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1924

Diary

Port. Elgin, N. H.

E. O. Burgess

Tue. Jan. 1

Kind of stormy. Arthur, Agnes & Norman Sparrow were here. The boys were at the chow at the other place.

Wed. 2

Dull & cold with some snow. Noble was in Port Elgin & at the other places. Rowand was at Uncle Alfred's clover threshing & our own ^{threshing} about 6 ^{or} 8 ^{or} 10 ^{or} 12 ^{or} 14 ^{or} 16 ^{or} 18 ^{or} 20 ^{or} 24 ^{or} 30 ^{or} 36 ^{or} 42 ^{or} 48 ^{or} 54 ^{or} 60 ^{or} 66 ^{or} 72 ^{or} 78 ^{or} 84 ^{or} 90 ^{or} 96 ^{or} 102 ^{or} 108 ^{or} 114 ^{or} 120 ^{or} 126 ^{or} 132 ^{or} 138 ^{or} 144 ^{or} 150 ^{or} 156 ^{or} 162 ^{or} 168 ^{or} 174 ^{or} 180 ^{or} 186 ^{or} 192 ^{or} 198 ^{or} 204 ^{or} 210 ^{or} 216 ^{or} 222 ^{or} 228 ^{or} 234 ^{or} 240 ^{or} 246 ^{or} 252 ^{or} 258 ^{or} 264 ^{or} 270 ^{or} 276 ^{or} 282 ^{or} 288 ^{or} 294 ^{or} 300 ^{or} 306 ^{or} 312 ^{or} 318 ^{or} 324 ^{or} 330 ^{or} 336 ^{or} 342 ^{or} 348 ^{or} 354 ^{or} 360 ^{or} 366 ^{or} 372 ^{or} 378 ^{or} 384 ^{or} 390 ^{or} 396 ^{or} 402 ^{or} 408 ^{or} 414 ^{or} 420 ^{or} 426 ^{or} 432 ^{or} 438 ^{or} 444 ^{or} 450 ^{or} 456 ^{or} 462 ^{or} 468 ^{or} 474 ^{or} 480 ^{or} 486 ^{or} 492 ^{or} 498 ^{or} 504 ^{or} 510 ^{or} 516 ^{or} 522 ^{or} 528 ^{or} 534 ^{or} 540 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January

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Sat. Jan. 5

Dull & cold. Stormy with quite a lot of snow. Noble was all day & Rowand in the morning at the other place. They ~~were~~ doing chores, carpenter work & helping Archie Campbell with the hay. Rowand is hard up with cold.

Sun. 6

Very stormy. Noble walked to the other place to do the chores. He has a cold. No service held at church. Very few there. Lowest temp. we noticed

3° or 10°

It snowed quite a lot. Part of the day calm. Rowand was at the other place. Noble was doing carpenter work on the typewriter.

Mon. 7

Dull & turning milder. Rowand was at the other place. Noble was helping Arthur a little & ~~he~~ Rowand were doing some things in the house. Noble was at an egg-circle meeting at the store.

Wed. 9

Fine & mild. Rowand was in P.E. Noble was at the other place. They were putting ~~implements~~ ^{implements} into the barn. Uncle Alfred brought me the 1st. number of "The Canadian Home Journal" that Bessie Giddes subscribed to for a Christmas present. ~~It~~ ^{is} for me.

Thurs. ¹⁰ 10

Uncle Alfreds got it in their mail-box last night. Uncle Sandy & Hunt Lizzie were here for supper.

Mild. Raining the most of the afternoon. Rowand was at the other place twice. He & Noble were at Uncle Alfreds at night. Noble was in P.E. Archie Campbell got the last of his ^{hay} ^{to-day}.

Fri. 11

Raining last night. Turned pretty cold to-day. Rather stormy. Our boys & Arthur

working in our bush after dinner. We got 134 lbs. of beef from Uncle Alfreds to-day @ 10c per lb. It is a front quarter. Rowand did the chores at the other place & Noble was doing some type writing. Uncle Alfred was here yesterday for a short time.

Sat. 12

Dull & not very cold. Quite a lot of snow fell. Noble was at the other place & Rowand cleaned out the pens here. Part of the afternoon our boys Arthur worked in our bush. Noble has not been very well this week. ^{a little}

Sun. 13

It snowed some & a rather cold wind. Mamma was at church. She got a ride both ways as ^{Rowand} ^{drove} over to do the chores. Noble was at Uncle Alfreds. D. Giddes, Percy Sparrow & Uncle Alfred were here.

January

Mon. Jan. 14

Some snow fell. Noble did the chores at the other place. Rowand was at the bush. In the afternoon they were both working there.

Tue. 15

Drifting & after dinner bright mostly. Turned rather milder. Rowand was at the bush all day. Noble did the chores at the other place & was at a wood-see at J. H. Schwass's. Rowand cleaned the hen-house.

Wed. 16

Rained quite a bit & turned to snow again. Rowand was in P. E. He finished at the dentist. Noble was at the chores at the other place. He was at Uncle Alfred's in the afternoon. George Campbell got a load of hay from the other place. Lewis Coburn's got a baby boy last night. Rowand was doing something work.

Thur. 17

Sometimes bright & snowed some. Turned colder before night. Rowand did the other chores. He, Noble & Arthur were at the bush after dinner. The boys were at Uncle Alfred's at night. B. fed her here in the afternoon. Pretty cold wind. Rowand & Arthur were in the barn ^{saw 4}.

Fri. 18

Snowed some. Bright sometimes. Cold wind. Rowand at the other chores. Our boys & Arthur at the bush after dinner.

January

Sat. 19

Jessie & Norman were here.

Cold. Luits a lot of snow in the afternoon. Noble did the other place chores & cleaned out a pig-pen. Rowand & Arthur at the bush & they & Noble there after dinner. Noble was at Ruyoga at night. About 20 of our logs are cut. 50 logs of ours are cut. Last Monday night Rowand was at Ches. McLean's.

Sun. 20

Stormy. Not as rough as the one on the 6th, but colder. 3° below to night. Noble walked over to the other place. Percy Sparrow was here in the evening. About 25 people at church this morning.

