

Salt Spring Island Parish and Home

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mild, open winter thus far.

There seems to be a decided dearth of Christmas trees on the Island this winter. Are we all getting too old?

Mr. Chalmers has returned from his prospecting tour to Lake Bennett, and expects to make another trip before long.

Mr. Theodore Traye picked upwards of 1,900 boxes of apples this past season. This is the largest apple yield thus far recorded on the Island.

An attempt has been made to raise a little money for Foreign Missions during the Advent season, in accordance with a circular issued by the Bishop.

Aleck Silverson is back again to the Island, having been to the hospital again to have his arm and leg bent, with a view to bringing them again into use. As a result he is now able to walk around, and can use his arm a little in chopping wood.

Mr. Leonard Tolson went last month to Denver, Colorado, to join his brother, C. W. Tolson, who was obliged to go there last fall on account of his health. Since his arrival there they have had a pretty severe snap of cold weather, the glass falling to 22 degrees below zero.

The Flagship. H.M.S. Imperieuse, paid a visit to the Island early in last month, anchoring in Ganges Harbour, Dec. 1st to 3rd. Several gentlemen went on board to pay their respects to Admiral Palliser; and, during the ship's stay, several of the officers came on shore for deer shooting.

Weather Report for November.—Kuper Island: Mean temperature, 42.1; maximum, 56.2 (on 1st); minimum, 28.2 (on 20th); hoar frost on 6th, 7th, 8th, and 14th; mean proportion of bright sunshine, .231; maximum, 706, (on 4th); days completely clouded, 7; rainfall, 5.95; snowfall, 3 inches; total precipitation rain and melted snow, 6.25 inches.

Temperance meetings were held at Burgoyne Bay, December 10th, Central Settlement, December the 16th, the attendance on each occasion being fairly good. The form of pledge is as follows: "I hereby promise, by the help of God, to abstain altogether from intoxicating drinks as a beverage." Twenty-four persons, thus far, have signed their names, and a number of children also are being enrolled as a "Band of Hope."

Mr. J. T. Collins has been appointed school trustee in the place of Mr. T. W. Mouat, deceased.

Some of our Islanders already "making tracks" for Atlin Lake, and others propose to follow later on.

At the Concert held at the Divide school house on behalf of the telephone service, about \$16 was netted.

Mr. Mahaffy and family have taken up their quarters at Mr. Langley's house, a short distance from their own dwelling on the Lake.

Some excellent photographs of the wedding group, November the 8th, were taken by Mr. Norman Wilson, Mr. Bullock having kindly loaned his large camera for the occasion.

A new school teacher has been appointed for the North End School, in the place of Miss Furness, resigned. Mr. Ashworth, who is now in charge, hails from Manchester, England. He has a wife and two children, and they have rented Mr. Mahaffy's house, on St. Mary's Lake.

At a meeting of St. Marks Ladies' Guild, held at the Post Office, December the 2d, the officers of last year were unanimously re-elected, viz: Mrs. Broadwell, President; Mrs. Edward Walter, V.P.; Rev. E. F. Wilson, Sec.-Treas. The meetings are to be held the first Friday afternoon in each month, in Mr. Joel Broadwell's sitting room, at the Post Office.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL.—*January 15th to February 5th* (four weeks), Genesis viii to xvii, also xli. *First class*—(1) How long did the flood last? (2) What did Noah do on leaving the ark? (3) What does the rainbow teach us? (4) Tell about the Tower of Babel? (5) Where did Abram first come from? (6) What is said of Melchizedek? (7) Who said "Thou God seest me?" (8) Tell about Abram parting from Lot. Learn Catechism to "days of my life." *Second class*—(1) Who was Abram's wife? (2) Who was Lot? (3) What great promise did God make to Abram? (4) Why was his name changed to Abraham? Learn Catechism to "people of God." *Third class*—(1) What did Pharaoh see in his first dream? (2) What did he see in his second dream? (3) What did the dreams mean? (4) How did King Pharaoh reward Joseph? Learn "The Creed." Note—First class answer all sixteen questions; second class the last eight questions; third class, four questions.