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Have been cutting wood in the woods to day with Jim's help.

The weather has been quite cold with some wind and occasional snow flurries.

Have still a gracious assurance of acceptance, and am happy in His love.

His gentle His presence makes my Paradise and where He is is heaven.

Am looking forward to greater victories, through His grace.

January

WEDNESDAY 2

1895

fine and I
 have been work-
 ing out in the
 woods most of
 the time to
 day. I went
 out for wood
 about noon to
 take my mother
 to a visiting par-
 ty at Bro Cook-
 mans. Went out
 again this eve-
 ning after her
 taking my wife
 with me.

We went to hear
 Mr Sexton lecture
 on sleep and dream
 while in Dams.

He seems a very
 learned man, &
 unusually capable
 as a lecturer.

January

THURSDAY 3

1895

Worked this
 forenoon, at
 sundry jobs ar-
 round the farm
 and house.

This afternoon
~~we~~ we went up
 to my uncle's at
 Clarke Matthews,
 there being a
 family gather-
 ing there in
 honor of uncle
 Caleb Matthews
 & wife Emily
 arrived from
 Chicago where
 they live.

We had a
 very pleasant
 visit together
 there.

Matthews
 Adol.

January

FRIDAY 4

1895

Snow fell last night; but, only in a moderate quantity, so sleighing has not come yet.

Got up a load of wood for fuel this forenoon, also one for ourselves.

Went up to the Lewis Valley Mills this afternoon, for chips and flour, also corn & oat-meal.

The weather has become exceedingly cold, being hard weather to night, and likely to be a good deal more by morning.

January

SATURDAY 5

1895

Have had a nice party with Miss Rachel's George, John and Clarke Matting with their families to be dinner with us. It was mostly in honor of the machine loan. Mrs. Lides is in state of Michigan and does not visit us, only about once in four or five years.

Had a nice visit with our relatives, & could not but think, how unlikely we are all to meet again in this special position.

January

SUNDAY 6

1895

Have remained
at home to
day, owing to
pain this morn-
ing and the
presence of my
wreck and
stunt from
Michigan.

It has been
raining most
the time to day
however and
we were glad to
have remained at
home.

Have been blessed
with the presence
of the Holy Spirit
and the devotion
of the day.

His presence makes
my paradise and when
He is in heaven.

January

MONDAY 7

1895

Went down
to see Addison
Cattick this morn-
ing about help
and we killed a
squirrel in
getting him to
help this after-
noon, so we have
at last got our
hog killing done.

The weather
has moderated
very much, and
strange to say
the snow has
nearly all gone.
A considerable
quantity of rain
has fallen
since yesterday
morning.

According to ap-
pointment my
mother, together
with Maggie and
I went out to
my uncle George
Matthew's for our
last family din-
ner before the
departure of
uncle Caleb
Matthews who you
will see is
help for Michigan
to-morrow.

We had a pleasant
gathering. There were
present Uncle Holmes
& wife, Uncle John &
wife, Clark & wife,
Healy Matthews & wife,
Mrs. Vail & two daughters
besides a number of
others. A good cup of coffee
was taken before breaking up.

According to prom-
ise I took George
out to Townsend
center to day.

The weather
was rather cold
but our ride
was not a very
unpleasant one.

Got to R. Temple
in time for din-
ner, and after
a two hours
visit I started
back.

The roads are
very good just
now, but snow
is about all
gone, some
ice remains
however.

Owing to a continuous rain to day which by the way has partly frozen into ice as it came, I have been working inside most of the time, at chores &c.

Look, I'll be up to the blacksmith shop for a set of horse-shoes. I have been rather under the weather with a severe cold, and am not improving any apparently. To night

Have been afflicted by a very severe cold lately. ~~Have~~ To help along, do not have time to doctor it up very much.

Got up some wood for ourselves and for Fred's this afternoon. He is still unable to leave the house owing to the inflammatory Rheumatism &c.

Maggie and I went over to our neighbour, Johnie Macris this evening for a visit. Had a pleasant time.

The weather is still stormy and winter is here in earnest. I have been getting ready for drawing logs most of the time to day.

I thought to have got started to day but failed.

Look my aunt up to Uncle John this afternoon she having completed her journey with us for the present.

Heard this evening of the death of Levi Loupkins, an old neighbor and friend.

Went out to Dover this forenoon after some necessities, taking my mother with me.

Got home for dinner and this afternoon I have been getting up wood. Succeeded in getting up three cords.

Shipping is very good just now and we want to improve it as much as possible, in different ways.

Our old resident Mr. Levi Loupkins died recently - yesterday I think.

My old friend
G. W. Seamon stayed
over night with
us last night.

Have been bother-
ed with a cold
and sore throat
lately and did
not work much
this forenoon on ac-
count of it.

