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### A RE-VISIT OF ENGLAND by Barbara Hastings.

On my recent voyage of re-discovery of England, after an absence of more than twenty years, I found that in many ways there had been little change. True, there were some large and startling differences but many things had fortunately remained unaltered. Amidst all the new buildings, the new buildings, the greatly increased traffic. . . . even the market towns are surging with cars of all sizes and heavy vehicles. . . the added prosperity of the people. . . you don't see high fashion or haute couture except on Bond Street, but people are generally much better dressed and more affluent. . . some of the eternal verities of English life remain.

One thing I remarked on was the politeness of the people. England is a courteous country, and in the shops, the hotels, the stations, the public places, people take time to be respectful and attentive. Canadians are well received, more so than our neighbours on this continent, I found.

The much-maligned English cooking still holds some unique and delicious treats. Nothing can quite compare, in my estimation, with the delicate Dover sole, the fresh dressed lobster, the roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, whole Stilton cheese brought to the table, and even the humble mackerel cooked a la Anglaise. As for the English teas, centered around the one and only Devonshire cream, they stand alone in their splendour! I remember lovingly the fresh baked scones with thick crusty Devonshire cream and strawberry jam.

Luckily the English, despite all the new cars, still hold to their passion for walking and bicycling, after all the above-mentioned good things. I walked more in England than I have for years, after being North Americanized to the extent that I have become accustomed to (Cont'd to Page 2)

### I.M. TOURIST

Salt Spring Island businessmen and friends of Mr. Tourist were saddened at his recent passing. Mr. Tourist, who has been coming to Salt Spring Island for many years, had been missing for weeks and his hosts on Salt Spring Island were anxiously awaiting his arrival. Finally, it was learned that he had succumbed in Victoria, a victim of complications caused by Seattle World Fairitis and unseasonal weather. He was found at the C.P.R. docks where, authorities believe, he was crushed to death by a mob of his relatives trying to get on the returning boat to Seattle. He was clutching a Seattle World Fair pennant, a ticket stub for a Tally Ho ride and a totem pole made in Japan. His wallet was empty.

Left to mourn were the S.S.I. Chamber of Commerce, resort, motel and camp operators. While many of his relatives and friends, they will be held until after the funeral when a more thorough post-mortem will be held by his local hosts.

### REFERENDUM DATE CHANGED. . . . .

At a special School Board meeting, held last Tues. afternoon at the School Board Office, the Trustees changed the date of the Science room - Auditorium - Gymnasium referendum to October 5th instead of August 3rd, as previously announced.

The Trustees felt that the new date is fairer to the people who are not now on the School District Voter's List, which will be up for revision about September 20th. Many new people have purchased property in the Gulf Islands the past year and they would not have been able to vote if the August 3rd date had been kept.

Eligible voters are urged to get on the School District Voter's List. Being on the Provincial Voter's List does not qualify you to vote on this important referendum.

### FULFORD HARBOUR TIDE TABLE

Time: Pacific Standard Time

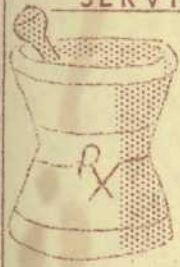
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**RE-VISIT OF ENGLAND** (cont'd from Page 1) driving so much everywhere, near or far. I would take a bus to a certain point, and then get out and walk, in the lovely little lanes which are so much the same as they have always been, with hardly any traffic, and bordered with fields and banks full of primroses, cowslips, anemones, marsh marigolds, and the woods filled with bluebells. I even heard the cuckoo again while on one of these expeditions.

Another one of the static facts about English life is that most of the dwellings are still freezing! I'm afraid North American central heating has made me "soft" and comfort-loving, in British eyes, but I could not enjoy being so Spartan again.

The average English person is still insular, concerned with little outside his own realm of interest. I would say to friends, "Why aren't you interested in President Kennedy? Glenn Gould? John Diefenbaker?" and arouse no spark. They just weren't. The English have an unconcerned outlook regarding tomorrow, and think that people who hold other attitudes are hysterical, alarmist and rather silly!