Mon. 21

Stormy. 8° below & 10° below for a few minutes in the forenoon. Stormier than yesterday. Rowand drove to the other place. He was mending & Noble was working with law-books. Arthur & P. Sparrow were here playing ^{croquet} croquette & checkers.

Tue. 22

Stormy. 2° below. Later than when we looked yesterday. 14° About noon. Noble walked to the other place. Rowand was doing odd jobs. J. H. Schwass was here & he & our boys were at Uncle Alfred's.

January

Alfred's, The boys were there in the evening too. Drifted this afternoon & evening about 22' some time.

Wed. 23

It snowed a great deal. Noble was at the other chores in P.E. They were bagging chop &c. The mail-man went past here to-day. Someone told Noble there was thunder, he thinks it was last night.

Thurs. 24

Bright a small part of the day. Noble was in P.E. for chop & he & Roward got a load of logs from the bush. Roward did the other chores. To-day is the first day I have been at the stable since a week ago Tuesday. I had a cold though not bad all the time. We have been getting some aprons, pinafores, bolster slip & towels made & mamma gliced over some clothes & she has been knitting. The wind changed its quarter ^{now} after some of the last few days. Percy, Jessie & Norman & Sparrow were here this evening.

Fri. 25

It snowing & blowing, turned very cold & stormy. Roward did the chores at the other place. He & Noble did some office work & some ~~other~~ other work.

January

Arthur was here for a short time.

Sat. 26

Very stormy, not blowing as much in the afternoon but snowing a lot. 2° below this morning, 12° below before supper. Noble did the other chores & was doing some work with law books. 7° below once in the morning, 3° below 10 P.M.

Sun. 27

Bright the most of the day. The boys were at Uncle Alfred's & ~~Roward~~ was at the other chores. Frosty.

Mon. 28

Dull. Drifting some this morning. Noble was at the other place at the chores. He was working with law books & typewriting. Roward was feeling miserable with cold. I was at the stable & hen-house for the first time since I had day. I was at Uncle Alfred's. Jessie & Norman were away. Uncle Alfred was here. Warmer than yesterday.

Tue. 29

Milder dull. Noble ~~also~~ did the other chores. He & Roward were cleaning clover seed. Roward had a pretty sore finger this morning from ~~the~~ a hammer ^{hitting} his finger on the nail.

when it glanced off a nail he was hammering. Mamma, Rowand & I were at Uncle Alfred's in the evening.

Wed. Jan 30

Mild & dull, misty at first. Noble took the eggs to the store. They dug the sleds out of the snow & chanced clear seeds. Rowand did the other chores. The snow sank down quite a bit.

Thurs.

Thurs. 31

A frost last night. A crust on the snow. Nice & bright this afternoon. Noble took a load of logs to P.E. In the afternoon the boys laid some skids in the top of the field between the house & the creek & brought from the bush 1 load of logs & 1 load of poles.

Some of us were remarking that ^{this} ~~the~~ afternoon was like a March day. A cold wind for a while to-day.

Fri. Feb. 1

Dull & not very cold. Sometimes there was a little gleam of sunshine. The boys went to the other place. Noble took grain from there to P.E. ~~He~~ ~~to~~ get chopped. He took his dinner over with him. Rowand was at Andrew Kir's sale. The boys were at J. H. Schuway's. Uncle Alfred was here.

Sat. Feb. 2

Dull & mild. A little snow fell last night. A little snow & little like ~~rain~~ fine rain fell to-day. Noble took logs to P.E. He & Rowand drove from the bush after dinner.

Sun. 1

Uncle Alfred, Arthur, Georgina, Jessie, Norma, & Percy were here for supper.

Sun. 3

Colder & dull. Mamma & I were at church. We got a ride with Noble as he was going to the chores. Mamma's Uncle Wm. Rowand's son James came here after church. Arthur & P. Sparrow were here. I was at Uncle Alfred's listening to the radio. Rowand has a cold. Mr. Rowand & I got a ride with Noble from this side of the bridge. It still yaws since he was home before.

Mon. 4

A very cold wind especially in the afternoon. Rather stormy. The boys were drawing logs from the bush & skidding them in the afternoon. Noble took Mr. ~~to~~ ~~huddes~~ Rowand to huddes after supper.

Tue. 5

Plot fell. Roads hard to walk on as the snow under the feet was like sand. Rowand was doing some carpenter work. Noble was at Malcolm Esplen's funeral.

February

logs to P.E. & after dinner he & Rowand brought logs home. Arthur ^{was} in the house - night.

Wed. 13

Bright. Noble took logs to P.E. & Rowand was in Southampton after dinner. I was at Uncle Alfred's & Norman Sparrow was here for dinner. Rowand was at a Valentine Social & Noble was at the store at night. Cold.

Thurs. 14

Quite a bit of snow fell in showers part of the morning & last night. Bright in the afternoon. Jessie & Norman were here. Noble was in P.E. with logs. He & Rowand were getting logs home after dinner. Rowand was a short time at Uncle Alfred's.

Blowing & drifting turned bright before dinner. Noble ~~was~~ did the other chores. After dinner he & Rowand brought home a load of logs.

Fri. 15
Sat. 15

Sat. 16

Cold & bright, Noble took logs to P.E. & he & Rowand were ~~going~~ at the bush. Mamma was at Uncle Alfred's. Colin Campbell's cow that we have been feeding ^{has been sold & was taken away on Thursday} ~~this morning~~.

Sun. 17

A cold wind. Bright. Mamma, Rowand & I were at church. Mamma & I got a ride with Noble as he drove over to the other place.

February

Uncle Alfred was here.

Mon. Jan. 18

A cold wind. Bright. Noble took logs to P.E. & the boys drew ^{logs} logs home from the bush. Jessie & Norman were here. They went away on the train from P.E. They expect to start for their home in Manitoba this week. John & Lucius ^{have} Arthur was here but not in the house.

Tue. 19

A very cold wind. It got very high by night. It went down a little & a lot of snow fell in the evening. The boys took logs to P.E. both morning & afternoon. Noble & Arthur in the bush after dinner. He was at Burgoyne & I was at Uncle Alfred's at night.