Got in three
hickory logs
to the mill this
afternoon for
my uncle George
Matthews, this
afternoon, these
being the first.

Sleighing is very
good, just now
and many are
improving it.

Got up a load
of wood for Auld's
this morning, and
took another hickory
saw-log down to
the mill before
noon, Had Mrs. J.
Longen and Henry
Cunningham's father
to dinner. Had
a pleasant vis-
it with them
but it kept me
from getting a
saw log to the
mill. Got in
two or day low
even making
five or all at
for.

We are still hav-
ing fine winter
weather, & good
sleeping.

January

FRIDAY 18

1895

Have been getting in logs for day as usual. Got in four more, making nine so far.

Went out to Dover this evening taking my nephews with me. Had a disagreeable ride both out and back owing to a terrific snow and wind storm from the North East.

Called at our ministers for a while and from there went to hear the Rev Mr. May, at S.S. Convention in the Presbyterian Church.

January

SATURDAY 19

1895

Jim and I have been working in the woods for day getting some more logs ready to draw and some more wood cut as well.

The weather has been quite cold since the snow storm of last night. Found it almost too cold to work today.

It seems likely to have cold weather and plenty of sleighing for some time to come.

January

SUNDAY 20

1895

Went out to church this morning as is our custom, taking my mother with me. Sent George and Bertie out this evening.

Our firester's lodge was out in full force this morning to our church.

Bro. Cookman preached to them an excellent discourse, "How a widow feeds three, and the greatest of these is charity". He spoke very highly of the object of the Society.

January

MONDAY 21

1895

Rain came east night, and has been falling at times to day.

I have been to the saw-mill a couple of times taking two logs each time. Had to change my clothes twice as one of the results.

It has some appearance of a January thaw. The snow has gone off very fast to day any way. Last night a very strong N.W. wind is blowing.

January

TUESDAY 22

1895

I went out to
Dover this morn-
ing in time
for the seven
o'clock train.
My nephew George
Cunningham
started for home
by that train.

We had to face
a terrific snow
and wind storm
nearly the whole
of the way. Did
not get there in time
for the train however.

Called this morn-
ing at Mrs. Cook's
house to see my
old friend Mr. Bann
of the British Col-
umbian Conference.
Found him in bed,
but talked to him some.

January

WEDNESDAY 23

1895

We have had
a very stormy
and disagree-
able day. Wind
has been blowing
almost a hur-
ricane from
the West.

I have been
drawing logs
down to the
saw mill, as
usual. Have
only succeeded
in getting three
drawn to day.
They were all
large ones how-
ever.

Has seem likely
to stay for the
time the weather of
the first part of
Winter.

The very cold and disagreeable weather still continues. Have had some snow & wind squalls to day.

I have been working away at the saw-logs to day as usual. Have nearly finished drawing the logs that are cut & ready.

Intend to cut a few more as soon as possible however, and to get them drawn before winter closes here.

Took a couple of saw-logs down to the mill this forenoon. These two make twelve by four in all so far. Have only one more ready.

I went out to Glover this afternoon with a load of hay which was sold to Henry Huffman. Found the road to Glover much better than I expected.

The East-snow storm is raging to night.

Having prom-
ised to take
out a load of
hay to Bro Cook -
place to day.
fine & I got one
on the sleighs
ready but owing
to a terrifi-
cally snow and
wind storm
that has been
raging all day
was compelled
to give up go-
ing as I had
intended.

The pile roads are
drifted terribly I
am sure.

Cannot help think-
ing of the sufferings
of the poor in large
cities during such
storms as this.

On account
of the terrific
snow storm which
has prevailed
yesterday and
to day including
last night &
we did not get
to church to
day as we
desired. Have
done what we
could to improve the
precious Sab-
bath however
and have felt
that it was
good to wait
upon the Lord
even in the
seclusion of
home. He meets
us everywhere.

I have been digging a road through the snow-banks to day, in order to get out to the road with a load of hay for our minister. Hoped to have got through by noon, but found it impossible for it took until night. Hoped however to get out to-morrow. Had to dig about half the way to the road in some places about five feet deep. Jim helped me this afternoon.

After getting through with our morning chores I went out the caulk through the snow drifts successfully with a load of hay for our minister. Got through with it all right and found them waiting for it.

Am so thankful to find that my Heavenly Father opens up ^{my way} any day to day for me. This is according to promise. Surely there is not a man that should be the son of man that has done

Worked awhile this forenoon at repairing or making a new collar for the near bob-sleigh have broken it last night.

Had my friend W. J. Carpenter & family with me minutes Rev. Am. C. Cookman & wife. Of course we had a good visit with our kind friends.

Having deer last night for dinner in honor of their visit.

Weather still cold with some falling snow.

Have busy at repairing the roller of my bob-sleigh most of the time today. Succeeded in getting it done towards night. Jim and I got a load of hay on the sleigh ready to take out to town in the morning.