A part of England still, as someone has said, is the "paradise of individuality, eccentricity, heresy, anomalies, hobbies and humours", despite all the efforts of the welfare state to achieve standardization. In one of the hotels I stayed in I had a wonderful chance to study the people in action... you just don't speak to your fellow hotel guests in an English hotel unless you are introduced, so as I was alone, I had an uninterrupted opportunity. The hotel where I stayed in Tunbridge Wells was a bit of old England fifty years ago without change. Elderly dowagers sitting around the lounge, each

with her own special chair, which, if the unsuspecting interloper accidentally sat in, the whole affair was regarded as an outrage! The weather was the main topic of conversation each morning at breakfast (I do not know what they would have done without it) and it became so monotonous that one morning I leaned over to an old dear at the next table (without being introduced) and said "You should live in British Columbia, Canada, if you want a good climate." There was no reply, and next morning I was very coldly received in the dining room, and was not even given a morning greeting. However one guest piped up, in a loud voice to the room at large, "I hear it is 99 in New York.... I would hate to live there, wouldn't you?" Many people, sad to say, still class Canada with America.

The pubs I visited have the same nice atmosphere as of old, and there is still the warm welcome and cosy lounge in which to sip your drink and enjoy the rare treat of draft beer and Devonshire cider.

There are, in my opinion, far too many dogs around, especially in the cities and towns, everyone seems to own one, large or small. They are with their owners in the hotels and even on the buses, and it does not add to the cleanliness of the streets. Another thing I found tiresome was that nearly every young mother; has a huge baby carriage similar to that possessed by Her Majesty the Queen, and in most cases also owns a miniature poodle dog complete with jewelled collar...the result being that when two mothers meet for a chat on the

sidewalk, others have to walk in the street to be able to pass by. The occupants of the large vehicles are, I must say, lovely, healthy and beautifully turned out infants.

The shops are very much as they were when we left twenty years or more ago, and the tea shops are most artistically furnished. I visited a cafe in Tunbridge Wells where my 21st birthday dance had been held, and it hadn't changed a particle, even to the pictures on the walls. Downstairs the tea room was

just the same, even to the cakes, which were as delectable as ever; the cream-filled ones were marked "Real Dairy Cream"...and this was certainly true.

The coffee in (Cont'd to Page 3)



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**RE-VISIT OF ENGLAND** (Cont'd from Page 2) England is absolutely without equal as the worst in the world, but the tea is outstandingly good; the imitation hotdogs and hamburgers served in the "Wimpy" chain are far from being the real thing...but then, what's a hamburger compared to Dover sole?

The Navy finally got its revenge last Thursday at the school grounds when a team from H.M.C.S. Stettler defeated the Salt Spring Island girls (yes, girls) at soccer. The price of victory was high, however. Battered shins, swollen toes and sheer exhaustion sent most of the navy boys straight to the ship's sick bay after the game. The harrassed referee was Wilf Clark, a visitor to the island. Linesmen were Jack Smith and John Sturdy, who did a heroic job for about twenty minutes and then just sat on the grass. As usual on this island, when our young people do something really decent, only a handful of spectators turned out to cheer the girls and their sailor opponents. Anyway, Lt-Commander H. Vondette, his officers and men of H.M.C.S. Stettler were not lacking in return hospitality. They took our local Sea Scouts for a six-hour cruise aboard the trim ship on Friday, and the Royal Canadian Legion, which sponsors the Sea Scouts, and the Scout committee are most grateful to the captain and his executive officer, Lt.-Commander Sweeny, who made the outing possible, for the second year in a row. Both officers are leaving Stettler shortly for other appointments, but a crest of the ship, hanging in the Legion hall as a gift, is an affectionate reminder of their kindness.

A couple of weeks ago we asked for the "true" story of how Broom, that lovely, frustrating, flowering menace, was brought to Salt Spring Island. We

have since heard from several people with several versions; leading us to believe that the origin was instigated by more than one person.

The two most common versions are represented by a dispatch from Miss Bea Hamilton and a letter from Mr. Frank Sharpe of Sooke, B.C., a former resident of Central, from 1941 - 1956.

Mr. Sharpe writes: "We noticed in the June 28th issue of Driftwood, a query about the real origin of the broom plant in this part of the world. The story here at Sooke is to the effect that a Capt. W.C. Grant, an officer of the second Dragoon Guards settled here in 1849. While visiting the Sandwich Islands he had received 12 broom seeds from a Scottish official, which he sowed on his place here."

