

# THE DIARY OF ELIZA-ANN MACFARLANE: 1895

## It's Showtime!

January, 1895

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1. T. Ned & Jane & I[sabella] P[earl came] for dinner[.I spent part of the day] Ridding my drawers etc. [and I] Made a patch bag[.] Bella[was] at Grant's P.M. 2  
Nice, Dull
2. W. Fa[ther] walked to C[linton.] Ned & J[ane were] in C[linton] P.M. Bella kept house [for them. I] Washed P.M. [and in the] even[ing I] put [a] lining in Jno.'s coat sleeve[.] 1  
Nice, Sunny
3. T. Jno. & Bella [were] in C[linton] for corn[. I] Made a patch bag & faced mo[ther]'s skirt[.] Young Cooper came for dinner[and] J. Pearson called[.] 2  
Some Snow
4. F. [I] Mended socks, Fa[ther]'s smock & gaiters & Killed sheep[.] Jno.[was] at J. Pearson's party[.I] Cut out & partly made a p[ai]r of p[an]ts [this] even[ing.] not much snow
5. S. Jno. [was] at Snell's & B[ella] [was] in C[linton. She] got [a] picture framed[.] A[g] papered..... 2  
Rain
6. S. A[g]&I[went to] Ch[urch in the] cutter (Stewart.) Jno. [went in the] even[ing in the] cart[.] Adam [Stewart was here this] even[ing, I] think[.] 2  
Fine & Softish
7. M. [I] Hung 2 kitchen blinds, cleaned the] H[en] H[ouse. and] finis[hed the] p[an]ts[.] Mo[ther was] carding wool P.M. Jno.[was] in C[linton] with W[illiam] Glen's wagon [and] cargo & [was] at[the]mill [with]chop corn[.] Aunty[is] home for a little [while.] 2  
Nice
8. T. Killed Go &.....A[g] walked [to] C[hurch.] Jno. [was] at Glen's cutting [wood.] Mo[ther was] card[ing wool] P.M. [I] Made Bella's comfortable [at] night[.] Flurries  
Nice
9. W. U[n]cle Ja[me]s's, U[n]cle Jno.'s, Mac's[and] Will's cut a little[wood] P.M. J. Scott & Jessie [were] here [this] even[ing.] 3  
Beautiful
10. T. A[g went to] c[hurch] P.M. in [the] buggy[. There was] lots of sleighing [in the] even[ing. I] Mended Jno.'s p[an]ts etc. Jno.[was] at Neds' all day crushing[.] Stormy
11. F. [John was at Ned's all day] cutting [wood.] Done some mending- [a] robe etc. 2  
Slight  
Thaw, Nice
12. S. Mac, Ned, Will & Adam [were] cutting P.M. 2 lambs(1st) [I] made pies [and did] mending etc. Nice
13. S. A[g] & I [were in church] (Holmes, Methodist.) [I was] At Aunty's P.M. 2  
Snowing some,  
Stormy

14. M. [I] worked at] Mending all day[.]Jno. & Bella & Ned & Jane [were] at [the] "Grange Social." A[g] stayed with [the] baby[.] 1
15. T. [I] Washed & [did] Mending and minded the] Baby P.M. *Calm & Dull* 1
16. W. S. Dunbar & T. Baird<sup>1</sup> [were here]P.M. & even[ing.] Jno. [was] at Mac's sawing P.M. Jno.[was] at Stonehouse's & stayed over with Will's kids[. I] C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse] & darned socks[.] *Pleasant*
17. T. [I] Walked to C[linton P.M. [and] Covered [some] bricks[.]<sup>2</sup> *Some Snow Fine* 1
18. F. [I]Finis[hed covering bricks and am] Making Fa[ther's] drawers[.] *Stormy* 2
19. S. [I] Made 11 pies & [a] turn over[.] Mo[ther] & Jno.[went] [into] Clinton with Ned in [the] sleigh[.] *Fine* 1
20. S. *Raining, Thaw* 1
21. M. Jno. [was] helping W[illiam] G[len] clean Peas[. The] Stonehouse cow calved [this] morn[ing. I] Finis[hed a] p[ai]r [of] Fa[ther's] drawers[.] *Raining, very Windy* 1
22. T. [I finished the] other [pair of Father's drawers] & mended a p[ai]r etc. A[g] & I [were] at Aunty's[this]even[ing.] *Stormy & big drifts* 1
23. W. Jno. went to C[linton. He] left [the] horse at Scott's & walked[.] Fa[ther], Mo[ther] & B[ella were] out at Ned's A.M. & P.M. [I] Mended [a] p[ai]r[of] Jno.'s drawers etc. *Concession blocked* 1
24. T. [I was] At Jane's A.M. "exchanging shoes " [and at] Aunty's P.M. Jno. walked to C[linton] with Adam[.I was] Sewing at [a] quilt block[.] *Concession blocked* 1
25. F. [I'm] Making [a] "coon" collar for Jno.'s overcoat[.I C[leaned the]H[en] H[ouse [and] mended [an] old w[asp] waist. *Stormy*
26. S. [I] Finis[hed the] "collar[.] Jno. walked to C[linton] P.M. [I] Mended drawers & stockings *Stormy* 1
27. S. *Stormy* 1
28. M. [I] Made [a] button-hole in Jno.'s basque [and I made] pies[. I was] At Aunty's P.M.etc. [Ned called in at Aunty's] P.M. *Fine & Frost*
29. T. Jno. [was] hauling wood[.] Fen[wick], Adam, Annie & Lilly [were here this] even[ing.] Livery drove down Hammer & Son[. The Hammers were here] all night[.] *Fine 5 [degrees]* 1



30. W. Fa[ther] took H[ammer] to Mac's, [the] Master's & Frazer's[.] McEwen's took Hammer Jr. to C[linton] & to A. Dun- kin's[.] Jno. [was] at Will's P.M.[and they took the Hammer's to the] station[. I] Finis[hed] Jno.'s basque etc. 2  
*Some Stormy*
31. T. [I finished the]quilt b[loc]k & [am]at another[.] A[g was]in C[linton.I] killed [the] last small turkey[.] Jno. Elliot's brother [stayed] for dinner[. I] bathed, etc. *Fine about 0 [degrees this] morning.]*
- February, 1895**
1. F. [I]Made B[rea]k[fast.]Father walked to C[linton. We had a] sleigh load]of visitors this] even[ing]-[the D.McEwen's, & Mrs & Maud Scott[.]<sup>3</sup> 4  
*Light S[now] Showers, about zero [degrees]*
2. S. [I]Made B[rea]k[fast] & pies[.]W[illey] Glen's kids [were] here [while] they were in town[. I] Wrote Maggie[.] 3  
*Fine & Sunshiny*
3. S. B[ella] & I were in church this] morn- [ing](Stewart.) Jno. [went in the even- [ing]to Seaforth[to hear a guest speaker from] China[.] 1  
*C[old] W[ind] Some drifts*
4. M. [I] Made Jell[y] & Drop cakes[.] Bella started Crazy Stuff quilt[. I] Wrote Aunt Janet[.] 2  
*Fine & Cold*
5. T. [I] Made B[rea]k[fast[. The] Master [was here] for tea[.] 1  
*Some Drifts*
6. W. Fa[ther] sat up keeping [the] fire in [the] root house[. I] wrote Bessie[.] 2  
*22 [degrees] [this] morn[ing]*
7. T. A[g] & B[ella were] in C[linton.I was] Making [a]comfortable[this] even[ing.] Fa[ther was] at Wigg[inton's.] 2  
*10 [Degrees]*
8. F. [I] Finis[hed the] C[omfortable] A.M. [and] finis[hed] doing one room etc. 3  
*Blizzard*
9. S. [I] Washed a little[and] made pies[.] A[g] & Is [were] at Aunty's[.] 1  
*Stormy, Warmer*
10. S. I [was] down at Aunty's with Jane P.M. 4  
*Fine & Sunshiny*
11. M. Jno. walked to C[linton] P.M. A[g] & B[ella were] at Wigg[inton's.] B[ella] & I washed[.] 3
12. T. Ned [was] sawing [here] P.M. Fa[ther] [was] at Jane's[.] Jno. Allen [was] here] P.M. & [at] night[. The] Kids [have]gone to[Charlie Stewart's[this] even[ing] in] Adam's sleigh[.] A[g] Washed[.I was]making Jno.'s Over Alls [this] even[ing.] 3
13. W. Aunty [was] up[.I Cleaned [the] H[en] H[ouse.] Jennie Grant [was here for the] even[ing] & all night[.] Fa[ther] was]at Ned's [in the]morn[ing] & [at] Will's [in the] even[ing.] 9  
*Light Snow showers*

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| 14. T. | Jno. walked to C[linton] P.M. Jno. & B[ella were] at Jane's [in the] even-<br>[ing.] I Finis[hed] Jno.'s O[ver] A[lls]<br>[and] half of [the] Log C[abin] quilt[.]  | Fine                          | 6  |
| 15. F. | Jennie went home [this] morn[ing.] B[el-<br>la] & I [were] in Church P.M. Jim Heron<br>[was here in the] morn[ing.]   | Beautiful                     | 8  |
| 16. S. | [I] Mended [a] pair of Fa[ther]'s<br>P[an]ts & darned socks[.] Ned & J[ane]<br>[were] at U[n]cle Jno.'s [in the] even-<br>[ing.]  |                               | 9  |
| 17. S. | A[g] & I [were in] C[hurch] (Stewart)<br>[A]g came home with Ned & Ja[ne.]  |                               | 8  |
| 18. M. | [I] Made [a] S. & G. cake & cookies<br>[and] Mended Jno.'s p[an]ts[.] Fa[ther]<br>killed [a] shearling[.]   | Snow, a<br>little softish     | 6  |
| 19. T. | K[ate] McT[avish] & Carrie [were here]<br>P.M. [Kate, Carrie], Don & Liz McT[av-<br>ish], B[ella] & I [were] at U[n]cle<br>Ja[mes]'s [this] even[ing.] W[illiam]<br>Glen went for Dr Gunn P.M. A[g was] at<br>Glen's all night[.] <sup>4</sup> A. Dunkin, Hawk-<br>shaw & [a] Yankee [were here] for tea. | Snowed<br>Fine                | 12 |
| 20. W. | [A]g was at Glen's all day[.] I [was]<br>in C[linton] P.M. for a telegram[.]<br>Jno. & B[ella] have gone to Varna [this<br>even[ing.]   | Snow, drifts,<br>C[old] Wind. | 3  |
| 21. T. | Fa[ther] & Mac [were] in Brucefield[.]<br>[I was] Doing B[ella's] chores all<br>day [and I] Cleaned [the] H[en] H[ouse.]<br>A[g was] at G[len's] all day & Night[.]   | Snowing &<br>Drifting         | 6  |
| 22. F. | Jennie's birthday. A[g was] home [at]<br>night[.] I Mended Fa[ther's] ducks[.]<br>1 lamb  | Calm & Dull                   | 7  |
| 23. S. | A[g was] at G[len's] day & night[.]<br>Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. [I] Mend-<br>ed Fa[ther] overcoat[.]  |                               | 8  |
| 24. S. | Jno. sent Dr Gunn out to W[illiam]<br>Glen's[.] 2 lambs + 1   |                               | 13 |
| 25. M. | [The] Men & Ned [were] in Brucefield<br>shipping 20 shearlings[.] 2 lambs &<br>1 lost   | Nice & Mild                   | 5  |
| 26. T. | A. Dunkin, Hawkshaw, Coffland & Du-<br>sharme [were] here[.] Fa[ther] took<br>the baby in[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton]<br>P.M. 2 sheep 1 thribble & 1 double  | Fine, not<br>quite so warm    | 13 |
| 27. W. | Fa[ther] was] at Wigg[inton's] & [in]<br>Clinton[.] Aunty [was] up P.M.   | Thawing                       | 5  |
| 28. T. | T[om] Wigg[inton] [was here] for din-<br>ner[.] A[g] & B[ella] were] at M ac's[.]   | Thawing                       | 12 |



1. F. Spotty calved[.] John Hunter[was here. this] morn[ing.] Fa[ther] bought [a] ram at Avery's[. The] Kids [were] Toboganning over at Will's[.I] Cleaned [the] H[en H[ouse] & bathed etc. 12  
N[orth]  
W[ind], Frozen,  
Flurries
2. S. Jno. walked to C[linton] P.M. 16
3. S. Jno.walked[to church this] even[ing.] 19
4. M. Jno. walked to C[linton] P.M. Jno. T. Graham[came] for sheep in a sleigh[.] 18  
Cold & Stormy
5. T. [I] Made some pies[.] A[g] & I [were] at[a] prayer-meeting at McGregor's[.] Graham called[.] 24  
Cold & Flurries
6. W. B[ella has] gone to Grant's [and] Jno. [was] at [the] mill[. The] Master's Boys fetched[a] pig [and]Hunter & J.W. McDonald Called[.] 24  
Fine
7. T. A[g], J[ohn] & I [were] in C[linton] with grist [in the] sleigh[.] I took [the] baby in[.] Jno. [was] at [the] mill for chop[. The] Red cow calved.] 15  
Beautiful
8. F. Mac, Ned, Will & Adam [were here] P.M. cutting [wood.] Jane & [the] baby[were here] P.M.[I] Made pies[.]Bella[came] home P.M. 23  
Soft, a lot  
of snow
9. S. B[ella] papered [the] knife & spoon boxes etc. 24  
Colder, Stormy
10. S. Jno.[went to church in the]even[ing.] 23  
Snowing, Fine
11. M. B. Marshall, Jno. Avery & kids, Adam [Stewart], Mr & Mrs Finley & W[ill] McE[wen] called P.M. Jno.[was] at Stonehouse's with Adam [for] cattle[.] 23  
Fine
12. T. Jno.[was] at Mac's cutting [wood] P.M. 18  
A little  
light snow
13. W. Fa[ther]walked to C[linton] A.M. B[ella] & I[went to Clinton] P.M.[in the] cutter[.]Jno.[went] P.M.in the]sleigh for peas[.]Called Kitchen & Graham's with sleigh[.] 19  
Fine  
C[[old] W[ind]  
Blustering
14. T. Old [Edward]Glen[was here] A.M. & for dinner[.] 13  
Fine  
Below 0
15. F. Jno.[was]at Glen's cutting [wood] P.M. Jessie Wigg[inton was] here[.]I [was] at Aunty's P.M. Kids[were] at U[n]cle Jno.'s [this] even[ing.] 15  
Cold & Fine
16. S. Jno. [was]at Will's crushing P.M. [I] C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse], washed, sawed a little etc. Miekín called[.] I] Made B[reak]fast[.] 18  
Fine, a little  
warmer.
17. S. A[g], B[ella] & I [were] in C[hurch] (Shaw Eghmondville.)Jno.[went in the] even[ing. The] Baby [was] in all day 19  
Fine &  
Sunshiny
18. M. Got 1st big goose egg(double yolk.)Mr Jim Heron called & Ned[got] 1 lamb[.] Lizzie [was] in C[linton] - Kids were here[.] 17  
Thawed a lot &  
sun

19. T. Fa[ther was] at Jno. & Sandy Thom-  
son's[.] Ada [was] here P.M.....  
.....  
20. W. Jno.[was]at Mac's,butchering[.]Kitchen  
en & T[om]Fraser called[.]Lizzie[Glen  
is at Charlie]'s Emma [is] sick [and  
the] kids [are] here[.]
21. T. B[ella] & I[were] in C[linton]P.M. Ned  
& Jno. at logs[.] T[om] Frazer fetched  
[the] billy [that] Fa[ther] bought[.]
22. F. [I] C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse] A.M.  
[and] Made 2 gingham aprons P.M. Aunty  
Kitty<sup>5</sup> [was] At Lizzie's P.M. Lambs  
lamby[.]
23. S. [I]Cut out mo[ther's] big sleeve[.]Jno.  
[was] at [the] mill for chop [and at]  
Ned's P.M. 1 sheep with 3 [lambs] & 1  
with 2 [on the] Sabbath morn[.]
24. S. A[g] & B[ella]were at[the] river,-[by]  
Ned's & [Spring] creek[.]
25. M. Jno. [was] at Ned's A.M. B[ella] made  
[a] satteen cushion & a linen one [.]
26. T. [John] Tough, [the assessor, was here]  
all night[.]The three of] Us[were]clean-  
ing off lath's [this] even[ing.]
27. W. [We] Papered [the] D[ining] room ceil-  
ing with papers[.] Ned [was here] P.M.  
A[g]walked to Clinton P.M...3 lambs[.]
28. T. [I]Beat[the] carpet etc. A.M.[and was]  
in C[linton] P.M. for wall-paper[.]  
[I]Put cotton on [the]ceiling [in the]  
even[ing.]
29. F. [We] Papered [the] ceiling[.] Fa[ther]  
[was] at Mac's Ned's & Will's[.]
30. S. [We] Finished papering [the] dining  
room[.] Fa[ther] walked to C[linton][.]  
Box 56\*
- \* Probably James MacFarlane's Clinton post office  
box number
31. S. [I] Walked top Church(Stewart.) Jno.  
[went in the] even[ing.]

18  
Fine, C[old]  
W[ind]

15

22  
Fine, a little  
warmer

25  
Thawing, Windy

24  
Slight Frost

29  
Sleet & S[now]

31  
Coldish & light  
snows

34  
Soft, some snow

32  
H[igh] W[ind]  
Fine

36  
Dull & Fine  
C[old] W[i.]

21  
Fair, Frost

20  
Fine, Strong East  
Wind; Rained  
little.

April, 1895

1. M. Jno. [went to] C[linton] in [the] cut-  
ter for [a] bag [of] oat-meal[.] B[el-  
la scrubbe [her] room etc. 1 (1st Hei-  
fer) calved[.]
2. T. B[ella] & I Put down [the] dining  
room carpet[.] I Cleaned [the] H[en-]  
H[ouse] P.M. A[g] washed[.]
3. W. [W.] Brigham & Ned [were here]for din-  
ner[.] I Washed P.M. Ned [was] in [in  
the] even[ing] for [a] calf[.]

35  
Silver Thaw,  
Sunny

28  
Ice still on  
trees & sun  
bright.

27  
Fine



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| 4. T.  | [I] Washed milk shelves & swept etc. A[g and] Fa[ther] walked [to] C[linton.] Jno. [was] in C[linton] [at] night[in the] wagon[.] Ida & Fen[wick Stewart and the] Wigg[inton's were] here[.] | 25                                       |
| 5. F.  | Fa[ther] & A[g were] in C[linton with the]wagon for sheep[. I]Scrubbed[the] milk-room[. The] 2nd heifer calved[.] Liz[zie Glen was] at J. Pearson's[.]                                       | 34<br><i>Fine, real thawy</i>            |
| 6. S.  | [I] Peeled apples [and did] Mending etc. Bella cracked [?] A.M.  | 25<br><i>Rain, More Thawy</i>            |
| 7. S.  | A lamb died about [a] w[ee]k old[.]  | 30<br><i>Rainy</i>                       |
| 8. M.  | 2 Turk[ey]s laid 1st eggs[.I Bathed[.] J[ohn] McG[regor] & Will Mac [were] at [the] barn[.] Frogs [are singing. It [was the] 1st day that bees got to really fly[.]                          | 28<br><i>Warm, Real Warm, Springlike</i> |
| 9. T.  | Fa[ther] walked to C[linton. I]scrubbed [syrup?] Pans[.].....  | 34<br><i>Dull, Fine, Frost</i>           |
| 10. W. | [I] Made[a] Jell[y] C[ake.] Ned [was] in for [a] turkey(19 1/2 lbs meat[!])  | 39<br><i>only soft to sun</i>            |
| 11. T. | Jno. [was] in C[linton with the wag- on P.M. A[g] & B[ella went in the]bug- gy[.]  | 24<br><i>Fine, some war- mer.</i>        |
| 12. F. | [Today is] Good Friday[.] Bella's quilting[.]Jennie G[rant was here] all night[.] Bessie calved[.] Jno. after Miss Burrows[.]  | 30<br><i>Rain[in]g P.M.</i>              |
| 13. S. | [We] Finis[hed the] quilt [this] even- ing[.]  | 39<br><i>Dull, some rain.</i>            |
| 14. S. | Miss B[urrows], B[ella] & I [were in Church at [the] E[aster service] (Stew- art.) Jno.[attended in the] even[ing.]  | 31<br><i>Fine</i>                        |
| 15. M. | M.Coffland[was] here P.M. Fa[ther was] in C[linton this] morn[ing and took] Miss Burrows there[.] Jno. walked 32 sheep to Bruce[field] P.M.[and Father] drove down[.],....Pedlar called[.]   | 39<br><i>Dull, cool</i>                  |
| 16. T. | Fa[ther was] at Biggins, Snell's etc., with gents[.A]Spray pump pedler called[.]   | 37<br><i>Dull</i>                        |
| 17. W. | A[g] & I [were] at Isard's P.M. Old Eliot [was here in the] even[ing.]   | 43<br><i>Fine &amp; Springlike</i>       |
| 18. T. | Fa[ther] walked in[to] C[linton.] A[g] & B[ella drove the] buggy in[to] C[linton] P.M. Jno. [is] plowing sod[.]  | 30<br><i>Fine</i>                        |
| 19. F. | Ned [was] sowing grass seed here[.] Jno A[g were] in C[linton] P.M. Fa[ther] & Jno.[were] cultivating & shearing sheep[.]  | 40<br><i>Beautiful</i>                   |
| 20. S. | Jno. plowed[. I] Washed & c[leaned the] h[en] h[ouse. I] Tore my left forefinger with [a] board[.] A lamb died[.]  | 35                                       |

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| 21. S. | A[g] & I [were] in C[hurch] (Stewart)[.] S[abbath] S[chool] started[.] B[ella and] I, Annie, Ida & Mary [were there.]   | 31<br><i>slight rain<br/>Eve[ning]<br/>frost</i> |
| 22. M. | M.Meekin (.....fellow looking for work.) [I] Made [a] screen for[the] eiderdown bed spread[.] Jno. [was] shearing & fa[ther was] cultivating[.]   | 36<br><i>Fine<br/>Rain</i>                       |
| 23. T. | J. Cooper & daughter [were here]for tea[.] Jno. [was] sowing [the] 1st oats[. I was] Choring, cleaned up[a] few oats [and was] ridding up [the] wood shed etc.  | 36<br><i>Fine<br/>C[old] Wind</i>                |
| 24. W. | [I] Raked [the] chip yard [and was] [ridding the wood shed.] Bella [is] at Jane's [because] Jane[is]sick[.] Bessie & Eddie [Glen were] here[because their parents were] in C[linton. I] Set [the] 1st 2 Hens[.] | 36<br><i>Fine, Warm<br/>H[igh] Wind</i>          |
| 25. T. | [I] Finis[hed] ridding [the] woodshed up stairs[.] Bella [came] home [at night [I] set [a] hen[and]I saw [the] 1st Swallows[.]  | 44<br><i>Fine &amp; Warm</i>                     |
| 26. F. | [I] Put away furs at Jane's [and I] helped Fa[ther put wire around[his] garden[.] U[n]cle Jno's & [us] kids [were] at Mac's [this] even[ing.]   | 26   |
| 27. S. | Fa[ther was]in C[linton & at Weir's seeing spraying[.] <sup>6</sup> Jno. caught 22 suckers [between] noon & 11 P.M.[In the] even[ing] B[ella was]at Jane's & Jno. fish[ed.]                                     | 32   |
| 28. S. | A[g] & I [were] in c[hurch](Acheson Kippen.).....Aunty [is] home[.]   | 60   |
| 29. M. | [I] Churned, beat carpets, etc. Jno. caught 6 fish P.M.[and] B[ella was] cleaning her bed-room[.]   | 18<br><i>Lov[el]y</i>                            |
| 30. T. | [Bella & A[g]put down[the bed-room] carpets[.I was] darning [the] stair carpet[.] Jno. Thomson [was here with] gooseberry bushes[.]   | 36<br><i>Warm</i>                                |

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| 1. W. | Fa[ther] & I [were] in C[linton P.M   | 37<br><i>Fine &amp; Warm</i>                |
| 2. T. | Nannie [Stewart] & Lizzie [Glen were] in C[linton] P.M. kids [were here[. I was] Darning [the] stair carpet[.]  | 43  |
| 3. F. | Mary foaled[a]filly[and the y[oung] cattle were]out all night[.] B[ella was] cleaning Jno.'s bed-room.]A[g] washed B[ella]'s and her own bed-room curtains[.] | 30<br><i>Rainshower<br/>Fine &amp; Warm</i> |
| 4. S. | [Ag washed the] hall lace [curtains] & B[ella ironed [them[.I] finis[hed] darning [the] carpet & mended [a] parasol[. The] Cows & [were] out all night[.]     | 40<br><i>Fine &amp; Very<br/>Warm</i>       |



5. S. A[g], Nannie Stewart & I [were] in c[hurch. John went in the evening.] 35
6. M. Jno. [went to] C[linton] P.M. for chop[. I] Made a cover for shoe - box & papers[.]A[g] & B[ella]cleaned the parlor, etc., P.M. [Bella & I partly beat[the]carpet P.M. Alice [is] sick[.]Mac & Fa[ther] went for McIntosh [apples?]
7. T. [I] churned & laid on some patches. A[g] & I finis[hed] beating [the carpet P.M. [A]Jew pedlar[came] P.M. & Ned & Jane [were here] P.M .pick- ing [up a] box [of] potatoes[.] 26  
Very Warm  
Slight Shower
8. W. [I] Finis[hed the] top for[the] box [and] washed a little[. I] Sowed 12 rows [of] mangols[.] Fa[ther] & Jno. [were] in C[linton] with"fat Rosy & Ned & Jane[were in for more] potat- oes[.] 32  
Nice & Warm
9. T. Mrs Baird & [The] Rev. A. Stewart & wife & children [called this] morn- [ing.I]sowed 11 rows[of] carrots A.M & 12[of] mangols P.M. Jane & B[ella were in C[linton] P.M. Jno. [sorted] 4 bags [of] potatoes[.] 31
10. F. [I] Planted 8 rows apiece [of] car- rots A.M. [and] mangols P.M.[I] Pap- ered [the] parlor[. A] Sheep died when A[g was] shearing[.] 32
11. S. A[g] & B[ella] put down [the] carpet etc. [I] Mended socks etc. 18  
Rain, Cold
12. S. Nannie, A[g] & I [were] at S[abbath] S[chool.] Jno. walked [to church in the evening.] 25  
Frost & Snow  
C[old] W[ind]
13. M. B. Marshel(sic) [was here this] morn- ing[. I] Cleaned stove pipes, A[g] scrubbed[. We] Done [a] little crazy [quilting,] Mended sheets, etc.[The] Milch cows, sheep etc, [were] in all all night[.] Bush all red with frost, etc. 19  
Heavy Frost.  
Cold & Windy,  
Rain
14. T. [I] Mended gloves, sewed buttons on [an] old basque [and] made[a] bottom for[a] slip[.] B[ella] cleaned [the] pantry [at the] house[.] 28  
Cold Sleet &  
Rainy
15. W. [I] Walked to C[linton and] got [a] ride with Mac's[.] Shore [was here] all night. 15  
Fine, Cold Wind
16. T. B[ella was] on[the] sickist list to- day & last night[. She was] cutting out[a] blouse[.]Jno.walked to C[lin- ton in the] even[ing.] 23
17. F. [I] Done a little at [the] print dress,[a little at the] crazy [quilt and I] darned socks[.]Fa[ther]walked to Clinton[.]Aunty[is] at Jane's[.] 23  
Frost, Fine, a  
little warmer
18. S. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. [for] grist & chop[. I was] Making [the] print dress [and I] Pulled wool off sheep [in the] even[ing.] 23  
Raining

19. S. Dark....C[old]  
W[ind.]
20. M. [I] Made button -holes in brother's  
basque etc. Aunty & Jane [were] in  
C[linton.] Dull, C[old]  
W[ind.]
21. T. Working at my own.. dress[.]B[ella]  
finis[hed her] blouse and fixed....  
A[g] house-cleaned [the] veranda[.] Fine, C[old]  
W[ind.]
22. W. [I] Cleaned out woodshed & yard[.]  
Fa[ther] walked to C[linton. B[ella]  
has] gone to Grant's [this] even-  
[ing.] Fine, Warmer
23. T. [Bella was in Clinton at a] Teach-  
ers' Convention[.] A[g has] gone to  
Stratford[.] Ned drove up[.] Ned &  
Jane [were] at Thos. Fitzsimmon's  
funeral[.]<sup>7</sup> Jno. [was] in C[linton  
this] even[ing.]
24. F. Jno.& B[ella have] gone to[a] party  
[at] Brigham's[.].....these  
day[s.] Very Much  
Warmer
25. S. Fa[ther] walked to C[linton and I]  
planted onions[. A] Churn & washing  
machine pedlar called[.]
26. S. I [was] in c[hurch] with Jane (Mus-  
grove) Rainey P.M.
27. M. A[g arrived]home P.M.U[ncl]eJa[me]s  
stayed for dinner[.] Jno. [was] in  
C[linton] P.M. Making print dress  
etc. 48  
Fine & Cold  
Warmer
28. T. [I was] in C[linton] with Jane get-  
ting [a] filling put back in [my]  
front tooth[.] Fa[ther], Ned, Jno.  
[and] I [were] shearing[.] 28  
Fine & Warm
29. W. [Today besides] Mending [a] parasol,  
[I] churned & I lifted stones [and]  
gravel out of [the] lane[.] A[g did  
a] washing[.] Ned [was here] A.M.  
shearing[.] 39  
Very Warm
30. T. [I worked] at dress A.M.....  
Mr & Mrs Sturdy & kids [were here]  
P.M. Jno [was] in C[linton] P.M.
31. F. [I] Planted 24 rows [of] potatoes  
.....Ned's [had a] dance[.]

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1. S. [I worked] a little at [the] dress 24  
[and] Made [a] cup cake P.M.& [was]  
at Ned's [in the] even[ing.] Jno.  
scrubbed [the] cellar[.] Very Warm
2. S. I [was] in C[hurch] with Ned..... 30
3. M. [I] finis[hed the] print dress(only 22  
a trifle.)Fa[ther] & Ned[have] gone  
to Brucefield[.] Jno.[has been]plow-  
ing sod [on the] Shanty field for  
rape[seed.]