Have adopted the plan of loading up hay after school in order not to keep Jim away from school for that purpose.

The weather still keeps cold and windy.

Took my load
of hay out to
Dover this mor-
ning and left
it at Mr. Ham-
ilton's. Had to
wait along time
to help take off
the load of hay.
Had dinner at
Bro. Cookman's
and a pleas-
ant visit as
well.

Found the
plighting much
improved since
I went out
with the last
load.

Have been rather
unwell to day
from a sort of
illness.

Have been busy
with Jim's help
at cutting down
some bass-wood
trees, for saw
logs. We have
cut down some
three or four trees
and got about
five logs cut
ready for the
mill.

The weather
is so cold that
Jim could scarce-
ly keep warm
working. Did
not make a
very good day's
work as a con-
sequence.

Did not go out to church this morning, there being remarkably melting at Walsh for day.

Maggie and I went out this evening however and heard Bro-Cookman,

The weather is still very cold though not below zero.

Have not been without some of the benefits of the Sabbath though not privileged to attend morning service as usual.

Spent the forenoon in making some repairs on hay rack besides doing some other chores.

Went out to the woods this afternoon to work at cutting some saw-logs. Saw a edged tree. Went back to the little barn this evening, and put in a load of hay for horse in the morning. My old friend Mr. Leonard came this evening. The weather is very cold these days.

I went out to blower with another load of hay to day.

This time I took it to our minister being the third one for him. Had dinner with them at the parsonage.

There was two funerals in the village to day. One was Alex. Petras and the other was Mrs John Stume. A son of William Hill had died this morning.

The weather continues very cold, thermometer stood at thirteen degrees below zero this morning, the coldest yet for the season.

I have been working in the woods most of the time to day, am cutting bass-wood logs now. Have succeeded in getting nine ready to draw. It would take us many more before I quit. Am so thankful for the great mercy and goodness of God to me.

Have had a very rough cold day. The wind being from the North East. The thermometer was at thirteen degrees below zero this morning the lowest of the season so far.

Have been cutting basswood trees into logs to day notwithstanding the extreme cold.

Got five more logs ready for the mill to day.

This was the day for Roman's Missionary Convention. Garrison's own folks could not go on account of the extreme cold.

A terrible wind and snow storm has been raging for some fourteen hours, from the North and North West, and still continues this evening.

The thermometer stands below zero.

I have not been prevented, gone working in the woods however; and, have succeeded in getting two or three cords cut ready to file home. Have not felt the cold so very much, although so extreme.

I had a visit from my uncle Clarke Matthews to day. He finally bought an oak tree, agreeing to give me fourteen dollars if ^{not} stood at the best, and fifteen if ^{not} stood. It has been a terribly stormy day, the snow has been very much drifted.

We were out of wood, and I had to get up ~~some~~ ^{some} ~~before~~ ^{before} Sunday.

On account of the snow blockade resulting from the terrific snow and wind storm of yesterday we could not get out to see usual church service this morning.

Have been enjoying the blessed Sabbath at home however, which is no small privilege sometimes. He met with us even at home, in our devotion, sometimes.

Spent the forenoon in trying to dig snow in our lane in order to get to our road. Got discouraged however and opened a road across the flat in the field by Mr. Briden instead.

Took a couple of loads bass-wood cogs to the saw-mill this afternoon, being the first of this kind.

Have been re-joining in my services to Day. In this great salvation.

Took my wife and mother up to Linnco today, having some due-bills to trade out at the store &c.

We had dinner at my cousin's Mrs. Harris.

Went to see George Linnco about the job of delivery in the spring.

The general apt. Mr. Mackay wants us to take the job on a percentage this year. Have not decided together as yet.

Worked this forenoon at some odd jobs around the house, besides getting up a load of wood for ourselves.

Took a couple of bass-wood logs down to the saw-mill this afternoon and after unloading them I loaded up plank and took them out to my uncle George at Port Hope. Did not get home this evening until after seven o'clock.

Got up wood for Fred this forenoon.

This afternoon I went down to the saw-mill with a couple of bass-wood logs. After getting them unloaded I loaded up a load of plank &c and took it to Dovee delivering at my uncle George's according to contract.

The weather is rather nice just now.

Brought a large cotton-seed-oil barrel home to night intending to make it into a cistern.

I worked at getting up wood this forenoon; but, this afternoon took a couple of bass-wood logs, down to the saw-mill. After unloading the cattle I got see a load of lumber for my uncle & took it out to Port Dover. This is the last of what was cut ready for drawing. Got through all right, though the sleighing is getting quite poor in places. Brought home a couple of my cousins with me on the bob, sleighs

Owing to the the help of my boy, have been able to use the cross-cut-saw to day. He cut up an old basswood tree this forenoon but only got one good saw-log; the balance was wood. This afternoon we cut down an old litchy tree & West of the old barn or nearly. Started also to cut it up for saw-logs. We are having a slight thaw just now. There is some prospect of its continuance.