Wed. 20
Sat. 20

Snowed last night & to-day. Not so cold. The boys were at the bush for logs ^{after} after dinner. Rowand was cleaning pens &c. this morning.

Thurs. 21

Snowing & blowing. Rowand drove to the other place & took the eggs to the store. The roads have some bad drifts on them. He & Noble were working in the barn & Noble was helping Arthur. Rowand was at Uncle Alfred's to-night. Mamma put a border around the quilt we have been making so that it is ready to quilt.

March

Sat. Mar. 1

Snowing a little. Bright partly. Noble was in P.E. for chop, He & Rowand were drawing poles from the bush, &c. Isabel was here. Mamma has not been well yesterday or to-day. I heard a Spring bird to-day.

Sun. 2

A cold wind. Bright part of the day. Snowed a good bit late in the afternoon. Mamma & I were at church. The boys were at Uncle Alfred's.

Mon. 3

Bright mostly. Thawing in the sun. Noble was in P.E. on business. Rowand was drawing poles & logs from the bush, ^{the} Wilson Miller was here to see if we had cattle to sell & the assessor was here. Mamma saw the first crow seen by any of us to-day. The boys saw their 1st. cow to-day. Mrs. James McVie's funeral took place to-day from St. George's to Paisley cemetery.

Tue. 4

Thawing. Rained quite a bit altogether. Thunder & lightning in the evening. Noble was in P.E. for chop & to do some business. He was at the other place to before he went away. Rowand was helping Archibald saw this morning afternoon. Aunt Jennie & Beccie were here for dinner. He was at the other place. Uncle Alfred was here.

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Wed. Mar. 5

Not very cold. Rowand helped Arthur & Noble dump poles home from the bush. Noble's away to the store. I was at Uncle Alfred's. Wilson Miller bought our 3 ^{head} cattle to-day for \$140. Mr. Campbell & E. Giddis was here for a few minutes. Took out a sack of sugar for \$11.⁵⁰

Thurs. 6

Not very cold. Dull mostly. A little bit of snow. Archibald Campbell was here for hay. Noble did the other chores. Rowand took a heifer of "Meadow Maid's" to Wilson Miller's. Noble were drawing poles from the bush. Uncle Alfred was here. I set Irens to-day.

Fri. 7

Pretty stormy part of the day. Over by night. Calder by night. Rowand was at the other chores. He & Noble were doing some work in the house & Noble was at J. H. Schwass's storming some a good bit of the day.

Sat. 8

A little snow last night. Drifting some to-day. Dull. Rowand was working at chores &c. this morning & Noble was at the other place doing chores & John McArthur was getting 2 loads of hay. The boys were trimming tops at the bush this afternoon. Drifting last night. ^{not} This week the boys may have done ^{well} _{not put down.}

Sun. Mar. 9

Mild & dull. A little rain or snow in the afternoon. Mamma was at church, Rowand was at the other chores, Noble was at Uncle Alfred's & Mack Alfred was here.

Mon. 10

Mild & dull. Got windy. Noble was at the other place twice. M. Arthur was getting hay for John. Rowand was doing chores. & after dinner he was at a bar at Burgoyne & put up building for a blacksmith shop. I was at Uncle Alfred's & Arthur was here though not in the house. We made a quilt last week made in strips.

Tues. 11

Dull & mild. Rowand was at the other place. M. Arthur was getting hay. Noble was at Burgoyne helping with the blacksmith shop & was helping Arthur. In the afternoon the boys were at Koppell's sale of mostly Jos. White's farm. They only got 2 or 3 small things. Noble was at Burgoyne.

Wed. 12

Brighter than Sun. A cold wind. The boys were drawing poles home after the chores. They finished them.

I was at Geddes's for tea. Rowand took the butter to the store.

Thurs. 13

Frosty last night. Bright mostly & cold. The boys took the 2 cattle to W. Leon Miller's & got a load of logs home from the bush. They were at Uncle Alfred's. Carl Beach got home yesterday from the Owen Sound hospital.

Fri. 14

7° this morning. Pretty cold. At first dull with a little bit of snow. Bright afterwards. Noble took logs to P.E. They got ^{from St. Thomas} for logs sold this year. After dinner they drew home logs for wood. They were getting grain ready to take to the mill & helped Arthur to set up a new stove. Mamma & I quilted the part flannel quilt yesterday.

Sat. 15

Cold wind. Bright a good bit. Rowand was at Paisley for chop. Noble was helping Arthur at the ~~the~~ bush this afternoon. He got his supper at Uncle Alfred's. I was there to-night. J. N. Schur ^{was} here. Mamma & I quilted a quilt on Thursday. I was at Uncle Alfred's to-night.

Sun. 16

A strong cold wind. Mamma & I were at church & B. was there at night. Uncle Alfred was here the boys were at his place.

Thurs. Dec. 17

Bright mostly & a cold wind. The boys were drawing out manure at the other place. Rowand is away to a St. Patrick's Social to be held in the basement of the church. There have been quite a few men here all together looking at the cattle, looking at the cattle.

Dec. 18

Bright. The boys were drawing out manure at this the place but did not finish were drawing out here the rest of the day. Noble was at Burgoyne.

Wed. 19

Dull mostly. A few flakes of snow. Noble did the other chores & took the eggs & the store. They were drawing out manure. B. has a bad cold. Uncle Alfred was here but not in the house.

Thurs. 20

Bright mostly. Cold wind. The boys were drawing manure out part of the day & got some wood from the bush. Noble was doing some office work. B. feddes was here for dinner & she & I went to Mrs. M. Andrews to the Women's Institute meeting. Thawing.

Thawing & the work.

Fri. 21

Cold wind, Thawing. Dull a good bit. Noble was at John Harbidge's for some

seed oats in exchange for Western ones. He was helping Arthur & c. this afternoon. B. & Mamma were in P. E. this afternoon. Mamma went to see Dr. Wells.

Sat. 22

Thawing Dull mostly. Noble ^{took} grain to P. E. from the other farm for chop. Rowand was with him at the other place. He was at J. H. Schwarz's this morning & after he was cleaning pens, doing jobs & c. I was at Uncle Alfred's. A few buzzards in town.

