

5. MONDAY. [248-117]

Drawing in Cato three loads from across creek & four from stumpy part of other oat field. 7 loads today. Such a day as this we have never seen since we came to Canada with smoke from bush fires. The high wind today has driven them on, we can scarcely see Duncan's barns for smoke & our eyes are painful.

At 4 o'clock it was almost dark the sun being clouded with the dense smoke. Many have been fighting fire to day we have no doubt. No fire about steady.

6. TUESDAY. [249-118]

Drawing in all day 7 loads off 3 acres, big acres of course. but it was a good crop. The wind was not quite so high today, nor the smoke so dense. We expected to hear of yesterday & so we have. Aunt Mary's barn was burned & the contents. They were thrashing in the barn forenoon had to take machine away just in time for it caught fire a few minutes after from sparks. The swamp hole by was burning furiously. Barn insured for \$250. Contents at \$500. I left for there tonight on horseback.

7. WEDNESDAY. [250-115]

At Uncle Jerverson's. what a desolation the fire has made their fences thrown down & partly burned. The swamp nearly all burned down. Aunt Mary's place looks here nothing but ashes for a full barn. The house is lonely without it but it is well that it was saved. Today the fire is quiet being in a sense burned out. I helped to raise a new crib for well (as the are to dig for it) before I left. Plenty of water a comfort & necessity in this present state. The contents of barn were three tons. They got 2 cattle killed on Monday by falling tree.

8. THURSDAY. [251-114]

Ploughing pea stubble all day cooler today. Ground hard and flies bad on horses. Can any impediment be drawn.

Willie had more shod. Got the scraper here from McKee's gate & started to level S. F. in front of house.

I have got a severe cold by some cause or other

9. FRIDAY. [252-113]

Ploughing forenoon threw off load then drawing in afternoon from various creeks & good loads. So the Harvest of 1881 is in the barn. Seed time & harvest shall not cease. We have had a very pleasant harvest dry weather & the labour rendered lighter by the reaper we have succeeded well without a hired man. On the whole we have a very good crop. Cost of reaping 22 acres \$9.50

10. SATURDAY. [253-112]

Ploughing all day a day will finish it now. I don't remember of the flies ever being so bad on the horses as this afternoon but a black fly. Cloudy with a stiff breeze from the south. Willie & Father were picking up in fallow. I wonder if we will get in wheat in time in new land

11. SUNDAY. [254-111] 13 after Trinity.

We were at our S. S. today again had 12 scholars. 4 in my class. Mr Currie had for his text to day II Kings 5<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Naaman the leper. Learn 1<sup>st</sup> Might & position do not exempt us from the ills of life. 2<sup>nd</sup> Great & important events often rise from trivial causes. 3<sup>rd</sup> The importance of the religious training of children. 4<sup>th</sup> True religion will make the possessor a blessing wheresoever his lot may be cast. 5<sup>th</sup> We should not despise information from inferiors. 6<sup>th</sup> Knowledge to be useful must be reduced to practice. Be ye doers of the Word & not hearers only.