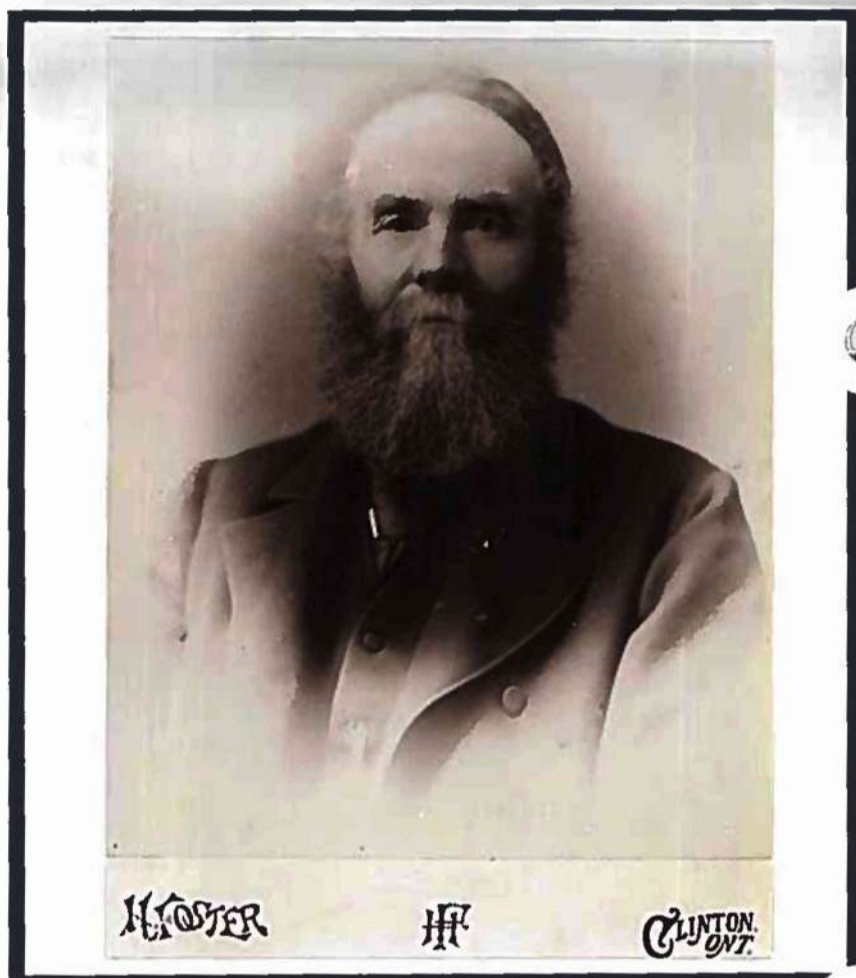
4. T. Dolly foaled[.I] took[the] wool off [an] old dead sheep[. A] haywagon pedlar [was here and the] clock fixer [was here] all night[.] 24  
*Dull, Cooler, Rain.*
5. W. Tea pedlars [from] London called[. I checked]combs & honey out of hive No. 1 - almost dead, others robbing[.] 19  
*Fine, Colder*
6. T. A[g was]at McTavishes P.M.[I]melted some wax etc. 22  
*slight Frost*
7. F. Ned, Jane & I [were]in C[linton] P.M. J[ane] & I [were] in church[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. R. Pearson c[alled.] 23  
*Fine, a little warmer*
8. S. Fa[ther] & Jno. finis[hed] sowing rape[seed. I did] Mending etc. A[g] & B[ella]washed [a]blanket & sheepskin at [the] river P.M. 22
9. S. Fa[ther] & I [drove the] colt [to Church](Stewart.) Jno. [went in the evening.] Jno. [was] in Brucefield [with] Gray P.M. 22  
*Fine & pretty warm*
10. M. [I was] Melting wax [and] washed some[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. with lumber[.] Jack Elliot, B[ob] Trick & Alex. Elliot came[here this] morn[ing.] J[ohn] Pearson c[alled.] 32  
*Fine & very warm*
11. T. McIntosh[was here] A.M. [about the] colt[.]E.A. & Ida Isard [were here] P.M. Another Makin called[.] 21  
*Fine & Nice*
12. W. A[g] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. [with] Dolly[.]Jane & Mother [were] at Isard's P.M. [The] Boys cleaned [the] well[on the] Rathwell[place.] Rolly Cook[was here this]evening[.] 24  
*Very Warm  
Rain Even[ing.]*
13. T. Fa[ther]walked to Clinton[.I]finis[hed] making [a] denim apron[and I] washed a little(quit for rain)[.] 27  
*Dull  
Rain late P.M.*
14. F. [I] Washed A.M. "one arm" Armstrong [was here] for dinner[.] Kids [are] at[a] dance[at]U[ncl]e Ja[me]s's[.] 14  
*Heavy dew  
Fine & Nice*
15. S. Jno., B[ella] & I, Adam & Lily [Stewart] etc., [were] at [the] Experimental Farm [in] Guelph[.] A[g e]s-corted us[.]Ned & Fa[ther were] in C[linton] P.M. for salt[.]Mr Burch, [of] Chicago, Editor of *Sheep Breeder*, [was here] all night[.] 18  
*Beautiful*
16. S. Jno. [went to] c[hurch in the]even- [ing.] 19  
*Pleasant, Warmer*
17. M. Fa[ther] & Mr Burch [were] at Varna [with] Mac's pony[. I] Washed wool P.M. [in the] Bayfield river[. I] stayed with [the] baby [this] morn- [ing while] Jane[was] in C[linton.] Jennie [was over this] even[ing.] 18  
*Pleasant*

18. T. Jno at road-work[.I] Washed,etc.Jack [is] at Mangols these days[.] Finley [McEwen] called P.M. Bella & Jen[nie were] at [the] river[.] Wig[ginton] drove Fa[ther] & B[ella.] 17  
*Fine & Warm  
nice breeze*
19. W. Jane & I & baby[were] at Grant's P.M. Keys's passed[.] Mekin [here this] even[ing.] 22
20. T. Jno. walked to C[linton] P.M. Ned & Ja[ne were] in Brucefield A.M..... [I] Ironed[.] Kids [were] at Mac's [this] even[ing.] 20  
*Dull,Warm,  
Cooler*
21. F. [I] Made [a] denim apron [and] Churned[.] Mekin [called.] 37  
*Very Warm*
22. S. Ned & the rest [are] making a piece crib for [his] house well[.]<sup>8</sup> Ned sold [the] Billy horse[.] Fa[ther] & I [were] inC[linton] at] Donald Stewart's funeral[.]<sup>9</sup> 18  
*Fine, Warm  
Sprinkles*
23. S. A[g, B[ella] & I [drove] Dolly [to church] (Rev. McDonald, Seaforth.) Jno. [went in the evening.] 18  
*Fine, C[ool]  
W[ind]*
24. M. [The]Boys cleaned out house pumps[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M.[and he] fetched J.Miller &[an] iron pump out, & took him back again[.] 17  
*Warm Rain,  
Fine*
25. T. [I] Finis[hed my]"Crazy"shoe box etc. Baird's, Miss Dunbar, J. Scott, Fen-[wick] & Adam, A.Walker & Mac's[were here this] even[ing.] 19  
*Fine*
26. W. Melting wax [today.] B[ella was] at Grant's[.] Jno. [was] at Jno.Diehl's [barn] raising[.]<sup>10</sup> Jack [Elliot was] at Ned's [to help with] manure[.]... ....pedlar.... 16  
*a little rain,  
cleared*
27. T. [Jack was again at Ned's spreading manure.] Jno.[was at Diehl's a[gain] & [in] Clinton until Ten P.M. Mo-[ther] & A[g were] in C[linton] P.M. Boys even[ing] asking to picnic[.] 23  
*Fine & Cool*
- June. 1895**
28. F. [The]Men dipped lambs A.M. Jno.[was] in Brucefield [this] evening[.I have been] melting wax,sorting wool pickings & [I] washed [the] cellar cupboard[.] 42  
*Raining A.M.  
Fine P.M.*
29. S. [I] Finis[hed the] wax,put[the] cupboard in [the] cellar [and] Washed wool pickings[.] 20  
*Cold  
Fine, Warmer*
30. S. A[g] & I[were in church(Rev.Stewart)] Jno. [went in the evening.] 39  
*Nice*
- July, 1895**
1. M. J[ack] Elliott away P.M. Jno.[was]in C[linton in the]even[ing.I]swept [my] room & cleaned cracks[.]  
*Fine & Cool*



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| 2. T.  | [I] Cleaned [my room] & filled [the] tick[.] A[g], Jno. & I[were] at Finley [McEwen]'s [this] even[ing. We] Started mowing [hay.]  | Fine   | 24 |
| 3. W.  | Fa[ther was] in C[linton.] Ned [was] here[. We] Hauled in 4 loads [of hay.] Jennie[was here] P.M. [I] mended[the] tick etc.  |  | 24 |
| 4. T.  | Mr & Mrs Jas. Reynolds [were here] all day[.] Father[was] at [Malcolm McEwen's barn] raising[. We] Hauled 2 loads A.M. A[g] & Jno....P.M. Jno.[was in] Brucefield[ this even[ing to see about the] mower[. I] puttied some cracks[.] | Fine & Warmer  | 26 |
| 5. F.  | B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] Mid-day[. I] Puttied some cracks in B[ella's] floor[.]   | Fine, smokey, Cool W[ind]                              | 26 |
| 6. S.  | [I] Washed a little A.M.[and was] helping [with the] hay P.M. Jack mowed 1/2 A.M. Jno. raked[. We] Hauled in 2 loads from [the Shanty and Rathwell [fields.] Alice foaled[.]   | Fine & Warmer  |    |
| 7. S.  | A[g] & B[ella] & Mamie [were] in C[hurch] (Stewart.) Jno.[went in the evening.] Jno. Diehl & wife [came] for tea[.]  | very warm 87 [degrees F] at noon veranda [thermometer] | 30 |
| 8. M.  | Jno.[was] in C[linton] A.M. with Ned's cow[ and] P.M. with Doll for chop[.] Jack [was] mowing all day [and I did] puttying[.]  | Shower very warm                                       | 23 |
| 9. T.  | [I did] puttying and Jack [did] mowing all day [and is] finis[hed.] Jno.[was] raking all day[.]  | Very Cold & Windy                                      | 36 |
| 10. W. | [We] Hauled 2 loads [in] A.M. [from the] Rathwell [place] & 3[from] below [the] watering place[. That makes] 14 loads all together[sic]. [We] finis[hed] haying P.M.   | Fine, a little cool, nice.                             | 24 |
| 11. T. | Jane, A[g], Jno. & B[ella] went to Goderich[.] Jno. walked to C[linton.] I drove to [the] picnic[.] Fa[ther was] at Mac's raising P.M. [I] sorted wool pickings P.M.   | Fine & pleasant  | 34 |
| 12. F. | [I] Finis[hed] puttying all but 3 large cracks[. The] Boys [are] hauling in etc. at Ned's[.]   | Dull, Slight Shower.                                   | 22 |
| 13. S. | Fa[ther was] in C[linton] with Ned[for] grists[. Father sat for photo[.] Jack [was] at Ned's P.M. helping finis[h] hay[.]  | Dull & Cool  | 32 |
| 14. S. | Fa[ther] & I [were] in C[hurch.] (Rev. Hamilton, Lonsborough[sic].) Jno. [went in the evening.] Aunty [is] home.   |  | 18 |
| 15. M. | Jno.[was] in C[linton] A.M. with W[illiam] Glen A.M. [I was making quilt blocks] & herding geese[.] A[g] was] at U[n]cle Ja[mes]'s] P.M.   | Rain P.M.  | 18 |
| 16. T. | Minding geese etc. [today.] A[g] washed[.] Fa[ther was] at Wigg[inton's] etc.  | Fine & Pleasant  | 20 |

17. W. Picking[potato] bugs near[ly] all day- 14  
 [I] did 8 rows & Fa[ther] 4[.A[g was]  
 [was]in C[linton] with Jane P.M.& Bel- *Fine & Windy*  
 la too & at Grant's[.The]Boys started  
 [cutting] wheat P.M.
18. T. [I] Greened\* [the] 13 remaining rows 38  
 [of potatoes] A.M. [I was] in C[lint- *Fine & Cool*  
 on] P.M. [We] Finis[hed] cutting *Warmer*  
 wheat[.]  
 \*Paris Green(bug poison)
19. F. Minding geese etc. [today.] Mag[gie] 24  
 McEwen [was here] P.M. *Very Warm*



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20. S. [Minding geese etc. today.] Jno. Sak- 19  
 ald & son [were here] for tea[.] Jno. *Fine & Pleasant*  
 [was] in C[linton this] even[ing.]
21. S. A[g] & B[ella were] in C[hurch](Rev. 21  
 Stewart.) Jno. & A[g went in the even- *Slight Showers,*  
 ing.] *Very Warm.*
22. M. Herding,mending etc,[today.]Jno.,A[g] 13  
 & Ada & Annie [were at] U[n]cle *Fine,*  
 Ja[me]s's P.M.& at D[uncan]McKenzie's *Cool Wind*  
 [in the] even[ing.] Fa[ther was] in  
 C[linton] with Ned[and] the wagon for  
 sheep[.]
23. T. Geo. Sturdy & Fa[ther were] at Coop- 15  
 er's, Frazer's & Jameson's[.I]painted *Very Warm Morn-*  
 1/2 [of a] bed-room floor [and]washed *[ing,] Cool*  
 P.M. Sturdy & Sam Reid [came] for *rest of day.*  
 tea[.]
24. W. [We] Hauled in 6 loads of wheat[. I] 22  
 Mowed P.M.Aunty[was]at Lizzie[Glen]'s *Fine & Cool,*  
 [where they were] threshing beans[.] *Slight shower*  
*[in] even[ing.]*



25. T. Kids here - Lizzie in C[linton. We] 24  
 Finis[hed the last] 2 loads [of] Fine & Cool  
 wheat[. I was] Herding A.M. [and] mow-  
 ing P.M.
26. F. [I was]in C[linton] A.M. [and]painted 15  
 a little P.M. [The] Boys cut with Fine,Very Warm,  
 larg[e] sythes[sic][.] Rained.
27. S. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M.for chop[ 8  
 I] Finis[hed the]first coat[of paint] Rain Morning,  
 on[the] floor [and I] Washed & mended Fine P.M.  
 spreads etc. Ned's[were]at A.Jervis's  
 in the buggy [this] even[ing.]
28. S. A[g] & I [were] in C[hurch](Rev. Shaw, 24  
 Egmondville.) Jno. [went in the even Beautiful,Cool  
 ing[.]
29. M. [I]Painted half[of the]second coat[.] 8  
 Courtree [was] here P.M. Dull, Rain
30. T. Fa[ther] walked to C[linton.The] Boys 10  
 [are]cutting wood at[the] river these H[igh] W[ind,]  
 days[.] A[g] & I [were] at Scotts [in C[ool.]  
 the] even[ing.]
31. W. [I was] Raking[the]yard & herding A.M. 13  
 [I] Painted [the] other half (second H[igh] W[ind,]  
 coat) P.M. Bella [is] at Grant's[.] a little warmer  
 Malcolm McGregor[stayed]for dinner[.]

## August, 1895

1. T. [I] Cleaned [the] Parlor A.[M.] &[the] 10  
 H[en] H[ouse] P.M. Jno.[was] in C[lin- Windy,Warmer  
 ton in the] even[ing.] Jack[has been]  
 hauling up furnace wood[.]
2. F. [The] Boys[have been] log[g]ing & bur- 15  
 ning[on the river] flat[s.They]hailed Fine & Calm  
 1 load[of]tares[.] Aunt Mary & Camp-  
 bell(the well-digger) [were here] for  
 dinner[.] Jno. [was] at Jane's[. The]  
 Kids [were] at Mac's dance[this] ev[e-  
 ning.]
3. S. [I] Washed A.[M.]& Painted 1/2 of 3rd 13  
 coat [as well as] mending,herding etc. Slight Shower,  
 Fine, Warm
4. S. B[ella] & I [were in Church](Rev. Mc- 14  
 Millan, Mimico.) Maggie Aikenhead(Mrs Beautiful  
 Smith) [was] in C[hurch] & S[abbath]  
 S[chool.]
5. M. Herding & [working] at quilt [today.] 43  
 Aunty [came] home[.] Beautiful,  
 very w[arm]
6. T. H[erding] etc. [today.] Jno.[was] in 17  
 C[linton] [He drove] Mary in [the] Slight Showers  
 buggy[.]
7. W. Jack McLaughlin & Jennie [Grant were] 20  
 here] P.M. [The] Wigg[in]ton's [were Fine,  
 here [this] even[ing.] Cool W[ind.]
8. T. [I] Finis[hed] painting[the] floor[.] 21  
 Fa[ther]walked to C[linton.] A[g] & I Fine &  
 [were] at D[uncan] McEwen's [this] Very Warm  
 even[ing.]Jno.started cutting oats[.]  
 Jno. & B[ella were] in [V]arna[.]

9. F. A.Dunkin drove Hawkshaw & Beetie[sic] here this morn[ing]. Fa[ther] & them & A.Innis & Avery [had] dinner at Wig-ginton's and] tea[.] 20  
Very Warm  
Heavy Rains
10. S. A. Elliot, Mekin, [and] old Mekin c[alled] this] morn[ing]. The] Master & T[om] Frazer[came] for dinner P.M.[Mr] Smith bought 4 steers[.] Jno.Tomson bought [and came] after [the] bull[.I] [did] her[din]g, washed etc. 21  
Very Warm
11. S. A[g] & I [were in Church](Rev. Graham, Bayfield.) Jno. [went at night.] Dull 23  
Rainy Looking  
Very Warm
12. M. At same daily work[. A] Clinton pedlar called[.The] Boys [are] at the oats[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton] this] morn- [ing.....] 27  
Fine & Pleasant
13. T. [I] Washed & mended [a] dress, [did] herd[ing] etc. [A] Horse (Colt) [was] sick[.] McIntosh [was]here twice & for dinner[.]Jno.[was]in Bruce[field this] morn[ing.] Mac's girls[were here this] even[ing.] 27
14. W. [I was] in C[linton] A.M.[We're] Finis [hed] cutting oats[.] U[n]cle] Ja[me]s [was] here[.] Very Warm 18
15. T. [We] Started [the] peas[. Jno.,B[ella] & Aunty at Swail (sic) & at U[n]cle] Ja[me]s's[.] W. O'Neill & wife called [this] even[ing.] 17
16. F. [We] Hauled in 6 loads[of] oats P.M.[I was] helping[with the]mowing[.]U[n]cle] Ja[me]s's kids [were here this] even- [ing.] Fine & Warm 32
17. S. [We] Hauled in 5 loads [of] oats- all that's ready[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton] this] even[ing.] Warm,  
Rain P.M.
18. S. Fa[ther] & I [were] in C[hurch](Rev,Wm. Graham.) Fine & Warm  
Rain even[ing.]
19. M. [We're] cutting peas etc. Ned [stayed] for dinner[. I] finis[hed] hemming one pillow case etc. Fourth turkey nest Fine & Cool
20. T. [We] Finis[hed] turning peas at tea time[.] Alex [came] for tea[.] Fine, cool  
Rain, Frost
21. W. Smith & Willie Cudmore [came] for dinner[.] Jennie [was here] P.M.[We]Finis- [hed] hauling in oats P.M.- 6 loads[.] Finis[hed] the] lace & pillow-case[.] Fine & Cool
22. T. Mr & Mrs Foster [were here] P.M. Bella went to Varna with them[. We] Hauled in Jno.'s loads [of] peas[.] 12  
Fine & W[arm]
23. F. Ned[was] helping Jno.[load peas.We are] finis[hed] harvest[.] Bessie McGregor [was here] P.M. & all night[.] Fine & Very  
W[arm], Rain 14
24. S. [I] Took Bessie home P.M. Jno. went to Woon's threshing P.M., [but they]did not thresh[.] Jno. went to C[linton] with W[illiam] Glen[.] Raining  
Fine 16



- 25. S. A[g] & I[were in Church](Rev.Muir,Bruce-  
field) [preached about] Ruth & Naomi[.] *Fine & Warm* 13  
Ada [Stewart] & Isabella Pearl[Glen were  
here] all night[.]
- 26. M. A[g] & I went to Bay[field] with Tene  
Mc[Ewen.]I got in with Mrs J.Pearson etc. *Fine & Warm*  
Jno. [came] down P.M.
- 27. T. [I]Washed & made 9 pies P.M.Fa[ther was]  
in C[linton this] even[ing.] Jno. [was]  
at Mac's P.M. Mr Keys fetched B[ella] *Very W[arm]* 23  
home [in the] even[ing. The] threshers<sup>11</sup>  
[were here] all night[.]
- 28. W. [We] threshed [today and] Finis[hed at]  
3 O'c[loc]k P.M. [We] gave [the] thresh-  
ers [their] tea[.] Jno.[was]at W.Elliot's *Fine & Very* 18  
dance[.] *Warm*
- 29 T. Mo[ther] & I[were] in C[linton] P.M.[The]  
Boys [are] taking out manure[.] Laura Per-  
due [was here] P.M. Jno.took[the] machine *Raining* 12  
to.....B[ella] & Jennie [have] gone to *Fine & Pleas-*  
the Master's[.] *ant.*
- 30. F. Choring-Churned etc.A[g] finis[hed] wash-  
ing[.] B[ella came] home. a[g] & I [were]  
at Ned['s this] even[ing.] 51
- 31. S. [I] Finis[hed] peeling, preserving making  
pies etc.[out] of all the apples we have *Fine & Cool* 14  
now[. I] Mended Fa[ther's duck's[.] *Windy*

September, 1895

- 1. S. Jno. & Fa[ther] & Jack..... 14  
*Fine, C[old]*  
*W[ind]*
- 2. M. [I] Mended Jno.'s p[an]ts 14  
*Fine & Pleasant*
- 3. T. Jane & I & I[sabella] P[earl] [were] at  
McTavishe's P,M. Ned [is] here plow-  
ing[.] *Windy &*  
*Very Warm*
- 4. W. Ned [was] plowing A.M. Raining P.M.[I]  
Finis[hed] pieceing [the] log cabin  
quilt[. Edward] Glen Sr. [was here] for  
tea[.] 46  
*Pleasant*  
*Rain P.M.*
- 5. T. Fa[ther] walked to C[linton.] I [was] up  
at Craig's for strayed calves[.] Aggie  
Butchart [was here] P.M. Jno. [was] sow-  
ing wheat[.] 21  
*Fine &*  
*Warm*
- 6. F. [Jno] finis[hed sowing wheat and was] in  
C[linton this] even[ing.] A[g] oiled [a]  
half floor[. I was] stitching [quilt]  
blocks together[.] 25  
*Fine &*  
*Very Warm*
- 7. S. [I]Finis[hed stitching blocks together.]  
A[g] fnis[hed] oiling [the] floor[.] Jno.  
sowed grass seed on [the] wheat [and]  
Jack rolled[. We] washed sheep [at the]  
river[.] 18  
*Fine,*  
*Cold,Windy*
- 8. S. Fa[ther] & I [were in Church](Rev. Stew-  
art.) [His sermon title was]"Covet earn-  
estly the best gifts[.] 21  
*Pleasant*

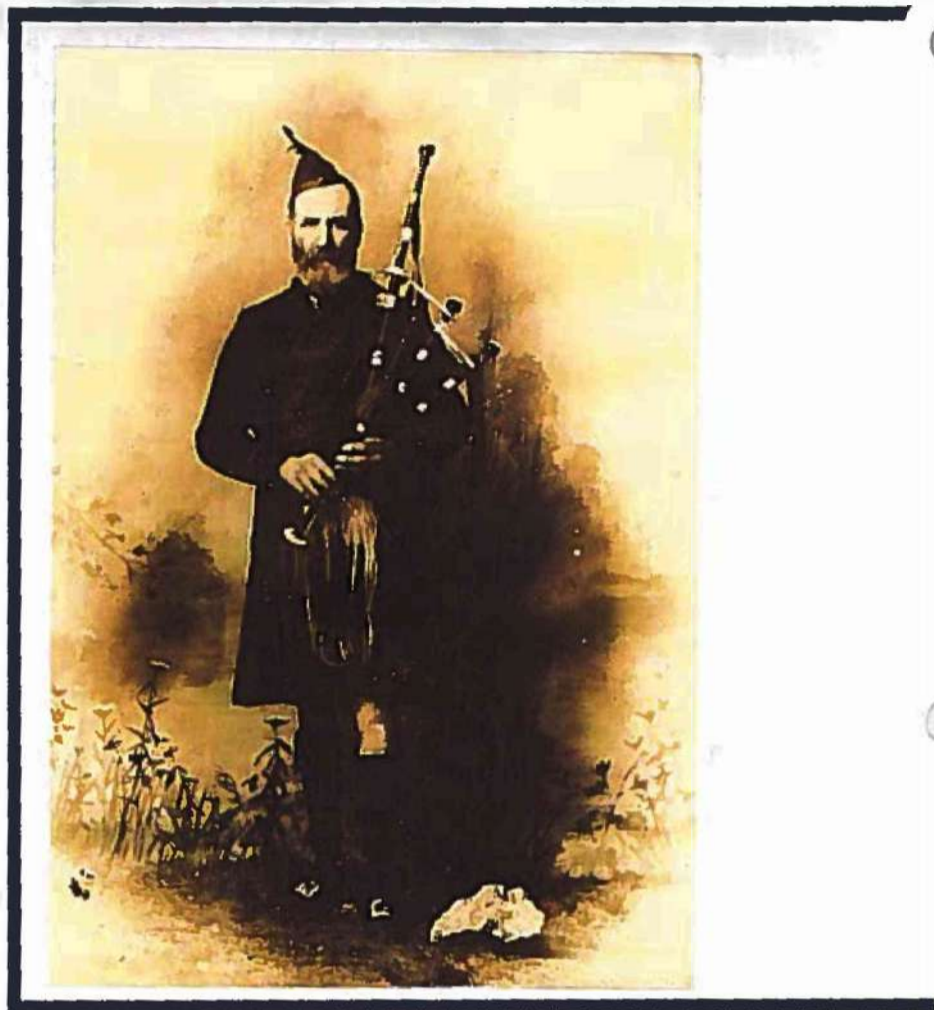
9. M. Jno. trimming sheep[.] Jack [was] at [the] mill [for] chop P.M. Jack plowing[. I] Finis[hed] pressing [the] quilt[.] 29  
Slight Showers  
Fine
10. T. B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] mid-day[.] Fine, 25  
& Very Warm
11. W. A[g was] at Wigg[inton's] P.M. B[ella was] in C[linton] P.M. [I] Cut out print shirt-waist[.] 17
12. T. [I] Pulled some corn A.[M.] & washed P.M. [I was] at Ned's for Era & at Will's [in the] even[ing.] 17  
H[igh] W[ind']  
Slight R[ain]  
Dull & Cooler
13. F. [I] Basted [a] blouse & fitted and stit- 17  
ched Mo[ther's] basque[. I] peeled fell-  
[ed] Talmans for sauce A.M. [The] girls  
[worked] at pies [this] even[ing.] Fine & Cold,  
Wind
14. S. B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. [to get a bag of flour.] 29
15. S. A[g], B[ella] & I [were in church] (Rev. 21  
Stewart.) "Sampson killed 600 Philis-  
tines with an ox goad[.]"
16. M. ....some of wheat fences[.] Smith 21  
called [about] cattle. I worked] at mak-  
ing Mo[ther]'s basque[.] Fine & Warm
17. T. [I] Finis[hed] Mother's basque and I] 21  
minded geese etc. A[g] at Neds.....
18. W. [I] Drove Fa[ther], Jno. & B[ella] to 21  
Brucefield [station.] They went for an  
even[ing] at] London Fair. Jennie [was  
here P.M. [I] Sold [a] p[ai]r [of] hens  
to [the] Irwin Boys at [the] pump[. The  
Hunter's [were there] for [a] drink[.] Storm, Dull  
Fine. Pleasant
19. T. [I] Sewed [the] quilt in [its] frame[.] 21  
Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. A[g was]  
sick[.] Shower  
Fine & Warm
20. F. Ned's [have] gone to Hullett[Township.] 21  
B[ella is] doing their chores[.] B[ella  
was] at McTavish's P.M. quilting[. I'm]  
Quilting [a] L[og] C[abin.] Fine & Very  
Warm
21. S. [I] Finis[hed] the Log Cabin at 1/2 16  
past X P.M. Jno. walked to C[linton] in  
the] even[ing.]
22. S. Fa[ther] & I [were in Church] (Rev. Stew- 20  
art.).....
23. M. [I] Bound [the] quilt[.] Fa[ther was] at 16  
Moffat's funeral[. I] got roots etc.  
ready[.] Fine,  
C[old] W[ind]
24. T. A[g] & I [were] in C[linton] taking] things 18  
to [the] Fair[.] Fa[ther was] judging  
[today] at Exeter[.] Jno. [was in] C[lin-  
ton at] night[.] Aunty [is] home[.] Fine,  
Cool W[ind.]
25. W. Fa[ther], Jno., A[g], B[ella], Jack, Ned, 18  
& I [were] at [Clinton] Fair[.] Auntie  
[was] at Ned's & Jane['s] fighting  
fires[.] Beatie & Will [were here] all  
night[.] Fine & Warm



26. T. Fa[ther], Be[lla] & Wigg[inton's] were] at Cooper's[. I was] Peeling apples & pears[.] 20  
H[eavy] Rain  
Fine & Warm
27. F. [I was] Peeling pears & ridding at yard & cellar[.] Fa[ther was] helping Ned with[the] corn P.M. Jno.[was] in C[linton] shipping Beetie's R[am]lamb[.] A[g was] at U[ncl]e Ja[me]s[']s with pears[.] B[ella was] at Aunty's[.] 17  
C[old] W[ind] Fine
28. S. The two Jno.'s, A[g], B[ella] & I lifted potatoes[.] Fa[ther was] with Ned A.M. Jno. [was] in C[linton to] night[.] 12  
Dull, Cool,  
W[indy.]
29. S. Jno. [went to church in the] even[ing.] 20  
Raining
30. M. [I was] Mending [and] Stuffing [the] fence (for geese.) Finley [McEwen was here in the] even[ing.] 15  
Snowing, Hailing  
1st of the season

## October, 1895

1. T. Jno. & B[ella] went to Sturdy's (God-erich Fair To-morrow.) [I] swept wheat off[the] mow A.M. [I] Put 3 panes in celler windows (M[ilk] room) & washed them P.M. Adam [Stewart], Alice & Ethel [Parke were] at Ned's [this] even[ing.] 26  
Fine,  
H[igh] W[ind.]
2. W. A[g was] picking potatoes with Jane[.] [I] Swept out the celler[.] Fa[ther was] at Butchart's threshing A.M. & part P.M. Kids [stayed] home[.] 12  
Fine & Warm
3. T. Callers [today] - Glen, Aunty, Rev Stewart, wife & Robbie & Douglas[. I was] sewing rags[.] Ned & his Fa[ther] at Seaforth P.M. 13  
Beautiful
4. F. [I] Washed[.] Fa[ther was] at Andy Dunkin's[.] Alice & Ethel & Leonard Parke called [here this] even[ing.] A[g] & I [were] at U[ncl]e Jno.'s [this] even[ing.] 12
5. S. [I] Cleaned[the] hen-house A.M., ironed [and did] a little mending[.] Fa[ther was] at U[ncl]e Ja[me]s's A.M. A[g was] in C[linton] at Ellie's all night[.] 8
6. S. Aunty & I [were in] C[hurch] (Rev. Stewart.) Jno. & Fen[wick] went in the evening[.]
7. M. Killed 8 chicks & a goose-the first[.] A[g] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. 8  
Raining,  
C[ool] W[ind.]
8. T. I walked to C[linton] with] post cards[.] Fa[ther] started pulling Mangols[.] Jno., A[g] & I [paid respects] at Ross'es<sup>12</sup> [this] even[ing.] 16  
Rainy, Hailing,  
C[ool] W[ind],  
Snowing
9. W. Fa[[ther] & I [were] at Dan Ross'es funeral P.M. [I was] Peeling pears & apples A.M. Jennie [was here] P.M. & all night[.] 8  
Light Snowing,  
Fine & Cold.