Sun. 23

Bright & warm. Noble did the other chores. Uncle Alfred was here.

Mon. 24

Bright a good bit. Warm. Noble did the other chores some business & cleaning grain or other seed. He was at J. H. Schwarz's. Spencer McLean ^{Cousin} was here & he & Rowand were sawing wood for J. H. Schwarz. They carried their dinner with them. Arthur was here.

Tue. 25

Bright partly not cold. B. & I were working at Schwarz's. Noble did the other chores, split wood took the boys dinner to them, went to see horses at Geo. Byssis & A. McLean's. Noble is away to Burgoyne, Spencer is away to A. McLean's. B. was at Uncle Alfred's. Sweet Tharver left night.

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Wed. Mar. 26

Dull & colder. A little shower of snow. Noble was helping at Uncle Alfred's & saw wood with the engine this afternoon. He is away to the store to-night to do some business. R. & C. were working at Schwass's. Mamma had a ~~poor~~ night last night. She did not get up to-day till the afternoon & did not eat anything till 7 o'clock or so. ^{to-night} We think that it must be da gripper. I got my ~~Victory~~ Victory Bonds on Friday for \$200 through the mail.

Thur. 27

Thawing. Bright partly. Noble was helping Ed. Spence & J. H. Schwass with Schwass's wood to saw & split it. ^{They} finished it. John took the boys this dinner to-day. They have to cross the bridge at the road to get there. Spence started away for home to-night. Thunder this afternoon. The water is in our cellar this week.

Fri. 28

Bright partly. A cold wind. The boys were sawing wood near the house. R. was setting a saw & c. Noble is not feeling very well. He has a cold. Mamma is quite a bit

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better. Aunt Lizzie was here for supper. A cold wind. Thunder in the afternoon.

Sat. 29

Sun. 30

Not so cold as yesterday. Snowed some in the afternoon. Noble did the other chores. I was at Uncle Alfred's.

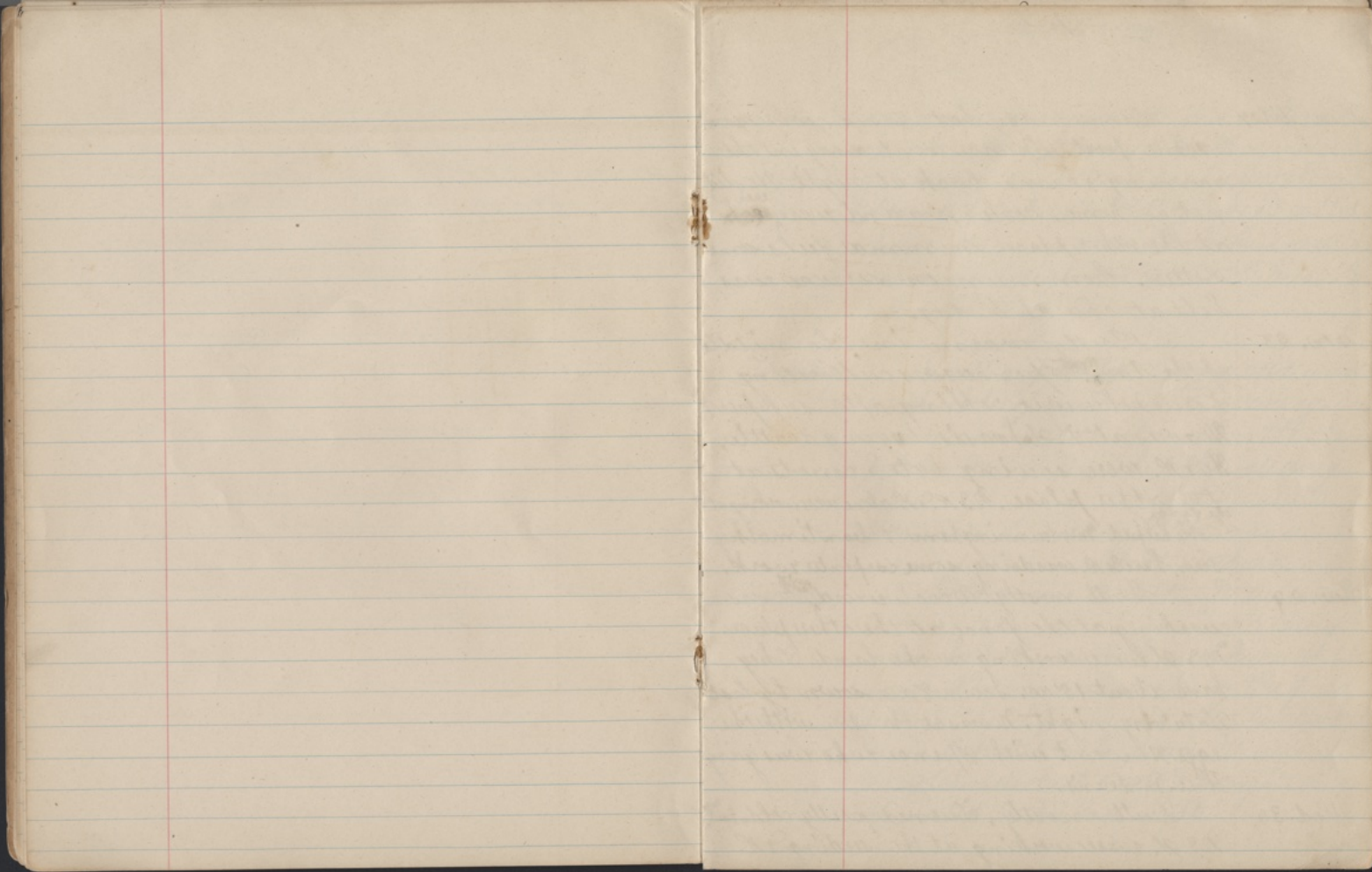
Mon. 31

A cold wind. Bright. R. took a load of articles to the farm on the 4th. from Uncle Alfred's. Noble split some wood & did other things.

Tue.

