01.

Owing to the difficulties of maintaining five separate Sunday schools in various parts of the Island, a scheme is on foot by which the children will study their Sunday school lessons each in their own homes for an hour regularly each Sunday. They will be provided with note books, pencils and printed instructions, and a text for each week and some Bible questions will appear in the monthly issues of PARISH AND HOME. The clergyman will examine the children periodically, and give them marks, and prizes will be awarded to the most diligent.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL: *Sept. 20th*—Genesis. (1) Who were saved in Noah's ark? (2) Who were Joseph's parents? (3) Name Joseph's brothers. (4) How were Pharaoh's two dreams fulfilled? Text, Gen.: viii., 22. *Sept. 27th*—St. Matthew. (1) Who baptized Jesus? (2) What happened in Capernaum? (3) Name Jesus' twelve disciples. (4) Describe the feeding of the 5,000. Text, Mark: x., 14. *Oct. 4th*—Exodus. (1) How was Moses saved from being

drowned? (2) What was manna? (3) Who was Aaron? (4) Describe the crossing of the Red Sea. Text, Prov.: i., 11. *Oct. 11th*—St. Mark. (1) Who was Bartimeus? (2) Who beheaded John the Baptist? (3) When did Jesus say, "Peace; be still?" (4) Describe Jesus' transfiguration. Text, Matt.: xi., 28.

A very sad accident occurred on the 20th ult. A young man, twenty-four years of age, named Charles Bird, had arrived with a friend from Montreal the beginning of July to coast among these islands in a sloop, fishing and hunting. Mr. Bird was spending a few days on Salt Spring Island, and in crossing a log over a ravine his foot must have slipped, and his gun exploded, the charge entering just under his chin and shattering the bones of the neck. Death must have been instantaneous. The body fell across the log some eight or nine feet above the ground, and it was not found until the evening of the next day. An inquest was held, and a verdict rendered of accidental death. The following afternoon, Sunday, the poor young fellow's body was committed to the ground in the little Church of England cemetery, and much sympathy was felt for the poor widowed mother in Montreal, who had thus been deprived suddenly of her only son. Eight or ten beautiful wreaths and crosses were placed on the coffin.

A club has been set on foot having for its object the progress and improvement of Salt Spring Island. The members at present are Messrs. J. Broadwell, A. Walter, J. T. Collins, H. W. Bullock, W. E. Scott, E. Walter, A. Cartwright, W. Robertson and Rev. E. F. Wilson. A preliminary informal gathering of the members was held on the 25th ult., and the first regular meeting took place at the Church Hill Farm, Tuesday, Sept. 1st, at 7 p.m.

The Mouat road matter has been settled by arbitration. Mr. Mouat is to receive \$235 for the right of way through his fields. There is still, however, some question of carrying the new road around the head of the lake instead of past Mr. Mouat's.

The new Ganges school is now in operation, the teacher being Miss Webb of Chilliwack. The Rev. E. F. Wilson held his first service in the school house on the 30th ult. The service was hearty and the singing good. They will be continued monthly.

The lumber is on the ground for the new Burgoyne Bay school house, and it is to be built at once.

A large area of slashing was fired the last week in August in the Vesuvius district—probably 150 acres or more. The air has been dense with smoke, and a good many fence rails have been accidentally destroyed.