Dan Ross in highland regalia

- |     |    |   |                                     |    |
|-----|----|---|-------------------------------------|----|
| 10  | T. | Aunty, A[g] & I [were] at Bayfield[. We] called at Green's for Aunty[.] Pedlar had lunch[. The] Men[are] pulling & taking in Mangols[.]                                       | Fine,<br>C[ool] W[ind.]             | 8  |
| 11. | F. | Jno. & I [were] at Bayfield Fair P.M.   | Raining Morn-<br>[ing] & even[ing.] |    |
| 12. | S. | [I] Found turkey nest [with] 14 eggs[.The] Men finis[hed] taking in Mangols[.]  | Fine                                | 11 |
| 13. | S. | Fa[ther] & I [were] in C[hurch](Rev. Stewart.)  | C[ool] W[ind.]                      | 4  |
| 14. | M. | [I] Killed 6 roosters[.]Jno.Thomson* [was] blocking stones [down at the] river P.M.Jane & I [drove] Queen in-[to]C[linton] P.M. Jack[was]at[the] Wigg[inton's] threshing A.M. | Fine,<br>C[ool] Wind]               | 5  |
|     |    | *The stone mason  |                                     |    |
| 15. | T. | [The]Boys[were]at U[ncle]Ja[me]s['s] threshing A.[M.]& [at]U[ncle]Jno.'s P.M. [We] pulled our pears & apples[.] B[ella]& I [were]in C[linton] P.M. [for] flour[.]             | Fine                                | 2  |
| 16. | W. | Fa[ther was]at Jas.Steep's sale P.M. [I was] pulling peas[.The]Boys[were] at U[ncle] Jno's threshing A.[M.] & W[illiam] Glen's P.M.   | Showery                             | 4  |
| 17. | T. | Fa[ther] & Jno. finis[hed] at Will's [in the] morn[ing] & at Ned's [at] 1/2 past 4 O' c[loc]k[.]  | Beautiful                           | 3  |



18. F. Jane & I [were] in C[hurch] (Rev. Henderson, Hensall.) Mrs & Jessie Wigg-  
[inton were here] P.M. B[ella is] at  
Grant's [P.M. I] Killed 4 Roosters  
[and a] sheep[.]
19. S. Fa[ther] & I put furnace wood in [the]  
celler[.] A[g] washed shirts etc. Hail & 5  
Snow Showers P.M.
20. S. Fa[ther] & I [were] in C[hurch] (Rev.  
Stewart.) Jno. & A[g] were in Church  
(Rev. Hamilton.)
21. M. [I] Put onions in [the] celler[.] Fa- 4  
[ther] walked to Clinton A.M. A[g] Snowing,  
& I [were] building [a] goose-house Fine P.M.  
P.M. B[ella] has quinsy[.]  
\* an abscess between the tonsil and the pharynx  
accompanied by severe sore throat and fever.
22. T. I [was] at Mrs Green's quilting[.]  
Fa[ther] & Jno. [were] pulling car-  
ots[.] Fine & Nice
23. W. [Father & Jno.] Finis[hed] pulling 7  
carrots] & hauling [them] in [I did  
the] Churning & peeled app[le]s A.M. Fine, C[ool]  
[and] A[g] & I [were] building [the] W[nd.]  
goose-h[ouse] P.M. A[g] boiling  
mangols[.] Frank Keys called[.]
24. T. Mo[ther] & A[g] were] in C[linton]
25. F. A[g] & I [worked] at [the] g[oose]- 3  
h[ouse] A.M. [A[g] did] ironing & I Fine & Pleasant  
did] washing P.M. Jno. [is] paving  
[the] yard[.]
26. S. A[g] & I hauled barrels [of] water  
from [the] well A.M. Shore dead sheep  
& scrubbed P.M. Jane & kid [here]  
P.M. Beautiful
27. S. A[g] & I [were] in Church] (Heuston, [an]  
elder [and] Principal [of the] high  
school [preached] "Lamb in the midst  
of the throne".) Jno. [went] in the  
even[ing] (Holmes, Methodist.) Raining P.M.
28. M. A[g] & I [spent] all day peeling 3  
pears[.] I] Put in a little F[ire] Hail, Showers  
wood[.] In the] even[ing] I] mended Fa-  
[ther's] p[an]ts & shirt & made 2  
long & 3 short towels
29. T. Jack [was] plowing A.M. [He went in- 3  
to] Clinton on horse back [at] night[.]  
Jno. [was] in C[linton] with grist P.M. Snowing  
[We] put joists & T's in [the] goose-  
house[.] A[g] was] boiling for Jno. all  
day[.] T -Killed[.] Horses & milch  
cows [were] in [to] night (1st [time].)
30. W. Killed goose & pigs P.M. Fa[ther]  
was] at Neds killing [pigs] A.M. I Fine, a little milder  
[was] in C[linton] P.M. Jno, Thom-  
son [was] here] all night[.]
31. T. [I] Packed 4 hives [of] bees all but 2  
some top chaff[.] Fa[ther] & [the]  
mason [were] at [the] river[.] Mac's,  
Fen[wick], Adam, J. Scott & us [were]  
at Ned's [this] even[ing].] Dull, Rain

1. F. Jno.[was] sawing [wood] with Mac[.] Jack plowed some.....[I was] picking up round[the] goose-h[ouse] etc., etc., [and] making [a] feed box[.] Carrie & Jennie[Grant] called[this] even[ing.] 1
2. S. [I've] almost finis[hed] making 2 feed boxes[.]Jno.[is] at Will's cutting [wood.] Jack [is] plowing etc. [The] Mason went home [this] morn[ing.] A[g] set up her stove [and] boiled mangols etc. 1  
*Fine & Warmer*
3. S. A[g] & I [were in Church.](Rev.Stewart.) "Things which accompany salvation." Ada & Jno.[went at night.] 1
4. M. [I] c[leaned the] h[en] h[ouse], completed[the] feed boxes etc.[I finis[hed] packing bees P.M. etc. Aunty [came] home[.] Wiley around[.]Andy Dunkin called[.]
5. T. Cleaned Bed-room, churned etc.[The] Elliots [are] doing [a] road job (gravelling.) Jno. Diehl called[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton this] even[ing.]
6. W. [We]pulled & wheeled up cabbage P.M. Jno.Cuming came to U[n]cleJno.,s[.] *Very Warm  
Rain*
7. T. [I was] in C[linton] P.M. Mac's, & D. Campbell,U[n]cleJa[me]s's & U[n]cle Jno.'s, J. Scott etc., [were] here [this] even[ing.] *Rain*
8. F. [I] Killed & dressed 5 geese [and I was]in C[linton] P.M.[A]Glen\* [was] born [this] morn[ing.] *Rainy*
- \*Abigail Glen, 1895-1979, youngest child of Wm. Glen and Margaret Elizabeth Stewart. In 1913, she married William Francis (Frank) Saunders(1884-1982) of Goderich[.]
9. S. [I] Peeled some Talmans([for]sauce), Killed [a] hen[and] darnedsocks etc, *Rainy, Snowing a little.*
10. S. A[g] & I[were in Church](Rev.McKay) Dull, a little snow. "Rev[elation 22,Verse] 5 to end(The great white throne etc.)"
11. M. Peeled some pears & churned A.M.Jno, Allen called[in at] breakfast[.]Jno. Cuming [was] here[. I] Made a parasol case [in the] even[ing.] *Fine & Dull, etc.*
12. T. I[was]in C[linton]in the]even[ing.] Jno. in C[linton, then] went to U[n]cle Jno.'s[. I] Killed 1 geese & 5 gobs[.]
13. W. [I]Peeled kettle pears etc. Mrs Aikenhead & Mrs Mac [were here] P.M Mag[gie came in the] even[ing.]B[ella is]at Grant's[and the] Boys[are] in [the] bush[.I] Picked 3 geese at night[.] *E[xtremely].  
H[igh] W[ind.]*



14. T. [I] Killed 7 turkeys[.] A[g] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. [The] Boys [are] cutting wood these days[.] *Rainy*
15. F. Ridding wood-shed platform[. I] Put in cellar windows & washed them[.] [I] washed two lard pails etc. A[g] [did] ironing[.] Jane [was] at Aunty's P.M. *Dull, C[ool] W[ind.]*
16. S. [I]Washed double windows, etc.Mo[ther] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. Jack [went] home[.] Jno. [was] de-horning at U[ncl]e Jno.'s *Fine Rain*
17. S. Raining  
A[g] & I [were] in C[hurch(Rev.Stewart)Outline of Foreign Missions Jno. [went] in the evening.]
18. M. [I] C[leaned] the H[en] H[ouse.]Ned [was] in C[linton] & sold their 10 turkeys[.] Jack McGregor [is asking people to come ] to [a] b[ee.I]kill-4 geese[.] *Fine & Warm*
19. T. [I killed]13 turkeys A.M. [I was]in C[linton] P.M Jennie [was here] P.M. & all night[.]Jack McGregor[had his] bee & dance[.] *Rain P.M. & even[ing]*
20. W. Mrs & Herb Dunkin called ( looking for cattle.)[The] Elliots[came]here [and] took home Jack's sheep & calf[.]\* Fa[ther] & Mo[ther] were at [a] singing p[ar]ty at Mac's [this] even[ing.]  
*Snowing & Hard Frozen*  
\*Jack Elliott appears to have taken livestock as part payment for his hired labour.
21. T. Jno. [was] hauling up wood [in the] sleigh[.] Thanksgiving -I [was] at [the annual Sabbath School] exam[.] *Snowing a little*  
Rev.Stewart & Lawyer Scott[did the] examining[.] Rev. Smyth [of] Brucefield & Wife [were also] there[.] Ned's[were] here[for]tea(dinner)[.] Aunty [was here] all night[.]
22. F. Mac's, D.Campbell, Ned's & Us[were] at U[ncl]e Jno.'s [at] night[.] *Dull, Snow*
23. S. Jno. [was] at Ned's cutting [wood.] B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. *Snowed a little.*  
[with the] cutter[.]
24. S. A[g] & I [went to] Church [in the] cutter(Rev. Stewart.).....[I] stayed with I[sabella] P[earl] this even[ing.] *Fine*
25. M. [I] Made Fa[ther]'s duck p[an]ts[.] A[g]washed kitchen plaster[and]B[ella] washed] paint[.] *Snow, Thaw, Raining.*
26. T. [I] Cleaned H[en] & goose houses & changed roosts[.]Beetie drove Mr Cantelon out & had dinner[.] Fa[ther] & [Cantelon were] at Innis's, Wigg[inton]'s[and in] C[linton. I worked on a] basque [this] even[ing] and] made Button-holes & sewed buttons [for] Jno. *Freezing, Snow Flurries.*

27. W. Fa[ther] & C[antelon, a] sheep buyer, [were] at Cooper's, etc. [We] Washed sheep[.] Aunty [is] at Ned's[. Kennedy was] round buying turkeys[.] I made Button-holes in [a] p[ai]r[of] Jno.'s cuffs[.] *Fine, sunshiny, softened a very little.*
28. T. Ja[ne] & A[g were] buying turkeys & geese A.M. Fa[ther] & C[antelon] were at Dunkin's, etc. Jno.[was] at Mac's threshing P.M. I [was] in C[linton] P.M. [driving] Queeny[.] Kids at Mac's party[.] *Fine, Softened more.*
29. F. Fa[ther] & C[antelon] were in C[linton, then] at Snell's for dinner[.] Hired a livery & went to Sturdy's etc., P.M.\* Jno. [was] at Mac's thresh- A.M. [I] Churned & sewed[a] shoe P.M. *Big Flake Soft Snow P.M.*

\*The MacFarlane horse needed a rest.

30. S. Fa[ther] & C[antelon] were at Diehl's, [then] at Wigg[inton's] for dinner[.] Jno. [went] c[alling] in C[linton] [this] even[ing.] I was at Jane's A.M. for 2 hours[.] We traded for pullets[.] Will & Ned [were] in C[linton] moving out their fa[ther]'s stuff[.] *Fine, Dull*

## December, 1895

1. S. Mrs Jas. Elliot<sup>13</sup> [of] Hullett died[.] A[g] & I [went] in the buggy to church (Rev. Stewart) Ecc XII-13-14 specially-The whole duty of man (Admit, submit, Commit, Transmit.) Wigg[inton]s came] for tea[.] *Drizzly, Snow*
2. M. Cantelon & Jno. [were] in C[linton] A.M., at [the] Master's P.M. [and at] Cooper's all night[.] They drove Mary [in the cutter.] Foster Brigham [came] P.M. [and] Mother went back with him[.] S. Moffatt called & Andy Mekin with him[.] Aunty [was here] all night[.] I Washed [my] hair[.] *Snowing*
3. T. Fa[ther] & C[antelon] were in C[linton] P.M. A[g] Washed[.] I was mending [an] old b[la]ck cashmere skirt[.] *Fine*
4. W. Fa[ther] & C[antelon] went to C[linton] to ship - Jno., Jack, & Ned took up [the] sheep (20 Rams.)
5. T. I [was] in C[linton] P.M. Jno. [was] at [the] mill P.M. [and at] W[illiam] Beacom's [for] oats [in the] even- [ing.] *Snowing*
6. F. Jno. [was] at Beacom's getting oats[.] Jno. & J[ack] [were] at [the] mill P.M. [I] Cleaned [the] H[en] H[ouse.] [Mr & Mrs] Brigham & Mother arrived P.M. [The Brigham's] & Aunty [stayed all] night[.] Jane [was over] in [the] even[ing.] *Fine, Flakey*
7. S. B[righam]'s went home P.M. Jno. [was] at Ned's cutting [wood] P.M. T[om] Frazer (sic) called P.M. *Drizzley Light Snow*



8. S. A[g] & I [were] in C[hurch in the] cutter(Rev. Stewart.) "And Saul eyed David from that day and forward." Jno. [went to church n the] even[ing.] I stayed with I[sabella] P[earl this] even[ing.] *Very Cold  
Hands Freezing*
9. M. Fa[ther] walked to C[linton and] I [was] in C[linton] P.M. Jno.[was] at Ned's cutting [wood] A.M. *Dull, A  
little warmer*
10. T. [I] Cleaned [the] H[en] H[ouse. [Ed-ward] Glen Sr.\*[was here] for tea[.] Ned, Will & Adam [were] here cutting wood.] Jack went home at U..... Jno.Tomson & Harry [were] at U[ncl]e Ja[me]s's all night[after] taking[a] bull to Clinton[.] *Fine, Dull*  
\*Now a widower, he's moved in with William & Lizzie across the road.
11. W. Fa[ther went to] Guelph[to] judge[in the] Stock Show[. I] Drove [him] to [the] station[.] B[ella] & I[were] in C[linton] P.M. Bella[was] at Grant's all night [and the] Boys [were there in the] even[ing.] *Cold S. & W.  
Slight Snow  
Drift, E[ast]  
W[ind.]*
12. T. Jno.[was] at Will's cutting[.] I[was] choring[.] Bella Cuming[was] here[.] Her, Adam, Lilly, A[g], Jno. & B[ella were] at Mac's [this] even[ing.] Fa[ther arrived] home [at] night[.] *8 [degrees F.]  
at 9 A.M. 10  
[degrees F] all  
day in veranda.  
3 [degrees F]at night.*
13. F. [I] Mended Jno.'s vest & Fa[ther]'s anorek & shirt[.] Jno. & Geo. Elliot called [this] even[ing.] *a little warmer*
14. S. [I] Put button-holes & buttons on Mo[ther]'s basque[and I] Mended Jno.'s shirt P.M.
15. S. A[g] & B[ella were in church.] Jno. [went in the evening.(Rev.Hamilton.)] *Fine & Soft*
16. M. A[g],B[ella] & Aunty [were] in C[lin- ton.] Ned & Jane[were]up moving Glen Sr. into [the] Cantelon house[.\* I] Cleaned [the] H[en] H[ouse.] Geo. Elliot called [in the] morning[.] *Fine, E[ast]  
W[ind.]*
- \* I always understood from Isabel, Jack & Don Glen that their grandfather Glen lived his last six years (1895-1901) on the home place. Ned & Will must have moved a small house onto the home place to give the dad peace & privacy. William & Lizzie's 4 children were all under 7.
17. T. Fa[ther was] at R. Marshell's(sic) [and] bought 2 pigs[.] I cleaned kitchen stove pipes A.M. Papering [the] kitchen ceiling - [We're] 1/2 done & more[.] Jno.[was] at Will's, moving [the] wood-shed[.] *Raining  
Thawing & Fair  
Raining*
18. W. A. Marshell brought [us our] pigs[.] Jno.helped kill [a] heifer & pigs[.] [I continued] Papering[.] *Raining*
19. T. [I] finis[hed papering [the] walls & ar[ranged]a box etc.Jno.& A[g were] in C[linton]P.M. Jno.Cuming went out with them to U[ncl]e Jno.'s[.] Jennie Grant[was here] all night[.] *Raining*



The four children of William Glen & Lizzie Stewart about 1897 or 98: The boy front-centre is Edward C. (Eddie) Glen (1892-1962). The girls left to right are: Mary (Mrs Gabe Elliott 1888-1972), Abbie 1895-1979 Mrs Frank Saunders) and Bessie (1891-1969 Mrs Frank How.)

20. F. [I] Finis[hed] papering etc. Finley [McEwen] called[.] Fa[ther was] at U[ncler] Ja[me]s's *Raining Fine & Dull*
21. S. Fa[ther] & Mo[ther were] salting meat[.] Churned etc. B[ella] cleaned [the] pantry & A[g cleaned] Jno.'s stair[.] *Raining*
22. S. Fen[wick Stewart was] here [in the] even[ing.] Jno. & A[g went to church at night.] *Dull, Fine*
23. M. Jno. & I[were] in C[linton] P.M. B[ella] made [a] Cake, Mince pies etc. *Rain P.M.*
24. T. Picked goose & wiped out B[ed]-room[.] Ned & I[sabella] P[earl][were] here[.] G[eorge] T[homas] Baird called [in the] even[ing] to issue a general invitation to Gilmore's p[arty][.] \* B[ella] has] gone to Grant's[.] *Raining P.M.*
- \* Two points: George Thomas Baird (1873-1963) was the Master's 3rd son. He farmed his whole life on the ancestral acres, Lot 21 Con II. Telephone service was still 14 Years in the future. It was standard procedure pop a post card in the mail or call at households personally to look for help in threshing and other bees or to proffer hospitality. Gilmore's, who lived on lot 24, Con III, 3 lots north of Baird's, delegated the inviting to 22-year-old George Thomas.



25. W. Ned & [the] Boys[were]lifting fences  
A.M.\* Ned, Jane & I[sabella] P[earl]  
& Aunty [were here] all day[.I] star-  
ted Jno.'s p[an]ts[.] Jno.[was] at  
Gilmore's party[.] *Fine*  
*Bees Flying*
26. T. Making at [Jno.'s pants.] Fa[[ther]  
at school meeting[.] *Snowing, Softish*  
*Fr[oze] a little*
27. F. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. [for]  
grist[. I] Cleaned[the] H[en] H[ouse]  
and was] Making p[an]ts[.]B[ella was  
at Aunty's making Mo[ther]'s pres-  
ent[.] *4*  
*Snowed a little*  
*even[ing]*
28. S. [We] Finis[hed Jno.'s pants and Moth-  
er's present.] Jno.[was] in C[linton  
at] night [a] Rooster [from]Beetie's  
[in] London[.] *2*  
*Fine, a little*  
*softish.*
29. S. A[g] & I [went to church in the]  
buggy[.](Rev. McDonald,Seaforth.)Jno.  
[went to church and] I stayed with]  
I[sabella] P[earl in the] even[ing.] *5*
30. M. Jno. [was] at Wigg[inton's] moving  
[the] barn[.] Stonehouse calved[. I]  
Killed old Mary [the] Goat [and I]  
Mended Cap & Erat[.]I[sabella]P[earl  
[was] here [while] Ned[was] at [the]  
Varna Nomonation [meting.] *3*  
*Snowing*
31. T. Geo. at home[.] Knit mit[.] *Snowing & 4*  
*Drifting, H[igh]*

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1. Probably Tena Baird 1870-1958. She was the Master's daughter, younger, but near in age to Lib, Jane & Ag. She never married and lived her whole life on the Baird home place, Con II, Lot 21.
2. In cold weather, a way to remove the damp and chill from bed sheets was to wrap a brick or bricks in newspaper and heat them in the oven of the wood stove and then insert them between the sheets. Some warm bricks could be left at the foot of the bed to keep one's feet warm. One could make things more ritzy by putting knitted or cloth coverings on the bricks. My late mother said she rather liked the pungent smell of hot newsprint when she took hot bricks to bed.
3. Maud Scott Christie was the 3rd wife of the Rt. Hon. James G. Gardiner, longtime federal Minister of Agriculture.
4. Mary Glen was seriously ill.

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- 5. Probably Mrs Finley McEwen, the former Catherine Ross, and sister of Dan Ross, husband of Mary Emma Stewart.
- 6. Spraying of apple trees
- 7. Fitzsimmons was a butcher in Clinton.
- 8. Ned Glen tried for quite a while to dig a well near the barn. He wanted to build a better farm house nearer to the barns, but he held off until he could be assured of a plentiful water supply. Eventually he was forced to drill a well.
- 9. No relation to her mother's family of Stewart's
- 10. \*The 1890's and early 1900's are years of many barn raisings. The growth of cities in Ontario and the opening of the west, caused Ontario farmers to switch to mixed farming to supply meat, butter, eggs, poultry and produce to the city. The pioneer barns were raised on stone or cement foundations for cowstables. John Diehl farmed on Lot 25 Con IV, five farms south of MacFarlane's.
- 11. The men who owned and operated the threshing mill and steam engine. Probably Bill Perdue and sons. By putting up the threshers for the night, they could work late getting everything ready, so that no time was lost getting started in the morning.
- 12.
- 13.

The Finley McEwen Family



Mrs McEwen  
née  
Catherine  
Ross

Ella  
McEwen  
later Mrs  
Bill Tebn T  
of  
Godrich

↓  
Dan McEwen

Finley - son of pioneer  
"Cash" John McEwen  
He farmed Lot 25  
Con IV.

was a medical missionary in India



# THE DIARY OF ELIZA-ANN MACFARLANE: 1896

## The Year of Edward John Glen

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January, 1896

1. W. Ned, Jane & I[sabella] P[earl and] Jennie G[rant were here] P.M. A[g], Jno., B[ella] & Jennie [were] at Wise's party[. The] girls drove [the] cutter[.] George [was] back [at] night[.]\* 8  
Flaky A.M.  
Fine P.M.
2. T. B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton.] Jennie [went] with us to [help clean at the] school[house. Fa[ther was] at Avery's[. We] brought Geo[rge] in[to the] house P.M. 2  
Snowing, a little windy
3. F. [I] Finis[hed] [the] mitts[. George] went home[. The] Kids [were] at Aunty's P.M. Jane [was] in P.M. Hawkshaw & Dunkin called [at] night[.] 8  
Stormy & Snowing
4. S. Mending & darning[.] 2  
Stormy & Snowing
5. S. Jno. [took the] cutter [to church in the] even[ing.] 5  
8 below [zero in] even[ing]
6. M. Jno. hauled up [a] load of limbs[.] Mother is Carding[.] I Started [a] mit & darned stockings [and] Made an handkerchief[.] 2  
Dull, low drifts.
7. T. [I] Made [a] Comfortable for Geo[rge]'s bed, washed ganzies & [a] p[ai]r[of] stockings [and] darned [one] p[ai]r [of] stockings[.] 6  
S[ome] more snow, Fine P.M.
8. W. [I] Killed goose, gob & turkey hen[.] Lizzie [Glen] took [the] goose[.] Jno. & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. [in the] cutter[.] Jno., Will[iam] G[len] & Adam[were] in C[linton in the] even[ing to hear] speakers (M.C. Cameron & [Sir Richard] Cartwright, [federal Liberals.]) 1  
Some snow & Cold Wind.
9. T. [I] Quilted Bella's "Crazy" Stuff quilt[.] Fa[ther] walked to C[linton.] Lizzie McTavish [was here] P.M. 6  
S[ome] Snow & some drift  
Warmer, Calm
10. F. Jas. Renolds' boys [stayed] for dinner[. They were here] buying horses[.] Jessie Wigg[inton was here] P.M. Party at W[illey] Glen's [to] night[. \* I] Cleaned [the] hen-house [and] Bathed[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton] with Ned P.M. [driving] colt [with] sleigh[.] 2  
Round W[white] Frost sticking on things

\*My late father told me that in this period, in the S.S. #1-S.S #10 areas, the families arranged that somewhere every Friday night, there was a house party. Cards (progressive euchre) would be followed by a midnight "lunch." The host would brew tea and coffee and the sandwiches, cookies stc. were furnished by the guests. Local fiddle players supplied music for dancing which might go on till sunrise. By having it on Friday night, the party would not violate the Sabbath

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| 11. S. | [I] Put 2 panes [of] glass in [the] frame & put it in [the] goose-h[ouse] door & stuffed cracks with P[utty and] straw[.] Jno. took up[a] load [of] limbs P.M.  | 5<br>Raw Wind, Dull  |
| 12. S. |   | 2<br>Stormy P.M.   |
| 13. M. | [I have been] binding books[.] <sup>1</sup> Jno. & Ned G[len] went to a political meeting in C[linton.]   | 1<br>Some Snow & storm                                     |
| 14. T. | Binding [illegible]   | 4  |
| 15. W. | Bound [illegible] etc. [I] Melted snow P.M. [I] Cleaned [the] H[en] H[ouse] A.M. A[g] & B[e] lla were] at U[n]cle Ja[mes]'s P.M. [I] Called on U[n]cle Ja[me]s & Aunty [in the] even[ing.]                        | 0<br>Fine  |
| 16. T. | A[g] was] in C[linton] P.M. Adam [came] home with her[.] Jno. [was] at Will's crushing P.M. I washed A.M.   | 3<br>Fine  |
| 17. F. | Mending & bound S[abbath] S[chool] Times [in the] even[ing][.] Jno. [was] at Aikenhead's dance[.] Mr & Mrs W. Cooper [came] for tea[.]  | 1<br>Dull  |
| 18. S. | Jno. [was] at W[m] Glen's cutting wood[.] Geo. Sturdy Sr. [was here] for tea[.] I cleaned the] H[en] H[ouse] and] Bound 2 vol[umes in the] even[ing.]   | 1<br>Soft Snow   |
| 19. S. | A[g] & I [were in church] (Rev. Stewart.) Text: "The Widow's Mite." Jane [went in the] even[ing] and] I stayed with B[ella] P[earl] for the] even[ing.]   | 2<br>light snow falling                                    |
| 20. M. | [I] Put [a] lining in Fa[ther]'s overcoat sleeves[.] I] Darned & faced Jno.'s mits etc. [in the] even[ing.]   | 2<br>light snow falling                                    |
| 21. T. | [I] Washed a few flannels etc. A.M. Dennison called on the sleigh P.M. Lizzie [Glen was] here P.M. [Bella is] at J. Pearson's dance-[Bill] McEwen asking[.] Jno. [was] at Ned's crushing [and I was] binding etc. | 1<br>Fine & Dull   |
| 22. W. | [John was at Ned's] Cutting [wood. I did] Darning, mending etc. Sparrow at barn J. McEwen [was] here [this] even[ing.]  | 4<br>Colder,<br>Cold E[ast] Wind.                          |
| 23. T. | U[n]cle Ja[me]s [is] sick[.] I was] at Ned's [on an] errand[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M.   | 1<br>C[old] E[ast] wind & rain..                           |
| 24. F. | [I'm] Knitting [a] quilt pattern [L]og C[abin] June '94[.] Jno. Scott called P.M. with pedegrees[.] John Cuming [was] here [this] even[ing] on his way to "Aunty Maggie's" dance[.]                               | 2<br>c[old] E[ast] wind, sleet, Warmer, gone by even[ing.] |



- 25. S. Ned & Will [were]here cutting[wood.] 4  
 W. McEwen [was here] P.M. [I] short- Calm,  
 e, ned five p[an]ts etc. Aunty [was] Snow Soft  
 here P.M. [I] Started Silence Cover  
 [this] even[ing.]
- 26. S. A[g] & I [were in church](Rev. Stew- Drifting a  
 art.) Text: "Our Birthrights." Jno. & little, Fine.  
 Ad[am went in the] even[ing.]
- 27. M. [I] Finis[hed] S[ilent]Cover[.I Finis- 6  
 [hed a pair of mitts].....  
 Fa[ther was] at U[ncl]e Ja[mes]'s[. Beautiful  
 (He] drove[.]) Jno. [was] at [the]  
 mill [for] chop P.M.
- 28. T. J. Avery [was here this] morn[ing.] 2  
 Mac[came] P.M. A[g] & I went with him Fine, Dull  
 & Mr & Mrs Wiley, Gemmel Aikenhead &  
 M ac's[.We] went to see [the] poor-  
 house\* & [then were] bac[k] for tea...  
 [We] Quit milking A[g]'s Heifer. [I]  
 Killed [an] old turkey[.]

\*The Huron House of Refuge, aka Huronview. Sam Cooper had erected a large white brick main building just the previous year. It was the first farm on the Tuckersmith side of the London Road, going south out of Clinton. People without means or who were unemployed lived austerely there at taxpayer's expense. The able-bodied were required to work on the farm. A lot of physically and mentally challenged people, lacking family willing or able to care for them ended up there. In 2001, there is a project to tend and restore the graves of residents who died there. During Eliza-Ann's lifetime, it was considered disgraceful for one to let any blood relation end up in the "poor house."

- 29. W. [I] Washed A.M. Jno.[was] at Jack Mc- 5  
 Donald's[.]\*Geo.Sturdy & Miss Driver Fine, Warm  
 [arrived]A.M. [and she stayed] all  
 night[.] Annie & Lizzie [were here]  
 P.M. \* Lot 19 Con I
- 30. T. A[g] drove Miss D[river] to Grant's 6  
 A.M. Mr & Mrs Rob.Thompson[came for]  
 dinner & tea[.] A[g] & B[ella were] Middling Soft  
 in C[linton] P.M. Ned's [were]at U[n-  
 cle] Ja[mes]'s.....
- 31. F. Kate Pearson, kids, & Jane [were] at 6  
 U[ncl]e Jno.'s [I] Washed in [the]  
 celler A.M. W. Cudmore & Turnbull  
 9horse buyers) called P.M.

February, 1896

- 1. S. [I] Cleaned [the] H[en] H[ouse] & 4  
 Goose H[ouse[.] Jno. [was] in Bruce-  
 field with a load of Ned's lambs[.] Misty, Raining  
 B[ella] & Aunty [were over] seeing  
 U[ncl]e Ja[me]s[.]
- 2. S. A[g] & I[were] in C[hurch](Rev.McKay, Frozen, a  
 Toronto, Sec[retary] of Foreign Mis- little icy,  
 sions.)Text Romans XIII-12-14"Put ye Sun, thaw  
 on the Lord Jesus Christ[.]" Jno. 6  
 [went in the] even[ing.]
- 3. M. Ned[was] here sawing wood[.I]sabella 6  
 P[earl was] here[.I've been] mending Stormy  
 [my] own clothes etc.

4. T. [I] Finis[hed] hemstitching bleached cotton pillow-cases[.] Ned [was] here [sawing wood and] he & Jno.[were] in C[linton this] even[ing,going in]his sleigh[.A] Tin pail pedler[was here] P.M. Finley[was here this]even[ing.] Fa[ther was] at Avery's for 5 lambs & 1 shearling[.] 4  
*Soft light snow*
5. W. Ned [was] here[. A[g] & Jane [were] in C[linton] mid-day[.] The Dennis-on's [were] at[the] barn[. I was]letting down [the] hem on [a] water-proof[.] 6  
*Fine*
6. T. [I worked some more on the water-proof's hem. I also was] making [a] print apron (B[la]ck like [my] dress[.] Jno. & Mac [were] at Calder's [and] Ned [was here[.] 6
7. F. [John and Malcolm McEwen were at Calder's and Ned was here.] Jane & I [went to] church in C[linton.The]Rev. [Mr Stewart's] Text: 2 Cor[inthians], V[erse] 21: "For he hath made him to be sin for us etc." Aunty [was] here [and] Jno. Green called[. His daughter] Abby [is] sick[.] 4
8. S. [I] Finis[hed the] apron, mended [a] waist, starched [a] collar [and] cleaned [the] H[en] H[ouse. An]Apple tree pedler [stayed] for dinner[. We are] getting cherries[.] 6  
*Light Snow*
9. S. A[g] & I [were] in C[hurch](Rev.Stewart.) Text: Col[ossians] III,v[erse] 3 "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." Adam & Jno. [went at night.] 5  
*Snow, Warmer*
10. M. Jno.[was] at Ned's [and the] Ram[is] at Ned's this week[.] Woon called[.] Adam[came]after[a]horse power rod[.] [I'm] Making a print blouse[.] 4  
*Stormy & Snowy*
11. T. [I] Fini[shed] all but the button-holes & but[tons on the blouse.I]finished [the w[ool] mittens[.] Adam & Jno. walked to C[linton.] 4  
*Stormy & Snowy*
12. W. [I] Finis[hed the] blouse [but] changed [the] collar. Jno. [was] at U[n]cle Jno's cutting [wood.] [A] Horse kicked a calf & stunned it[.] Fa[ther was] at Ned's.] Dennison's [were] here [and] bought [the] big bull[.] 2  
*Stormy night*
13. T. Saved shoe[.]A[g] & [I were]at Jane's P.M. Jno. [was] at[the]Mill A.M.[and in] C[linton] P.M. 5  
*Stormy*
14. F. Jno.[and] B[ella were] at Ned's[and] Jane's P.M. [I] lengthened Jno.'s sleeve [and] Washed a little[.] 1  
*Some Stormy, Froze*
15. S. [I] Cleaned [the] H[en] H[ouse and] Ripped & cut [a] pattern off Jno.'s overalls[. I] Bound [a] Book [in the even[ing.] Jno. [was] with Ned [and] Fa[ther was] hauling up wood[.] 3  
*Softish Warmer*



16. S. A[g] & I [were] in C[hurch] (Rev. Stewart.)
17. M. [We were] at Ned's P.M. for flour[.] Jno. ....walked the bull to Dennison's [and] Fa[ther] drove over afterward[.] The] Alice horse [is] sick[.]
18. T. Jno. [was] at Ned's[.] I'm] Mending Fa[ther]'s old brown coat.....  
...1st Lambs - a double  
                  a thriple  
                  a double lambs 1
19. W. B[ella] & I[were] in C[linton] A.M. Jno. & I [were] at Jno. Ross['s] funeral P.M.<sup>2</sup> I had tea at Ross's[.]
20. T. Jno. walked to C[linton] P.M. Adam [was here] for dinner [but] stayed at Ned's P.M. Mending at coat[.] I] Bound a volume book [this] even[ing.] 1
21. F. [I] Finis[hed] mending the coat[and] Made sticks for 2 books etc. Jno. breaking road P.M. 1
22. S. [I] Bound 4 vol[ume]s & pasted 1, which makes 18 this winter (I think.) Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. Ned [was] in. [He] had[a] colt hitched in [the] cutter[.] 2 lambs. 1
23. S. Jno. [went to church in the] even[ing.] 1
24. M. [I] Cleaned[the] H[en]H[ouse]. I] Mended [the] wrists of Jno.'s coat P.M. A[g] & I[were] at Ned's[this] even[ing.]
25. T. Ned, Jane & Bella [were] in C[linton] P.M. I stayed with I[sabella] P[earl]. The] Rev.[Mr.] Stewart & Mary called P.M. [I did some] Hem-Stitching P.M. B[ella] stayed with [the] baby [this] even[ing.] A[g,] Jno., Geo[rge] & I [were] at [the] prayer-meeting at Ross's[.]
26. W. [I] Washed a little A.M. Finley [Mc-ewen] called A.M. collecting [for The] Bible Society[.] B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M.
27. T. Jno.[was] in C[linton] P.M. I cleaned [my] bed-room, etc, etc. Carrie [Grant was] at Jane's P.M. [and] here all night[.]
28. F. [I went] to C[linton] after dinner with Will[iam] Glen[.] I] finis[hed] hemming [the] pillow-case[.] 2 lambs died[.]
29. S. B[ella] & I quilted (tacked) her silk quilt P.M. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. [for] grist[.] Fa[ther] was] at Wigg[inton's] A.M.

