

Salt Spring Island Parish and Home

SEPTEMBER, 1898.

His Lordship, the Bishop of Columbia, expects to visit the Island in October for the purpose of administering the Holy Rite of Confirmation.

Ven. Archdeacon Scriven will visit Salt Spring either the end of September or beginning of October to examine and report as to the condition of Sunday School work.

The annual Exhibition of the Island's Agricultural and Fruit Growers' Association is to be held in the Public Hall, Central Settlement, Wednesday, September 28th.

It would be a blessing if some one would start a laundry on the Island. Many families are at present sending their washing by steamboat to the Steam Laundry in Victoria, which is both expensive and inconvenient.

Weather report for July:—Kuper Island: Mean temperature 61.0; Maximum 93.9 (on 30th); Minimum 42.1 (on 5th); Mean proportion of bright sunshine .681; Maximum .899 (on 31st); days completely clouded 0; rainfall 0.30 inches.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL:—Children should try and have their books all written up and work finished by the 12th of September, so that they may be collected and the marks counted and entered in good time before the Archdeacon's visit.

Mrs. and Miss Walker expect to leave Salt Spring for Victoria on September 3rd, and after spending a few days there, to go on to Japan and India, at which latter place another daughter is at present laboring as a missionary. The best wishes of all go with them.

A lending library has been quietly set on foot by Messrs. Ed. Walter, J. T. Collins and J. A. Broadwell. The depository is at the Post Office, about 60 volumes being at present on hand. Those who have useful and interesting books or magazines to spare are asked either to give or lend them. The library is to be free to all, the rules simply being that books borrowed must be well taken care of and returned at the end of fourteen days, otherwise there will be a charge of five cents a week; two books may be taken at one time.

Rev. E. F. Wilson's buggy "went all to pieces" August 16th, but through the kindness of personal friends in England and elsewhere, he has been enabled to get another one.

The Public Schools recommenced their work August 15th, the teachers being as follows: North End, Miss Furness; Central Settlement, Mr. McMartin; The Divide, Miss Harrap; Burgoyne, Mr. Cooke; Beaver Point, Mr. Watson.

The visit of my daughter and myself to Salt Spring Island has been an interesting and delightful experience. We did not expect so much loveliness and grandeur of scenery, and have been daily, since we came on June 18th, admiring the rich beauty and fertility of the Island. Where the land is cleared of its wealth of beautiful undergrowth and magnificent timber, the crops and orchards seem indeed rejoicing in the splendid soil. I have been continually thinking how good it would be if every one here, and for that matter, everywhere, would take as much trouble to cultivate their immortal "holdings" which become our's freely, through living faith in the LORD, JESUS CHRIST, as so many do here to cultivate the land they have purchased from the government. I have great pressure on my heart for this Island.

We have met with much kindness and generosity wherever we have been, and we desire to thank most cordially, in these farewell words, each of the friends we know we shall so often think of, and pray for.

Through the large minded sympathy of the Rev. E. F. Wilson, we have been permitted to express in the few meetings we have had in the Hall, and at Burgoyne, etc., our hearts wish for the inhabitants of Salt Spring, which is that every child and older person may wake fully to the blessed claims of GOD upon their life, and that, cleansed and indwelt by our BLESSED SAVIOR, through His Spirit, they may fight, with HIM, against all that is selfish and impure, "be heroes in the strife" of light against darkness, and know the joy of active co-operation in HIS objects and intentions. All power is given to our SAVIOR in heaven and in earth. He is able and willing to energize every true heart by his "grand control," and glorious to say—He is "the same yesterday, to-day, and forever."

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