

Salt Spring Island Parish and Home

OCTOBER, 1898.

Major and Mrs. Craig are occupying the Tolson residence while the family are away.

Sunday, November 6th, has been fixed as the day on which his Lordship, the Bishop of Columbia will be present to administer confirmation.

Harvest Thanksgiving services will be held in St. Mark's Church, 11 a.m.; the Divide School, 3 p.m.; and St. Mary's, Fulford Harbor, 7.30 p.m., on Sunday, October 2nd, the preacher on each occasion being the Ven. Archdeacon Scriven.

It is proposed to organize a Temperance movement at the time of the Bishop's visit. The Rev. E. F. Wilson is getting out a list of those who are willing to become total abstainers; also a list of children who would like to become members of the Band of Hope.

Mr. H. M. Rogers, tavern-keeper at Fulford Harbor, was hooked in the face by a cow and his cheek torn open a few weeks ago. It was a nasty wound, and he lost a good deal of blood while being driven to the doctor.

Our Japanese friend, Mr. Kinso, is busy these days converting our Douglas firs into props for Mexican mines, and piles for wharves and bridges in China. There will be a succession of ships coming into load, and quite a large number of hands, both white men and japs are at work in the camp.

The Home Sunday School annual gathering and entertainment will take place at the Divide school, Monday, October 3rd, at 5 p.m. It is expected that the Ven. Archdeacon Scriven will be present to distribute the prizes, and also to offer a new scheme of Sunday School lessons, which it is proposed shall be adopted throughout the Diocese. The Sunday Schools that join in this new scheme will be allowed to compete for special prizes, open to all children in the Diocese.

At the last Directors' meeting of the Island's Agricultural Association, a suggestion was made that the Government should be asked in future to appoint the days for the various agricultural shows, so as not to clash one with another, and also to nominate competent judges who would take the various local shows in rotation. There has generally been some difficulty in getting competent judges from outside, owing to the shows being nearly all of them held just about the same time. The suggestion will probably be acted upon at the next general meeting of the association.

Divine service will be held at the school-house, Beaver Point, on Sunday, October 30th, at 11 a.m.

Mr. Reed Bittancourt, our Island carpenter and contractor, has built for himself a very neat-looking cottage residence overlooking Ganges Harbor.

Mrs. Harry Rogers, Cranberry March, has opened a public laundry, her charges being 40 cents per dozen. Linen taken and returned at the Ganges Harbor wharf.

The Agricultural Show, which took place, Wednesday, the 28th September, at the Public Hall will be referred to next issue.

C. W. Tolson, wife and child, and Miss Gibbs, all left for Denver, Col., Saturday, September 10th. Mr. Tolson had never rightly recovered from an attack of pleurisy last summer, and was ordered away on account of his health.

Weather report for August:—Kuper Island: Mean temperature 65.3; maximum, 89.9 (on 10th); minimum, 49.0 (on 30th); mean proportion of light sunshine, 64; maximum, 90 (on 3rd); days completely clouded, 2; rainfall, 0.22 inches.

The excessive and prolonged drought has dried up all the pastures, so that most of the farmers are already forced to begin using their winter supply of hay. Except for one day's wetting in August there was absolutely no rain from June 19th to September 19th.

Prohibition is just now the talk of the hour. The result of the voting, September 29th, will not be known until towards the middle of this month. Should the popular vote be in favor of Prohibition, the next step will be for the Legislature to pass a law prohibiting the manufacture, importation or sale of any kind of alcoholic drink throughout the Dominion.

The sum of \$23.15 has been sent from Salt Spring Island towards relieving the distress caused by the recent terrible fire at New Westminster, the contributors being as follows: Offertory St. Mark's, \$3.65; Major Craig, \$2; E. J. Bitancourt, \$5; J. Malcolm, 50 cents; C. W. Cudell, \$1; A. Walter, \$1; F. Bitancourt, \$1; Mrs. Wilson \$1; Norman Wilson, \$1; P. Walker, \$1; Charles Bitancourt, \$1; Francis Bitancourt, \$2; George Bitancourt, \$2; J. T. Collins, \$1. Should any desire to add their contribution, Rev. E. F. Wilson will be glad to forward a second remittance.