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| 1.  | S. | A[g] & I [were in Church] Rev.Stewart[.] Jno.[went in the]even[ing.]   | C[old] N[ortherly] W[ind], Stormy P.M. | 12 |
| 2.  | M. | [I] Mended Jno's p[an]ts & bound 3 vol[ume]s etc. Sheep died[.]  | C[old] W[ind] Drifty                   | 7  |
| 3.  | T. | [I] Bound [a] book[.] I [was] at Jno. Pearson's Ada & Annie [Stewart [were here] P.M.....  | C[old] N[orth] W[ind], Fine, Sunny     | 14 |
| 4.  | W. | [I]C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse] A.M. I [was] in C[linton] P.M. Fa[ther] [was]in with [the] sleigh for [an] old cutting box[.]                             |  | 13 |
| 5.  | T. | I [was] at A[lex.] Innis's carpet-rag bee P.M. [The] Red H[eifer]cow calved[.] Cutting P.M. Adam's[.]*<br>*Probably corn                                 | Fine                                   | 26 |
| 6.  | F. | [I was] binding books & basting[.] Fa[ther was] at [the] school. Jno. [was] at Ned's[.]  | Thaw, Rain                             | 16 |
| 7.  | S. | Jno.[was] hauling logs to[the saw] mill with Ned[.] Geo[rge] gone to C[linton] P.M. [I] Finis[hed bind- ing books.]                                      | Snowed Stormy P.M.                     | 33 |
| 8.  | S. | A[g] & I[were in Church](Rev. Stewart.)[The] text [of his sermon was] "Christ's genealogy." Jno. [went in the] even[ing.] 1st 2 goose eggs               | Stormy & Warm                          | 21 |
| 9.  | M. | [I was] Pasting Fa[ther]'s old dict- ionary etc., etc.   | Sunshiny                               | 27 |
| 10. | T. | [I] C[leaned[the] H[en] H[ouse] A.M. [and] finis[hed] pasting books & mending P.M. Jno. [was] at[the]mill [with] oats[for]chop A.M.& in C[lin- ton] P.M. | Sunny                                  | 20 |
| 11. | W. | Jno.[was] at [the] mill twice[.] Mr Patterson of Bluevale [was here]all night[.] I started knitting Andalus- ian mittens[.]                              | Very cold E[ast] W[ind]                | 17 |
| 12. | T. | Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M.   | [Very cold] N[orth] Wind]              | 20 |
| 13. | F. | [I] Washed[.] Jno. [was] at Ned's cutting[.] B[ella] has gone to Grant's[.]  |  | 14 |
| 14. | S. | [Jno. was at Ned's] crushing[.]Geo is gone[.] A[g] & I [were] in C[lin- ton] P.M.  | C[old] N[orth] W[ind], Clear           | 14 |
| 15. | S. | A[g] & I [were in church](Rev.Aches- on, Kippen.)  | Warmer                                 | 14 |
| 16. | M. | [I] Finis[hed the] factory pillow- slips[.] Jno. is hauling logs to C[linton] with Mac (bee)[.Mr] Tough [was here] all night[.]                          | Warmer                                 | 12 |



17. T. A[g] & B[ella were] in C[linton in the]cutter A.M. B.Marshel[was here] P.M. & R. Newton called[.] Spotty calved[.] *Beautiful* 13
18. W. [I] Washed [a] pillow etc., etc., & 2 p[ai]r of old p[an]ts[.] A[g] walked to C[linton.] Jno.[was] hauling wood.] Mr & Mrs Jno. McGregor [were here this] even[ing.] *Dull, Warmer* 17
19. T. [I've been] knitting[.] Jno.[was] at Will's cutting[.] *Snowed, Stormy* 23
20. F. Jno. [was] at Will's crushing P.M. Jno.McNaughton[was]here P.M. I[was] McTavish'es carpet rag bee P.M. *Fine, Warmer* 20
21. S. Knitting some A. & P.M. etc. *H[igh] S[outh] Wind & Thawing* 26
22. S. Robert Newton\* arrived [this] even[ing.] Jno. [went to church [this] even[ing in the] cutter[.] *Blustery*  
\*new hired man 35
23. M. [I was] knitting[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton ] P.M. for salt etc.I [was] at Will's [in the] even[ing.] *Fine, Dull, Warmer* 22
24. T. Jno.[was] at Couch's sale & B[ella] [was] in C[linton] P.M. [I] Washed Fa[ther]'s smock & p[an]ts P.M. A[g was] at Glen's [this even[ing.] Mr & Mrs & Parkes..... *Cold, Southerly Wind* 28
25. W. Jno.[was] in C[linton] A.M. shoeing "Horse." Cooper & Robertson of St. Mary's [were here] for dinner..... *Thawing P.M.* 36
26. T. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M..... Mrs Dunk[McEwen] & Bessie & Mrs Finley McEwen [were here] P.M. *Northerly Blustering* 35
27. F. Jno. & Ned[were] at W.Mustard's for seed oats[.] I[went into] C[linton] in [the] cutter P.M. *Fine, C[old] W[ind]* 31
28. S. Fa[ther] walked to Clinton[.]Finis[hed the] mits & started [a] 2nd pair[.] Mac & D[uncan] McEwen [were here this] even[ing.] *Thawing Raining, C[old] W[ind.]* 36
29. S. Dewdrop calved [a] heifer[.]The]Rathwell bridge (at Ned's) [is] part gone[.]<sup>3</sup>..... *Raining, Thawing, Froze* 29
30. M. Cutting P.M. Adam [was here] for tea[.]..... *Thawing Frost* 29
31. T. Overcasted B[ella]...cashmere skirt P.M. *Thawing, Warmer* 51

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1. W. Overcasted B[ella] waist Jno. walked to C[linton] P.M. A[g][was]scrubbing [in the]school[house] P.M. *High E[ast] W[ind]* 33
2. T. Fa[ther] & A[g] & B[ella] & Ada etc. [were] at [the Sabbath] school exam\* P.M. [I]Ironed collars, pillow-cases, etc. Us girls [were] at U[n]cle [James's this] even[ing.] *Stormy & Snowing* 41

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3. F. R[obert] N[ewton was] in C[linton P.M. Jno.[was] at McTavish's looking for oats[.] Knitting *Frozen* 51
4. S. Jno. [was] at Mac's cutting P.M. Castles [were here] for tea[.] *Cleared up P.M.* 38
5. S. I [walked to church this] morn[ing] (Rev. Stewart.) Jno. [went in the even[ing.] Jno. Elliot & H. Marshal [were here] for dinner[.] *Fine, Sunshiny* 36
6. M. Knitting A.M. etc. I [was] in C[linton] P.M. Jno. was] in C[linton A.M. [in the] wagon [with] Fen[wick.The] Men killed sick sheep[.] *Light Frost* 30
7. T. [Knitting A.M. etc.and] button-holed centre for doilly[.] Jno. [was] at J. McQueen's etc. Jno. & R[obert] [were] in[the] bush with Ned P.M. Newton, A[g], Jno., B[ella] & Adam [were] at Mac's [this] even[ing.] *Warmer, [then] Frozen* 38
8. W. Jno. [was] at Jno. McQueen's for oats[which he] got chopped in Brucefield[.] New[ton was] with Ned P.M. Frogs[!] *Warm & Still* 33
9. T. [John and Robert were] both [with Ned] P.M. [for] a while. Fa[ther] walked to C[linton.] Jennie[was here this] even[ing. I] Tore some rags, knit etc. *Sleet & Rain P.M. C[old] E[ast] W[ind]* 20
10. F. [Robert] New[ton was here] P.M.[and so was] Hector Reid[. I] Finis[hed the] 2nd mitt [and] am going to rip [the] other thumb[.] *Dull, Rainy Night* 30
11. S. [I finished the] mitts[.] Ned [was] here P.M. cutting poplars[. I] shut in 20 hens etc. D. Cantelon [was here A.M. Jno.[was] in C[linton]P.M. & here [in the] even[ing.] *Dull, Rain* 29
12. S. S[abbath] S[chool] started but we were not aware of the fact[.] Jno & Adam [went to church in the evening.] *Beautiful* 39
13. M. Jno.[went]in[to] C[linton with the] wagon for corn[. I was] at U[ncl]e Jno's P.M. after[the] turkeys strayed. Bessie calved[.] 18
14. T. [I] Buttonholed [the] center for[a] 2nd doilly A.M. [and was] knitting [a] cuff[.] Jno .started plowing sod[.] 42
15. W. [I] Took [the] "Old white Hive" out dead[.] A[g] set flowers in [the] veranda[.] *Hot* 35
16. T. Fa[ther] & I [were] in C[linton]P.M. Jack Elliot[was] here on the way to C[linton.] Mrs Cuming\* came [in the] even[ing.] K. McTavish drove her in[.] or, her in-laws Mr & Mrs John Cuming. 22



17. F. [I was] at [the] River A.M. with Jno., A[g],[the] kids & Mrs Cuming[.] Jno. [has been][.] cultivating. Jno[was] at the Bruce Show P.M. [I] Took out [the] double windows *H[eavy] R[ain] even[ing]* 39
18. S. [I] Partly raked [the] yard[.] Mrs C[uming] & Mother [were] at U[ncl]e Jno.'s P.M. Ag went for them[.] I Scrubbed [the] Milk-room P.M. [The] Young cattle [were] all out[.] *Very Warm* 38
19. S. Mrs C[uming], A[g] & I [were] in C[hurch](Rev. Stewart.) Mary G[len] & I [were] in Sabbath School[.] Turkeys [are] gone[.] *Rain* 44
20. M. A[g] got [some turkeys] down near Ross's[.] I] finis[hed] raking [the] chip yard, etc. Mrs C[uming] & Jno. [were] at Aunty's for dinner & [at] U[ncl]e Ja[me]s's P.M. Mrs C[uming] stayed at U[ncl]e Jno.'s all night [and] a Jew called..... *Fine & Cooler* 42
21. T. Jno. & Mrs C[uming] were at W[illiam] Glen's[.] Jno. [was] sowing oats[.] The young cattle [were] in[.] *C[old] W[ind], Fine* 37
22. W. Jno. & Mrs C[uming] were at] Ned's[.] Fa[ther] walked in[to] C[linton] P.M. [I] Finis[hed the] 1st cuff[.] *Frost* 39
23. T. A[g] & B[ella] were] in C[linton] A.M. Jn & Mrs Cuming went home[.] I have been feeling] sickish these days[.] Finis[hed the] cuffs[.] Jack Elliot [was here this] morn[ing,] *Fine, Rain P.M.* 42
24. F. Trying lace pattern (knit.) *Dull & Cool* 29
25. S. Fa[ther] was] up through Goderich T[ownship] P.M. *Cool, Fine* 44
26. S. A[g] & I [were] in C[hurch](Rev. Stewart) "He that is faithful in etc." I [was] in S[abbath] S[chool] and] took Isab[ella] Pearl[.] *Fine, Warm* 40
27. M. Jno. [was] at Varna with Dewdrop[.] Fellow[came calling] ped[dling] furniture polish[.] Mr & Mrs Keys [were] at [the] gate[.] *Rain Beautiful* 29
28. T. Father at Snell's etc. A[g] was] in C[linton.] S. Cantelon [was] here with trees[.] Jane [was] here P.M. [I] Washed[.] The] Milch cows [were] out all night[.] *Fine* 34
29. W. [I washed a].....dress[.] Jane] & Ned [were here] P.M..... [I] Put away [the] fur collar etc. A[g] & Tene & I [were] at Brits[in the] even[ing.] *N[orth]-E[ast] Wind* 30
30. T. Mrs Jno. & Mrs Alex. Elliot [were] here[for] eggs[.] Mr & Mrs Swallow called around delivering 3 cherry trees[I was] at [the] school[this] even[ing] sorting library books[.]

1.	F.	Fa[ther was]up in God[erich] T[ownship] Jno.[was]in C[linton this even[ing.] Mr & Mrs Frank Keys [were] here P.M.	Fine & Warm	31
2.	S.	Fa[ther] & I [were] in C[linton.] [We were] Mowing & Fixing[the]lawn P.M. Jack Elliot [was here in the] even[ing.]	Slight Rain Warm	28
3.	S.	Fa[ther] & I [were in church](Rev. Stewart.)"John's record of Christ."	Cool, then Warmer	36
4.	M.	B[ella] cleaning A.B. etc. [I] Cleaned Roosters etc. [We were]mowing & fixing[the] yard[.]Jno.got to Varna on [a] bicycle[.]	Very Warm then cooler	38
5.	T.	I [was] in C[linton] P.M. Aunty went to Green's[.] Ida [Stewart] came home with me[.] Jno. [was]in C[linton] P.M. on [the] bike[.]	Warm	41
6.	W.	[I]Churned etc.A.M. & minded Abby Glen etc,P.M. Jno.[was]up through G[oderich] T[ownship] P.M. [with the] horse[.]	Fine, Warm	37
7.	T.	Jno.& I [were] in C[linton] A.M. B[ella] & I washed [the] D[ining] room carpet [in the] river P.M. Snell fetched sheep [and stayed] for dinner[.] Fa[ther] bought 5 sheep.]	Dull	45
8.	F.	B[ella] Cleaned [the] Dining-room Kids at Ned's for straw[.] Moore was here.....[I] Planted 14 rows [of] carrots & 8 [of] Mangols P.M.	Very Warm 84 [degrees] P.M.	30
9.	S.	I sowed 14 rows of Mangols altogether and 1 row of turnips[. Mr] Harrison [was here] for dinner & [to look at] sheep[.]		32
10.	S.	A[g[ & B[ella were] in C[hurch] (Rev. Stewart.) Lawyer Scott's baby [was] baptized[.]	Very Warm	35
11.	M.	B[ella] & I[were] in C[linton]A.M. A[g]and Isa[sic]cut the door into my B[ed]room P.M. [I] Killed a Rooster P.M. I sowed 9 rows [of] Mangols [in the] even[ing.]	slight shower	42
12.	T.	[I] Washed lime off[the walls of] my [bed]room A.M. U[n]cle Ja[me]s [was] here P.M.[We were] papering Bella's bedroom P.M. John [was] shearing[.]	Fine A.M. Some Rain	30
13.	W.	Fa[ther] & Bob [were] picking stones[.We were papering Bella's room P.M.] Jno. [was] shearing[.] Ned's [were] in C[linton.]	Cooler	29
14.	T.	Fa[ther was at Blake* [at] S.T.'s for pigs[. He bought 3 Tamworth's, 1 cross and 2 cross-[illegible.] .....Geo. Elliot [was here] all night[.]Ag's heifer calved[.]	*Village south of Varna on Hay-Stanley boundary.	30



15. F. I finis[hed] papering[the]hall[.] Ag washed[.] *Fine & Cool* 41
- 16 S. Fa[ther] & S.P. & I[were]in C[linton] P.M. Cut off P.M. A.M. *Fine & Warm* 37
17. S. Fa[ther] & I [were in Church](Rev. Musgrove.)"Jere.miah Building the Wall" [John & Ned's went to church in the evening.] I took [the] baby in and back[.] *Very Windy* 22
18. M. [I] Dug around roses [and] planted Castor[.]B[ella]washed a little[.] R[obert] N[ewton was]sick[;] Geo. Elliot[was] here in his place[.] *Fine* 23
19. T. A[g did a]washing[.]I]planted a few onions[.] Cassels called on B[ella in the] even[ing.] Captain called P.M. B[ella & I[were] in C[linton] P.M. Geo. [has] gone home[.] *Cold Wind* 26
20. W. Fa[ther], A[g] & I planted 23 rows [of] potatoes[.] Jno. & A[g were] in C[linton.] *Slight Frost Warmer* 29
21. T. [I]Planted onions, some beans & [a] row [of] corn[.] Fa[ther] helped [with the] corn[.] Jno. fixed..... ..my door[.] *Fine & W[arm] Sprinkled* 21
22. F. [We] Washed [the] covered buggy at [the]river[.]Fa[ther] & kids[were] there too[.We gave a tramp his]dinner[.]I]Cleaned [the] kitchen stove & papers P,M. *Fine & Cool* 23
23. S. I [was] in C[linton] for Jane A.M. [driving] Ned's Horse & buggy[. I] Cleaned & oiled [the] buggy, etc.J. Elliot fetched Fa[ther] some potatoes[.] 28
24. S. A[g], Mamie, Ned & Isabe[lla] Pearl spent the] day at [the] river[. A] Rooster blooded[the]back of[John's] hand with [its] spur[.] *Warm* 33
25. M. Jno. [is] plowing & Robert[is]hauling manure[.]Aunty [is] home [from Green's. The] kids [were] at [the] river\* A.M.[I] Killed[the] rooster [and] Tore some rags etc. *Warmer, Rain* 31
26. T. Working at door Jno. [took the] buggy [in a] Brucefield direction [this] even[ing.]Jennie [Grant was here] P.M. & [all] night[.] *Raining Fine* 34
27. W. B[ella]went home with Je[nnie.]Jno. [is] plowing & R[obert [is] harrowing[.]Jno.[was] out with[the]horse P.M. *Dull, Slight Shower* 34
28. T. Aunty & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. Fanny, [the]Red cow calved[a]steer[.] *Cold, Cold & Windy* 29

29. F. Jane, K[ate] Pearson, Tene, Bell, Jno. [and] Will [McEwen], J. Scott & Fen- [Wick were] here [this] even[ing.] Washed P.M. [and] A[g was] ironing all day[.] 28
30. S. Mowing & Fixing lawn Cold wind 18  
Rain even[ing]
31. S. Isa & I[were in church](Rev.Stewart.) I[sabella] P[earl was] in S[abbath] S[chool.] Jno. & A[g went to church in the] even[ing.] Cold Wind 50

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1. M. [I] Mended [John's]scuff p[an]]ts, tore rags etc. A. Wise[was] here[in the] morn[ing.] Fine & Cool 34
2. T. Mac & Jno. Mc[Millan], M.P. [were] here[this] morn[ing.]\* Jno.[was] in C[linton] A.M. getting [the] horse shod[.] A[g]walked up,took Mrs Nott & Asa down[.]Churned,Tore Rags etc. 30
3. W. Fa[ther],Jno. & Ned dipped 65 lambs (Ned's & ours.)
4. T. [I] Mended gloves,etc.My heifer cow calved[. The] Kids[were] at U[ncl]e Jno.'s [this] even[ing.] Fine & Very W[arm] 27
5. F. Fa[ther] & I [were] in C[linton]P.M. [at] Church[.] Ellie went home with us[.] Very Warm Heavy Rain 30
6. S. [I did] Mending & Jno. put in all [the] door frames[. I] Churned A.M. Very Very Warm 36
7. S. Fa[ther] & I [were in Church](Rev. Stewart.) Jack & David Elliot [were here] for tea[.] Heavy Rain 32
8. M. Watching turkey A.M. & tore some rags[.] Ned took [a] calf[.] A[g] washed some blankets[.] Fine, Misty 35
9. T. Jno. & I [were] in C[linton] A.M [I] Fixed a little at [a] skirt[.] A[g] washed[.] Finley & Douglas called P.M. Dull & Cool 25
10. W. A[g], B[ella] & Jas. P[earson were] at Jno. Thomson's [for] strawber- ries[. I] Planted 12 rows [of] tur- nips & churned A.M. etc. Fine,W[indy], Cool 34
11. T. [I] Done a little mending[.]Fa[ther] & Jno. labeled(sic) lambs P.M. Fine 39
12. F. .....Ned Rathwell's A.M. Jane,John & Will [McEwen], Adam....[were here this] even[ing.] (Rapeseed etc concert) A[g] & I [were] at Scotts [in the] even[ing.] 36
13. S. [I].....[did] a little mending etc., P.M. Jno.[sowed] rapeseed[on the north half of the Rathwell field.] 30



14. S. J[ane]& B[ella] & Isa[bella] P[earl] etc., [were in church](J.N. Holmes Methodst.....Mac's cow[.] 36
15. M. Jno. fin[ished] sow[ing] rape[seed]& [he] re-sowed..... light dress[.] Jno.Moffatt called[.]
16. T. J.A. Sturdy [was here] for dinner & tea.Wigg[ington was here for] tea[.] Ned drained(Jno[was] at roadwork)[.] [I] Took another dead hive[.] 28  
*Sprinkles*
17. W. [Ned] & Bob grading hill A.M. Jno. [was] away with [the] horse at Mof- att's raising[.]Fa[ther was]in Bruce- [field] A.M. I[sabella] P[earl was] sick [and] Dr Gunn [was called.] 28  
*Fine & Warm*
18. T. Jno. scuffling corn etc.[I worked] a little at [a] dress[.] 24
19. F. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. - grist &.....potatoes[.] I [was] in C[linton] P.M.....Bees came off & returned[.] Fa[ther] & Rob hoeing corn[.] 28  
*Very Warm*
20. S. Ned & Fa[ther were] in Bruce[field] A.M.[with] wool[.] Jno.[was in]C[linton in the] morn[ing to get a] wheel [fixed.] Rob [was] away P.M. 27  
*[High of] 90 [degrees F]*
21. S. Jno. & Adam [went to Church in the even[ing.] 18  
*Raining A.M.*
22. M. [I] Churned & [worked] in [the] cellar all day budding & carrying out buds[.] A[g] washed some more blankets 19  
*Fine & Beautiful*
23. T. [The] Men [were]voting<sup>1</sup> at [the] low school[.]\* Raking hay P.M. - very .....[The men have] gone to town [this] even[ing. I] Mended fa[ther's] p[an]ts & helped churn[.] 39
24. W Raking most of P.M. [We] Hauled in 4 loads[of] hay off of [the] field[by] the] big tree[. I] Pulled & cooked 6 gems\* [of] cherries[.] A[g] & B[ella] pulled [some more in the] evening[.] 27
25. T. Mo[ther] at Ned's & H. Hamners for dinner (on wheel.) [I] Washed[.] 23  
*Fine & Warm*
26. F. Jno. [was] mowing[.] Fa[ther was] in C[linton A.M. 26  
*Rain Fine & Warm*
27. S. [We were] Raking P.M. [We] Hauled in 3 loads [from the field by] Mac's bush next [the side]road[. We hauled] p[art] [of] 1 [load from the] Shanty field[.] A[g was] in C[hurch] A.M. Rev. Rumball [was] peaching[.] 39  
*Fine & Rain*
28. S. A[g] B[ella were]in C[hurch[.]( Rev. Rumball) Jno.& Ad[am went at night.] 26  
*Rain, Fine, Windy*
29. M. [I] Churned[.] A[g] & B[ella were] picking berries at Moffatt's[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton for] chop[.] 25  
*Cold, H[igh] W[inds]*

\* Dominion Election-Laurier's Liberals defeated the Tupper Conservatives. "Low' school probably means #10 2 1/2 miles below.

30. T. Raking P.M. [It was] cold [!] Jno. [was] sowing A.M. by Mac's bush [.] 23

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1. W. Raking etc., P.M. [I] Took frames out of [an] other hive [which had] Just a handful of bees [.] The Girls Hulled cherries [A.M. and picked] gooseberries etc. [at] Jane's P.M.\* Fa[ther was] at Cooper's [for] tea [.] Eliz. McGregor [came] home with him [.] 22  
*\*Jane is 6 1/2 months pregnant.*
2. T. A[g was] in C[linton] A.M. [We were] Raking all day [.] We Hauled in 12 [loads] yesterday....[and]..6 [loads] today and have] finis[hed] haying [.] 22
3. F. [I had a] Toothache all day & night [.] A[g], B[ella] & I greened potatoes & Jno. [was] in C[linton in the] evening [.] 23
4. S. Finis[hed] fixing delaine dress [.] My Cheek swelled [.] The Township is] Letting jobs on [the] road [.] A[g] took E[lizabeth] McG[regor] home to Ned's.\* 31  
 Rain  
 Very Warm  
 Mist - cool  
*\*Elizabeth McGregor is probably an old school friend of the MacFarlane "girls," It appears she's been hired to help Jane with heavy summer work in the later stages of pregnancy.*
5. S. A[g]went with Ned[to church.] "Alice" foaled [.] 20  
 Cool - Mist  
 Fine
6. M. [The] Rev. [Mr] Stewart, [his] wife & [family] called [.] A[g] & B[ella were] picking berries [.] I was] picking honey off [of] frames [.] Fa[ther] & Mo[ther were] at A. Dunkin's [this] evening [.] 30  
 Fine
7. T. A[g] washed [.] I Melted honey [and wax that I'd picked off of frames.] Mrs J. Pearson, Myrtle, Rennie, Jane & I[sabella] P[earl were here] P.M. Fa[ther] & Mo[ther were] at Wigg[inton's this] evening [.] 23  
 Fine  
 Cold Wind
8. W. Jennie Grant [was] at [the] river [and] [was here] all night [.] I] Finis[hed] cleaning [bee] frames, fixed and washed wool pickings [.] 31
9. T. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. [I] cut some weeds around [the] woodshed and] scraped stones off around W.H.\*..... 23  
 Dull, Cool  
 H[igh] W[inds]
- \* A coded reference to the outhouse?*
10. F. I[was] in C[linton] mid-day [.] Mo[ther] & Lizzie[were] at U[n]cle Jno.'s P.M. Jno. started [cutting] wheat [.] 21
11. S. A[g] & B[ella [were] picking berries for Jane [.] Jno] & J[im] Barkley finis[hed] cutting wheat [.] I] Churned etc. 18  
 Very Warm



12. S. Fa[ther] & I [were in church] (Rev. Stewart) Mallachi Jr. Jno.[went to church at night.] 14
13. M. B[ella],A[g and] N[ed have] gone to Goderich[.]\* Jno [went too on his byke[. I] cut out a print dress[.] 17  
 \*Probably to see the Orange Walk.
14. T. Jno.....in C[linton] P.M [on his]byke[.The] Men [were] nailing wire on [the] orchard fence[.] 18.
15. W. [We] Hauled in 5 loads [of] wheat [in] all[. I] helped mow 4 of them[. I] Washed[.] Cool even[ing.] 16
16. T. [I] Raked wheat stubble[.] Jno mowed green feed & [was] at[the] mill for chop P.M. Cold Northerly W[est] wind 19
17. F. [I]Churned & finis[hed]cutting out [the] dress[and the] raking[.] Father & N[ed dug]post holes at[the] corner[.] Jno. [was] making feed boxes[.] Fine & Cool 28
18. S. [I]Raked up green feed A.M. & nailboards on fence P.M. [The] Men put posts in & coled feed[. Illegible] out of sorts[. I did] Mending etc. 19
19. S. illegible 20  
 Slight R[ain] P.M.
20. M. [I have been] Making [a] print blouse[.] B[ella did] baking[.]Ned [was] here P.M. stretching wire[.] Fa[ther was] in C[linton] for wire etc. Fine & Warm 20
21. T, A[g], B[ella] & I drove to [the] Bayfield picnic & Jno.[went] on [the] byke[. I] Wore [the] new blouse[.]B[ella] stayed at Keyes's. F[ine] & W[arm] 21
22. W. Rid room,[did] mending etc. [We] Hauled in [a] load [of] green feed [in the] even[ing.] S[un] Showers, fine, H[igh] Wind 30
23. T. A[g] & I[were] at Ben Miller[.]Jno [was] in C[linton on his] byke[. The] Men[have]finis[hed] taking in taking in G[reen] feed,Banking[the] fence etc. C[loudy],N[orth-] W[est] W[ind.] 20.
- 24.F. [I] Finis[hed] blouse preliminaries & mending[.]Churned A.M.Keys drove B[ella] home [in the] even[ing.] Cool W[ind,] Fine 23
25. S. I [was] in C[linton] A.M. U[n]cle Ja[me]s [came] for dinner[.We started] Cutting oats[.] Beautiful 21
26. S. Fa[ther] & I [were in Church] Rev. Henderson..... Warm, Rain P.M. 18

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27. M. Fa[ther] planted out celery[. I'm] Making [a] print skirt. Jno. [was] at Woon's threshing P.M. *Very Warm* 34
28. T. [I] Finis[hed the print skirt] & dress[.We] finis[hed] cutting[the] oat field[. We were] at U[ncl]e [James's in the] even[ing.] *Very Dry, Warm* 32
29. W. Washed[.] R\_\_\_ buck-sawing etc. *Rain P.M.* 21
30. T. Fa[ther was]at U[ncl]e Ja[m]es's [and] I [was] in C[linton] P.M. [We started] Cutting Rathwell field oats[.]Mr & Mrs [Nicholas] Cuming [came] for dinner &[stay- ed] all night[.They're here] see- ing Nannie[.]\* *Beautiful* 36
- \*John & Abigail Stewart's Annie, aged 29, is dying of T.B.
31. F. Civic holiday in town[tomorrow.] Jno.[was] at Mac's threshing P.M. [I] Cleaned upstairs [in the] woodshed[.] *Fine, Warmer* 36

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1. S. Fa[ther was] in C[linton] A.M [He] got "Doll" shod - new shoes [for her] hind feet[.] Churned, mending etc. Brits son born[.] *Fine, Rainy P.M.* 38.
2. S. A[g] & B[ella] were in Church(Rev. Hamilton.) *Beautiful* 29
3. M. [I] Clipped wool off tan[n]ed sheep-skins [whose] hides [had] rotted [and I] Started melting bees-wax P.M. Fa[ther] & Mo[ther] [were] at Mac's[this] even[ing.] 22
4. T. B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton.] Ida Thompson and Lily Lindsey [were here] P.M. We called at U[ncl]e Jno.'s[.The] Boys hauled in 3 loads [of] oats[.] *Like R[ain]* 23
5. W. [I] Ripped velvet bands off[the] skirt etc. Taylor delivered tea[.] Jno. & A[g] were] with Ned cutting oats[.] *91 [degrees F.]* 21
6. T. A[g] & B[ella] papered Jane's B[ed]room[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton] on [the] byke[.I] Wiped out [my] room [and] scrubbed..... cellar[.] *Very Warm* 34
7. F. [We] Mowed 5 loads [of] oats[and] hauled in 6[. We] finis[hed]Mac's bush field[. I] Washed,Mended etc. P.M. 17
8. S. Dewdrop heifer calved[. We] mowed 3 loads [and] Hauled[3 loads from the] Rathwell [field.] Finis[hed] wax[.] *Raining* 17
9. S. Fa[ther] & I[were in church.](Rev. Graham, Bayfield.) Jno. & Ag[went at night.] *Very, very warm* 20