Miss Hamilton writes: "Regarding how the beautiful yellow and gold Broom came to Salt Spring Island, here's a story of true facts and from which the first Broom could have originated here. In 1897, my people came to the Island and one of the little girls, who remembered a Broom bush which stood on either side of the W. H. H. garden gate in Oak Bay, Victoria, B.C. expressed a wish that some Broom could be planted at Dromore. That little girl was Mrs. A. Davis, and Father, (the late W.J.L. Hamilton) immediately sent to Carter's Seeds in England, and eventually there arrived the yellow Broom, the Crimson and Gold, and the Spanish Broom. This grew as all Broom grows - rapidly and cheekily, shooting up everywhere and anywhere, and people all over the Island came and saw - and they wanted some. So seeds and plants went out all over the Island - until now, it is an established weed - beautiful, rampant and loved when it is in bloom, hated when it invades the gardens - noisy when its seeds ripen and pop-pop-pop open like miniature guns, useful if one wants to make wine of the blooms, (cont'd to P. 4)

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**BROOM** (Cont'd from Page 3) and always a lovely, overpowering neighbor if not kept under constant control, which takes some doing!"

**FULFORD NEWS** by Bea Hamilton.

Prancer, C.D. How does that look? But that's what the little dog of Miss V. Salliss can have after his name now. He is now a Companion Dog. Came home from the Victoria Dog Trials with a couple or so cups, and all his ribbons safely behind him, and put up a splendid Obedience show. Prancer went through his first weeks training at the Salt Spring Island Dog Obedience Classes, and is one of the many dogs to have the distinguished C.D. after his name - so if you see C.D. after a dog's name, you'll know there's been much patience and good training between instructors, dogs and owners. . . . .  
 . . . Leaving on Thursday for her home in MacLeans, Sask., is Mrs. E. Walkeden, who has been the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs.

Eric Faure for the past cool supposed-to-be summer months. . . . . The Rev. and Mrs. Tremble, with their son David, and charming daughters, Joan and Nancy, are guests of Captain and Mrs. G. Maude. . . . . It was nice to see Mr. George Martell of Vancouver at St. Mary's Church again on Sunday. Mr. Martell is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. Price, . . . . . The children of St. Mary's Sunday School, and some parents, had a great treat last Monday, July 9th when they were taken on a trip to Royal Oak, where they saw the wonderful performing dogs from the Heatherbell Kennels. And since their return, says Mrs. Dane and Mrs. J. French, Sunday School teachers, the children who have dogs at home, are trying to get their pets to perform a la the trained dogs, at the Kennels. Thirty-three children including a few parents, were present. The children were given refreshments - hot dogs, I believe Mrs. Dane said - (I think it's time those favourite every (cont'd to P. 5)

# SALT SPRING SAGA

"In my mind's eye I saw a procession. . . the gallant Spanish sea captains, watching anxiously as their eudometers tested Salt Spring air for "noxious gases". . . John Copland, quick tempered, imaginative, warm hearted Scot, who grasped the true worth of the penniless, stranded Australians. . . those cheerful, daring men themselves, who took a big chance on very little and won through. . . the Portuguese settlers who cast aside tradition for a wider freedom. . . John Begg, Proprietor, stickler for respectability, who ran a store under rather unusual conditions. . . those settlers of colour, who carried the torch of learning when times were perilous and who won the respect of all men. . . Row, the first "Czar of Salt Spring". . . Fred Leichester, the English aristocrat who enlivened proceedings by playing "a lively jig". . . Joseph Akerman and his wife, by kindness and fortitude set an example in times that were bad. . . John Maxwell, who loathed violence, yet was forced to take strong action. . . Theodore Trage, Michael Gyves and the rest who helped make local history. . . and so many remain unmentioned, though no less worthy. I find them all vital and intensely human characters and interesting as such.

What helped these men and women, of such vastly differing creeds or beliefs, races backgrounds and upbringing, stand as a community during the hardships and heart-breaks of those pioneer years? I have often wondered. It is certain they brought with them a host of conflicting viewpoints, theories and prejudices. The answer would seem to be they were inspired by one belief, the possibilities of a good life on Salt Spring, if not for themselves, for their children and they were united by one bond, a detestation of tyranny in any shape or form."

