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July 1

NOTICE

I have this day disposed of the Farmer's Market, together with the good will and effects, to Mr. E. Hodgson, and would request for him a continuance of the liberal patronage extended to me for the past 15 years.

All parties indebted to the Farmer's Market, up to this date, are requested to pay the same to me before August 1st, as all outstanding accounts after that date will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection.

Parties having claims against the Farmer's Market are requested to present the same before August 1st, 1885.

D. HOGGAN

Nanaimo, July 1st '85.

July 1

NORTH GABRIOLA

At the Trustee election Mr. Theodore Le Boeuff was elected School Trustee vice Mr. J.W. Penberthy.

At the school examination the Rolls of Honor were won by John White, Alice Penberthy and Janet Hoggan.

July 29

THE CLAM IN ITS ROCKY HOME

Mr. W.M. Flewett, of the DeCourcey Islands, has furnished the FREE PRESS with a wonderful and rare curiosity in the shape of a clam embedded in a piece of sandstone. The piece has been broken off the sandstone rocks at the water's edge where Mr. Flewett has just completed a substantial wharf.

The clam, which is about 2 inches in length by over an inch in diameter, is embedded in the solid rock and obtained its food by means of a small hole, an eighth of an inch in diameter, through which the salt water would flow into the clam's inner chamber.

The question for experts to decide is how the clam got into the solid rock and lived in its narrow cell. This is not one of the many petrifications found on this coast, but is evidently their natural home and mode of life, for they can be found in the rocks of DeCourcey Island, which is situated about 10 miles south of Nanaimo, in large numbers.

The walls of the cells and passage are worn as smooth as the finest glass.

Any person desirous of inspecting this natural curiosity can do so by calling at this office.

On the Victoria Road several large fires are raging, and it is feared that crops and farm buildings will be destroyed.

On Gabriola Island the fire has spread from a clearing of Mr. Foster's into the woods and travels with great rapidity.

August 1

THE ROCK CLAM CURIO

A number of our local scientists have examined the rock and clam alluded to in our issue of Wednesday. Each of the savants holds a different opinion as to how the clam got into the rock and, after getting in, how he scooped out such a secure home and, after making things comfortable in his rocky fastness, how he managed to subsist.

The clam, about two inches in length by an inch in diameter, was found embedded in the rock and, when taken out, was alive and made delicious clam chowder.

The fact that clams could exist alive in the hard rock for a number of years appears to be a novel one, and we would be pleased to hear from any person who has made this particular branch - which we might

The school is in charge of Miss Sweet [see August 19] and has made excellent progress during the last term.

July 25

HEAVY FIRE

About 9 o'clock yesterday morning a fire quickly assumed large dimensions on the north west end of Gabriola Island in the vicinity of Mr. Josiah Foster's farm. From this city it appeared like a bush fire which, being fanned by a strong north west wind, was running with great rapidity towards the centre of the island.

[see THE ROCK CLAM CURIO, August 1]

July 29

EXTENSIVE BUSH FIRES

The lengthened spell of dry weather has caused a number of extensive fires to spring up all over the country.

On Thursday a large bush fire was raging on the out- skirts of the city, and Mr. G. Ramsay only saved his residence by the most strenuous exertions. New Chinatown also had a narrow escape and was only saved by a fortunate change of wind.

appropriately name "clamnology" - a study, and who can enlighten the public on the mysteries of [living clams in the hard sandstone](#).

August 19

MARRIED

On August 12th, at the residence of the bride's father by the Rev. Cloverdale Watson of New Westminster, the Rev. James A. Wood of Ladner's Landing, to Maggie J., eldest daughter of O.D. Sweet, Esq. of Richmond, New Westminster District, B.C.