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10. M. [The] Boys [are] reaping Rathwell's[.] Helped [with the] work P.M. [I] Pressed [my] serge skirt etc. Hector Reid was here] for dinner[.] *Very Warm* 21
11. T. A[g] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. [for] flour[.] I] Cut out [a] parasol covering[.] B[ella has] gone to G[rant's this] eve[ning.] 24
12. W. Jno. & Adam & Rathwell & I [were] in C[linton this] even[ing.].....  
.....Choreing etc. *Warm & Fine Cooler* 22
13. T. A[g] & I built [a] pig-pen[in the] old orchard[.] We] Hauled in 4[loads] of oats[from the] Rathwell [field] P.M. I mowed[.] *Fine* 25
14. F. Mrs & Jennie Rathwell [were] here all day[.] Choreing[.] Jno. finis[hed] reaping Rathwell's[.] 30
15. S. Mother & I[were] in C[linton this] even[ing.] Dennison called[.] Jno. [has been] reaping[.] *Fine & Hot Rain* 14
16. S. A[g] & B[ella were in church.] Adam & Jno. [went in the evening.] *Pleasant* 43
17. M. Jno. finis[hed] cutting[.] We] hauled in 2 loads [this] even[ing.] Mo[ther] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. Irwin boy P.M.(Hensall.) 20
18. T. [We] Hauled in 4 loads [and] mowed ed 3[.] Chas. Reid *Fall-[like] Cold* 60
19. W. [We] Hauled in[and mowed] 6 loads, finis[hing] Rathwell's all but 1 small load[.] Mrs Scott[was here] P.M. *Fine* 34
20. T. [We] Hauled in 9 loads [and have] finis[hed] harvest all but rakings of loose oats, and peas[.]..... Jno. McEwen asking..... *Fine* 28
21. F. [I] Raked[the] field at[the] barn & [the] boys hauled in [the gleanings in the] even[ing. The] Boys helped Ned & Will finis[h.] *Clear* 33
22. S. A[g], B[ella] & I [were] at Bayfield & Jno. started [on his] wheel & went with Adam [and] Lily[.] Aunty fetched[the] cows & milked[.] *Beautiful*
23. S. Fa[ther] & I [were in Church](Rev. Stewart.) Rev[elation]s 11 Jno. & Adam [went in the evening.] *Rain Beautiful* 56
24. M. [I was] Raking all day [with] Doll[.] The] Boys [were] plowing[.] Bridge man [was here in the] even[ing.] 25
25. T. [I] Finis[hed] raking A.M. & milked sheep[.] 4 young Baird's [were] here. I] Hauled in 12 bags [of] rakings with Jno. P.M..... 23

26. W. Fa[ther] & A[g were] in C[linton] P.M. [at the] Horticultural Show. Jennie [Grant was here] all last night[. I] Washed out[the] room & .....\* 24  
*Rain, Cleared*
- \* I have a hunch that the illegible writing in the above two entries is a camouflaged reference to the indoor toilet.
27. T. Annie Stewart [was here] P.M. [I] Washed [my] hair[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton] & Jno. Cuming & H S\_\_\_\_\_ [were here this]even[ing.] 28
28. F. Mr & Mrs Ferguson [came] for dinner & tea & 4 Junor's [came in the] even[ing.] B[ella] & I[were] at[the] Flower Show P.M. Jno.[was] sowing wheat[.] 34
29. S. Fa[ther was] at Dickson's (I think)[about] some roosters[.]Jno. [has] gone to Cuming's [on his] byke [this] even[ing.] Fa[ther] & B[ella were in] Varna [about a] heifer[. I [went] after them[.] 12
30. S. A[g] & B[ella were in church.] Jno. [is] on his way home[.] *Some Rain* 13
31. M. John [was] over at Currie's [and also seeing W[illiam] Perdue[.]\* Helped A[g] P.M. etc. [and] made button holes & buttons [for] B[ella's] brown serge [dress.]  
 \*about threshing

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1. T. [I] walked to C[linton, and] got [a] purse [and] visited Ellie[.] R. [was] picking stones off the wheat [field. I] Washed[.] *Beautiful* 23
2. W. Choreing & mending - [I] ironed [and picked more stones[.] A[g] & B[ella were]at[the]river for nuts & grapes *Dull, some rain* 33
3. T. Fa[ther] walked to Clinton[.]Kate & Lizzie McTavish [came] for tea[. They were] seeing Nannie[.I] went too[.] *Beautiful* 20
4. F. Fa[ther] & Mo[ther] & Isa[bella] P[earl were]at the maason's,Blake & Cooper, P.M. A[g] got crabs at Mac's..... *Beautiful* 25
5. S. [I] Churned,done some mending etc. R.A. jr picking stones off clover [field.]Jno.[was]trimming sheep[.] *Dull, Rainy* 23.
6. S. A[g] & I [were in Church] (Rev, Stewart) Ruth II-12 The Lord accomplishes thy work etc. *Rainy* 12



7. M. Fa[ther was] at Sturdy's with Bily Cooper[.] Steve Andrews call[ed. We had] threshers for tea & all night[.] 10 or so thresh[ed] a little [in the] even[ing.] *Fine* 38
8. T. [We] Finis[hed] threshing [at] noon[. The threshers were] at U[n]cle J[ohn Stewart's] P.M. R. sick...Geo. Cook had dinner after three [o'clock.] *Beautiful* 21
9. W. Jno.[was]at U[n]cle Jno.'s threshing A.M. & U[n]cle J[ames Stewart's] P.M. Grant's [were] at U[n]cle Jno.'s[.]B[ella] at Jane's. Threshers [were] at Ned's [to]night[. I] helped wash P.M. 17
10. T. Jno. & R. [were] at Ned's threshing[.]A[g was]in C[linton.]I[was] helping Jane[.]\* *Very Warm, fine*  
\*Jane is 9 months pregnant.
11. F. [I] Killed 8 Roosters [and I was] in C[linton] P.M. [for] flour[.] A[g] scrubbed for Jane P.M. Jno. [was] at D[uncan] McEwen's threshing[.] 29
12. S. Picket fetched.....  
Fa[ther was] at [the] mill for chop [with] Doll[. I] Washed.... 20
13. S. Fa[ther]& B[ella] were in church.] Rev. Stewart *Pleasant* 35
14. M. [I] Helped wash[. I] Drove Jno.to Bruce[fiel]d [to catch the train [for] London[.] Jessie [Wigginton was by] asking [for] threshing [help.] *Rainy* 14
15. T. Bella Cuming [is] visiting[. I] Churned, ironed etc.preparing for London [Fair.]..... *Fine* 84
16. W. Fa[[ther], A[g] & I [were] in London[.] Jno. took [us] to Brucefield & back[.] *Beaut[iful] & hot, Rain*
17. T. Edward John Glen [was] born[.]\* [The] Irwin boys [were here] for dinner[. I] Went to Brucefield [in the] even[ing.] Fa[ther] came off [at] Clinton[.] *Fine* 26  
\* Though not yet 3 the day her brother Jack was born, Isabel Glen told me she vividly recalled it. The hired man at Ned's shot a skunk in the woodpile, adding an olafactory dimension to her recollection.
18. F. I[was]in C[linton] A.M.Jno.[was] trimming sheep[and] Fa[ther was] cutting corn[. The Finlay McEwen family] moved to town[.] *Rain* 14

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| 19. S. | [I] Went down to Ned's [this] morn[ing.]   | C[ool] W[ind], Rainy       |    |
| 20. S. | Fa[ther] & B[ella] were in church and] Adam & Ned [went at night.] U[n]cle] Jno.'s Annie died[.] <sup>1</sup>  | Pleasant,<br>C[ool] Wind   | 27 |
| 21. M. | [I] Washed at Jane's[. At] night [We were] at U[n]cle] Jno.'s[.] (Jno. & I [stayed] all night[.]   | Fine                       | 12 |
| 22. T. | Annie's funeral A[g], Jno. & B[ella] were there and] I[was] at Ned's[.] Mrs Cuming & Mrs Brigham [stayed here] all night[.]  | C[ool] E[ast] W[ind]       |    |
| 23. W. | Fa[ther] walked to C[linton] en- route to Goderich Fair[.] Jno. met Fa[ther] at the station in the] even[ing. I was at Ned's.] Ida [Stewart and] Ma [were at] Ned's all night[.] | Fine, Warm                 | 39 |
| 24. T. | At Ned's [all day.] Churned[.]   | Beautiful                  |    |
| 25. F. | [I was at Ned's] Apple packers [were] here & Ned [came with] Isa[bella] P[earl. We have] 6 bags [of apples]- 4 Snow & 2 Fall R[iver.].....                                       | Beautiful                  |    |
| 26. S. | [I'm still at Ned's. I] Baked, washed, etc.  | Beautiful<br>Rain          | 36 |
| 27. S. | B[ella] & I [were in church] (Rev. Ford - Methodist.) Jon [went at night.] Jno. & R. took [a] heifer to Varna[.]   | Beautiful<br>C[ool] W[ind] |    |
| 28. M. | At Ned's -[I] Churned & washed some etc. [I went] home [in the] even[ing.]   | Beautiful                  |    |
| 29. T. | [I] took things to C[linton] Fair A.M. [and] B[ella] stayed with Jane[.] I was] at Janes's P.M.  | Dull                       |    |
| 30. W. | B[ella], Fa[ther], Jno., Ned & [I were] at C[linton] Fair[.] I] stay- ed [at] Jane's [in the] even[ing.]   |                            |    |

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|-------|--|-----------------------------------|----|
| 1. T. | Fa[ther] was] in C[linton] A.M. for [a] washing machine[.] I was] at Jane's [and] washed[.]  | Heavy Frosts at<br>nights<br>Dull |    |
| 2. F. | Fa[ther] was] at Bayfield Fair[.] He judged] Chickens & Jno. sheep[.] I was] at Jane's [and I] walked [to] church in C[linton.] (Rev, McLean Blythe) | Beautiful                         |    |
| 3. S. | [At Jane's, I] Washed shawl & shirt[.]   |                                   | 42 |



4. S. Fa[ther] & Mo[ther] & Ned & I [were in church.](Rev. Stewart) 20
5. M. A[g],B[ella] & I [were] pulling apples [and] Jno. [was] lifting potatoes[.] Mr Sturdy [was] here[;]he & Fa[ther]went to Jno. Thomson's[.] 5
6. T. Pulled a[pples] A.M. Fa[ther] & Jno.[lifted] potatoes[.] R.[is] plowing[. I] Rid [my] room[.] *R[ain] P.M.* 8
7. W. A[g] & B[ella] washed[.] Fa[ther] & Jno. took 4 steers to C[linton.] At Jane's I washed [and stayed] all night[. John] Drove to Blythe Fair[.] *Rain & Snow*
8. T. Fa[ther was]at[the] potatoes[.] Jno. took Roosters over [to] Lizzie [Glen. I was] Pulling leeks all day[.] *Dull, Cold* 8
9. F. [I was pulling]apples[all day.] 30
10. S. Fa[ther] & Jno. finis[hed the] potatoes[. I] finis[hed the] leeks and pulled Baldwins[.]Jno. [was] in C[linton in the] evening for] c[oal] oil[.] *Fine C[ool] E[ast] W[ind]* 8
11. S. A[g] & I [were in church](Rev. Stewart.) Jno. & Ag [went at night.] Aunty [came] home[this] morn[ing.] Jno. Thomson [was] here[.] 3
12. M. [I] Finis[hed] pulling Baldwins [and] pulled[the] barn tree &.. ..Spy[.]Fa[ther was]at Sturdy's A.M. with Jno. Thomson[.] Fa[ther]& Jno.[are]pulling Mangos[.] 5
13. T. [I] Pulled 2 Spys[.] Fa[ther] & Jno. [are still] at [the] Mangos[.] N\_\_\_\_\_ [is] plowing[.] *Fine* 6
14. W. [I was pulling] Spys[.] *Beautiful* 4
15. T. [I] Finis[hed the]Spys & pulled 2 [Talman] Sweets[.] Fa[ther] & Jno.finis[hed the]Mangos[.] Ned took in his potatoes[.] 3
16. F. [We] Finis[hed] pulling [the] packing app[le]s [at] noon[.] Robin\* to pull Greenings & Talmans[.] Fa[ther was] in C[linton A.M.] *C[ool] W[ind]*
- \*Eliza refers to this year's hired man only by his initials R.A.N. Now we learn his first name is Robin. Does this reticence signify like, dislike or indifference? Note the cryptic reference Oct 19.
17. S. McBryan & Snider [were] here packing apples (45 barrels.) *Snow & Rain* 8

18. S. A[g] could not find Polly[.]Jno. [went to church in the] even- [ing.] *C[old] Showers* 5
19. M. R.A.N. left[.] Snider & Kemp [were] here packing apples (40 bar[rels].) *Beauti[ful]*
20. T. [Snider & Kemp] finis[hed pack- ing] A.M..... A[g] washed Jane's clothes P.M. *C[ool] W[ind] Beauti[ful]* 7
21. W. Fa[ther was] at W[illiam] Glen's threshing[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton] A.M. & P.M.with[a] load[of] apples[.] *N[orth] C[ool] W[ind]*
22. T. Mrs & Jessie Wigg[inton came in a] wagon for apples[.] Fa[ther was] at Butchart's threshing[.] *Fine,Warmer*
23. F. Fa[ther] & Jno.[are] hauling in corn[.]W[illiam] Glen[used] our team & bar for [pressing apple] cider[.] Couch bought 3 heifers[.] A[g] & I washed,[then We worked] P.M. at app[le cider.] W[illiam] Glen making apple butter[.]
24. S. Jno.[was]in C[linton.]A[g]scrub- bed for Jane & I [did] ours.....
25. S. Fa[ther]& I[were in church](Rev. Stewart.)"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us....." *Beautiful C[ool] W[ind.]*
26. M. A[g], B[ella], Aunty & I [worked] at app[le]s hauled up with [the] buggy[.] Fa[ther] & Jno.[were] in C[linton] with heifers A.M. 2
27. T. Aunty[worked]at apples with us[.] W. Cooper fetched [the] Durham [cattle beast this] even[ing.]
28. W. Fa[ther] drove to Dickson's, Dunk- in's,etc.A[g] & B[ella] washed[.] [I] Hauled in [tur]nips with Jno.
29. T. Fa[ther drove] to Sturdy's, Goder- ich, etc. Aunty [worked] with us hauling app[le]s to[the]stable[.] *Rained*
30. F. Fa[ther drove to] C[linton]..... ...[We]Finis[hed]hauling app[le]s. G[regor] McGregor, Abby Glen[and] E[dward] John [Glen were] bap- tized[.]
31. S. [I] Killed [a] goose & 4 drakes[.] I] Drove Fa[ther] A.M.to Hunter's [and I] called [in at] Grant's[.] I] Helped Jno. a little with[the] nips[.] 2



1. S. A[g], I[sabella] P[earl] & I [were] in C[hurch] (Rev. Stewart.) *Beautiful*
2. M. [I] Killed 6 Roosters [and] Jno. [was] trimming sheep[.] Jane & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. A[g] scrubbed for Jane & stayed with [the] baby[.]
3. T. Fa[ther & Jno.[were] in C[linton] P.M. & [made a] 2nd trip [in the] even[ing.]..... A.M. Jno. & I [were] herding sheep A.M. & hauling in nips P.M. *Beautiful, Very Warm P.M.*
4. W. Fa[ther was] in C[linton] A.M. [and was] pulling nips P.M. Jno. & I [were] hauling in [the] nips[.] *Fine Threatening*
5. T. Fa[ther] finis[hed] pulling [tur-nips.] Jno. [took a] heifer [to] Var-na A.M. Bella went to Jane's[.] Adam fetched [our] mail [in the] even[ing.] *Heavy Rain P.M.*
6. F. Fa[ther was] in C[linton.] Dunham back at Sturdy's etc., etc. [We] Hauled in 3 loads [of] nips[.] *Warmer* 4
7. S. Jno. [was] in Seaforth etc. [We] Finis[hed] the turnips A.M. Fa-[ther] & D[unham were] in Kippen etc., etc. *Rain, Snow* 2
8. S. Dunham [was] here[.] *Snow, C[old] W[ind.]*
9. M. Fa[ther], Jno. & Ned took sheep to C[linton. The] Milch cows [were] in all night [for the] 1st [time.] Mrs Wig[inton came] for tea..... ..A[g] & I[are] moving private[.] *Snow, Hard Frost.*
10. T. Ned & Will helped here [to] kill [and] scald our 4 and Ned's 2 pigs[. We moved private into] position [this] even[ing.] *Hail & Rain* 7
11. W. A[g] & B[ella were] washing[.] Fa-[ther had] dinner at U[ncl]e Jas.'s [and] bought D[uncan] McKenzie's cow[.] Fins[hed] scrubbing..... *Warmer, Dull* 2
12. T. Jno. [was] plowing [today and] yesterday[.] Calder [came] for dinner[.] Mo[ther] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. *Fine, C[ool] W[ind.]*
13. F. Fa[ther], Jno. & I [were] at Mac's for tea [and the] even[ing. We drove the] cutter [for the] 1st [time this season.] *Snowing*

14. S. [I packed 2 hives[of bees and was] salting pork etc. Mac & Mrs Spear\* called P.M. *Fine*
- \* In pioneer days, the Spear's lived on the next farm north of McEwen's. They moved away to Kent County, near Highgate, but remained good friends with the McEwen's. The former neighbours visited back and forth over the years and, eventually Malcolm's daughter Margaret would marry William Spear.
15. S. [Ag] & I [went to Church in the] buggy[.] Jno. [went at night.]Fa[ther has a] boil on [his] arm[.] *Nice, Thawing*
16. M. A[g], B[ella] & Auntie [were] in C[linton] P,M.& Jno.[went in the] wagon [for] grist[.]..... Dickson's lambs arived..... Dunkin's for Talman's *Fine*
17. T. A[g] & B[ella]Washed[here and at] Ned's too[.] Jno. [was] at [the] Mill P.M. for chop[.]Choring-[We] lifted [the] orchard lumber[pile on the] stoneboat[.] *Warm, Rain*
18. W. [I] Finis[hed] picking up & pil- ing [the rest of the lumber] etc. A[g was] in C[linton] P.M. Mrs McDonald & Minnie Reynolds [were here] P.M. & all night[.] *Fine, Rain*
19. T. Fa[ther] walked to C[linton] A.M. & A[g] went too[.] Father] & Jno. [were] at Jas. Aikenhead's [this] even[ing. I was] Choring[.] Stew- art's [were here] all night[.] *Fine C[ool] W[ind] Frost*
20. F. [Stewart's] went home A.M. A[g was] in C[linton] P.M. B[ella is visiting] G[rant's.] Walker call- ed [about]buying [a ?. I] killed 3 tuk[et]s & 2 geese[.] *Fine, Thawed a little*
21. S. [I] Put veranda flowers in [the] cellar etc. A[g] scrubbed & iron- ed[and I Baked jell[y]&cupcake[s] P.M. *Snow* 3
22. S. A[g] & I [were] in C[hurch](Rev. Stewart.)I stayed with [the]kids for Jane [in the] even[ing.] *Fine* 2
23. M. Jane [came] for dinner[.]A[g was] in C[linton] P.M. [I was]Clean- ing [the] H[en] H[ouse and] kill- ed [some] pullets[.] *Raining* 4
24. T. [I] Finis[hed] cleaning the hen house] P.M.[and] Killed 4 G[eeese] & 4 T[urkeys.] *Fine* 3
25. W. A[g was]in C[linton] A.M. Lizzie [Glen] went with her[.] I] Killed 2 geese to eat [in the]evening[.] *Pouring Showers* 2



26. T. "Thanksgiving" B[ella] & I[were] at [Sabbath School Exam P.M. [I] made pies &.....U[n]cle] Jas., Aunt & Ned's [were] here P.M.[I] drove A[unt Agnes] home [with] "Queen"[.] 3  
*Beaut[iful]*  
*Bees [were] out*
27. F. A[g] & I washed[. At] night [I] ironed & mended Jno's p[an]ts[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. & Jennie [Grant was here] all night[.]
28. S. Fa[ther] walked [to Clinton] P.M. Jno. [went in in the] Even[ing.] Choring -[I] helped Ned a little cutting corn P.M. *Hard Frozen*
29. S. A[g] & I [were in church] (Rev. Stewart.) "Queen of Sheba's enquiry" 6  
*C[old] W[ind],*  
*Light Snow*
30. M. [I] Took down[the] furnace pipes & cleaned [the] furnace[,] Choring P.M. Dunham arrived [at] noon[.] Jno.went to Sturdy's P.M.

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1. T. Fa[ther] & Dun[kin], Jno. & Ned [were]in C[linton] shipping lambs & [the] big sow[. I was] Choring[.] *Very Cold*
2. W. A[g] & B[ella]washed[.I] cleaned [the] H[en] H[ouse] & furnace pipes[.] 6
3. T. [I] Killed 4 pullets[.] Alex. Mitchell called [and] bought[the] remaining gob[.] A[g was]in C[lin-]ton] P.M. [and B[ella was] at Jane's[.] 2  
*Snow Flurries*
4. F. A[g] & B[ella were in C[linton] A.M. [I] Killed a gob [and was] Cutting[corn] P.M. [Ag and Bella] & I & McT[avish were] at Grant's part P.M. & even[ing.] 2  
*Snow Flurries*
5. S. Jno. helped us put up [furnace] pipes[.]I finis[hed]greasing the business T.O.....B[ella] cleaned [the] parlour, hall, S[pare] B[edroom etc. 2  
*Rain*
6. S. A[g]& B[ella were in church](Rev. Stewart.) Jno. [went at night.] 2
7. M. A[g] drove Fa[ther] to C[linton] P.M. enroute for Danville[.] Bella] cleaned [the] veranda[.] Jno. [was] helping Will kill pigs A.M. [I cleaned the] H[en] H[ouse] & G[oose] H[ouse and was] choring all day[.] 4  
*Soft, Snowed*

8. T. [John was] in C[linton] to meet McElesy[.] Jno & he [were] at Frazer's etc. P.M. B[ella was] at Elliot's [this] even[ing.] J. Elliot [was] here[this] even[ing.] Choring all day[.] Dull
9. W. [I]Lifted cabbage & celery[.]Jno. & Mc[Elesy were] at Sturdy's, McDonald's, etc. & Clinton[.] Nice 6
10. T. Jno.& McE[lesy were] at Snell's &[in] C[linton.]Taylor[came for] tea [and stayed] for dinner[. I] Washed '[a] tick & [a] pillow[.] Nice 2
11. F. Fa[ther] arrived home P.M. Ernest fetched word out [to us.]Jno. & McE[lesy were] in C[linton]A.M. [I] Washed yarn..... Beaut[iful] 1
- ...Mr James MacFarlane has just returned from Quebec province, where he bought a [box ]carload of thoroughbred Shropshire - down sheep. Part of these he has since sold for export to the United States, and some to Mr J.W. Sturdy, Goderich Township.....  
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12. S. Fa[ther] & McE[lesy] & Sturdy [were] at Duncan's P.M. Choring, [I] filled[the] tick[and] dye[d] some indigo.....etc. J.W. & G.O. Sturdy [were here] for dinner[.] Beaut[iful] & Warm 4
13. S. I[sabella] P[earl] & I [were] in C[hurch] with Ned(Rev. Stewart.) C[old] W[ind] 2
14. M. Sturdy[was here] for dinner([He] fetched[a] ram for McE[lesy.]Jno. & he[were] in C[linton this]even[ing.]J[im] Barkley[was here]P.M. C[old] W[ind] Sunshine 2
15. T. Fa[ther] & McE[lesy] walked to C[linton. I did] some choring.] Started Fa[ther]'s smocks[.]A[g] & B[ella] Washed[.] Snow C[old] E[ast] W[ind] 4
16. W. [?], Ernest & [? were here] for dinner[.] Jno. [drove the] wagon in C[linton] with McE[lesy] & 5 sheep P.M.Fa[ther]walked[.I was] choring P.M. Sun shining & Calm 5
17. T. Ernest [was here.] B[ella] & I [were]in C[linton] P.M. Courtice [was here]A.M. & Mrs J.Isard[was here] P.M. & even[ing.] Dull 3
18. F. A[g] & B[ella]washed[.They visited] at U[ncle] Jas's P.M. & [at] Aunty's [in the] even[ing.] Snow, Soft & Drifting 5



19. S. Fa[ther], A[g] & I[sabella] P[earl were] in C[linton] P.M. [I] part-  
ley scrubbed[.] Ernest [was] cut-  
ting at Will's P.M. [and was] home  
[in the] even[ing]. [Janet Lyla  
(Nettie)] Green [was] born[.] *Fine* 5
20. S. A[g] & B[ella] went to church in  
the] buggy[.] Jno. went this even-  
[ing in the] cutter[.] *Snowing* 3
21. M. Jno. [was] at Will's cutting[.] I  
Cleaned [the] H[en] H[ouse] etc.  
Ernest drove W. [?] here [at]  
noon[.] *Fine,  
[a little] snow* 7
22. T. [I] Killed 8 geese & 1 turk[ey.]  
Jas. Ross & old Glen [were] here  
[this] morn[ing.] Ned & Will [were]  
.....cutting P.M. *Cold,  
Light Snow* 10
23. W. A[g] was] in C[linton] A.M. [in  
the] cutter[.] I killed [a] goose[.]  
Jno. & B[ella] have] gone to Stur-  
dy's [for an] Exmas tree. *C[old] Easterly  
W[ind]* 9
24. T. Fa[ther was] in C[linton] with  
Will's sleigh[.] Eddie & Abby  
[were] here P.M. Jno. & B[ella]  
arrived] home P.M. [I] wiped out  
..... *Snow, Cold* 8
25. F. Ned's & Aunty [were] here [in the]  
cutter[.] B[ella] was] at Grant's  
all night[.] *Fine* 8
26. S. A[g] & Jno.....Fa[ther was] in  
C[linton with] Ned [for] salt[.]  
Jennie [Grant] drove B[ella] home  
[in the] even[ing.] 13
27. S. Fa[ther] & I [were in church[.]  
Ad[am] & Jno. [went in the] even-  
ing. I] stayed with Jane's kids  
[in the] even[ing.] 8
28. M. A[g] ironed [and I] cleaned [the]  
H[en] H[ouse.] Ned & Fa[ther  
were] at [the] nomination meet-  
ing P.M. [in] Varna[.] *Slightly warm[er]* 9
29. T. Torrance & consort called [in a]  
buggy[.] I Killed 9 geese[.] Jess-  
ie & Stella [Wigginton] came after  
butter[.]\* *Rain, Soft* 10
- \*Eliza-Ann's principal source of income  
was from selling butter, eggs and poultry. She seems  
to have done a brisk business in the yuletide.
30. W. A[g] & I [were] in C[linton] A.M.  
A[g] & B[ella] were] at Wigginton's  
carpet bag bee P.M.....  
.....S. Keating [was here for  
dinner[.] *Dull, Frost* 9
31. T. [I] Washed [and the] M[en] were  
at Ned's cutting P.M.

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1. F. Aunty, Ned's & Mary Glen & May McEwen  
[were] here[.The] Kids[were] at Mac's  
[in the] even[ing.] 9  
*Mild, mild,  
Some Sprinkles,  
Rain*
2. S. [I] Washed & helped Fa[ther] put in  
D[ouble]windows[.] Jno.[was]at Ross's  
sawing bee P.M. Jno. Diehl [called.] 15  
*Rain*
3. S. A[g] & I [were] in c[hurch](Rev. Stew-  
art.) "The lost sheep" Ad[am] & Jno.  
[went at night.] 9  
*Mild, Mild,  
Rain.*
4. M. Jno. [was] at Middleton's & W. Elli-  
ot's[.] All were voting at [the]  
school[.] Fen[wick] & Adam [Stewart  
came for tea[.I] Cleaned [the] cellar  
at[the] door [and] Pressed[a]dress[.] 9  
*Raining*
5. T. Fa[ther] & I [were] in C[linton] A.M. 18  
[The] Boys [are] sawing [wood.] Jno.  
[went to the [Mec[hanics'] Institute  
Concert [in] Brucefield[.]  
*Frozen, Snowing*
6. W. [I] Washed[.] Jno.[was in] C[linton] 9  
P.M., looking [for] oats, etc. *Some Snow  
C[old] W[ind]*
7. T. A[g] & B[ella] were] in C[linton] P.M. 14  
[I] Killed 2 Turk[ey]s [and] cleaned  
[the] H[en] H[ouse.] Cutting [wood.]  
P.M. *Dull*
8. F. B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] & at 22  
Lindsey's[.] A[g] scrubbed Jane's  
floor[.]Jno.was at J. Pearson's [for  
a] load [of] oats & [was] in C[lin-  
ton] for chop[.] *Fine, Sunny,  
C[old] E[ast]  
W[ind.]*
9. S. [I did some]Mending[.]Jno.[took]Ned's 22  
lambs [to] C[linton] in[the] wagon[.] *Softish,Dull*
10. S. Fa[ther] & I [were] in c[hurch.] Rev. 11  
Stewart. Jno. [went at night. I]  
Stayed with [Jane's] kids[in the]even-  
[ing.] *C[[old] W[ind]  
& Fine.*
11. M. [I'm] at m[ak]ing [a] skirt[.] A[g] 16  
ironed[.] *Snowing & Storming*
12. T. [I worked further on the skirt.] A[g] 18  
was] in C[linton] A.M. B[ella is] mak-  
ing [an] Ottoman[.] *Fine & Cold*
13. W. B[ella] stayed with [the] kids [while]  
Jane [was] in C[linton] P.M. B[ella]  
helped [Jane] A.M. A[g] & I washed[.] 13  
*Fine & Cold*
14. T. Howson & nephew [were here] for dinner 18  
showing steam washer etc., etc. Mrs &  
Miss Calder [were also here] for din-  
ner[.] E.A. & S. Isard [were here] P.M.  
W. McEwen called P.M. Stewart's & A.  
Cuming [came in the] even[ing.] *C[old] W[ind],  
Sunny & Frosty*
15. F. A[g was]at McTavish'es P.M. Jno.& B[el- 10  
la were] at McGregor's (Tuckersmith)  
sleigh-load[.] *Fine, C[old]  
W[ind.]*



16. S. [I] Finis[hed the] skirt, c[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse and did some] mending[.] A[g] & B[ella were] in C[linton] P.M. F[enwick] went home[.] Horney calved[.] *Soft Snow* 10
17. S. Jno. [went to church in the] even[ing.] F[enwick came] home with him[.] *Raining, Poured [in the] even[ing.]* 5
18. M. [I] Started waist, wiped out room, etc. A[nnie] Cuming [was here] P.M. Jno.[was] at U[ncl]e Jno's[.] *H[igh] W[ind] Some Snow* 6
19. T. A[g] & I washed[.] Ned [was] here[in our] bush[.] The Dog[was] poisoned[sic] Apparently[.] Bella & Annie [were] at Ned's P.M. & at Will's[in the] even[ing.] A[nnie] went back with Lily [Stewart.] *Fine & Frosty* 9
20. W. [I] Done a little at waist[.] Ned [was] here[.] A[g] & B[ella were] in C[linton] P.M. *C[old] W[ind] Snowed* 4
21. T. [I] Made shoe grease etc. Jno. [was] in C[linton for] grist[in the] sleigh[.] All [were] at U[ncl]e Ja[me]s's [this] even[ing in the] cutter([the] boys walked[.] *C[old] W[ind]* 8
22. F. Mending old shoes, etc. Courtice called P.M. Jno. [has been] hauling up wood[.] *Stormy & Mild* 7
23. S. Jno. [was in] C[linton] P.M.[in the] cutter[.] Choreing,[I] Stitched[the] waist[.] In the] even[ing Sewed skirt on ganzie etc. *Very Stormy & Frosty* 4
24. S. *Stormy* 9
25. M. [I] Done a little to waist[.] A[g] & I [were] at Aunty's [this] even[ing.] *Very Stormy* 4
26. T. [I] Cut a little P.M. J[ohn] P[lewes] was here[.] *Snowed & Storm[ed] some.* 6
27. W. A[g] was] in C[linton] P.M. ([She] had to go the 4th con[cession.]) Jno. & B[ella were] at Churchill's wedding party[.] I did a little at the waist[.] *Snowed some* 4
28. T. Jane here[.] Cutting P.M. *Fine & Warm Snowed in Even[ing.]* 9
29. F. [I] Killed [a] Pr[airie] Chick[en], [a] Goose & [a] Turkey[.] A[g] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M.[at] (Church, Rev Atkinson.) *Light Snow* 5
30. S. [I] Cleaned [the] H[en] H[ouse.] A[g] scrubbed Jane's [floors] A.M. & our's P.M. *Nice (I think)* 6
31. S. Jane & I & I[sabella] P[earl] were] in C[hurch] (Rev. Stewart.) Jno., Ned & A[g] wentt in the] even[ing.] (Rev. Shaw, Egmondville.) *Below 0 [F] Sunny & Nice* 6

## February, 1897

1. M. Wise's [were] at [the] barn[.] Jno. [was] at Mac's cutting P.M.[and at] Ned's A[M.] *Nice* 6
2. T. Fa[ther] walked to C[linton.] A[g] & I 6

washed[.] W. F[luker\* was] at Ned's cutting[.] Mr & Mrs Sturdy & Miss Annie Driver [were] here P.M. T[homas] Frazer & [The] Master [were here] for tea[.]