Took Maggie with me this morning together with Jim, and went to church as usual.

Our senior minister preached as usual, it being his Sunday.

We were told in the class-meeting that James Colles had been seeking the Saviour for the last fortnight & was glad to hear that he has been found of him. This proving the promise well true with another case.

Have been getting saw-logs drawn to the mill to day. Took down six logs in three loads, all saw-wood. This makes four-teen of this kind so far.

The weather has been rather stormy to day and very disagreeable. So took out some glad to think that my job of getting in saw-logs is so well advanced.

I have been working in the woods to day getting hickory logs cut ready to draw. Got four more large ones ready and two White Oak, for to morrow.

Mr Alfred Keenan was here this afternoon to see if Bill was in jail; but, of course I could not pay him.

Had a serious letter from Will this evening from the C. P. requiring immediate attention.

We went over to Jack's to spend the evening.

I went out to town this forenoon & after getting chores done to see about sundry matters.

This afternoon have been drawing logs again down to the mill.

Took one large bass-wood log down, and got a large hickory log ready loaded for morning.

There is apparently a change taking place in the weather. A strong ~~west~~ wind has been blowing nearly all day and still continues this evening.

Have had a very cold day, but not so cold but what we could work out-side.

Have taken a couple of logs down to the saw-mill and do not purpose taking many more for this time.

Had a letter from my brother-in-law, Capt. W. H. A. Ferguson about new business, requiring immediate attention, intended going to Abilene on Saturday.

Have been very busy to day at getting up wood &c. Took only last log down to the mill this morning; or, I suppose it will be the last for this season.

The weather is becoming much more moderate of late, though not at all warm.

Have had a very cold winter since it commenced, with no January thaw at all.

After getting
 shoes and some
 necessary work
 done, Maggie
 and I started
 for Whelki, getting
 to Simcoe about
 dinner time.

Look the letter
 at S. H. Lemons,
 and arrived in
 Whelki about
 the middle of
 the afternoon,
 at W. H. Ferguson's.
 After doing some
 business with
 him and taking
 tea with them
 we drove over
 to Wyeclerube, where
 we arrived at
 about nine this
 evening.

For Maggie &
 I have been
 with her father
 and mother in
 Wyeclerube to day.

There being a
 strong indication
 of a storm we
 thought best to
 to steer for home
 to night, so we
 started at about
 five o'clock in
 the evening.
 Arrived safely
 at bed time
 and found the
 family all well
 and everything
 all right.

Jim has done
 his chores for us
 during our ab-
 sence.

Have been getting a quantity of wheat and of these grains for chop ready to take to the mill to day.

This afternoon however I have been trying to clean up blue-grass seed but succeeded very poorly. Got a small quantity of strike seed for my work tomorrow.

The weather is somewhat mild to day, and a thaw is in progress.

Went up to New Legum Valley mills to day, after flour, oat-meal and C. wheat.

Fred went along with me, and as he wanted to go to Lincoln to see the doctor I went with him. Took dinner at Uncle Hlav's. Found them all well.

Saw a Mr. Sturford who asked me to let him have a part of the farm to work on shares. I rather liked the appearance of the brother & think of making enquiries about him.

February

WEDNESDAY 27

1895

As soon as we could get ready this morning, my wife and I started for Charlottesville.

Look dinner with my uncle Henry Olds, and went on afterwards to J. W. Matthews, where we arrived safely, finding them all well.

A thaw has been in progress to day and it is being accompanied by rain & a ~~strong~~ south west wind.

February

THURSDAY 28

1895

As Maggie & I had stayed over last night at our relatives in Charlottesville, Mr. Wesley Matthews, on account of rain, we left there this morning for home in good time. Called to see Mr. John C. Ford on the way however, with reference to his coming down to take a part of our place to work. Had a long ride home the sleighing having become very poor on account of the present thaw.

Worked this forenoon at sundry jobs, too numerous to mention.

This afternoon I have been cutting wood in the woods.

Had a rather disagreeable time both in going and in returning from the woods owing to the water in the gullies & the snow in the lanes where I had to go. The thaw has ceased however and we seem likely to have winter for a while again.

Have had Jim come to help me to day; and, I have tried to improve it as best I could, at sawing wood with the cross-cut saw in the woods.

He was improved very much this winter as a sawyer and I can do almost as much as a man with his help.

Had Tom Sturford here to day to see about working a part of the garden.

Owing to the almost impassable state of the roads we have not been able to get to Church to day as we desired.

The day has been a delightful one, and until towards night was quite warm.

There is some appearance of snow this evening which will likely come before many hours.