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**FULFORD NEWS** (Cont'd from Page 4) hour, on the hour, delicacies were called by another name - it's as bad as Grandma's Spotted Dog Pudding - suet pudding with big fat raisins - remember? (Just as delicious as the more modern Hot Dogs.) Anyway, the children had a marvellous time and all feel they owe a vote of thanks to Mr. Eric Faure, who so kindly shouldered the expenses of the treat which took everyone present to the performing dogs. . . . . It was a great time on the opening weekend at Solimar last week when a number of people from all over the Island attended the Western style barbecue at this attractive home of Mrs. Grace Gillson. The large patio was filled with tables, seats, hot grills, a long table loaded with delicious food, and people having a feast and a good time. There is a grill at each corner - hot and ready to sizzle your steak or what have you - and in the centre is a large built in fire place - it is fun, and it's different and you can go barbecuing each week end. Present at the opening were Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Roddis, Mrs. G. Maude, Mrs. W. Hastings, Mrs. A. Davis, Mrs. V. Grant, Captain and Mrs. T.A. Millner, Mr. and Mrs. S. Quinton, Group-Capt. and Mrs. Dipple, Mrs. Weld and Robin Weld of West Vancouver, and Miss D. Anderson and there were others coming and going. . . . . Mr. Claude Hamilton caught an 8 1/2 lb. steelhead salmon last week. He was fishing from his launch the "Big Toot" around Cowichan Bay way.

Representatives of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion met at the Legion Hall on July 5th to finalize plans for their breakfast which will be held on Sunday, July 22nd at the Legion Hall between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. This is a new venture for the auxiliary. The menu will include scrambled eggs, ham, sausages, hot rolls, hotcakes and syrup and good coffee. There will be soft drinks for the youngsters. A charge of \$1.00 per person will be made and "seconds" will be available at no extra charge. Tickets for the breakfast can be purchased in advance at Shell Service, White Elephant Cafe, DeLong's Fernwood Grocery and Turner's Store. There will be draw prizes throughout the hours of the breakfast on advance ticket sales only. The arrangements for the breakfast are in the capable hands (Cont'd to Page 7)

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Sidney Claibourne.

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LEGION BREAKFAST (Cont'd from Page 5) of the auxiliary president, Mrs. W. Jackson. Campers and boaters who find there is little to do here on Sunday mornings are being advised of the breakfast in the hopes that they will patronize the affair, along with residents.

### LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITOR.

"Dear Sir: There are two old British sayings seldom quoted today. "The ploughman and the teacher are equally well educated in old age", and "After death the past becomes the future, as we seek to join our departed ancestors in their search for God."

There is a British school still in use, built about 1814. The wooden window shutters, hinged back into the walls, are still there. That school produced a recent Lieut.-Governor of B.C., and the wartime premier of New Zealand. Another student is the parent of an M.A. from Oxford, teaching English, at present in that city. This latter teacher, who knows only the Oxford version of English, was unable to explain the derivation of the simple word "soldier" to a younger student.

It is a mistake for graduates of British schools to interfere in educational circles in Canada. Britain is an old country which has not yet got rid of the evils inherited before and after the Norman conquest, or to name it properly, 'the second Roman Conquest' which commenced in 1066 and ended in Scotland about 1603.

Canada is a young country inhabited by people of British and other ancestry who came here to acquire the freedoms denied to them in Europe. She is searching for her own standards of education. If she wishes to learn the hard way that is her business. It is a good way to learn and students should think and act for themselves. They should not believe all they are told even if Oxford is the authority.

The old Latin saying "Timeo Danaos et dona ferentes", has now been extended on this side of the Atlantic to include the words, "Romanos - Oxfordanosque", and the old Imperialistic motto, "Dulce et decorum est, pro patria mori" has been destroyed by two world

wars. The world including Canada is searching for a change which will guarantee world peace. We no longer have faith in the teachings of the Pharaohs of Egypt or of any other would-be divine authorities on this earth. (Signed) D.S. Morrison. \* "Timeo Danaos-Romanos Oxfordanosque - et dona ferentes" (I fear the Greeks, Romans, and Oxford-trained English, even when they bring gifts). \* "How sweet and just it is to die for one's native country". The English language in old British is Beurla, the language of the people from Beurbh, which is Copenhagen also called Lochlainn, whence comes "MacLaughlin", 'son of the man from the Baltic city or Danish city'."

"Dear Sir: Possibly a "Johnny Come Lately", like myself, to this fair island should keep quiet and listen, however, it didn't take the powers-to-be long to swat me with a tax bill, which, I figure gives me the right to say my little bit in municipal and school affairs.