\*This appears to be the current hired man-see Feb 5 entry.

3. W. Jno. Scott & Lizzie Glen called A.M. 6
4. T. Mo[ther] & I [were in C[linton] P.M. Mr McDougal from Tiverton[was here] for dinner[.] Fa[ther] went with him to Wigg[in-ton's, and] A. Dunkin's[.] Beautiful
5. F. Jno.[was] in C[linton] for corn etc. A[g] & B[ella [were] at Scott's quilting & rag bee & Fluker [was] at [a] sawing bee P.M. dinner C[old] E[ast] W[ind,] Nice. 8
6. S. [I] Peeled A[pples and was] choring etc. Jno. [was] shearing [sheep] P.M. 7 Raining
7. S. Adam [was] here P.M. Jno. & he [went to C[hurch this] even[ing.](Dr Jackson[from] Galt.) Fine & Mild 10
8. M. Fa[ther] sick [yesterday and today. Jno. [was] shearing A.M.[I worked]at basque[.] Jno. [was] at Mac's P.M. - sawing machine[.] \* B[ella] finis[hed]making [a] slumber robe[.] Fine & Dull a little snow 10
- \* probably refers to the buzz saw powered by the horse power.
9. T. Jno.[was] at D[uncan] McKenzie's A.M.[and in Clinton] P.M. [for a]load [of] bran[.] A[g] & I washed A.M. Aunty & I [went to] C[linton] in [the] cutter[.] 9
10. W. W. F[luker was]at Will's cutting P.M. Ada & Annie [Stewart were] here P.M.[I]C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse and] put in furnace wood etc. A.M. [I] Basted sleeves [during the cousins'] visit[.] Jno. & I[sabella] P[earl,B[ella] & I [were] at Ned's [this] even[ing.] 12
11. T. W F[luker [was] at Will's [cutting P.M.] Jno.[was there also for a] little [time.] A. Wise [was] here P.M. [He] bought [a] 2 yr. old colt (Colby's.) C[old] E[ast] W[ind], Snowy, Drifting all night 22
12. F. Jno.at Wise's with colt A.M.[and at]Mills P.M. [I] Finis[hed the] waist (but[for] some hooks I have to get.) Fine P.M. 16
13. S. [I was] Mending[. John was at Mills A.M. and] in Clinton]] P.M. I went to see Mrs J. Pearson[.] (2 lambs 1st) Fine P.M. 21
14. S. B[ella] & I [were] in C[hurch](Rev. Stewart.) A[g] stayed with[Edward John.] A[g] & Jno. [went at night to the] English ç[hurch.] Thaw 24
15. M. B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] A.M. Softish & Light snow 10



16. T. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. with Ned[.] A[g] & B[ella] washed[. I was] in bed A.M. sick [with a] cold[. I have been] making Jno. blue dairy [aprons.] *Beautiful* 23
17. W. [I made] Duck p[an]ts [for John.] B[ella] scrubbed for Jane[.] Dew Drop calved [a] bull[.] *Nice* 23
18. T. A[lex] Innis, J, McLoughlin & W\_ [were] here A.M. [McLaughlin came in the] even[ing and] bought [a] horse[.] Jno. [was] shearing[. I] c[leaned the] h[en] h[ouse] P.M. *Nice* 22
19. F. [I] Finis[hed] Jno.'s Ducks [this] morn[ing.] B[ella] & I[were] in C[linton] P.M. L[ight] S[now] [The men were] Cutting P.M. Adam [stayed] for tea[.] *Beautiful* 26
20. S. [I] Finis[hed] Jno.'s Dairys [&] mended[.] Jno. [was] shearing[.] *C[old] E[ast] W[ind] Rain, etc.* 21
21. S. A[g] & B[ella] were] in C[hurch.] (Rev. Stewart.) Jno. & Fa[ther] went in the evening[.] [I] Stayed with [Jane's] kids [this] even[ing.] Auntie [has] gone to Green's[.] *Beautiful Very H[igh] Wind* 18
22. M. [I] Made Fa[ther]'s Ducks[.] Mr [Green was] here telling about Mrs Ferguson's Fa[ther]'s funeral[.] *Very H[igh] Wind. S[ome] S[now] & some R[ain.]* 20
23. T. A[g] & Jno.[were] at [the] funeral[.] A[g] went] home with Annie Stewart[. I worked at] appliaquing (*sic*)\* wheels on [a] doiley[.] *Stormy, Not much frost* 26
- \* Eliza-Ann is trying to make a french noun, *appliqué* into a verb.
24. W. Finis[hed the doiley] A.M. & Made 2 Dairy a little Aprons P.M. *colder, some snow* 20
25. T. A[lex.] Innis got [the] colt and took it away[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton.] A[g] & I washed[.] Fa[ther] was] at Will's A.[M.] & Mac's [P.M.] Ned [stayed] for dinner P.M. [I] Tore out sheets [in the] even[ing.] 23
26. F. Fa[ther] & Ned [were] at J. McDonald's\* sale P.M. Dunham & Woolcott arrived [at] noon[.] Jno.[hitched] Queen [&] drove them Frazer's[. I] Made [a] parasol cover[.] *Cold & a little snow* 28
27. S. Dunham & F[ather] were] at Wigg[nton's] & Elliot's A. [M.] & A. Dunkin's P.M. Ned [came] after 8 sheep bought yester[day. I] Finis[hed the] sheets & tore out 3 pillow-cases[.] *Very C[old] W[ind], raw.* 25
28. S. B[ella] & I[were] in Church] (Rev. Stewart.) Jno.[went at night. I] Stayed with the kids [in the] even[ing.]] *Sunny* 23

## March, 1897

1. M. Jno. & D[unham] were] in town A.M. I [was] in C[linton] with Ned P.M. [for William] Pearson's funeral[.]<sup>2</sup> Made 3 pillow cases[.] *Light snow, Softish* 12

2. T. [I made] 6 [pillow-cases]& 8 button-holes (Jno.'s cuffs.) Cherry calved[. The] Men took 58 sheep to [the railway] station[.] *Frozen, Nice* 11
3. W. A[g] & I washed[. I] Mended Jno.'s shirt etc.[The] Kids [were] sliding[.]Jno.[was] shearing[.] Fl[uker was] at Ned's crush-  
ing[.] *C[old] W[ind], Some Strong* 15
4. T. I [was] in C[linton] A.M. [and] Made pies P.M. etc. *Beautiful Sun, Thaw* 7
5. F. Grainger [came] for dinner[.] Dennison called P.M. Finis[hed]mending Jno.'s draw-  
ers, washed cape (overcoat) etc. Jno. & Fl[uker were] at Ned's P.M. cutting[.] *Raining* 17
6. S. Grainger [was] here [this] morn[ing and] bought[the]fat heifer[.]Houston & McCorry called & Dickson([of] Goderich) & Bates called around even[ing.]Fa[ther]walked to Frazer's & [was] at [the] Master's P.M. etc. Jno. & Fen[wick] walked to C[linton] P.M. *Frosty N[orth]- W[est] W[ind] Sunny* 10
7. S. A[g] & I [took the] cutter[to church](Rev. Stewart - Parable of the sower.) Jno.[went at night.] *Fine, C[old] E[ast] W[ind]* 16
8. M. [I]Mended[the] brown skirt, Jno.'s p[an]ts & finis[hed the] brown waist.....Annie Stewart[came this] norn[ing] for butter[.] N[icholas] Cuming called [this] even[ing.] Jno. [was] at Jane's[.] I[sabella] P[earl] in [here by] herself[.] *Fine A.M. Raining P.M.* 17
9. T. Jno. [was] at Ned's yesterday & today[. I] wiped out [my] room, turned 6 sheets & but-  
ton-holed some on [a] doiley[.] *Raining, T[hunder] & L[ightning at] night[.]* 17
10. W. Jno. [was] in C[linton] A.M. with[the] fat heifer [and] with Ned P.M. A[g] & B[ella] washed in [the] veranda etc. A[g went] on horseback for Jane's clothes [and she was] at Mac's [in the] even[ing] for [a] bag of flour Mac's fetched from town[.] B[ella was] at U[n]cle James's] P.M. & even[ing] and Ag was there in the] even[ing.].....  
.....meal from Jane[.] *Slightly frozen, Fine & Sunny* 21
11. T. Fa[ther was] at Jno. Elliot's for dinner & walked to C[linton] P.M. [He] got I[sabel-  
la] P[earl] [a] basket etc. [I was] working at [a] doily (sic)[.] 2nd goose egg *Fine, Sun Showers, Snowed* 27
12. F. Jno.& Fl[uker were] at Ned's P.M. Fen[wick was] here P.M. Jno. [was] in C[linton at night[.] A[g] & I[were] at Ned's[this]even-  
[ing. I Finis[hed the doiley [at] night[.] *Freezing, Stormy* 25
13. S. Jno.[was]at Ned's & Fl[uker] P.M. Fa[ther] walked to C[linton.] C. Middleton [was] here [this] morn[ing. I] Started making[a] crotchet picture frame[.] *Fine, Sun, Thaw* 30
14. S. A[g] & B[ella drove to] C[hurch in the]cut-  
ter[.](Rev. McDonald, Seaforth) *Mild, [then] Stormy* 36
15. M. Ned [was] here P.M. Jno.[went to C[linton] in [the] buggy[. I worked]at [my] frame[.] *Fine, L[ight]S[now]* 28



16. T. A[g has] gone to Copeland's in [the] buggy & [she] took Fa[ther] to [the rail- way]station in C[inton.] Mended Mo[ther's] ganzies & my shoes[.] R. Marshel(sic)[and] Fen[wick], Adam & Ida [Stewart] called [in the] even[ing].] 55  
*Fine & Frosty*
17. W. A[g] & I washed A.M. A[g was] in C[linton] P.M. meeting Fa[ther] etc. {He} bought 9 sheep[.] Ned [was] here[.] Webber fetched [the] sheep in [his] sleigh [and was here] all night[.] I did] a little crochet[.] 15  
*Fine, Like Rain*
18. T. [Ned was here]] Jane & A[g were] in C[linton] P.M. I[sabella] P[earl] & Will's kids [were] P.M. Will's [were] in C[linton.] Tough [was here] all night[.] 33  
*Springlike, Misty, etc.*
19. F. A[g] & I cleaned [the] kitchen stove pipes etc. A.M. [I] Scrubbed [the] kitchen [and] A[g was]washing[the] plaster[in the] boy's stair[.] Ned [was] here[.] Jno.[was] shearing for Ned[.] 37  
*Dull, Springlike, Raining, H[igh] E[ast] W[ind.]*
20. S. Ned [here] A.M. Jno. & Ned [were] in C[linton] P.M.[Jno.was shearing]Webber sheep[.] N[eil] McGregor C[alled.]A[g] scrubbed for Jane[.] I] Finis[hed] making [a] hen box[.] I saw some] Black birds[.] 33  
*Dull & Windy*
21. S. Lilly [Stewart was] in on [her] way to Glen's[.] Bees [were] flying P.M. Ad[am] & Jno. [went to church at night[.] 36  
*C[old] W[ind] Beautiful, P.M.*
22. M. A[lex.] Innis [was] here [this] morn[ing.] Jno. Thomson [was] here[.] Jane & [the] kids [were] here P.M. [Ag, Bella & I are] papering [the] boys' stair[way.] Fl[uker was]at Will's crushing[.] 34  
*Frozen a little, Fine, Beautiful.*
23. T. [The] Heifer calved[.] A[g was] in C[linton] P.M. [for] wall[paper. We were] Papering P.M. 27  
*Frozen a little, Rain & Sleet P.M.*
24. W. [We]Finis[hed] papering the stairway[.] A[g] scrubbed it etc. Jno. [went into] C[linton] in [the]wagon [for] chop[.] B[ella] baked cakes P.M. 43  
*Snowed, Soft-Stormy*
25. T. Fa[ther] walked to C[linton.] Fl[uker was] at Will's cutting[.] Billy died (2 old sheep before.) A[g]'s (Heifer) cow calved[.] 39  
*Dull, S[nowed] a little, slight t[haw.]*
26. F. Ned [helped] us cutting P.M. [I] Filled some floor cracks up Jno.s stair[.] I] Sent home a Gob[bler]with Ned[.] 2 p[ai]r [of] lambs [born.] 37  
*Fine Sun Thaw*
27. S. [I filled some more cracks up the stairway.] A[g was] Mending P.M. Jno.walked to C[linton] P.M. Lizzie[was]here P.M. for milk[.] 1 p[ai]r [of] lambs [born.] 30
28. S. [At church] A.M. [Mr] Houston[of the] High School [and Mr] Lough, [the] P[ublic] School Principal, [conducted the service.] Jno. [went in the] even[ing.] 32  
*Frozen*

29. M. Fa[ther] walked to C[linton.] H. Parker [was] at[the] barn[.I was] Making Hen-roosts[.] 2 p[ai]r[of] lambs [born.] *Fine & Warmer* 40
30. T. [I] Finis[hed making hen roosts.] Fl[uker was] in [the] bush with Ned[.] A[g was] in C[linton] A.M. Jno. walked P.M. *Beautiful Frogs* 30
31. W. [I] Drove Fa[ther] to [the] r[ailroad bridge [this] morn[ing,] en route for Owen Sound, [to] Mr Harrison's[.] Jane, I[sabella] P[earl & E[dward] J[ohn] came in with me[. I was] Cleaning [the] H[en] H[ouse] etc. *E[ast] W[ind]* 36

## April, 1897

1. T. [I] Finis[hed]C[leaning the H[en] H[ouse], helped wash & put up Dining Room, Jno.'s B[ed] R[oom] & Spare-room blinds[.] Jno. [was]in C[linton this] even[ing.] B[ella was] baking etc. *Fine E[ast] W[ind]* 39
2. F. [John was in Clinton in the] morn[ing] & [with] Ned [in the] even[ing.] Jno. McEwen[was] here[this] even[ing.] U[n]cle J[ame]s's Annie [was] at Will's to day too[.]Clean[ing [the] Milk room, I swept etc., & [got the] hall ready for mop[p]ing[.] *Beautiful* 28
3. S. Fa[ther] arrived [at] noon [and] drove out of C[linton] with Mr Pattison's horse[.]A[g]&Jno.[were] in C[linton] P.M. for 4 Galloway cross steers & dry cow & 28 sheep[. I] Scrubbed shelves [in the] milk room etc. *Fine, H[igh] E[ast]] W[ind]* 33
4. S. A[g] & I[were]in C[hurch](Rev.Muir, Brucefield.) *Rain P.M.* 31
5. M. Jno. [was] in Brucefield P.M.[for] clover Seed[.] F[lu]ker was]plowing A.[M.] & at Ned's crushing P.M.[I] Fixed latches on the 3 celler-doors[.] *Rain in P.M.* 36
6. T. A[g] & Jane [were]in C[linton] P.M. Jno. stayed with [the] kids[.]B[ella was] baking[.] Cutting P.M. [I] Cleaned [my] room etc. *Fine, C[old] E[ast] W[ind]* 56
7. W. B[ella] & I [were] at Grant's Rag-gee P.M. Jno.[was]in C[linton] P.M. Hudie [was here in the] even[ing] looking at [a] Milch-cow[.] *Dull, Slight drizzle.* 34
8. T. Jno.[was]in C[linton]A.M. for corn [in the] wagon[.] Lizzie [went] with him[. John was] at [the] Mill P.M. with [corn.] [A[g] & I washed [and I] Cleaned the Goose House[.] *Fine* 44
9. F. [I] Drove Mo[ther] & Jane &[Edward John] to Scott's Rag bee[.The] Calder kid[came] for dinner [and help- in] gatherng eggs[. I was] fixing onions[.] B[ella was] puttying cracks [on] Jno.'s stair[.] *Snowing* 50



10. S. [I] Finis[hed fixing onions.] Mac called P.M. A[g] scrubbed for Jane[.] *Fine C[old] E[ast] W[ind]* 42
11. S. B[ella] & I [werein church] (Rev. Stewart.) S[abbath] S[chool] started[.] Fanny calved[.] *Fine C[old] W[ind]* 36
12. M. A[g]& B[ella were]in C[linton] P.M. [and I was] Making [a] Rooster box P.M. Jno. speared 16 suckers[.] *Fine C[old] W[ind] even[ing.]* 39
13. T. [I] Made a coop[.]A[g] washed & ironed[.]B[ella] got bush flowers[.] *Raining* 34
14. W. [I made a coop with] 3 nests[.]Jno. McNaughton [was] here A.M. [and] bought 2 last year colts[.] Jno. & Fl[uker] took [the 2 horses] over P.M. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. *Dull, Fine* 29
15. T. Fa[ther was] at Sturdy's[. I] Made [a]feed box & a row of 6 nests for [a] goose nest[.] Fen[wick came]after oats [and stayed] for dinner[. The] boys cleaned oats[.] A[nnie] & Ida [Stewart], J. Sparrow, Mac, & McNaughton [were here this] evening[.] *Fine & Nice* 30
16. F. **Good Friday** [I] Raked [the] chip yard & picked up sticks around [the] H[en] H[ouse.] Jno. [was] at [the] Brucefield Show P.M.[The] Calder kids [came] for dinner[.] Maggie & Isabel [were here] P.M. *Showery* 52
17. S. [I did] Mending[.] Fa[ther] walked to C[linton] A.M. F[luker was] at Ned's [and] Will's crushing[.] A. C. Mason & \_\_\_\_\_ were here looking at [a] horse[.] *Fine, Windy* 46
18. S. Fa[ther], I[sabella] P[earl] & I [were] in C[hurch] (Rev. Stewart.) [It was the] Childrens' Anniversary[.] Jno. & Adam [went at night.] Ida & I [were] in S[abbath] S[chool.] B[ella was] at Jane's-[Jane has a]cold. *H[igh] W[ind], Fine* 29
19. M. A[g] scrubbed at Jane's[. I was] puttying cracks on[Jno.'s Stair[.] My Heifer cow calved[.] J. Sparrow & Mac McNaughton[came]for tea[and] bought 2 colts[.] Jno. [went] with them [in the] evening[.] *Rain Showers Snow Flurries etc., Hreezing, H[igh] W[ind.]* 40
20. T. G. O. Sturdy fetched sheep [and stayed] for dinner[.] Wigg[inton's] came by] P.M. with [wedding] invitations[.I]Laid [a]platform in[the] woodshed etc. *H[igh] C[old] W[ind,] Fine* 42
21. W. Jno[was]at Mac's Rag-Bee P.M. A[g], Jno. & I [were] there [in the] evening[.] Acheson & wife [came] for tea-(strangers.) *H[igh] c[old] W[ind,] Showery.* 33
22. T. Jno. [was] in C[linton] A. [M.] & A[g] & B[ella were] in C[linton] P.M. [I] Rid.....swept.....yard etc. *Beautiful & Hot* 31

23. F. Fa[ther] walked to C[linton.I was] Mending etc. *Lots of Heavy Rain & large Hail storm P.M.* 35
24. S. Fa[ther was] at Jno. Thomson's for pigs[.] *Showery, Very Warmm.* 22
25. S. A[g] & I [were in church](Rev.Stewart.) Ad[am &] J[ohn went in the evening.] *Rainy* 34
26. M. Elsie Thomson [was] here for [a] calf & [a] Rooster[.She is getting teeth pulled[.Elsie,]A[g] & B[ella were]in C[linton. I]Took out a lot of rotten apples[.] *H[igh] C[old] W[ind,] Shower, Fine.* 40
27. T. [A[g was]in C[linton] P.M. B[ella] & I [are] making [her a] dress[.] *Sunny, Fine* 33
28. W. Fa[ther]& Mo[ther were] at Jessie\* Wig[ginton's] Wedding [this] evening[.]....[I] finis[hed] B[ella's] dress etc., etc. *Fine, Like Rain* 36  
\*The groom was a Mr Hodgins
29. T. [I] Cleaned [the] H[ens'] Platform [and mended a] slipper[.] Fa[ther is] grafting these days[.] *Fine* 35
30. F. A[g] & I washed[.] *Like R[ain,] Rainy.* 34

## May, 1897

1. S. [I] Finished mending[the] slippers [and] sewed [the] soles on[.] *Raining* 30
2. S. A[g] & B[ella were in church](Richardson, [a] graduate [student.]) 34
3. M. B[ella]H[ouse] C[leaned the]pantry [and] A[g] ironed[.] Mac [was here in the] morn[ing. The Calder kid [came for] dinner[. I did] sorting [of] old letters etc. *Dull, Misty* 21
4. T. Jno.[was]in C[linton]P.M. Fl[uker] & Jno. [were] in Varna [this] evening [with] Dewdrop[.] Fa[ther is] grafting[. I S[orted more] old letters] etc.,etc. 32
5. W. [I] Washed[.]Jno.[worked at soap.] Al Wise[was here this] morn[ing[.] *Fine* 18
6. T. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. *Slight Shower* 20
7. F. Fa[ther] & Mo[ther were] visiting [in] Varna[.] Jno.[went to] Brucefield with wool[.] *Beautiful & Hot* 28
8. S. [I did some] Mending[. We] Sowed flax [at the] end [of the]Rathwell bush[. The] Cows [were] out all night[.] *Beautiful* 15



9. S. B[ella] & I & I[sabella] P[earl  
were] in C[hurch] (Rev. Stewart.)  
Cows [were] in[.] Nice, 20  
H[eavy] Rain,  
even[ing.]
10. M. [Jim] Barkley came for dinner & 20  
U[n]cle Jas. for tea[.] Adam brought  
up [some] fish [this] morn[ing.] Beautiful & Hot  
B[ella] took up her B[ed] R[oom]  
carpet etc., etc. [I] Put away furs  
etc. I[sabella] P[earl] [was] here]  
all day[.]
11. T. B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton.] A. 22  
Wise & "Yes Missus"
12. W. A[g] & I washed A.M. I [was] with Fine, Hot, 18  
Fa[ther] & [the] McGregor's in Bru- Heavy Showers  
cefield P.M. Streaching (sic) B[el- Morn[ing]  
la]'s carpet [in the] even[ing.] Fine, cooler
13. T. Aunty came up to go to c[linton.] 17  
Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. Mary  
Cuming[was] here P.M. [I] Put down Fine & Nice  
[the] S[pare] B[ed] Room carpet & Shower  
finis[h]ed the] other one etc., tc.
14. F. Jno. C[uming] & I [were] at Ned's 29  
P.M. [and at] Will's [in the] even- Dull, Misty &  
[ing, along with A[g], Liley, & Ab cold  
Nott[.]
15. S. [I] Hung [my] B[ed] Room door on 21  
[the] other side & put on [a]  
lock etc. Fa[ther] was in C[lin- Cool & Lovely  
ton.] [A] Jew called [in the] even-  
[ing.]
16. S. A[g] & B[ella] & Fluker [were] in 20  
Church[.] A[g] and] Jno. [went at  
night.]
17. M. [I] Planted 18 rows [of] mangols P.M. 26  
G. Middleton & Irish Elliot [were]  
here [in the] even[ing.]
18. T. Fa[ther] was] in C[linton. I] Dug 23  
around rose-bushes, [did] Mending, Fine  
etc. Graham Herbison called[.]
19. W. [I] Planted 9 rows mangols & 1 Red 22  
carrot s & Beets[.] Jno. & I plan- like rain  
ted 10 rows carrots[.] I helped  
churn A.M. Jno. & Fl[uker] shipped-  
[a] Bull to Oak Lake, [Manitoba],\*  
P.M.  
\* William Mac Farlane had a farm there.
20. T. A[g] Ironed [and I did] Mending 26  
etc. Rainy
21. F. Is & I [were] in C[linton. We] got 27  
[the] hall carpet home[.] A[g] & I Fine & C[old]  
[were] at Ned's [in the] even[ing] W[ind,] Frost.  
for straw[.]
22. S. [Ag, Bella & I put] down [the car- 15  
pet[.] Fa[ther] was] in C[linton] Fine  
[for] corn[.]

23. S. Is[abel Glen]& I[were]in C[hurch] (Rev. Stewart.) Jno.[went in the evening.] *Rainy, Dull* 24
24. M. [I] Planted some onions[.] A[g scrubbed for Jane[.] B[ella]washed her curtains & hall ones & ironed[.] *Dull & Cold* 24
25. T. A[g] & Bella [were] at Jno. Thomson's for pigs[.] *Fine, C[old] W[ind]* 24
26. W. Mr & Mrs Fluker [were here] for dinner[.] I] Planted tomatoes & onions *Fine & warm* 24
27. T. A[g] & I washed[.] A[g] & B[ella were] in C[linton.] 16
28. F. Fl[uker] & I were in c[hurch] (Rev. Bradley- Mitchell.) "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." *Drizzley & cool.* 16
29. S. Fa[ther was] in C[linton] with Ned (horse & steers.) Ned[was]in Seaforth in[the] cart with horse Polly[.] *Fine & Cool* 21
30. S. Fa[ther],Jane, Ned, Fl[uker] & I [were]in c[hurch] with our horse in Ned's buggy[.](Rev. Stewart) Jno. & A[g went at night.] *Raining Noon & P.M.* 24
31. M. Dunham & Woolcott[and] two horse buyers[came]for dinner etc.[The] Girls [are] making Fa[ther]'s shirts[.] Started fringe for tap-estry mat[.] *Fine & Cold* 24

## June, 1897

1. T. [We] Shipped 68 sheep P.M. (some had lambs[.] I] Mended [a] parasol[.] *Fine & Cool* 25
2. W. A[g] & I washed[.] A[g] & B[ella were] in C[linton] P.M. Jno.,F[luker] & I planted 12 rows of potatoes[.] Fa[ther]planted as many at [the] Rath[well field.....E. & W. at barn pump[.] *Fine* 22
3. T. Fa[ther]walked to C[linton.] I[sabella] P[earl was]here P.M. Ned & Jno.washed his sheep[.I worked] at Fa[ther]'s shirts[.] *Raining, Heavy showers* 33
4. F. [I] Finis[hed the] button-holes etc., [on] Fa[ther]'s shirts[.I] Sewed [the] facing on B[ella]'s Br[own] dress etc. [I finished the] mat fringe [at] night[.]Ned [drove] Polly in[to] C[linton. The] Rev., Mrs & Douglas Stewart called P.M. *Fine - Dull C[old] W[ind]* 22



5. S. [I] Finis[hed] B[ella]'s dress & darned socks A.M. [Ned] & Jno. [drove Polly]in[to]C[linton this morn[ing.] B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. *Dull, Rain* 18
6. S. A[g] & B[ella] & F[luker were]in C[hurch.] *Raining P.M.* 18
7. M. Fl[uker was] at Ned's cleaning wheat[.] Jarvis & Mekin [were] here[.] Fa[[ther], Jno. & B[ella were] at Ned's for turkey dinner[. I] Made pies[and was] mending bags[.] *Raining* 29
8. T. Fa[ther] walked to C[linton.]Jno. [was]in C[linton with a]load[of] wheat & Ned [went] with a load too[.] A[g] churned etc. [I was] Mending bags all day[.] *Fine* 28
9. W. Mother dyed socks brown etc. Jno. [was] in C[linton om the]horse & Ned & Fl[uker] with loads [of] wheat (ours & his)[.] A[g] & I washed etc. [The] Foote\* boys [were] here [and] bought [a] bull[.]U[n]cle James was here]P.M. Ned's & Fen[wick] & Adam [came in the] even[ing.] *\* Foote's farmed on the Bayfeld Road at Con IV.* 21
10. T. I[was] in C[linton]with Fa[ther] en route for Old Country ship "Scotsman"[.] Mac[here this]morn[ing.] Ned & Jno. [were]in C[linton] for salt etc. Foote's [came after thhir] b[ull at] noon[. I] Mended Fl[uker]'s p[an]ts [this] even[ing.] 22
11. F. [I was] in C[linton at]noon with B[ella] en route for Goderich(to teach.) [I] Finis[hed] binding B[ella's skirt A.M. Mo[ther was] at Lizzie's "rag-bee" P.M. *Rain A.M. Dull Fine P.M.* 31
12. S. Ned, Jane & I[sabella] P[earl were] in C[linton] P.M.[driving] Polly[.] Jno.[was]at Scott's for oats[.I]C[leaned the]H[en]H[ouse] [and] put the rest of frames in the unpacked hive[.] *Fine & Hot Rain* 23
13. S. A[g],Fl[uker & I[were in church] (Rev. Stewart.) Bees swarmed out [and then] returned[.] *Fine* 26
14. M. [I] Finis[hed] planting onions & beans[.] G.O. Sturdy [came] for dinner[.] Jno.[was] in C[linton] P.M. [for] chop[.] 1st swarm of bees [from the ] brown hive-only about 1 q[uar]t[er of the] bees stayed[.] *Fine & Hot Slight Rain* 23
15. T. [John was in Clinton in the]even[ing.]Fl[uker was]in Varna[with] Dewdrop[.] A[g] & I [were] at Lizzie's P.M. sewing rags[.] 30

16. W. A[g] & I washed[.] Jno. & Ned  
[were] in C[linton] P.M. & [were]  
planting "nips" [in the] even[ing.]  
Washed hair 30
17. T. Ned [was] here planting turnips  
with [the] boys[.] Sowed rape  
too[.] A[g] scrubbed boys' stair  
& churned[.] Jno. & I filled 6  
bags [of] pot[atoes[.] I wheeled  
out a half dozen barrow[fuls of]  
clay, buds & rotten ones[.]
18. F. [I] Helped iron[.] Jane & [the]  
kids [were] here[.] Jno. finis *Fine & cool* 27  
[hed] sowing tuirrips & [was] in  
C[linton in the] even[ing.].....  
..[The] Men[are] at road work[.]
19. S. Ned & Jno.[are] dipping lambs[.] *Slight Rain* 32  
Will finis[hed] road work A.M. &  
rolling P.M. I [was] in C[linton  
Mid-day[.] *Fine & Warm*
20. S. A[g], F[luker] & I [were in] church *Fine, Cold,* 28  
(Rev. Stewart.) Thanksgiving serm-  
on [in honour of] **Queen Victoria's**  
**Diamond Jubilee[.]** Jno. & A[dam]  
went at night.] *C[ool] W[ind]*
21. M. Cardiff's at Stewart's[.] F[luker]  
scuffled mangols[.] Jno. & Ned was- *Cold* 30  
hed buggies P.M. [I] took 3 bar-  
rows out of [the] cellar P.M. etc.  
[I] C[leaned] H[en] Roosts - (I  
think.)
22. T. **Jubilee Celebrations** Jno. & 17  
A[g] & Ned [were] in C[linton] A.M.  
F[luker went] up P.M. A[g] stay- *Fine*  
ed[.] Jno. went back [in the] even-  
[ing.]
23. W. [The] White[bee] box swarmed [when  
I] 1st lifted it out of [the]  
chaff[.] We are] Ma king cellar *Hot* 22  
steps[.] Ned's, & Mrs [Ann], Bell,  
& Mag[gie] McEwen [were here this]  
even[ing.]
24. T. A[g was] in C[linton] P.M. Jno. *Cool & Dull* 18  
[was] at Ned's P.M. [I] Churned  
A.M. *Hot [t]er*
25. F. A[g] & I washed[.] F[luker's] weed- 14  
ing roots these days[.] Bees  
swarmed & [then] returned[.] Ned  
[was] in B[rucefield] [with] wool[.] *Coldish*  
*N[orth] W[ind.]*
26. S. Jno. & I [were] in Brucefield[.]  
  
F[luker] finis[hed] thinning man- 9  
gols[.] The bees swarmed in the]  
2nd brown [hive.] *C[old] W[ind]*  
*Fine*
27. S. Jane & I [were in church] (Rev.  
Morrison [of] Toronto preaching to  
"Masons" P.M. Jno. & A[dam went  
at night[.] Bees swarmed [in the]  
3rd brown [hive.] *C[old] W[ind]* 10  
*Fine*



28. M. [I] Washed 2 bee boxes[andC[lean-  
ed all [of] the H[en] H[ouse.]  
Fl[uker] cleaned 10 rows car-  
rots[.] A[g did the] ironing[.]  
Guelph excursion *Fine* 16
29. T. Jno.[was]in C[linton] P.M.[for]  
flour etc. B[ee]'s [in the] 4th  
B[ox I] put in [the] 3rd[.] *Rain* 14  
*Very Warm*
30. W. [This] morn[ing I] Churned,A[g]  
washed [and] Mo[ther] baked[.]  
Aunty & I [were]in C[linton]P.M.  
Bella [came] home[.] *Misty* 9  
*Fine & Hot*

## July, 1897

1. T. Fixing Cellar steps\* Jno.[did]  
1st mowing\*\* [by] Mac's bush &  
U[ncl]e Jno.'s[. I]Took 2frames  
[of] honey from [the] old Brown  
[hive.] A[g did the] ironing[.]  
Stanbury & Craig [called here  
[in the] even[ing.] *Fine & Hot* 7

\* John and Adam did a lot of  
carpentry and small cement work for most of  
their adult lives. \*\*It used to be an  
article of faith that one could not cut  
hay before July 1st. A century later, most  
the hay is off by then. Hay taken off in June  
has more food value.