We have enjoyed the precious hours of the holy day at home as best we could.

Owing to a snow-storm, mostly from the North-East, which has been raging all day I have not been able to get up wood as I intended; but, have been making ~~and~~ ^{an} axe-bundle besides doing sundry other jobs.

There is quite a heavy fall of snow on the ground to sight, making very evil day of our.

I have been
as busy as
possible to day
at getting up
wood &c. The
snow of yesterday
has improved our
slighting very
much and it
is not likely
to lay on the
ground very long.
But this time of
year.

I feel rather anx-
ious to get up
our summer's wood
before long, for
the Spring is
advancing & its
work will soon
be here.

I have been
helping my
neighbour James
to move through to
day.

~~It~~ a pretty
dirty job, it
being mostly
clover-seed, &c.
In night I am
rather unwell
from the dust.

The weather
is moderating
somewhat and
a storm seems
likely to follow
very soon.

March

THURSDAY 7

1895

Was rather un-
well last night
in account of
the dust in
breathing yester-
day. Before
to ~~go~~ feel all
right again now.

Went down to
the saw-mill
with an oak
log or cut of an
oak tree ~~about~~
six ft long for
narrow stuff.
Cut up three loads
of wood for fuel
this afternoon
also.

Got a card from
Bro. Crawford this
evening ~~and~~ a letter
from Mary Jane.

March

FRIDAY 8

1895

Met with a
misfortune with
my bot. sledge
this forenoon,
when drawing
an oak butt log
out of the woods.
Broke the tongue
right out, so I
will have to
get a new one
in before using
again.

Have tapped
some sily trees
this afternoon.
The sap started
very well but it
soon froze up
when evening
came.

Weather is
rather windy &
disagreeable.

Went out to
Port Dover this
forenoon, after
some supplies &
to take some out.
Brought home
some twenty five
new sap rails besides
other tin ware from
the C. & S.

The weather
to day has been
quite cool and
very windy.
Wind has been
in the south
most of the time.

Settled up with
Dr. Hamilton which
is done and
think I will not
soon leave to
settle up with
him again.

Owing to con-
tinued bad roads,
there being neither
sleighing nor
wheeling just
now, we did
not get out to
church to day.

The time seems
long for we have
been here so
little this winter.

The Good Lord
has been with
us at home
however; and
we find it good
to serve Him
every-where, both
in public and
at home.

Gloria to God in
the highest.

It has been very cool for day, even Wintery. Sap has scarcely started at all. I have been all day getting the bot-slights repaired up ready for use to morrow. Went up to the black-smith shop with Belle however to get a shoe put.

Have been happy in His love all day. Feel that it is good to trust Him.

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee"

Have been engaged at muddy jobs to day as usual.

Am doing the best I can to get wood ready for summer.

There is no present appearance of spring, much less of sap weather.

Have been down to my uncle's for Mr. & Belle to spend the evening. Took Maggie and the children with me. Had a very pleasant evening with them.

I went down to the saw-mill this forenoon to see about sawing.

This afternoon have been working at cutting and drawing wood. Got up a couple of loads.

The weather is rather cold and windy there has been snow falling this afternoon.

My old friend G. H. Leinow has been with me the middle of the afternoon & is staying over night with us.

The weather has become very cold again, almost zero, I should think.

I have been cutting wood in the woods with all my might. Our wood-pile is quite small yet.

Had a letter from Bro. John Stanford this evening stating his willingness to come and work the half of our farm on shares at the value.

He is to take about a hundred acres.

I went down to the saw-mill this morning to draw in logs for sawing. Got about half or more on the roll-way.

This afternoon I have been getting up wood from the bush that was cut yesterday.

The weather continues cold and very wintry. We do not seem likely to have soft weather for some time to come from present appearances.

Having had time to help me to day, I have tried to improve the chance as much as possible in cutting wood. We got a pretty good pile cut and ready to draw.

Sent a letter to Mr. Stanford to day with reference to our proposed working of the place. Did not feel satisfied to have him come without a more definite agreement so I had have asked to see him again before we move.

My wife and I went out to church this morning. ~~for the~~ have been coming in or get out this long time, and were prevented by bad roads.

Bro. Cookman preached to us, and, as usual, felt much edified by his discourse.

He has just buried his eldest daughter, down at a place near Toronto. He has borne testimony as to the all-sufficiency of Divine grace both for himself & daughter.

I went down to the saw-mill this morning to pile lumber. Did not get over half a dozen piles of what was sawed.

This afternoon have been working in the woods tapping trees &c.

The sap started to day for almost the first.

Had one of Mr. Stuford's boys here to dinner. They seem anxious to get settled.

Weather keeps cold though warmer to day than usual.

March

TUESDAY 19

1895

Went up a couple
of loads of wood
this forenoon &
this afternoon have
been taking a
good many ma-
ple trees. The
pet started up
very well for
while, but about
four this afternoon
it rose up again.
Went to cutting and
splitting wood
for a while af-
ter that.