This Science Laboratory and Auditorium is a very interesting proposition on which I would like some information. Being a newcomer, I don't know where to go for it so I am taking the liberty of putting a few questions and ideas, the latter mostly evolved from a background of nine years experience on school boards, on paper with the hope that my questions may be answered and my ideas may provoke some discussion.

First of all the Science Laboratory. I consider this necessary, provided only that there is an assurance of a sufficient number of upper grade students to justify its construction. This is a fast travelling age in which we live. It will be faster and if Canada is to keep its place in this march of time then we, as Canadians must provide those educational facilities necessary to train not only Doctors, Scientists, Engineers and such professions but also to provide basic training for technicians as well. We must do this even if the pocketbook takes a beating.

Looking next at the proposed auditorium. Its estimated cost is a fair bit of cash and these days final costs tend to exceed the estimates considerably. The question in my (Cont'd to P. 8)

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LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITOR (Cont'd from Page 7) mind is this. Is this auditorium badly needed or only wanted? If it is considered needed then, specifically, for what purposes will it be required and again specifically, what is the estimated occupancy time per year. Is it considered to be something to replace existing community halls - I think I have seen four of them - or merely to augment them?

One more point. We read that this building will increase our tax rate only one mill (I think I am right on this). Have operating estimates been prepared showing these increased costs? If so, how much do they amount to?

Maybe all this information has been given to the ratepayers. If so, I would like to see it. If not, I think the School Board should, if they have not done so call a meeting at which mine and a host of other questions might be answered. I hope there is enough public interest to justify such a meeting. One more suggestion and I am through - probably it has been done already. The ratepayers should be given the opportunity to vote on the two propositions separately - not as a combined unit. On this basis I think I would "Go For" the Science Room if the number of pupils justified it. Maybe a little of John Diefenbaker's presently unpopular austerity program would be in order for the proposed auditorium-gymnasium. (Signed) J.G. McNiven."

The Ladies of the S.S.I. Golf Club are having an Eclectic Tournament through summer months and

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FERNWOOD NEWS by Doris DeLong. . . . .

Friday the 13th, a traditional day old-time fishermen never leave port, proved a lucky day for David Conover of Wallace Island. On that day he caught a 26.6 pound Spring salmon at Porlier Pass . . . . . A hearty welcome from all Fernwoodites goes out to Mr. & Mrs. P. McMillan and family of Port Alice, Vancouver Island. They arrived here on Saturday to take up residence at their new home on S.S.I. . . . . Mr. & Mrs. D.A. Thompson and children of Aldergrove and Miss Audrey Pringle of Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, have been guests of the (Cont'd To Page 9)

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**FERNWOOD NEWS** (Cont'd from Page 8) S.A. Thompsons the past week. . . . . Mr. & Mrs. Don Grasing & family arrived last week for their annual visit to their island, Hall Island. They will be "Islanders" for six weeks. . . . . Week-end visitors at the home of Mrs. E. Sampson were Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Sampson & family, Mr. Albert Sampson and children Ricky Sampson and Brenda Cook, all of Duncan.

**VESUVIUS NEWS.** . . . . . Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Boyes and family of No. Burnaby are visiting Mrs. Boyes' parents, Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Napper. . . . . The C.W. Cards returned home last Saturday from 12 days in Vancouver and Calgary. Besides visiting their daughter, Doreen, in Calgary, they took in the Stampede. Mr. Card, who attended the first Calgary Stampede in 1912, 50 years ago, did a fine bit of boasting about S.S.I. on a Calgary radio program.

**BABY NEWS.** . . . . . A girl to Mr. & Mrs. (nee Donna Mouat) David Winter on July 16th at Lady Minto Hospital. Weight 7 lbs. 7 oz.

A boy to Mr. & Mrs. (nee Yvonne Mouat) A.J. Bryant on July 12th at Jubilee Hospital, Victoria. Weight 6 lb. 2 oz., named Christopher Laurence.

A boy to Mr. & Mrs. (nee Faye Bennett) H.D. Brackett on July 14th, at Lady Minto Hospital. Weight 7 lb., named Robert David.

A girl to Mr. & Mrs. (nee Josephine Jennens) Robert Reynolds on July 16th at Lady Minto Hospital. Weight 7 lb. 10 oz.