2. F. A[g] & B[ella] & I[sabella]  
P[earl] were] at Jno. Thom-  
son's[.We are]Almost finis[hed  
the] steps[.]Jno. [did] mowing  
A.M.,[then] raked & coiled[.]  
Doubled hive swarmed out[.] 11
3. S. [We finished the steps.] White  
hive swarmed[.] Raking hay A.M.,  
[the]Boys coiled & hauled in 1 *Very Hot* 10  
load[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton  
in the] even[ing with the] fat  
cow[.] *94 [degrees F.]*
4. S. Fl[uker], B[ella] &I [were] in 17  
C[hurch](Rev. Richardson.) Jno.  
[went at night.]
5. M. [I]C[leaned] Roost boards,made 11  
[a] divide board [and a] hid-  
ing room etc.\* [We were]mowing  
A.M. & part P.M. Fl[uker]scuf-  
fled corn[.The]Men hauled in 2  
loads [of] hay [in the] even-  
[ing.] *99 [degrees F] P.M.*  
*Slight Rain*
- \*When laying hens get hatching notions, they  
will stubbornly sit on their eggs and peck  
any hand reaching under them. The hen is  
locked up in a confined space until her  
attitude changes[.]
6. T. [I was]Pulling mustard A.M.[The  
Men hauled in 8 loads[and were]  
Raking P.M. A[g was] in C[lin-  
P.M. for Mrs Nott & Aisie P.M.  
Mrs[Nicholas]Cuming[was]here[.]  
Jane [was off]seeing Aunt Abby  
P.M. *Fine & Hot* 9

7. W. [I] Washed out [my] room A.M. Jno.[was]mowing A.M. [The]Boys hauled in 6 loads [of] hay P.M. [I raked and drove the team with the hay]-loader[.] 8.
8. T. [We hauled in] 6[loads,etc.Mrs & Maggie McGregor arrived [in the even[ing.]Fowlie[was here] all night[.] 16
9. \* F[luker] mowed [the] "big tree" field[. We] Finis[hed] raking [the]2nd field A.M.[and]hauled in 2 loads P.M. Mrs Nott etc., [was up] at U[ncl]e Jno.'s[.] Ab came up with them & stayed all night[.] 15
10. S. I [was] raking [hay] etc.[We] hauled in 6 loads..[of] hay[.] A[g was in C[linton. She] took Ellie home P.M. [and] took the McGregor's home [in the even- [ing.] 8
11. S. F[luker], A[g] & I [were in] C[hurch](Rev. Richardson.) Jno. & A[dam went at night.] *Misty, Slight R[ain] P.M.* 8
12. M. Fl[uker was] mowing [and] scuf- fled after tea[.]A[g]scrubbed[ I was]dusting potatoes all day etc.at Rathwell's[.]Jno.& Adam at Bayfield [attending the Or- ange walk.] *Fine & Cooler.* 14
13. T. A[g] & I washed etc. [I] Hoed some onions [in the even[ing.] Jno. [was] in C[linton in the] even[ing.] *Light Shower* 21
14. W. A[g was] in C[linton] A.M. Fl[ uker [was] mowing[. I [was] Ra- king P.M. & hauled in 2 loads [in the] even[ing.I] Finis[hed hoeing onions and] waxed beans [and] greened 12 rows [of pota- toes.] at [the] barn [in the] even[ing.] *Fine & Cool* 19
15. T. Eliz[abeth] McGregor, Carrie & Jennie Grant arrived [at]noon[. I] Finis[hed]greening [the]Rat- hwell pot[at]oes this] morn- [ing.We]Hauled in 6 loads[and] finis[hed the] Watering Place field[.] Will\* finis[hed] mow- ing [at] noon[.] *Fine & Cool* 13
16. F. A[g]&B[ella were]in C[linton.] I [did the] raking etc. [We] Hauled in [a] stack(6 loads.) *\*William Fluker! Fine & Warm* 31
17. S [We hauled in] 5 [loads and] finis[hed] haying[.] A[g & Liz- [zie were] in C[linton] P.M. Ned,Adam & J[oe] Jacobs<sup>3</sup> were] here for dinner[.] *Cool W[ind.]* 33



18. S. B[ella], Liz[zie] & Fl[uker] were in C[hurch] (J.A. McDonald, Var-na.) *Fine Rain P.M.* 27
19. M. A[g] & I washed [I] cut out a blouse P.M. Adam brought Fa-ther's] letter[.] *Poured P.M.*
20. T. Jno.[was] in C[linton this] morn- ing[.] A[g] & B[ella] were in Bayfield [at a] picnic[.] Jno. [was] plowing sod P.M. [and] Will [was] thinning nips *Heavy shower P.M.* 28
21. W. A[g] was in C[linton] P.M. *Poured P.M.* 20
22. T. Ned & Jane [were] in C[linton] P.M. [The] Kids [stayed] here[.] [I] Worked at [the] .....dress A.M. [I] was pulling & stoning cherries P.M. *Like rain but Fine* 24
23. F. A[g] was ironing all day -3 w[ee]k's worth [I] worked at the .....dress] all day[.] Jno.[was] reaping wheat P.M. U[n]cle James], Adam & Fen[wick] called here P.M. Annie & Ida [came in the] even[ing.] *Heavy Rain A.M. Fine P.M.* 35
24. S. I [was] in C[linton] P.M. [and] got Cabbage & Tomato plants[.] Plowing A.M & finis[hed] wheat P.M. *Misty, Fine* 21
25. S. F[luker], Liz[zie] & I [were] in C[hurch] (Rev. Richardsson.) P.M. *Fine & Warm* 24
26. M. Liz. McGregor went home[.] A[g] & Jane went [this] morn[ing] to berry [at] McKenzie's[.] I] plan- ted 158 celery plants etc. *Showery* 28
27. T. A[g] washed & picked [I] was] in C[linton] P.M. *Fine, Misty Rain* 26
28. W. A[g] & I [went] picking berries P.M. (20 lbs.) *Misty Rain, Fine.* 18
29. T. Making muslin [curtains] A.M., [I] Washed p[an]ts [and] lace curtains P.M. etc *Fine* 42
30. F. Jane & I picked 30 lbs [of] Rasp[berrie]s[.] This] even[ing] A[g], B[ella] & I [visited Jes- sie] Wigg[inton-now] Mrs Hod- gins[.] We] Hauled in 5 loads [of] wheat P.M. *Fine, Sprinkled* 27
31. S. [We hauled in the remaining 5 loads of wheat] P.M. A[g] & Fl[u- ker] were] in C[linton this] even- [ing.] Mrs & Joe Reynolds [came] for tea[.] *Fine* 24

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|--------|---|----------------------------------|----|
| 1. S.  | A[g], B[ella] & Fl[uker were] in C[hurch] Adam & Jno. [went at night]   | Fine                             | 19 |
| 2. M.  | Will [was] scuffling rape & Jno. [was] plowing[.] A[g] & I [were] in [the] river (1st time [I] ever was[.] I] Greened potatoes[.] Ida [Stewart was up on[her] byke for sugar[.]   |                                  | 30 |
| 3. T.  | [I] Cleaned[my] room & hung curtains P.M. Jno. & A[g were] in C[linton] P.M. [I] Raked [the] wheat field A.M. [and] helped take in [the gleanings.] P.M.  | Hot                              | 27 |
| 4. W.  | A[g] & I washed[.] I] looked at [the] bees A.M. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. [A] Rags & Dry goods pedlar called [this] even[ing.]   | Fine, Slight Driz[zle] P.M.      | 35 |
| 5. T.  | [I] Made nose bags, etc., [and] lengthened Jno.'s p[an]ts[.] A[g] iron[.] A[g] & B[ella] [were] at U[n]cle Jame's this] even[ing.] Mrs Alex. and Edna Innis <sup>4</sup> [came this] even[ing] after[a] turkey[.] (It was U[n]cle Jame's.)                        | Fine                             | 30 |
| 6. F.  | A[g] & I washed Blankets & quilts & Fa[ther's] p[an]ts etc. A[g] scrubbed[.] Mrs Wigginton & Jessie Hodgins called [this] even[ing.]  |                                  | 27 |
| 7. S.  | A[g was] in C[linton] P.M. Ned [was] here cutting flax[.]   |                                  | 32 |
| 8. S.  | A[g], F[luker], & I [were] in C[hurch] (Rev. Stewart.)  |                                  | 34 |
| 9. M.  | Jno. started oats [in] Rathwell's [I] Took [John and Will] down their dinners[.] I] Melted some wax etc. A[g] pulled & preserves (sic) peaches (not ripe but rotting[.] Jennie G[rant] [was] here P.M. A[g] & B[ella] were] at [The] Master's [in the] even[ing.] | Sprinkle, Rain                   | 36 |
| 10. T. | A[g] & Jane [were] in C[linton] P.M. [I did] Mending etc. [The] Boys [were] cutting oats P.M.   | H[eavy] R[ain] A.M.<br>Fine P.M. | 27 |
| 11. W. | A[g] & I washed, [did] Mending, etc. Isa[bella] went home with Jennie[.]  | Fine & Cool                      | 31 |
| 12. T. | [Isabella was] back at noon in C[linton. I worked] at Cleaning [the] cellar[.]  |                                  | 31 |
| 13. F. | Raking "Green Feed" P.M. [The] Boys finis[hed] cutting oats A.M. [and] Hauled in 3 loads [of] G[reen] F[eed.]   | Warm                             | 27 |



14. S. Raking, etc Fellow for tea 42  
[We hauled in] 2 [loads of Rain, Even[ing]  
green feed] A.M.[and] 2 [loads  
of] Flax P.M.
15. S. Fl[uker], B[ella] & I [were] in Fine 34  
C[hurch.](Rev. Stewart.)
16. M. Jno. [was] in C[linton] [for] 23  
wire[.] C. Reid called P.M. & Raining  
Sid Smith bought 7 steers [in  
the] even[ing.]
17. T. A[g & B[ella were] in C[linton] Fine 35  
P.M. [The] Boys hauled in 1  
load[of] oats[this] even[ing.]  
Mrs Woon called P.M. [about  
help for threshing[.]
18. W. A[g] washed[. We] Hauled in 5 Rain Even[ing] 24  
loads [of]oats[.]
19. T. [I] Helped churn, & wash 4[com- 28  
forters], Fl[[uker]'s quilt & 3  
top quilts, etc, etc.[We] Hauled Fine, Rain  
in 2 loads[of] oats [this even-  
[ing, and I Mended Fl[uker]'s  
p[an]ts [at] night[.]
20. F. [We hauled in]4[loads of oats Fine 25  
and] Will[Fluker was]at Mac's  
threshing P.M. A[g was] in  
C[linton] P.M.
21. S. [We] Hau;edd in all 7 [remain- 20  
ing] loads [of] oats[.] Woon.  
kids called about threshing[.]
22. S. A[g], B[ellla] & F[luker were 17  
in CChurch. I] Stayed with  
[the] kids[.]
23. M. [I] Banked up celery[for the] 24  
1st time, replanted[the] Calla  
& put [the] Primrose in [a]  
larger pot[.]
24. T. A[g] & I washed[.] Will[Fluk- 17  
er was] at Woon's threshing &  
Jno. was helping Ned haul in Rain Even[ing]  
oats[.]
25. W. [Will was] gang-ploughing[.] Fine 27  
A[g], B[ella] & I[were]at[the]  
S[abbath] S[chool] & C[hris-  
tian] E[ducation] Society Con-  
vention P.M. Jno[went to]C[lin-  
ton] on [his] byke[.]
26. T. A[g] ironed[. I] Plastered ar- 24  
ound [my] B[ed Room door etc.  
Will [was] pulling peas[which  
are] black [and] mouldy[.]Jno.  
[was] in C[linton at] noon on  
[his] byke[.]
27. F. Mending, etc. A[g was] in C[lin- 22  
ton] P.M.

28. S. Will finis[hed the] peas[. I] 19  
Washed [the] hen-roosts with  
Little's Sheep Dip A.M., ironed  
& [did] mending[.] Jno. [was]  
at D[uncan]McEwen's for wheat,  
[which he] sowed[.]Will went  
home[.]
29. S. B[ella] & I[were] in C[hurch] Rain even[ing] 18  
(Rev. Stewart.)
30. M. Mending etc.[The] Boys hauled Fine 26  
in[the] 1st load[of] peas [in  
the] even[ing.]
31. T. [The Boys hauled in] 2 [loads  
and] finis[hed the peas.] P.M.  
[I]Banked some cele[ry and I]  
Took B[ella] to [the] station  
[en route to]Goderich[.] Jno.  
& I [were] at Mrs Thomas  
Fraser's funeral A.M.

## September, 1897

1. W. A[g] & I washed[.] Will [was] plow- Raining P.M. 19  
ing [with the] gang\* [plow A.M.  
\*A gang plow has a seat,  
allowing the plowman to ride.
2. T. I [was] in C[linton] P.M.,at [the] Fine 19  
Flower Show.] Jno. [came in the]  
even[ing on his] byke[.]Annie Stew-  
art[was]here for pears[.] Fen[wick  
stayed] for tea[.]
3. F. Jane & I [were] at Ben-Miller[.] Beautiful 18  
Lizzie McTavish [was here] P.M.
4. S. [I]Hilled up celery, [did] Mending 17  
[and] washed[my]hair etc. Ida[was]  
here P.M. [The] Fat sheep died[.] Beautiful & Hot
5. S. A[g, Fl[uker] & I [were in church] 25  
(Rev. Stewart.) Jno. & Ad[am went  
in the] even[ing.] Aunt Mary got  
kicked[.]\*
- \*Mary (Barkley) Stewart, my Great-Grand-  
mother died 8 months after this, on April 26,1898,  
fatally weakened by a "double whammy" -flu and  
pneumonia. One wonders if this kick - by horse, cow  
or other- we are not told, began her precipitate  
decline in health? K.F.S.
6. M. [I] went to see Aunt Mary [in  
the] morn[ing.] .....Fl[uker] Very Warm 26  
[was]helping Ned[.]
7. T. Jno.,Adam & I [were] in C[linton] 13  
P.M. at Ellie's & Finley's[.]
8. W. Mending Jno. & Fl[uker were] at 23  
Wigg[inton's] threshing A.M. Jno.  
& Adam[were] in C[linton this]ev-  
en[ing and stayed] at Ned's all  
night[.] Ned, Will & Jno. Stewart  
[are] at "Toronto Fair[.]"



10. F. Baking A[g] & F[luker were] in C[linton this] even[ing.] 20
11. S. Jno., Ned, A[g], I[sabella] P[earl] & Fluker [were] in C[linton] A.M. meeting Fa[ther--] home with 60 sheep & [a]horse[.] U[n]cle James & U[n]cle Jno. [were] here P.M. *Rain Morn[ing], Fine* 14
12. S. Fa[ther] & I [were] in C[hurch] (Rev. Stewart.) *Fine* 9
13. M. Fluker was] with Ned [and] Jno. [was] washing sheep[.] I [was] in C[linton] P.M. Mo[ther] churned & made cheese[.] Fluker] went to Varna [to]night with Dewdrop, [the] heifer cow[.] A[g] & I drove for him[.] *Fine* 11
14. T. A[g] & I washed[.] Mo[ther was] baking & made cheese[.] Fa[ther was] at Mac's A.M. & A. Dunlin's P.M. *Hot* 11
15. W. Fa[ther], Mo[ther] & I [were] in London[.] Jno drove to & fro[m] Brucefield[.] R. Coats, \*[an] American Gent & Lady & [the] Denisons called[.] 24
16. T. Jane & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. for Plums etc. A[g] fetched[the] kids in here[.] The] Sturdy men [were here] for tea[.] P. McGregor called[.] Mr Wright from London [was here] all night[.] 9
17. F. Jno. took [Mr] Wright to[the] morning train[.] Fa[ther] & Jno. [were] at Jno. Thomson's[.] A[g was] cooking plums, baking bread, etc. A[g] & Will churned [at] night[.] *Cold Wind, Fine* 17
18. S. Jno. [was] in C[linton this] morning shipping "Old Billy" to [Mr] Wright[.] Fa[ther] walked, [and went] home with Sturdy[.] I met [Father in the] even[ing. We hauled in 3 loads [of] clover[.] *Fine, C[old] W[ind]* 7
19. S. A[g], F[luker] & I [were] in C[hurch] (Rev. Stewart.) Ida & I [were] at Ned's for dinner[.] Aunty [is] home[.] 10
20. M. [I] Cut out[a] cape[.] Ned [was] [was] here & hauled in 2 loads [of] clover[.] J.W. Sturdy brought down[the] 9 lambs Fa[ther] bought [and stayed] here for dinner[.] 12
21. T. A[g was] in C[linton] A.M. & Ned [came] home with her[.] Ned [was] cutting corn P.M. Jno. left [at] night [with] Polly [for] Goderich Fair tomorrow[.] *a little warmer* 12
22. W. [Ned was here] all day stooking[.] A[g] & I washed[.] *Fine & nice* 12

23. T. Fa[ther]walked to C[linton -got] home with Will[.]Jane & I [were] at Scott's [this] even[ing.] 11
24. F. Perdue kids[here this]morn[ing.] Threshers [stayed] all night[.] [I] Made 2 jell's, Drop Ginger & 7 pies[. I was] at Jane's P.M. [and]made 6 b[utton]-holes[in a smock[.] 8
25. S. [The men were] threshing [here] all day [and] moved to Ned's [in the] even[ing. I was] at Jane's [at] noon for bread-[[baking.I] made 5 tart & 3 turn-over apple pies P.M. 9
26. S. Jane [is] sick[.] Fa[ther] & A[g] [were in church [and] I [was] at Jane's[.] Jno. & Fa[ther in the] even[ing were] fighting[a] bush fire started by coon-hunters[.] *C[old] W[ind]*
27. M. Jno. & Fl[uker were] at Ned's threshing[.] A[g was] pulling apples etc. T[om] Frazer [came] for tea[.] *Fine & cool* 11
28. T. Fa[ther was]in C[linton.] I[was] in C[linton] with Fair stuff[.] Jno.[was]trimming[.]Fl[uker was] at [?'s] threshing for Mac[.] *Cool W[ind]* 19
29. W. Fa[ther] & Fl[uker]took 7 steers for Sid.Smith & Herd P.A.to Clinton Fair[.] Jno.& Ned each [had] a wagon of sheep [and they] took pigs too[.]Bella[came]home[this] morn[ing.] A[g]& B[ella came]P.M. etc. Mr & Mrs Calder [were here] for dinner & tea[.] *Fine* 5
30. T. G.O. Sturdy[was here] for dinner & tea[.] Jno.walked to C[linton] P.M. [to] post letters[.]Fa[ther & he[were] at T[om] Frazer's P.M. [and] bought sheep[.] Jno.[went] after some of them with [the]wagon[.] *Very dry & dusty* 5

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1. F. Jno.[was] at Bayfield Fair [with a]load of sheep[.]Fa[ther] & A[g [rode in the] buggy [to Bayfield Fair[. I] made pies[.Aunty, Jane & the kids [were here] P.M. *Fine & Cooler* 7
2. S. A. Wise called [to retrieve his] "lost lamb"] Fa[ther] walked to C[linton.] Ned[was] here putting in straw[.I was] Stoneing grapes etc. 7
3. S. F[[luker], B[ella] & I [were] in C[hurch](Rev. Stewart- Text'Book of Daniel'.] 7
4. M. B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton.] Jno. & F[luker are] hauling in [the] hay stack[.\* A] horse & sheep buyer [came by] P.M.[and] *Warmer*



- stayed] for dinner.] Mr Balls called P.M. Jno.[was]at Jno.Thomson's [at]night[.] Adam drove[.]
5. T. A[g] & I [were] washing at [the] river[.] T[om] Frazer called[.] [We] Finis[hed the] Haystack[.] Parker[was here] for dinner with lambs Fa[ther]bought[.]Weir[was] here [and] bought 2 pigs[.] *Slight Sprinkle* 9
6. W. A[g] & I [were] washing at [the] river- white clothes & 3 p[ai]rs [of] old p[an]ts[.] Fl[u]ker was at Ned's P.M.[helping on the]sawing machine[.\* The] Master [was here at] noon[.] Jno. McNaughton [was here this] even[ing.] \*buzz saw *Rained* 3
7. T. Fa[ther] was] in C[linton] P.M. Weir [came] after [his] pigs[.] Got grapes from Lizzie [Glen.] Fl[u]ker was] at Woon's threshing P.M.I]Banked celery, Cleaned [the] H[en]H[ouse]& our\*room etc. [I] Stayed with the kids [this] even[ing.] \*Ag & Lib turned a bedroom into a parlour.
8. F. A[g] & I [were] in C[linton at] Church(Rev. Fletcher.) Fl[u]ker was] at Woon's till 4 O' c[loc]k. Fa[ther] & Fl[u]ker worked] at Rathwell[field] potatoes between times[.] *Slight Showers, Warmer* 1
9. S. A[g] & I [were] at [the] river for [a] basket[of]grapes[.]&[we] pulled [some] Smith apples A.M. [The] Men [are] lifting potatoes at [the] barn[.] *Fine* 3
10. S. Fa[ther], Mo[ther], Fl[u]ker & I [were]in C[hurch](Rev. Stewart.) *Fine* 1
11. M. [I] Made screens for [the] back cellar windows A.M.[and I worked] at [the]cape P.M. etc. [The] Men finis[hed the] potatoes[.]Fa[ther] was pulling mangols & Fl[u]ker was] hauling manure[.] *Dull & Warmer Slight showers* 4
12. T. A[g], B[ella] & I [were] Pulling 1st apples[.]Fa[ther]&Jno.[were] pulling ma[ngols.]Editor [Robt.]<sup>5</sup> Holmes & kid & Rev. Riggs [of] Blyth, called P.M. *N[orth] W[ind], Fine* 3
13. W. [We] Pull[ed apples] all day[.] Fa[ther]& Jno.[were pulling]Ma[n]gols P.M. [with] Will hauling [them] in[.]Ned's[were]at U[n]cle Jame]'s [this] even[ing.] *Fine* 3
14. T. [We pulled apples]till about 3 O' c[loc]k[.] Ned [was] here[. The] Men finis[hed the] mangols[.] Will [was] hauling manure A.M. Mrs Brigham & Mary Miller [were] here P.M. *Fine & Warm* 22
15. F. A[g] & I [did] washing[.]Will was hauling manure.] McTavish [was] around[this] even[ing]asking[us] to[a]road-bee[on]Isaac Street[.] *Hot* 15

16. S. Fl[uker] & Jno. [were] at W[m.] Glen's threshing P.M. & A[g] [was] with Lizzie[Glen.] I [was] in C[linton] P.M. Cold Wind 3
17. S. A[g], B[ella] & Fl[uker] were in church (Rev. Stewart.) Jno. [went] at night [.I] Stayed with Ed[ward] Jno. Cold W[ind], Fine 1
18. M. A[g] was] at Wills A.M. Mother & Aunty [were] visiting there P.M. [The] Boys [were] at Will's A.M. [and] at U[ncl]e Jno.'s P.M. Fine, Cool Wind 1
19. T. A[g] & B[ella] were] in C[linton] P.M. [The] Boys [were] at U[ncl]e Jno.'s & U[ncl]e James's] threshing[.] Warmer 1
20. W. [John and Will were at Uncle James's threshing] A.M. [I] Men- ded dress & cape etc. Raining P.M. 1
21. T. Fl[uker] was] plowing[.] Jno. [was] at Mac's threshing late P.M. Fa[ther] pulled some carrots A.M. & he & A[g] were] in C[linton] P.M. Dull, Misty 2
22. F. Jane & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. Jno. [is] at Mac's threshing un- til noon to-morrow[.] Fine 2
23. S. [I] Done a little at [the] cape [and] Put away summer hats etc. A[g] & I pulled [the] house Spy tree P.M. Misty, Fine P.M. 1
24. S. Fl[uker], Is, & I [were] in church (Rev. Stewart.) "Text" Gen. XLVIII- 15 & 1st of 16[.] Jno. [went] at night.] Fine 2
25. M. [The] Calder's & U[ncl]e James came] for dinner[.] Jno. [was] at Butchart's threshing P.M. A[g] & I finis[h]ed] pulling apples [and] I] Finished [the] cape [at] night[.] 1
26. T. [The] Cantelon's [were] here [in the] morn[ing] [We] P[acked] 5 bar[rels] D[uncan] McEwen [was] here] P.M. Aunty & A[g] were] in C[linton] [.] Beautiful 1
27. W. McFarlane from Shakespeare [came] for dinner & [stayed all night] [.] Fa[ther] & A[g] were] in C[linton] with] apples [driving Ned's Team] [We had] for dinner [this] even- [ing] Ned's, Ned's Fa[ther] & Mr & Mrs McEwen 1
28. T. A[g] & Jane [were] in C[linton] P.M. Mo[ther] stayed with [the] kids[.] Jno. [was] at D[uncan] McEwen's threshing[.] A[g] & I [were] at U[ncl]e James's [this] even[ing].] Dull, Sprinkle 2



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29. F. G.O. Sturdy [came] for dinner[.] 1  
 A[g] & I washed[.] The Men  
 finis[hed] carrots[.] Jim Ross *Snow Sprinkles*  
 [was] h[ere this] even[ing.] *Dull & Cold*
30. S. [I was] planning [a] water-proof 3  
 cape & made pies P.M. Annie, Ida,  
 Lily & us [were] at Aunty's for *Pleasant P.M.*  
 tea [and for the] even[ing.]
31. S. Fa[ther] & A[g were] in C[hurch] *Dull* 1  
 (Rev. Shaw, Methodist, Bayfield.) *C[old] W[ind]*  
 Ad[am] & Jno.[went at night.]

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1. M. [I] worked at[the] cape[.We had] *Fine* 1  
 Mr Vanmeter [from] Ohio for din-  
 ner[.] Fa[ther] drove [him] to  
 Frazer's & H. Reid's & left[him]  
 there[.]
2. T. A[g] & I washed [and] P.M. [did] 1  
 Mending etc.[The] Cows [were] in *Raining, Rainy*  
 all night[.]
3. W.. Fa[ther] & Jno.[are]pulling nips *Beautiful* 1  
 these days & Fl[uker is] plow-  
 ing[.]
4. T. [The] Men finis[hed] turnips[.] 2  
 A[g was]in C[linton] A.M.for[the  
 new]cellar stove[.]Cleaning[the]  
 H[en] H[ouse]- sheep-dipped lice  
 & flousing it[.]
5. F. [I] Finis[hed the hen house. In *Fine, A.M.* 3  
 the] even[ing I] sewed hooks on  
 [the] cape etc. *Rain, P.M.*
6. S. Jno. & I [were]at [the] Thom[as] *[Cold Wind]*  
 Inglis funeral [at]Ross'es[.]P.M. *Hail, Sprinkles etc.*  
 Bella] Cleaned [the] veranda[.]  
 Jno.[was in C[linton in the even-  
 [ing.]
7. S. Fl[uker], B[ella] & I [were] in *Cool W[ind]* 2  
 c[hurch](Rev. Stewart "'Covetous-  
 ness.)Jno.& Ad[am went at night.] *Nice*
8. M. [I was] Cleaning [the] wood-shed 3  
 [and] took onions to the cellar, *Rainy*  
 etc. Mo[ther is] at [the] soap  
 these days[.]
9. T. A[g] & I washed[.] Ned killed 1  
 pig[.] Turner, buying turk[ey]s,  
 etc.,called [this]even[ing.]Tene, *Snowed -1st [time]*  
 Will & Rob Baird, A.Walker & Tene  
 McEwen [were] here [to] night[.]
10. W. A[g]& I took in apples & I finis- *Slight Snow-* 4  
 [hed] sorting, etc.[at] night[.] *Showers & Fine*  
 Jane & [the] kids called[.] Jno.  
 [was]in C[linton] P.M. with some  
 wheat & got [a] load[of] bran[.]
11. T. [I]Finis[hed the] wood-shed, peel- 3  
 apples[in the] even[ing](1st for  
 drying), hung seives, etc. Jno. *Rain & Hail*  
 [drove to]C[linton] in[the]buggy *Showers*  
 for pig feed[.] *H[igh] W[ind]*

12. F. A[g] & I took in Celery & Cabbage[.] Cattle[were] all in[for] 1st[time] etc.) [I] took flowers downstairs[.] Fl[uker was] plowing P.M. A[g] & B[ella were] at Mac's [this] even[ing.] Hail, C[old] W[ind], Froze 1
13. S. [I] C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse], helped A[g] put up her stove, sawed wood etc., etc.Fl[uker is] plowing[.] Jno.[was]in C[linton] for another ton [of] bran[.] Dull, a little W[armer.] 4
14. S. Fl[uker],A[g] & B[ella were] in C[hurch](Rev.McDonald,Seaforth.) Raining P.M. 1
15. M. A[g] & Jane [were] in C[linton] P.M. [The] Case boys [were] here [this] even[ing] with sheep[. I] Washed and helped put in Double Windows[.] Doubled hive bees etc. B[ella]started tearingC[leaning] Rags[. I] Peeled Ap[ple]s [this] even[ing.] Misty & Warm Pouring Rain 2
16. T. A[g] & I washed, et., etc. Jno. [has been]hauling gravel to[the] barn[.] Fine, C[old] N[orth] E[ast] W[ind],Frozen 3
17. W. [I] Killed 2 Ge[ese]& 4 Tur[keys] & 2 D[uc]ks A.M. Jno.& A[g were] in C[linton] P.M. Fine,So[me] Snow flurries. 2
18. T. A[g] washed [the] ticks & blankets off [the]boys'beds & filled [ ? in the] even[ing. I] set in & partly packed 6 hives[.] Fine, Dull 2
19. F. [I] Finis[hed packing the bee-hives.] A[g] ironed & filled Jno.'s tick[.] Warmer
20. S. [I] Cleaned up [the] Bee-yard & H[en] H[ouse] & straw off [the] barn floor(where[we]filled [the] ticks[.] B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. [A] pedler called [this]morn[ing.] Fa[ther was] at J[ohn] Dunkin's & U[n]cle James's. U[n]cle J[ames was] here P.M. Fine, Bees Flying 8
21. S. B[ella], Fl[uker] & I [were] in church](Rev. Stewart. Text Rev. 3-45+46 "Leprosy type of sin.") Like R[ain], C[old] W[ind.] 3
22. M. Sorting honey [and] Saved some P.M. T[om] Frazer called [this] morn[ing] & B[ella was] Cleaning [the] kitchen[.] Dull, Snow Even[ing.] 2
23. T. [I] Killed 5 geese[.]A[g] & Jane [were] in C[linton] P.M. [The] Boys [are] threshing flax[. The] Dunkin kid & Hawkshaw called P.M. Snowing 4
24. W. A[g] &I washed[.]B[ella was off] cleaning [the] school [house.]\* Wiltsie [was] here [this] morn[ing.] Jno.Thomson [came]for dinner [in his] cutter[.] D[ougall] McTavish Jr. [was here] P.M. [in a] buggy[.] Dull & fine & cold 2

\*Sabbath School examinations tomorrow on Thanksgiving Day



25. T. Thanksgiving B[ella], Fl[uker], & I [were] at [the] Exam[.] Rev. Muir & Mr Scott [were the] examiners[.] Raining 3
26. F. [I] Killed 2 G[eese] & 4 Turk- [ey]s[.] A[g was] in C[linton] P.M. Pouring 2
27. S. [I] Killed 4 gob[bler]s & 3 geese [and] C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse] etc. A[g was] in C[linton] P.M. Jno. part-clipped Doll[.] Fl[uker] [was] plowing P.M. Frozen, Fine, 2 Snowed aa little.
28. S. A[g], Fl[uker] & I [were] in C[hurch] (Rev. Stewart.) Jno. [went at night.] 3
29. M. W. Foote called [this] morning[.] Fl[uker] hauled [in] some rails [for kindling] wood[.] Jno. [was] in Varna [paying] taxes A.M. S[now] Showers & Blustery. 2
30. T. A[g] & I washed[.] A. Wise called [this] morn[ing.] I Killed 2 pigs & traded one with Ned[.] C[ool] W[ind] & Dull. 3