Bro Crawford came
this evening to
see me again a-
bout the proposed
taking of part
of the farm.
Thomas Jackson
came this evening
also.

March

WEDNESDAY 20

1895

Having had a
letter from my
brother in Law St. Ch.
Rayson re. a change
in our mortgage, I
went up to Simcoe
this forenoon to
see Carver Wells
about the matter.
The prospect seems
good for making
a change some-
what favourable
as to reduced rate
of interest.
Took Ted up to
Simcoe with me
to see the doctor
about his arm.
His report from the
doctor was not
altogether favour-
able.

March

THURSDAY 21

1895

Have been working in the woods again today, mostly at cutting and splitting wood most of the time.

The weather is still rather cold with the usual North wind, so that sap does not run at all excepting for a short time in the middle of the day. There will no doubt be a change soon however.

March

FRIDAY 22

1895

Went out to Dover this morning, Maggie and I, taking Mildred with us.

Was surprised by a registered letter from Sarah today with some money. It has been so hard to get money this winter.

Had our old and esteemed friend Mrs James Berry to come today for a visit.

Have been working in the woods this afternoon, mostly at tapping trees.

Have been
working as best I
could, to make
the most of
Jim's help to
day.

We have been
cutting wood in
the back woods,
when not look-
ing after sap.
The cattle has
been running
to day, very
well. It has
indeed been the
first warm day
since Spring opened,
and the bees have
for the first
time been showed
out, all of them.
Our friend Mrs Berry
left us to day.

Maggie and I
went out to
church this mor-
ning notwithstanding
the very bad
state of the road.

The young min-
ister officiated,
it being his turn
did not go to
the house of God
in vain, for we
were blessed by
our attendance.

Have been re-
alizing in a
precious degree
the presence of
my heavenly
Father. His pres-
ence makes my
paradise, and where
He is, is heaven.

Have had stormy disagreeable weather to day, so have been working inside at cleaning alike boxes doing some other jobs.

Maggie and I went over to Freds this evening, to do some settling up. Got along all right, although a rather difficult job. Having nearly two years to consider.

The Good Lord has been gracious. I with me to day, owing me as his child.

Finished cleaning up the alike seed this forenoon besides doing some other jobs.

The weather has been rather cold and stormy so I have been working in the wood this afternoon most of the time. Mr Offord came this afternoon with a load of his household goods, this being his first. All Freds have not removed from the house yet. We received deep

Have been sowing clover-seed this forenoon in the big field by the Brides.

This afternoon have been cutting woods in the wood for summer use. Do not make very much headway alone, however.

The weather is very cool and rather disagreeable for the time of year. Sap does not run very much and does not seem likely to run in spring.

Worked in the woods this forenoon, but, this afternoon went out to house mostly to attend a special ~~to~~ Quarterly Board Meeting to consider the propriety of inviting Mr. W. W. Baker of British Columbia conference to be our minister.

Our invitation was finally carried though with a considerable opposition.

Finished settling up with Fred this evening.

Owing to continued cold & stormy weather we have not been working in the sugar-beets.

Have been cutting wood this afternoon and this forenoon was sowing cloverseed in the big field by Mr. Bridges.

Maggie and I went down to Jaber Harris this evening to see about getting a girl for Wellington Carpenters.

This being the day for Jaber to be home, I have been trying to improve the chance afforded for his help at cutting wood for summer use.

Have spent the whole day in as industrious a way as possible. This evening I have been gathering soap so well. Found enough to fill all three milk cans with what we had gathered before. Weather very cold and windy.

Went out to church this morning taking my wife with me. Bro. Cookman officiated, it being his Sunday.

I thought best to see W. J. Carpenter before going home, so drove around that way. Found him in a helpless state owing to an accident from running a fork tine in his foot.

Took dinner with them before going home.

A cold disagreeable wind from the East has been blowing today.

Maggie and I went up to Lincoln Coe this forenoon, to see about securing mortgage, having a chance to rearrange the loan from the C. P. Company, and to get it into private hands, and at a lower rate of interest.

Feel sure that the way has been opened for us by a kind overruling Providence, in our present difficulties.

Took dinner at Uncle Daniel's.

Got up a load
of wood for feed
this forenoon &
broke down the
bot sleighs which
look till now to
fix up again.

Feel very much
winded with them,
at not leaving
the house so
that Sturford can
move into it.

Have been work-
ing in the woods
this afternoon
at gathering sap
and getting ready
to split to mor-
row, all being
well. Sap has
started again
to day.

Have been busy
in the bush to-
day, at gathering
and boiling down
sap.

Maggie has been
trying to help me
part of the time.