Dr. & Mrs. W.J. O'Donnell and four children, Jim, John, Rory, and Christine from Kelowna are making their annual visit to Salt Spring. The O'Donnells have been coming to the island for many years and stay at Rainbow Beach Camp.

Mrs. Chas. Stone of Seattle, Wash. is visiting Mr. & Mrs. Graham Shove and daughter, Mrs. R. Stone.

The Mahon Hall is closed from the 7th of July to about August 20th because the floor is being varnished and repaired.

**CHURCHES, Sunday, July 22, 1962.**

**ANGLICAN:**

St. Mark's: Evensong - 7:30 p.m.  
 St. George's: - Evensong - 3:00 p.m.  
 St. Mary's: - Matins with Holy Communion - 11:00 am.  
 St. Nicholas - Holy Communion - 9:00 a.m.

**UNITED:** Ganges, 11:00 am., Burgoyne: 2:30 pm.

**ROMAN CATHOLIC:** Our Lady of Grace, Holy Mass, 10:45 am.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP:** Mahon Hall, 11 am.

**JEHOVAH WITNESSES,** Mahon Hall - 2:30 p.m.

**BIBLE CHAPEL:** - Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.  
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Mr. J.M. Evans, Principal of the Salt Spring School, is one of sixty principals meeting at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver for two weeks beginning July 23rd to study The Principal And The Developing Curriculum. His membership in this special course in leadership for School Principals is being sponsored by the Gulf Islands School Board.

Mrs. Annie Rourke of Langford and former resident of S.S.I. is visiting with Mr. & Mrs. V. Stephen.

Miss Marion Browne of Vancouver was the week-end guest of Miss Joan Bidwell, Ganges.

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Russell & family of Torriame, Calif., and Mr. & Mrs. Art Hanna of El Segundo, Calif., were recent visitors of Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Lowe at Lakeridge.

## JUST A WEE BIT OFF THE TOP by Bea Hamilton. . .

The mountains of Salt Spring Island - they are not exactly erupting but they're acting like Robert L. Stevenson's "My Shadow"- "he sometimes shoots up taller like an India rubber ball, and he sometimes gets so little, that there's none of him at all." And all because maps, and men and books can't get together on this lofty subject. For one thing, Mount Bruce is our highest mountain - Not Mt. Tuam as stated in Salt Spring Saga - (page 1, chapter 1). Mt. Bruce tops all mountains at 2,329 ft., according to the report by Rev. F.W. Wilson in his book of 1895. But the map (Salt Spring Lands) has Mt. Bruce at 2400 ft., a difference of 71 ft. since 1895 - so much for

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that shadow. As for Mt. Tuam - it has also taken a jump from Mr. Wilson's 1,972 ft., in 1895, to the map's 1,983 ft. And Mr. Robert's Salt Spring Saga has made it shrink to where there's almost "none of him at all" - he has it down for 1,940 ft! Lively doings up there in the mountain tops, aren't there?

While we are on such an elevating subject, Mt. Erskine is mapped at 1428 ft., Mt. Belcher at 1400ft. and here we go with another shadow! Mt. Maxwell (or Mt. Baynes) was listed at 1,953ft. by Rev. Wilson -and here the map has that old bluff down to a mere 1811 ft!

I haven't finished Mr. Robert's book yet but it's good reading - (outside of his first boo boo re Mt.

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Tuam,) he has taken the old history lightly - and it is easy to read, as far as I have delved into the pages.. it is interesting and the writer has gone straight to the point - and the

print is good--the photos of Salt Spring Island have been evenly divided. The cover, with the old barn and the wagon wheels, showing the turn of the century, and telling the story of pioneer days before the motors came, is a historical masterpiece. This will be a handy little book for visitors browsing amongst the Islands. . and who's going to argue about a little thing like who's who amongst the Mountains?

Here's to the success of the Salt Spring Saga. . .and good luck along the mountain trails to Mr. Roberts.

Mrs. W. Shirley of Pender Island resigned as Secretary of the Inter-Island Joint Council, at a meeting held on Pender Island last Thursday. Pender Is., voicing their disapproval of Galiano's action in not backing up Pender's desire for a ferry from the mainland calling on all the Islands and going to Swartz Bay, expressed a wish to disband the Joint Council. When this was not done, Mrs. Shirley resigned.

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