Tue. April 1

Snowed some. A cold wind but not as cold after. The boys were cleaning grain & Noble is away to Burgoyne Rd to a Social at the church



April

April & May

Sun. April 27

Warmer to-day but turned cooler again. A white frost. Spence went away in the morning & came back at night. He did not go home. Noble & Howard were ~~at~~^{back} at the other place. Mamma feels some better. Communion service was held at church to-day.

Mon. 28

Pretty warm in the middle of the day. ^{from} Spence was cultivating here & Noble was rolling after supper. He was at H. Schwass's buying 3 cattle. He & H. were sowing bats & carrots at the other place. W. & H. alone were working at the fence. Noble helped Mr. Cunningham to clean timothy seed here & H. was doing some carpenter work.

Tue. 29

Dull mostly. A cool wind. W. was working at the fence at the other place. M. & H. were working on the land. They have about 15 ac. sown. 8 ac. sown by last Saturday night. W. was at the store with the eggs. He went with Spence who was going to A. McLean's.

Wed. 30

Dull mostly. Turned pretty cold about ^{evening}. M. & H. were working at the sowing & H.

was working at the fence. I was at the other place with B. Giddes to get some raspberry bushes for them. Spence is away & P. & E. Georgina called here. Mamma was at Arthur's yesterday. Mamma weighs 133 ¹/₄, H. 155, W. 160 ¹/₄ & I weigh 128 ³/₄ lbs.

Thur. May 1

Dull & ~~partly~~^{partly} light. A very cold wind. A sprinkle of rain in the evening. H. was working at the fence on the other place. W. & H. finished the sowing here.

Fri. 2

I was at a Women's M. S. meeting at the manse & I was a few minutes at Arthur's. Cold wind. Bright. W. was working Arthur's team this morning & this afternoon he & H. were both working at the fence. Spence was working the field where the S. fallow is & where buckwheat &c. is expected to be sown. W. was at Schwass last night & to-night. H. & H. visited Arthur last night.

May

Sat. 1st May 3

Not so cold this morning. Dull & Rain
 nearly all afternoon & evening. R was
 working at the fence & doing some work
 in the house. Spence finished working the
 field with the cultivator & helped Arthur on
 the land & to make chaps. Noble did chores
 & other things. N. & Horace were here with 2 yearling
 cattle that we have bought from them.

Sun. 4

^{at night.} Spence went home
 Bright & a cold wind. I was at church
 & S. S. The S. S. opened to day for the season.

Mon. 5

Dull. Started to rain this evening. R. &
 S. were working at the fence & W. went over
 after dinner. He was doing chores & other things
 in the morning. Spence was away for supper
 to night. It is a year ago to night that they
 went to bed.

Tues. 6

A lot of rain fell last night. Rained
 a little to day. Bright partly. W. was doing
 office work & S. ^{was} splitting wood & after
 dinner they went to the bush to cut stakes
 R. & I started to paint the N. W. bedroom
 Arthur & Viola were here to night.

Wed. 7

<sup>A heavy shower
 in the morning.</sup>
 Showers of rain. Sometimes it rained
 heavily. R. was helping Arthur. W. did different
 things & he & I went to P. E. Spence was at
 Arthur & Splenis for posts for the other place &
 was ~~at~~ splitting wood. R. & B. were in P. E. at
 night & W. was at Burgoyne. Mamma went to
 see Dr. ^{at night.} ~~W. G. G.~~ He gave her some more medicine.

Thurs. 8

Windy. A lot of rain this afternoon &
 evening. R. & I were painting & he was doing
 other things. N. & S. were at the bush to get
 stakes & ready & they were doing other things.

Fri. 9

Windy (high cold). Raining a lot in the
 afternoon. R. & S. took the 2 sleds to P. E. that yes.
 Jamieson bought at 75. per lb. They weighed 2 1/2 lbs
 R. & I were papering in the N. W. bedroom after
 dinner. W. & S. were doing different things. W. was
 at Burgoyne twice.

Sat. 10

Not very cold. W. & S. were at the
 other place getting grain ready for chop & doing
 other things. R. & I were papering. W. & S. were at
 Uncle Walter Gowenlocks. They expect to
 move to P. E. on Tuesday.

Sun. 11

Not very cold. Thunder in the afternoon.
 I was at S. S. & church.

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January 1 ^{this morning} -6° Dull & a cold wind. We had our dinner at Geddes's. Howard was here last night & invited for his supper here to night. Noble was at Arthur's for some time & ^{displeased Edward with his} ^{at night} ^{at night} I never saw. Dull. Rd. & I were in P. & E. Noble was at the church at a congregational meeting. He was doing chorus & I don't know what else. Rd. was working at something part of the afternoon. John Scott was here & Alice & Georgina Burgess. We was at the store at night.

Jan. 3rd. Snowed I don't know just how much. Mr. Maxwell helped the boys at the bush.

Jan. 4th. Drifting & snowing some. Not very cold. Rd. was home for dinner.

Jan. 5th. Not cold. Snowed some. Mamma & Noble were at the school-house voting for the municipal elections. Chas. Thomas was elected Reeve of Union. ~~Howard~~ & Dougald ^{at night} ^{of danger}. The boys were doing some odd jobs. Noble was at Baggey's at night.

Jan. 6th. Dull. Temperature was not low but the wind was cold. Noble took Mamma to the Dumblanchurch to vote on the "Church Union" question. The boys were getting gear ready for chop & to kit to Arthur & R. took some wood back with him.

Wed. 7th. Dull. Mild but the wind cold. The boys brought a load of wood from the bush for Rd. to take away with him. & a couple of loads of poles for here. They were working in the bush themselves in the afternoon. We was at the store at night. I was at Arthur's in the afternoon.

Thur. 8th. colder. Dull. Drifted some last night. The boys were cleaning wheat. Noble took a little more than 32 bu. P. & E. sold it to Chappell & Co. for \$5 per bu. We was at J. H. Adams's for boys.

Fri. 9th. Bright in the morning. A little snow fell. Not so cold as yesterday. Uncle Alfyed was here. The boys cleaned wheat & Noble ^{to P. & E. for \$5 per bu. for it. I don't know if it's worth anything else. We went away before night.} ^{at night} ^{at night} Dull mostly. A small shower of snow. 14° last night or rather this morning.