Had a nice lot
when done and
could scarcely
carry it home
although very
thick. Did not
get through un-
til about eleven
this evening.

We are having
very disagreeable
cold raw East
winds now, which
it is rather dis-
agreeable to
face.

April

THURSDAY 4

1895

Worked in the bush this forenoon, getting up wood and logs besides gathering sap. Got ~~some~~ started nicely at boiling while I went up to Lincoln this afternoon; to see about the matter of our maple. Took my mother along with me. Saw Dr. C. Ferguson at the Star Line Station. I promised to see the C. P. C. for one when in front.

Found the sap all boiled down and strained then I got home this evening

April

FRIDAY 5

1895

Have been actively engaged this forenoon in tapping over our sugar maple trees. This afternoon have been gathering sap. Had about two milk cans full.

This evening I went out to Dover calling at my uncle's C. C. M. on the way.

Found my old friend Dr. C. Morgan ready to come home with me and by chance I brought him along.

A strong east wind has been blowing of late.

Have been boiling down sap for day with all over night.

My friend L. G. Morgan of the "Maple Leaf" Port Dover, who came out with me last night, has been enjoying himself in the woods with me.

Succeeded in getting through at about nine this evening. Had a fine lot of syrup when home.

We are evidently see the eve of a change in the weather, from cold to warm.

Owing to the presence of my friend L. G. Morgan mostly did not think it best to go out to church today.

The weather has been somewhat showery however - and very warm. It seems likely that warmer weather will continue now, that it has been so late in coming.

Have endeavored to improve the opportunities of the day as best I could.

Went out to town this morning to take my friend L. G. Morgan who has been visiting with us since Friday evening last.

There was a fine April shower last night and today the weather being very warm.

I have been working in the woods this afternoon most of the time. Found the sap still flowing in spite of the warm weather.

Pain has been falling most of the forenoon of today, so I found odd jobs to do inside.

This afternoon however it cleared off and I have been gathering and boiling sap in the bush.

The flow of sap has kept up remarkably well, considering that there has been no freezing night for nearly a week.

The sunshine of this forenoon has been resting upon me today.

I went up to Lincoln this forenoon on some business with the bank also to see Wells & Jones re. the matter of our mortgage loan. Jerry from the Canada Permanent to private holder. We have had a considerable delay already, on account of the Company refusing to give us a detailed statement before sending away our check.

We think they are trying to claim more than is due them.

Have been busy to day as usual. Worked in the woods this forenoon at cutting wood & at some other work.

Went up to Lincoln this afternoon to see Wells & Jones about word from the Canada Permanent. Found that the statement had come and was more accurate than I expected it would be.

The Lord God has been so faithful in fulfilling his promise to his servant of late, viz. "I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honour him."

This being good Friday, we have had Muckle, Daniel, Olds and wife with Florence & Miss Collins to visit us.

I have been boiling down sap in the woods, and they all helped us until dinner, for their own enjoyment.

Had rather a fine batch when done.

Rain has been falling this afternoon, a fine April shower.

Am so thankful for showers of blessing from the divine & Infinite.

Have been working at Sunday jobs this forenoon. Found that a considerable quantity of water had fallen yesterday making it necessary to empty the sap pails.

This afternoon Jim and I have been working in the woods getting our summer work out ready for use.

Muckle, St. C. Mathew's came today with some money paying for the oak tree bought in the winter. It was to be fifteen dollars if sound & fourteen if not, that is seven ft. from butt.

Went out to
Church this morn-
ing taking my
mother with me.
Bro Cookman was
our minister &
as usual gave us
a good discourse.
Did not really en-
joy the service
so much as
I should like,
owing mostly
to a drowsiness
that came over
me during the
meeting.

We are thankful
to see the work
getting good
again.

Maggie and I
started for Nye-
Combe this morn-
ing as soon
as we could
get ready. Got
to Lincoln at
about noon.
Got to Mr Ferguson's
at about four
this afternoon.
Saw Mr & Mrs.
Ferguson away
from home, but,
we were fortunate
enough to find
some provisions
to satisfy our
hunger. Had
tea at Mr Mawley's
afterwards.
I came home
to night, after
seven o'clock.

We have at least had our tenant house vacated to day. Fred and his family got moved out by noon.

Have been looking for our new tenant for John Crawford to day, but they have not as yet put in an appearance.

Have been much interested this evening in reading reports of speeches in Waldman, Minnesota school question. The election comes off tomorrow.

Spent the forenoon in doing sundry jobs, splitting wood & working around the tenant house. About noon Mrs. Crawford and her two daughters came, with a small load of moveables.

I have been working in the woods this afternoon at cutting and splitting wood.

Mr. Crawford came towards night with another load of goods. So our help has come at last.

Worked in the woods this forenoon for the last, since this Spring, that is at cutting wood.

This afternoon began eating or rather training apple trees.