## December, 1897

1. W. [I] Killed 5 Gob[bler]s [and I was] sorting rags etc., etc. A[g was] in C[linton] P.M. Fa[ther] cut up pork[.] Fl[uker] was] at Will's crushing[.] Snowing & Stormy 1
2. T. T[om] Frazer called [to buy] butter & Jno. Elliot [came] for tea[.] A[g] & B[ella] were] at U[n]cle James]'s [this] even[ing] & Jno. drove the cutter 1st time[.] The Boys finis[hed] threshing flax[.] I] Put hinges on [the] cellar door[.] 3
3. F. [I] Cut out flannel petticoat[.] Light Snow, Fine 3
4. S. [I] C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse], Peeled Apples, ironed, etc., etc. Raining 1
5. S. A[g], Fl[uker] & B[ella] drove the buggy [to church] (Rev. Stewart.) A[dam & Jno. went at night[.] Blustery 2
6. M. B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. & at Ned's [in the] cutter[.] The] Boys [have been] hauling earth to the barn approach[.]\* Light Snow 5
- \*It appears that  
MacFarlane's are building a gangway at the  
barn.
7. T. A[g] & I washed[.] Mother & A[g] were at Churchill's (Annie Ferguson) P.M. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. [with] Ned[.] Aunty [has] gone to Green's[.] Fl[uker] is] hauling wood up[.] Snowed soft snow, Fine 1

8. W. B[ella [is] teaching for "Master" [these days.] Jno. & A[g were] in C[linton] P.M. [in the] cutter[.] [I] Sewed door-mat into frame [and] cut rags [this] even[ing.] *Fine & Bright, Softish.* 5
9. T. Webber [was] here all night [with his double cutter[.] I cut rags and] cut out [a] cap [in the] even[ing.] *Misty & Thawing* 3
10. F. [I] Made cap & [did] mending etc. T[om] Frazer brought Mr Windland [of] Iowa here [this] even[ing.] *Pouring* 5
11. S. [I] C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse], Hooked a little, peeled apples, etc.etc. [Webber hitched into our buggy & went home.] *Slight Rain, Dull.* 4
12. S. B[ella], Fl[uker] & I [were in Church] (Rev. Stewart.) A[g] took in kid[.] *Dull, Slight Hail P.M.* 4
13. M. A[g] scrubbed[.] B[ella] dyed cotton rags[.] I Hooked some [and] finis[hed the] petticoat[.] Fa[ther] & Jno. [were] at Sturdy's[.] *Fine, Rained* 5
14. T. Fa[ther] & Win[dland] [were] at Tom Frazer's & [Tom] took [our visitor] to A. Dunkin's[.] B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. A[g] & I washed A.M. *Rain* 5
15. W. Jno. took W[indland] to [the] station [this] morn[ing] enroute for Wingham[.] I Hooked a little [and was] in C[linton] P.M. Mrs Green [came] after [a] gander[.] *Dull* 3
16. T. [I hooked a little] A.M. Fa[ther] walked to C[linton] P.M. Mr & Mrs E.A. Isard [were] here for dinner & tea[.] *Fine, Froze hard* 6
17. F. Wm. Glen killed a pig P.M. [He] & Ned were here cutting too[.] I did some] hooking[.] The] Kids [were] at [a] party [at] Mac's [to] night[.] They] got [a] ride in Adam's sleigh[.] *Snowing & Blowing* 8
18. S. [More hooking], C[leaned] H[en] H[ouse], Cleaned sheep insides [and] Killed fat sheep P.M. 4
19. S. A[g] & B[ella were] in C[hurch] (Rev Acheson, Kippen.) [The] cutter [was] scratchy[.] Jno. & Ad[dam went at night[.] *Fine, Snowed a little.* 7
20. M. [The] Sturdy boy fetched sheep for Win[dland and stayed for dinner[.] Webber [fetched a sheep [and stayed] all night[.] Fa[ther was] in C[linton] A.M. Jno. & Wm. [were] at Jno. Thomson's P.M. *C[old] W[ind,] Warmer, Snowed some* 12
21. T. A[g] & B[ella were] in C[linton] P.M. [I] Finis[hed the] door mat[.] Mrs & Maud Fluker & Maud [came] for dinner[.] "Brit" & Fen[wick] called P.M. 8



22. W. [I] Killed 4 turk[ey]s[.] Mrs Baird [was here this] morn[ing] trading[a]goose[.] "Billy" Foote [was here] paying[.]\* Will[Fluk-er] went home [this] even[ing.] I] Cleaned[my] room[and in the] even[ing, I] finis[hed] fixing [the] waterproof[.] *Snowing* 9  
\*settling accounts with Eliza-Ann for past purchases of butter, eggs and poultry on credit?
23. T. Young Case [came] after sheep [and stayed] for dinner[.] A[g] & I washed[.I [did some] baking, starched collars, etc.,[and, in the] even[ing, I] Mended Jno.'s p[an]ts[.] *Snowing & Drifting* 14
24. F. Ned & Jane [were] in C[linton] [with the]sleigh P.M.[Mr]W[ind]-land went] with them[.]A[g]stay- ed with [the] kids[.I] Killed & picked [a] gander & turkey etc., [and] swept the cellar[.] *Snowed some* 9
25. S. Ned's [were] here[. I] C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse] etc., A.M. *C[old] W[ind]* 7
26. S. A[g],I[sabella]P[earl]& I [were in church](Rev. Stewart.) Jno., Ned, Jane & B[ella] went in the] even[ing. I] stayed with [the] kids[.] *C[old] N[orth]-W[est] W[ind]* 7
27. M. I[was]in C[linton] A.M. Fa[ther & Windland [were] at T[om] Frazer's & Brucefield P.M. *Thick Snow* 7
28. T. Fa[ther & Windland [were] in C[linton A.M. [I]Drove Bella to Grant's P.M. [I] ripped [the] binding off [my] good brown skirt[.] *Sunshine & Good sleighing* 6
29. W. [Bella]walked home[from Grant's [this] even[ing.] T[om] Frazer [was here] P.M. & for tea[.] Jno. & W\_\_\_ [were] in C[linton] P.M. fixing cars[.] A[g] washed [and] I [was] choring[.] *Snowing & Drifting Soft* 9
30. T. Fl[u]ker],Ned & Will G[len] took a load each of sheep up to C[linton] P.M. & Fa[ther] went in [the] cutter[.] Mr & Mrs Finlay McEwen [were] here P.M. & even[ing.] Putting on binding *Fine, Freezing* 5
- 31, F. [We] Killed [a]heifer[.I]killed [a]goose[.I] C[leaned the]H[en] H[ouse] A..M. [and was]cleaning guts P.M. A[g] ironed[.] Mr & Mrs Wigginton[were here]a while P.M. & even[[ing.] Jno. & Will [were] in C[linton with the] colt [in the] cutter[.] *Cold N[orth] W[ind], Clear.* 6

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"Change and Decay, in All Around I See..."

January, 1898

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|----|----|--|--|----|
| 1. | S. | Ned's [were] here for dinner & P.M.<br>[I] Finis[hed] putting binding on<br>[the] skirt[.I did] Mending [this]<br>even[ing.]   | Very Cold N[orth]<br>W[ind] & Clear        | 8  |
| 2. | S. | [I was] in c[hurch] with N[ed] &<br>Jane[. A[g]stayed with the kids[.]<br>Jno. [went in the] even[ing. Doll<br>[is] lame[.]  | Cold,<br>S[outh-]W[est W[ind]<br>& Stormy. | 9  |
| 3. | M. | A[g was] in C[linton] with Ned[.]<br>Jno.[was] at[the] mill for chop[.]  | C[old]<br>N[orth] W[ind]                   | 9  |
| 4. | T. | A[g] & I washed A.M. [I] Cut out<br>B[ella]'s old dress sleeves[.]<br>T[om] Frazer [was] at [our] barn &<br>[at] Ned's[.] B[ella]Cuming <sup>1</sup> [was]<br>at Will's for dinner & the rest of<br>us & Ad[am] & Lily [were there in<br>the] even[ing.] | Sunshiny & Warmer                          | 8  |
| 5. | W. | A[g] & I[were] at Grant's P.M. [in<br>the] cutter[.] Routledge[was here]<br>looking at [a] horse[.] Adam [was]<br>here[. We were] Cutting P.M.   | Fine                                       | 9  |
| 6. | T. | [I] Put sleeves in B[ella]'s] dress,<br>etc. Will [Fluker was] hauling up<br>some wood P.M. Jno. [went] after<br>threshers* [with the] colt[.]   | Softish &<br>Light snow                    | 13 |

\*It was not unusual in this period  
for farmers to thresh twice or in shifts. The  
sheaves would stay dry in the mow or the stack, until one  
needed more grain for feed or straw for bedding.  
In MacFarlane's case, building the new gangway may  
have made it impossible until now to get the threshing  
machine into the barn.



7. F. B[ella] I [were] in C[linton]P.M. [The] threshers came at noon[.] Ned & Will & [their] teams[were] here[.] *Fine, sunshiny & bakey* 9
8. S. [We] Finis[hed] threshing at noon [and were] at Will's P.M. [I'm] Making[a] flannel quilt[.] Jno. [drove the] colt in [to] C[linton for the] 2nd time[.] 9
9. S. A[g], B[ella] & Fl[uker were] in C[hurch](Rev. Stewart.)Jno.& A[d- am went at night](Rev. Hillyard- Methodist.) *Fine* 10
10. M. Fa[ther & Jno. [were] at Will's killing pigs[.]....Irwin....for dinner[.] 2 men called[. I quilted A[g]'s flannel quilt Fa[ther & Jno.[were]at D[uncan] McEwen's P.M. & night[.] 14
11. T. A[g] & I washed[.] T[om] Frazer Duncan McEwen & Neil McFarlane & Bell's called, looking at horses[.] Jno. [was] at Sturdy's P.M. [with the] colt [in the]cut- ter[.] W[ill]Fl[uker walked in [to] C[linton]. P.M. [We] Sawed wood P.M. Jno. Allen [was here] all night[.] *Fine & Duller Raining a little [in the] even[ing.]* 11
12. W. Will[iam] Fl[uker was] at Will- [iam Glen's]cutting P.M.[I]Press- ed & mended holes in [the] flan- nel quilt *Raining* 15
13. T. Fa[ther] walked to C[linton] P.M. A[g] & I[were]at McTavish'es P.M. *Frozen & Dull* 11
14. F. A[g was] in C[linton] P.M. Aunty went to Jane's with A[g] & ret- urned with her[.I] Put up [the] quilt [at] night[.] 11
15. S. [I] quilted and finis[hed]my old flannel quilt[.] Fa[ther was] at U[n- cle James's.] Will [was] at Ned's cutting P.M. *Light Snow,Softish.* 12
16. S. Fl[uker],B[ella] & I with Jane & I[sabella]P[earl were in Church] Rev. Stewart Isaiah 1st Chap- [ter] Text ) Foster Brigham ar- rived here even[ing] P.M. *L[ight] Snow, Running off house* 18
17. M. A[g was]at Wigg[inton's]P.M. Jno. took [Foster Brigham]to[the rail- way]station[this]even[ing.] Will [was] at Ned's crushing P.M. *L[ight] S[now], Frosty* 18
18. T. A[g] & B[ella]washed[.] A[lex.] Innis called [at] noon[.] Mo[th- er] started "Old Dress Goods Quilt"[.] *Misty & W[hite] F[rost.]* 15
19. W. I [was]with Jane & kids at Annie Ross'[es] P.M. Fa[ther] walked to C[linton] P.M. Fl[uker was]at Mac's cutting all day [and] walk- ed to C[linton in the]even[ing.] *Fine & Bright* 22

20. T. A[g] ironed[.I] Mend[ed],brushed,  
& pressed[an]old serge basque[.] Raining 13
21. F. [I] C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse  
and was] basting [the basque] &  
stitching [an] old quilt[.] A[g]  
walked to C[linton[.] D[uncan]  
McEwen called P.M. Frozen,  
Softened a little. 21
22. S. Jno. & Ad[am were] at Mrs Hill's  
sale, [the] other side [of] Clin-  
ton [and got] home [in the] even-  
[ing.] 17
23. S. A[g] & I [were] in C[hurch] (Rev.  
Stewart.) Rained & 18  
H[igh] W[ind, Stormy  
& H[igh] W[ind] P.M.
24. M. Fa[ther] left for Danville ,[Que-  
bec P.M. Ned went to C[linton]  
with him[.I] sewed in mo[ther]'s  
Gown comfortable,did Mending etc. Faired & Dull 21
25. T. A[g] & I washed etc. [We] sewed Fine Morn[ing.] 15  
rags [in the] even[ing.]
26. W. A[g] & B[ella were] in C[linton] P.M. [I] quilted [the] Comfort-  
[able.] Snow Storms 22
27. T. [I] Put up[a] pole on the pantry  
door,etc.[and was] quilting[the]  
flannel quilt P.M. Ned [was] in  
P.M. helping Jno. make [a] horse-  
power arm[.] Frosty 17
28. F. Jno., Jane & I [drove the] colt  
[to]church in C[linton](Rev.Hill,  
Belgrave.) Ned & Fluker [went in  
the]even[ing with]Polly[.I Finis-  
[hed the flannel quilt[.] 19
29. S. Jno.[was] in C[linton] P.M.[and]  
cut some corn P.M. [I did some]  
Mending and C[leaned the] H[en]  
H[ouse] - kind of[.] a little snow,  
Fine. 9
30. S. B[ella] Will & I [were]in Church  
(Rev. Stewart.) Jno.[went in the]  
even[ing.] Beautiful sleighing C[old] W[ind],  
6 below [F.] late  
morning. 16
31. M. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. [ I  
was] pressing patches etc Very Stormy 10

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1. T. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M.[I]  
was Mending shirts and sewing  
carpet rags[.] Eddy & Abby[Glen] below zero [F],  
[were] here P.M. [while] Will's Clear  
[were] in C[linton.] 10
2. W. A[g] & I washed[.I was in] C[lin-  
ton] P.M. Rosey calved[this]even-  
ing.] a little warmer  
& Stormy 11
3. T. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. [I]  
crocheted a little at [the]  
frame[.] 6 below [F] morn-  
[ing.] a little stormy. 10



4. F. [I was] in C[linton] P.M. Aunty [was] up P.M. *Warmer* 9
5. S. Father [is] home [this] even[ing]. He sent [a] livery to Ned's [to announce his return and to get] Ned & Will helping [him] home[.] 3 heifers etc. *Heavy Soft Snow & some drifts* 10
6. S. A[g], Bella & Fl[uker were] in C[hurch](Rev. Stewart) "Anniversary" Ad[am] & Jno. [went at night.] I staid(sic) with the kids[.] *Fine* 10
7. M. Jno.[was]at T[om]Frazer's[in the] morn[ing.]Ned & Fl[uker]took down a load each [of] sheep P.M. Denison called[.]Mo[ther]finis[hed] pieceing my old dress quilt[.] *Fine, Softish* 10
8. T. [I was] in C[linton] P.M. [for a] bag [of] flour, etc. [We] cut a little corn P.M. A. Wise called P.M. *Rained a little, soft P.M.* 10
9. W. [I] Finis[hed]pressing[the] quilt & sewed in frames.....etc. [I] C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse] A.M. Fa[ther was] at Ned's for "Lamb." Mamie [Mary Glen was here] all night[. Her] Parents [are] at Parke's etc. *Rained* 12
10. T. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. Ned bought Fanny, [the] Red cow[.] Quilting 14
11. F. [We] Finis[hed quilting[.] Jno. [was]in C[linton] P.M.[with]Polly & Ned's cutter [for] chop[.]stay- ed with [the] kids P.M. *Very Spring-like* 16
12. S. Bound quilt etc. Fa[ther was] at mac's A.M. *Slightly Frozen & Snowed a litle* 12
13. S. A[g] Will & I [were] in C[hurch (Rev. Stewart. Jno. [ at night.] *Fine, C[old] W[ind]* 20
14. M. Fl[uker was]in C[linton this]even[ing hearing] "Premier" Hardy\* lecturing[. I] Finis[hed a]white p[ai]r[of] stockings[and] stitch- ed up [an] old serge basque etc. *\*Ontario Premier*  
Sir Oliver Mowatt was taken into Laurier's Dominion cabinet in 1896. Arthur Hardy became a "caretaker" premier until Sir Oliver formally resigned the Ontario Liberal leader's position, or returned to the premier's post. In 1898, Mowat accepted the post of Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario and resigned his Provincial leadership. A convention picked Sir George Ross that same year and Hardy resigned. Hardy was in office 1896-8. At this time an election campaign vote March 1st
15. T. A[g] washed[.] Fl[uker(H.B.)morn- [ing.] *Snowing & Stormy* 20
16. W. A[g was]in C[linton P.M.Will[is] hauling manure these days[.] Fa- [ther], A[g], Will & I [were] at [a]prayer meeting at Mac's[this] even[ing.] *Fine & Cold 7 [F] below* 20

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17. T. [We] Washed shrinking linens & started hem-stitching for beaura etc. Mr & Mrs Mac and Ned's came for tea(oysters)[. Ned's [arrived with]"Chief"[on the cutter[.] *Cold W[ind], Raining* 19
18. F. [I] hem[med] almost all the beaura[.] A[g] ironed[.] Lizzie called P.M. Fa[ther was]at Wil's [this] evening *Freezing* 17
19. S. Drew stand ready to hem& stamped end of beaura mending etc. [I] C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse] A.M. 13
20. S. Will & I [were] in Church[.] Jno. C[old] W[ind] [went at night.] *Rain & then Snow & Stormy* 13
21. M. [I] Washed serge sleeves[.] Mr & Mrs McDougal, Hellen & A[gness] Butchart & Jno.McNaughton called P.M.T[om] Frazer[came]for tea[.] 12
22. T. A[g] & I washed[.] Jno. & Isa\* [were together] at [Cousin] Jno. [B.] Stewart's party [this] even [ing.] *Fine, Melting off house.* 17
- \*Isa is Eliza-Ann's shorthand for Isabella Robertson McEwen(1875-1964). Now 23, Bell could be courted by John MacFarlane[.]
23. W. Isa & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. [I] Made wood rings [this] even- [ing for] embroidery frames[.] Jno. [was] at Craig's sale on Avery's farm[.] *Light Snow* 8
24. T. Cutting P.M. Isa & I [were]at Butchart's P.M. *Snowed & drifted some* 9
25. F. Coffland & Cooper Jr.called [in the] evening.....Jno.[was] in C[linton this] even[ing.] *Snowing* 12
26. S. [I] Made & covered frames A.M. 11
27. S. A[g], B[ella] & Will [were] Church( Rev. Stewart) Jno. went in the evening. *Fine* 15
28. M. Jno. & Will were at Ned's cutting P.M.[I]Finis[hed the]Beaura almost A.M. B[ella & I [were] at Isard's P.M. *Sun, Thaw* 12

March, 1898

1. T. Election Day(Ontario) Bessie McGregor [was here] P.M. & all A[g] & I washed[.]Jno.,Fen[wick, & Ad[am were] in C[linton this even[ing.]\* 14 *Fine*

\*The Liberals, provincially in power since 1871, won the general election, but the Tories in Huron South won the seat with Harry Eilber, a popular Hay Township business man and municipal politician. John, Fenwick and Adam probably went into to be near the telegraph station as it updated polling results, and to celebrate Eilber's victory with local Conservatives.



2. W. Mac & Jack McDougal called [this] Beautiful 12  
 morn[ing.] Jno.[was] in C[linton  
 for a] bag [of] flour[. I] Spent  
 P.M. in bed and I] took [Bessie  
 McGregor home in the even[ing.]
3. T. [I did some] Button holeing[.]Fa- 13  
 [ther] bought lambs at Jno. Thom-  
 son's[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton]  
 P.M.
4. F. H. Parker fetched up P.M. [the 19  
 lambs from Thomson's.]Rev.Rigsby,  
 & Millyard & the McBrien's\* call-  
 ed[. The] Ayrshire heifer lost  
 calves[.] A[g] & B[ella were] at  
 Scott's [this] even[ing.] \*Probably Jonathan &  
 Hannah McBrien, a  
 farming couple in Hullett Township, north of  
 Clinton. Their son, Harvey H. McBrien, a carpenter,  
 was the future husband of Eliza-Ann's cousin  
 Annie Stewart[.]
5. S. [I] Cleaned [the] k[itchen stove 19  
 pipes[.] A.M. Will[iam]Glen[was]  
 cutting[ I buttonholed [and did]  
 mending[. ]Maggie McEwen & I[sab-  
 bella] Pearl [were] here P.M.
6. S. Fa[ther, I[sabella] P[earl] & I Sun,Thaw 21  
 [were] in C[hurch](Rev.Stewart.)  
 Jno.[went at night.I Stayed with  
 [the] kids [this] even[ing.]
7. M. Jno. & I [were] at Brigham's[.] 16  
 Adam Ballyntyne [is] sick[.]
8. T. Jno.[was] in Brucefield [seeing] Softish 16  
 McIntosh [about the] Ayr[shire] Bees flying thickly  
 heifer[.] A[g] & I washed[.]
9. W. [I]Finis[hed]button-holeing[the] Soft 27  
 stand cover[.]Annie Stewart[was]  
 here P.M.Jno.[was]at a sale[the]  
 other side of Varna[.] buggy Red
10. T. Fa[ther] walked to C[linton.]... Rainy 22  
 .....[I] Mended Fa[ther]'s  
 p[an]ts[.] Will's [took the] cut-  
 ter [to Clinton] P.M. [and left  
 the] kids here[.] B[ella was] at  
 Mrs H[enry] Diehl's carpet rags  
 bee[.]
11. F. Visiting Ned's P.M., [I] Mended 24  
 [a] p[ai]r [of] N[e]d's p[an]ts  
 & sewed backs of shoes etc.
12. S. I[was] in C[linton] P.M.[in the] Some Rain 37  
 Red buggy[. I] Mended [a] p[ai]r  
 [of] Will [Fluker 's] p[an]ts[.]
13. S. Heavy Rain 39  
 Turned Cold P.M.,Frozen
14. M. [I'm] Buttonholeing [the] splash- Fine 32  
 er[.] Fa[ther & Will [are]sawing  
 poplars these days[.]
15. T. A[g] & I washed[.] Ned[has been] Raining 27  
 here sawing wood[.].....  
 Will's(Glen's)[were]in C[lin-  
 ton] getting kids' photo  
 [taken.]\* \*See Page 222

16.	W.	Finis[hed].....splasher[.] Ned & I[sabella]P[earl were]here P.M. Jno. [was] at [the] mill[.] .....Will heard frogs[.]	Beautiful Bees flying like swarms.	26
17.	T.	Fa[ther] & I were] in C[linton] A.M. Jno. [was] at [the] mill af- ter chop. Ab Nott & [his] father called P.M. Mr & Mrs Sparrow called [in the] even[ing[.].....	Fine.	25
18.	F.	I [was] in C[linton.] Jno. [was] with Ned at Weir's after [a]load of Clover hay[.] Ned [was] here, P.M.	Dullish, Rain, even[ing.]	25
19.	S.	Fa[ther] walked to C[linton.]Ned [was] here[.] Etching	Rain, Heavy showers.	38
20.	S.	A[g]& B[ella were in church](Rev. Stewart.) Jno. [went at night.]	Fine	30
21.	M.	Etching Ned P.M.	Snow & Rain	30
22.	T.	A[g] & I washed[.]Ned is plowing [at the] Robertson...[Place]Tene & Jno. McEwen [were] here [this] even[ing.]	Nice, Warmer	45
23.	W.	Jno. [was] in C[linton] getting [a]horse shod[.] Working leaves on sp[lasher.]	Frozen, Fine	28
24.	T.	Jno. McNaughton called A.M. B[el- la] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. Daisy calved[.]		25
25.	F.	Fa[ther] & I [were] at Jno. Brigham's [for] Adam Ballan- tyne's funeral[.]Fa[ther] & I were at Adam K.]Elliot's for dinner[.]	Fine	40
26.	S.	Jno. [was] in C[linton P.M. [I] C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse.]		36
27.	S.		Raining	33
28.	M.	[I] Cleaned out, scrubbed etc. [the] Milk room[.]A[g] & B[ella were] in C[linton] P.M.	Fine, Colder.	33
29.	T.	A[g] & I washed[and I] Scrubbed [the] M[ilk] room shelves, etc. Spotty calved[.] Ab Nott & E. Glen Sr.[came] for tea[.] Jno. drove Ab to C[linton in the]eve- n[ing.] Jno. [was] in C[linton] A.M. shoeing [a] horse[.]	C[old] W[ind,] Fine	29
30.	W,	Jno. [was] at E. [Glen's] "Tea" Taylor & a squaw called for tea[.] 3 lambs Etching	C[old] W[ind] Dullish	36
31.	T.	Jane & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. Jno.[was]at [the] mill[.] Dewdrop calved[.]		33



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| 1.  | F. | B[ella was] at McTavish's rag<br>bee P.M. Jno.[was] at [the]<br>mill for chop[.] Etching   | <i>C[old] W[ind.]<br/>H[ard] Frost.</i>   | 24 |
| 2.  | S. | Fl[uker] & I[were]in C[linton]<br>P.M. [I spent the] even[ing]<br>Mending[.]   | <i>H[eavy] Frost</i>  | 24 |
| 3.  | S. | Fl[uker], A[g] & B[ella were]<br>in C[hurch](Rev. Stewart.)Fl[u-<br>ker,B[ella] & I [were] in S[ab-<br>bath S[chool] 1st day[.]                              | <i>Fair &amp;<br/>C[old] W[ind].</i>  | 42 |
| 4.  | M. | Etching Mending in even[ing]<br>Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M.[A]<br>sheep at Ned's kicked Fa[t-<br>her's eye[.]   | <i>H[eavy],<br/>H[eavy] Frost</i>   | 26 |
| 5.  | T. | A[g] & I washed[.] a little<br>et[ching]   |   | 37 |
| 6.  | W. | Parker called [saying that a]<br>boy and girl[had come] with[a]<br>telegram[.] Jno. McMillan*<br>died[.]   | <i>*John McMillan was a<br/>prominent stock raiser who farmed in Perth<br/>County near Shakespeare. In the next entry we<br/>see James MacFarlane going to Shakespeare to<br/>attend the funeral.</i> | 29 |
| 7,  | T. | [I] Drove Fa[ther] to [the]<br>station for Shakespeare[this]<br>morn[ing.] B[ella] & I [were]<br>in C[linton]P.M. A[g]&I[were]<br>at Mac's [this] even[ing.] |   | 25 |
| 8.  | F. | [I cleaned my bedroom and the<br>hen house.....] Jno.<br>Thomson [came] for dinner[.]<br>Ab Nott [stayed] for tea[.]Ab<br>& Jno. [had been to] Varna[.]      | <i>Warm &amp; Sunshiny</i>  | 45 |
| 9.  | S. | A[g][was] in C[linton at]noon,<br>meeting Fa[ther. I did some]<br>Mending [and] took up carpet<br>rags [in the] dining room[.]                               | <i>Fine, like rain</i>  | 16 |
| 10. | S. | A[g], Will & I [were] in<br>]C[hurch](Rev. Stewart.)   | <i>Beautiful</i>  | 33 |
| 11, | M. | [The] Boys started sowing[.I]<br>Dug half [of] Mo[ther]'s gard-<br>en[.]   | <i>Hot</i>  | 30 |
| 12. | T. | A[g] washed[.] Jane & kids<br>[were] here this] morn[ing.]<br>Bella] & I [were]in C[linton]<br>P.M.  |   | 12 |
| 13. | W. | [The] Boys finis[hed] sowing<br>[the] big field at Rathwell's<br>[and] Jno. & Will [were] in<br>C[linton in the] even[ing.]                                  | <i>E[ast] W[ind,] Warm.</i>   | 29 |
| 14. | T. | D. McIntosh [came] for din-<br>ner[.] A[g] & I[were]in C[lin-<br>ton] P.M. I [have been] learn-<br>ing how to embroider[.]                                   | <i>Fine &amp; Hot</i>   | 24 |
| 15. | F. | [I] walked to C[linton this]<br>morn[ing.]   | <i>Fine,C[old] W[ind.]</i>  | 31 |

16. S. [The] House lamb died[. I] *Fine,* 31  
Cleaned out [the] goose house, *Dull past P.M.*
- 17 S. A[g], Fl[ucker] & I [were] in *Fine,* 26  
C[hurch](Rev. Stewart.) Jno. *C[old] W[ind,]*  
[went at night.] Aunt Mary *Slight Rain even[ing.]*  
[is] sick[.]
18. M. Jno. [was] in C[linton] for *Fine & Cool* 24  
Flu[cker] & [came] back with  
him[.] I went up with John[in  
the] morn[ing.] Messrs McFar-  
lane & Ellis [were] here all  
night[.]
19. T. B[ella] & I[were]in C[linton] 26  
P.M. [McFarlane] left P.M. *Raining & blowy*
- 20 .W. [I] Went to C[linton at] noon 25  
with Jno. [who was] meeting *H[igh] Wind. Rain*  
young McFarlane[. Jno. was]at *& Sleet.*  
[the] Brucefield Show P.M.
21. T. [I] Went to C[linton in the *Fine* 27  
morn[ing] with Jno. & McFar-  
lane [and I] Came home[in the  
even[ing with Jno. Fa[ther],  
Jno. & McFarlane took [a]  
horse & rig[.] Fa[ther return-  
ed] with Mac
22. F. I [was]in C[linton] P.M.[and] *H[eavy] Rain* 20  
Got [an] Eaton box[.]
23. S. Fa[ther was] at Jno.Thomson's *Dull, Fine* 35  
for 4 pigs[.]Jno.[was]at[the]  
mill for chop[.]Ab Nott[came]  
for tea[.] Mrs Brigham & Jim-  
mie came on [the] evening  
train[.]
24. S. Mrs B[righam], B[ella] & I *Fine* 31  
[were] in C[hurch](Rev. Stew-  
art.) "Right foundation" Sam  
Cooper [and his] workmen [were  
right] there[.] Jno. went to  
church in the] even[ing.]
25. M, Fa[ther]drove to C[linton] P.M. *Fine,* 23  
& led [the]Bull, sending "West"  
with Jim Steep[.]A[g] went to  
U[n]cle James]'s [this] morn-  
[ing.]Jno,[drove]Mrs Brigham &  
Jimm[ie to]the] station[in the]  
even[ing.]
26. T. Aunt Mary died Mother[was] *Fine,* 30  
at U[n]cle James}'s A.M.& Fa- *C[ool] W[ind.]*  
[ther]& Jane[went] P.M.B[el-  
la] & I [went over in the  
even[ing.]
27. W. Gurnesy (Sic) calved[.] A[g] *Fine* 27  
came home [to]night[.] Fa[ther]  
& Mo[ther were] at U[n]cle  
James}'s P.M.



28. T. Aunt Mary's funeral Mr & Fine 27  
 Mrs Fergueson & A[dam] Elliot  
 & wife & Mrs Brigham & Mary  
 Mills [were here]for dinner[.]

29. F. A[g]& B[ella were]in C[linton] 33  
 P.M. Wilfred Graham [was]here  
 A.M. Mrs Reid & Annie Stewart  
 [were] here P.M. McMichael  
 called P.M. [We had] Mr & Mrs  
 Cuming & Mrs Reid\* & U[ncle  
 J[ame]s for dinner[.]

\*Mrs James Reid of Dungan  
 non was the former

Elizabeth Barkley, Mary (Barkley) Stewart's only  
 surviving sister. Brothers John & James do not seem  
 to have been present. They probably hadn't returned  
 from the Michigan lumber woods[.]

30. S. Fa[ther was] at Jno. Elliot's 30  
 etc. [I] Fixed the wire around  
 Fl[uker's]bed etc. Ab Nott[was  
 here]for dinner[.The]Boys[are]  
 putting up [the] River fences[.  
 The] Young cattle [were] out  
 all night[,]

**Died**

In Stanley on Tuesday, April 20th, 1898,

**Mary Barkley**

wife of JAS. STEWART, aged 58 years and  
 9 months.

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**THE FUNERAL**

Will take place from her late residence, lot  
 27, con. 4, on

**Thursday, April 28**

at 2 o'clock, p. m., to Baird's cemetery.

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Friends and acquaintances will please  
 accept this intimation.

Stanley, April 20th, 1898.