Jan. 10th. W. & Arthur were cutting corn & making ^{chop} with the engine. We had his dinner at ~~the~~ Art's. ~~He~~ ^{was} here last night. The P. & E. Presbyterian church gave a majority of votes in favor of going to the United Church. The result was known yesterday. R. did not come home today.

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Thurs. 11

A very cold wind, bright, 6° ~~XXX~~ this morning. Rd. was home for dinner & supper.

Mon. 12

Bright partly, snowing late this afternoon & evening. 6° Below this morning. Rd. was home for dinner. He & N. went back after to clean the stable. He & N. were getting ready for chopping before dinner. N. & Arthur made chops after dinner.

Tue. 13

N. was at Burgoyne at night.

~~The boys did a little work in the house & was at the store at night.~~ The boys got poles from the bush in the morning & worked in the bush themselves this afternoon.

Wed. 14

A good bit of snow fell last night. Snow fell to-day. Bright partly. Jimmy & Bessie & Bessie Hill were here for dinner. N. was at Burgoyne at night. He was at Arthur's & J. H. Schwann's for a little while.

Thurs. 15

Snowed quite a bit.

The boys did a little work in the house.

Fri. 16

Snowed a lot. Mild. R. & N. took a heifer to Arthur's. One of Ruby's calves, her first one. Arthur gave \$5.00 for it. They helped him some. They were at

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the store this afternoon & N. is there this evening. The results of the voting of the Burgoyne church ~~meeting~~ are 68 in favor of ~~the~~ Church Union & 9 against.

Sat. 17

Bright this morning. 14° This morning. N. & R. were getting poles from the bush in the morning & after dinner they worked at the bush without the team. N. was at Arthur's.

Sun. 18

Snowing & blowing a good bit. Rd. was here for dinner & supper. He & I were at church.

Mon. 19

~~Arthur and I were not in the house~~
18° 17° Below zero this morning. Bright & cold. Arthur was here. He brought a young horse that we are buying from him for \$10. The boys worked at the bush in the afternoon. Noble was at Arthur's.

Tue. 20

2° This morning. Bright partly. Blowing & snowing in the afternoon. N. was at a congregational meeting at the church ^{at} J. H. Schwann's. He & Rd. were getting a load of poles from the bush & drisking the new house, ^{well} Mamma & N. were fixing stove pipes. Rd. went back to the other place before night.

Wed. 21

14° This morning. Very windy & drifting & bright mostly. N. was in P. E. & Southampton

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It is away to an egg circle meeting & night at Burgoyne. More than half a pane of glass in the N.W. bedroom fell out last night onto the snow without being broken unless ~~it was~~ two corners ^{were} broken off. The pane was cracked right across before. ^{It was not broken for 2 days} put a hard frost last night but colder to night. No high wind. Stormy a good bit of the day. Bright partly. R. was home for dinner. Arthur was here but not in the house. N. was moved to be auditor of the church books at the congregational meeting. Donald A. Cameron son of J. M. Cameron of P. E. died very suddenly at Toronto on the 2nd of this month.

Thurs. 22

Bright & cold. 5° Below zero this morning. Arthur got a heifer from us to day. He paid \$40 for her. The boys were at the bush for the afternoon.

Fri. 23

Dull & cold but turned mild. 9° This morning. Rain in the air to night. The boys got poles from the bush after dinner & had the colt hitched up in the morning & N. was doing some other work. A total eclipse of the sun occurred this morning. It got quite dark here a little after nine ^{o'clock} but as it ^{was} cloudy we did not see the sun. Mamma finished

Sat. 24

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a scarf for me to night. It is blue bell & white color. She has given it to me for a Xmas present. N. gave me a book "Lana & Doon", R.

Oliver Hill an apron, B. Giddis & car do with a picture & vers on it. It is to hang up. Also B. a cup & saucer, H. Christie a handkerchief, Jessie Sparrow do., & E. Christie do.

Sun. 25

Mild. Bright mostly. R. was here for dinner & supper. I was at church. Arthur was here.

Mon. 26

Cold. Snowed a good bit. Snowing. The boys did work at the barn & were in the house part of the time. Arthur was here, N. was at Burgoyne.

Tue. 27

Very cold. 16° Below zero this morning & 26° below to night. A cold wind to day. The boys were in the house part of the day. N. was at Arthur's. Arthur was here.

Wed. 28

Cold. Bright. 20° Below zero this morning. ^{The wind in the night} N. did some carpenter work & N. did some work in the stable. ^{at barn} They were in the house part of the afternoon. Arthur was here.

Thurs. 29

Not so cold to day. Zero this morning. Yesterday morning at Paisley it was 30° below

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zero. The boys drew poles home from the bush. Aunt Lizzie was here for dinner. I was at Arthur's.

Fri. 30

Snowing & blowing quite a bit of the day. The boys finished drawing home poles. W. saw 2 crows this week.

Sat. 31

A high wind, very high part of the day. Stormy part of the day. Mild for ^{part} of the day. W. was at Burgoyne in the afternoon & he was at Arthur's & was doing different things. R. took the metal part of the ^{main} pipe out & thawed it. The water pipes to the cistern are frozen so that only a little water can run through them. There is a little water in the cistern. We have been melting snow for a while except when we get some water to run off the ^{roof}.

Sun. Feb. 1

Cold & bright & clear at church. R. was here for dinner. Arthur was here. He does not very often come into the house.

Mon. 2

Bright. Not so cold as yesterday. 5° This morning. The boys haggled up grain at the other & brought it home. ^{Arthur} W. was doing carpenter work & R. helped Arthur ^{all day}. In the afternoon. He was here in the house to day.

Tue. 3

10° Below zero. A heavy bright sun till noon or sometime in the afternoon & then dull. Cold. W. took a load of dry wood to P. E. & H. Stevenson. R. did not come home.

Wed. 4

This morning. Mild & dull. W. took a ^{load} of a sprinkled of snow last night.

of wood to P. E. & another man. He got \$⁴ 50 for it a cord. R. helped Arthur after dinner. Maxwell's got some hay from us at the other barn this week & they got some a while ago.