Mr. Crawford's moveables came a gain to day, another load.

Had a short visit from Willis Stalcomb and his new wife this evening. He was married last Sunday and is on his wedding trip. His home is in Buffalo N.Y.

Have been drawing wood from the back woods to day, the ground being hard enough to tear up now.

Seedling time has apparently come at last, some of the neighbors have already begun.

Bro. Crawford brought down another load of moveables to day. He has still a load or so more to fetch down if it is possible.

The weather is warm and dry. Every prospect of a seed-time soon.

Mr Crawford got started in the N.C. Corner field today, at seeding, or, rather at getting the ground ready to sow.

Worked at sundry jobs this forenoon. Went up to Lincoln this afternoon after a calf from my uncle Daniel Old's for which I am to pay him a dollar.

Found my wife and children at Florence ready to come home.

Found the N.C. & Company had not accepted the offer rendered them a few days ago.

Maggie and I went out to church in Port Haven today as usual taking time with us.

Our junior minister officiated, and, with more than usual acceptance. Had great difficulty of late to keep from going to sleep in time of service. No matter how much I fight against it,

My mother went home with Florence to Lincoln this evening to stay a week or so.

Mr. Crawford and his son John have been working in the N. E. Corner field to day, where we want to row oak.

This afternoon however the farmer went up to Glenchu after stock &c.

So I started Jim with the harrow, being anxious to keep the two teams going. This is the first time that Jim has ever drove a team or a harrow either.

I have been working in the woods at gathering sap poles & splitting engine poles &c.

Have been exceedingly busy to day. Finished ploughing maple trees this forenoon besides getting in a pit of turneps.

This afternoon I have put away our hams & shoulders and afterwards been getting in potatoes from the garden pit.

Jim has helped Mr Crawford with the team to day. He being away himself after stock &c. to his old home. John has of course been driving the other team.

Went up to
Simcoe to day,
calling at Mr
Samuel Soudens
on the way and
had dinner with
them.

Went to see Mrs.
R. Hilles about
insurance &c;
also Hells & James
about the state
of our loan.
Found that the
latter had not
made any fur-
ther progress.

A gale of wind
was seen blow-
ing to day, from
the South West,
making disagree-
able and even dan-
gerous driving.

I have been
busy spinning
weed in the back
yard to day.

Towards night
was greatly sur-
prised to find
from H Fairchilds
that Fred had
sued me for
the balance due
him.

I never could
have thought
that Fred would
have treated me
in this way.

Has never sued
before and never
want to be again.

I suppose it is
for my good to have
to pass through the
experience.

Mr Crawford
and I worked
this forenoon at
getting out man-
ure from below
the drive barn
to the onion
patches in the
garden by tenant
house.

This afternoon
I have been
helping John
run water fur-
rows in the
North East Corner
field, besides
planting a couple
of apple trees.
My mother returned
from Simcoe this
evening, she has
been visiting there
for a week or so.

I went up to
Tyrrell this mor-
ning to see P. Kitchen
taking Maggie with
me. My visit to
Tad did not
amount to anything
however as he
was determined
to have the money
due him at once.

Went out to
town this after-
noon to see
about some matter
relating to trees
&c. I found that
they had not
yet in an ap-
pearance as yet.

Have been
feeling rather
blue of late.

Went out to
dinner this morn-
ing taking my
mother with me.
Our old pastor
and friend Rev.
John Saunders
officiated, with
his usual ac-
ceptance.

We took dinner
with Mr & Mrs Ar-
chie Reid who
have just come
by moved to
Stover. My un-
cle Daniel Olds
was there with
Miss Hattie.

Enjoyed the ser-
vice to day very
much. Had much
need for such
a blessing.

I started in
good time this
morning for Sim-
coe to see about
our mortgage trans-
fers. I found that
it had not been
accomplished yet;
with no better
prospect than
before.

Went out to
Wilke to see Will.
about the matter
with but little
satisfaction. He
consented to help
me raise some
money for Paul
Coville which
will bring some
ease of mind
for a while.

April

TUESDAY 30/4

1895A

I have en-
gaged this fore-
noon at fixing
gences mostly
arranged the back
part of the place.

This afternoon
have been trim-
ing apple trees
as usual. Find
the orchard in
great need of
pruning, so great
indeed! that I
fear it will not
all get done
this time, the
season being
already so far
advanced.

Maggie and I
went out to town
this evening after
garden seeds &c.

May

WEDNESDAY 1

1895

Have been as
busy as possible
getting onion seed
pots, and apple
trees trimmed &c
to day.

G. W. Seamon
came this evening
with delivery papers
for Post Office and
Simcoe, and the
word of their arrival
so our business
has begun in ear-
nest. Have been
filling out orders
this evening for
delivery to mor-
row by both of

Mr. Stoford began
ploughing the ten-
acre field to day.

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