Thur. 5

Mild. A little rain in the morning. Pretty dull. The boys unloaded straw at Arthur's off our sleigh & put hay on & took it to P. E. & J. Cassidy. Uncle Alfred was here you die. W. was at Arthur's & was at W. Schwaiss.

Fri. 6

Mild & bright. W. took another load of timothy hay to P. E. & R. took chop over to the other place & for evening. W. got 9⁰⁰ a ton for the hay. A mist this morning.

Sat. 7

Bright mostly. Quite warm. 38° E. night. R. brought grain over to get chipped. The boys put up the storm window where the pane of glass fell out & W. did other things. More mist this morning than yesterday.

Sun. 8

Bright mostly. Chawing. R. was here for dinner & supper & Uncle Alfred for supper. I was at church.

Mon. 9

Windy. Rain quite a bit. Water has come on to our cellar floor. Noble carried some wood into the woodshed. Helped Arthur to make chop. Mary Jane Espler died on Saturday & was buried to day at Burgoyne.

Tue. 10

Colder. Dull. R. was here for dinner. R.

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did not feel very well. W. was carrying in wood & doing other things. He was at Arthur's.

Wed. 11.

Colder. Dull. Snowed some. W. was working in the barn. Uncle Alfred was here. The mama & I finished quilting a quilt we started & quilt yesterday.

Thurs. 12.

Cold. Bright mostly. 15° this morning. R. was here for dinner. He & W. were working in the barn. I was at Arthur's.

~~Thu. 12~~

Cold. Bright quite a bit. Snowed some last night & today. R. walked over before dinner & back again at night. They were doing bush work this afternoon. W. was helping Arthur with a heifer that he brought from us for sale. He has a few quarters of beef for the boys.

Thurs. 13

Cold. The boys were working in the barn. I was at Arthur's. The horse Paul had had a cold for some days.

Fri. 14

A cold wind. Bright mostly. W. took chop to the other place. He & R. cut & hung up the meat. Uncle Alfred was here. Paul the horse has had a cold for some days.

Sat. 15

Not cold in the morning but a rather cold wind in the afternoon. R. was here for dinner & supper. W. was at Arthur's & Uncle A. was here. I was at church.

Mon. 16

Snow fell quite a bit of the day. Not cold.

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R. took a load of wood to P. & E. to the Baptist church. W. got the horse shed & was at the barn & stable working. Ethel & Gusti got home a week ago Saturday & went back to the Stratford hospital today to either have an operation on her tonsils or go on training for a nurse till she is able for the purpose. She was recuperating at home after a wattle of tonsils. R. was at Arthur's. Boys are selling at 7 1/2% per cent. The price has gone down, in price. The boys loaded the wood onto the sleigh.

Tue. 17

Bright partly & snowed part of the afternoon. Colder. W. took a load of wood to P. & E. to the Baptist man see R. was at W. Hill's side. He bought a few things. I came out to W. The boys loaded wood onto the sleigh.

Wed. 18

Cold. Bright partly. W. took a load of wood to P. & E. to the Baptist man. W. took the eggs to the store put wood on the sleigh & did other things. R. took clover seed to Arthur's & send away & get cleaned. I was at Giddis's. M. & B. J. pull bought 2 heifers for 100 & 120 & a yearling & to be paid (Mr. Long) W. sell. I was at Arthur's helping with the boys put wood on the sleigh.

Thurs. 19

Cold. Dull a good bit. The boys took the cattle to P. & E. Viola was here. Snowed quite a bit last night. Mild at first today.

Fri. 20

Snowed some when turned mild. R. took a load of big blocks of wood to P. & E. to the Baptist

mans. Mr & W. were cutting logs after dinner.

Sat. 21

Rained quite a bit this morning & turned colder. W. did not come home. B. helped Art haul. Misty a good bit of the afternoon. Trying to - night.

Sun. 22

Rained a good bit in the afternoon but it did not feel very warm. There was to be service this afternoon when Mr. Gallagher was to preach. W. was home for dinner & supper. The rain was paying ^{off} ^{at} ^{last}.

Mon. 23

A good bit of rain fell. Now the most of the afternoon. R. fixed the waste pipe from the ~~side of~~ sink, & Edmund pers helped with quilt. Mr. W. was home this afternoon. He did some bushwork on the road home. R. is away to bed till to - night. W. came across the field & went back by the fence.

Tue. 24

16th this morning. Dull. Turned rather mild. R. was helping Arthur & after dinner he & W. were doing bushwork.

Wed. 25

Misty. Drizzling a good bit. W. was cleaning grass seed. B. has a sole hand. A piece of thorn was in it. Arthur was here.

Thurs. 12

W. split wood at the other place & helped Art haul R. helped A. all day. ^{right or not} I don't know whether the weather is down

Fri. 13

Dull. Turned cold & windy. Some snow after dinner. W. was at P. O. & doing other things R. was helping A. & helped Ed. He was to saw wood with the buzz saw; Mamma was at Art's.

Sat. 14

Blowing & snowing?

Sun. 15

Warm? W. was here for dinner & supper.

Mon. 16

" Rowena was clipping the cattle & W. was in P. O. for salt. Mamma saw a robin

Tue. 17

Warm. Sabina was here for a short time. Art & J. H. Schwass were ^{with} but not in the house. W. was not home. He was at King's sale. R. was putting tin plates on the co. etc. ^{and doing other things}

Wed. 18

Warm but turned colder. A few drops of rain fell. Dull mostly. Saw boys, A. & Ed. J. W. Schwass sawed our poles. W. was at the store.

Thurs. 19

Rain, snow & a high wind last night. Stormy at first. Not very cold. R. was cleaning pens &c. He & W. took the sleigh to the other place & brought grain back & chop. W. got a sack of sugar for ~~7~~ at Burgoyne.

Tue. Mar. 20

Bright, dull before night. The boys went to help A. to saw wood but the engine needed repairing. N. & R. split & piled wood at home. R. went to a box social at Mr. S. Klugens.

Wed. 21

Very windy. Some rain this morning. The boys helped A. to saw wood after dinner & did other things before.

Thurs. 22

A few flakes of snow. Bright (partly). N. was home for dinner & supper.

Mon. 23

Bright & turned dull. A cold wind after dinner. A few flakes of snow in the ^{evening} last night.

Tue. 24

N. was splitting wood & R. was helping A. Warm. Little bit of rain in night. N. was splitting wood & took back chips with him. R. was splitting wood & helping Arthur.

Wed. 25

Fine & was m. The boys were in Southampton at Messrs. Schuess. R. got the title of life insurance agent was here.

Thurs. 26

Turned very warm. Windy. Arthur & storm about midnight. R. took N. to Christa's. Unkel Alfred & Jack were here for supper. N. was splitting wood & was not for the long

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to bed. But some of the morning. The boys were in getting 4, 2 year old cattle from Herman Schuess.

Sat. 28

They were splitting & piling wood this morning. Bright. The wind turned pretty cold by night. N. was splitting wood & R. cleaning pens. Will General

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was here for hay & Bob Maxwell at the other barn for some. The boys were cleaning grain. John Campbell was here for timothy seed for some. Will called for apples. N. was cleaning seed a while ago. J. Campbell did not take any.

Sun. 29

A cold wind. Bright. N. was here for dinner & supper. I was at church.

Mon. 30

A pretty cold wind. N. was at Mrs. Klugens (Mrs. Jas. Ferguson's mother) funeral. The boys were cleaning grain & picking over rotten turnips &c. I stayed at home. I was there in the house. N. & R. were at Manne Faust's.

Tue. 31

A cold wind. Bright. Arthur & Ulla had a little boy last night but he did not live. I was at A. R. did some of his chores. R. & N. were cleaning grain.

Wed. April 1

A cold wind. R. went to the other place to R. R. ploughed. R. brought home a new cow that I brought from Menno Faust for \$4. Edmund & Dennis & Jimmy brought Manning home to night. Edal had her tonsils & adenoids removed a while ago while she was at the hospital. She was home for a week after & returned to the hospital on Friday.

Thurs. 2

Thomas, R. & Arthur killed one of our pigs & R. ploughed at the other place after dinner & cut the meadow up at night. It weighed 171 3/4 lbs dressed. C. Schuess was here.

April

Fri. 3 not very cold. The boys ploughed & W. was working at a fence. Maxima was at W. B. & ^{W.} were here.

Sat. 4 A pretty cold wind. The boys ploughed at the other place & W. went to P. E. They were changing a steer at the other place that got out of the harness out. Mr. Maxwell was working at the other place at a fence the last 2 days and this afternoon.

Sun. 5 A cold wind. Bright. I was at church. W. was here for dinner & supper.

Mon. 6 B. A cold wind. Bright. ^{and part last night} The boys were ploughing the field at the South side of the front lane. I was at W. R. was away to Geddes to night but was not in the

Tue. 7 Turned warmer. Dull a good bit. The boys were ploughing. W. is stopping at home to night. Mrs. Maxima is to do his chores.

Wed. 8 Bright. Warmer in the afternoon than the morning. The boys ploughed. They used jack part of the time. W. went to the other place after supper & set after the cattle & to the store. George Maxwell was here for supper. W. brought 2 loads of wood from the bush. I was at W.

Thurs. 9 Warm. Dull partly. The boys finished ploughing, cleaned grain & W. sowed grass seed & R. cut Parli hooft. I sowed some radishes lettuce & planted ^{seed} onions.

April

Fri. April 10 Bright mostly. A cold wind. W. was disking the ~~the~~ field E. of the front lane. W. was cleaning grain. A. was here but not in the house. Mr. Streshan was here. I was at Lyness for eggs.

Sat. 11

Sun. 12 A cold wind. A shower of snow. This is Easter Sunday. I was at church. Alice came home with me. We were at Arthur's. W. was here for dinner & supper.

Letters Received

Jan. - Ada R. - Card
 " 20 - Alice B. Letter
 " 29 - " " " " " " " "
 Feb. 3 - Olive Hill " " " " " " " "
 Mar. 7 - Harold Burgess " " " " " " " "
 " 10 - Alice " " " " " " " "
 May 19 - " " " " " " " "
 " 22 - " " " " " " " "
 July 11 - E. Christie " " " " " " " "
 Aug. 18 - Mrs. Colham " " " " " " " "
 Sept. 9 - Alice B. " " " " " " " "
 " 10 - Rowland " Card, Toronto
 " 11 - Virginia " Letter, Yellow, A. Lock.
 " 11 - Harold " " England

Sept. 22 - B. Hill letter
 Oct. Alice B. "
 Dec. Aunt Minnie Card
 " Miss Colham "
 " Olive Hill "
 " June 1926 Vera D. "

Letters Sent

Jan. Jessie Sparrow, letter .03
 Helen B. & Olive Hill 21 " .03
 Feb. 12 - Alice B. " " .03
 " 14 - " " " " .03
 " 11 - Alice " " " .03
 April 8 - Fred " " " .03
 " 10 - Ethel Christie " " .03
 " 23 - Mrs. Burgess Card .02
 April 27 - B. Hill Letter Ok. " .03
 May 15 - E. Christie Letter .03
 June 12 - H. Burgess " .03
 Aug. 11 - B. Hill Card .02
 " 18 - John Brown Lock " .02
 " 28 - Jessie Sparrow Letter .03
 Sept. 3 - M. Colham " .03
 " 7 - Alice Burgess " "

Sept. 25 - Alice Burgess letter Postman
 Oct. 15 - Virginia " " Yellow Lock
 " 28 - Ada R. " " Liverpool
 " 29 - E. Christie Hartford
 Nov. 11 - " " " " " " " "
 " 21 - B. Hill & E. Christie letter
 Nov. 26 - Mrs. Hill ps
 Dec. 15 - H. Burgess
 " 17 - about " " Children's Hospital
 \$10.00 inv.
 (insurance)
 " 17 - Mrs. Burgess sub. Am. for 60¢ me
 " 23 - B. Hill card
 " Eva M. L.
 " J. Sparrow & Mrs. Hill's record
 " 40 - Mrs. Burgess
 " " Burgess handwriting " "
 " Ada R. " " "
 " 24 - May H. " " "
 " Mrs. Corrie " "

