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Burlington

Jan 1st Sunday, new Years Day, very cold this morning. zero.

Jan 2nd still cold below zero yet, no electric lights. no Radial cars till noon. Election Day: we voted in both townships.

Jan 3rd milder this morning and snowing a little. Yesterdays Election returns are in East Flamboro Peter Rae Reeve, and alt. Easterbrook. Deputy Reeve in Nelson Irving. Reeve By accl. H.T. Foster one of the councillors , in Burlington Hobson again for mayor & Harris for Reeve. Burlington won first of their O.H.A games with Ham. Tigers in overtime play score 4-2

Jan 4th Raining all day roads very icy

Jan 5th ~~Raining~~ Raining yet this am ice all gone. turning cold again tonight

Jan 6th went to Burlington to Dr Pearts. have sore eyes, inflammation he says.

Jan 7th moderately cold fine winter weather. no snow.

Jan 8th Weather fine eyes very sore Lillies getting sore now. Dr says it is. Pink eye -

Jan 18th Eyes have been to sore to write anything since Jan 8th. they have been very bad. Dr here 4 or 5 times also a nurse for 6 days Lillies did not get as sore as mine. Charlotte just had a touch of it the weather has been fine and moderately cold

Jan 20th My Birthday eyes improving some but unable to go out yet.

Jan 21st Fine & Bright nice winter weather.

Jan 22nd Sunday coldest & roughest day of the winter. Strong gales & snow flurries from the west. up all last night. nurse & Dr arrived this morning nothing doing yet tonight.

Jan 23rd Bright and very cold

Jan 24th. very cold nurse here yet but nothing doing

Jan 25th Still very cold eyes not better yet.

Jan 26th. Doris Lillie McMillan arrived about 6.20 this morning weather fine & moderately cold.

Jan 27th Fine & moderately cold have not been able to do anything for a month nearly.

Jan 28th Fine & no snow. Burl. won last O Ha Game with Beaver of Ham. score 6-2. They won 6 out of 8 games. and win district Honors they lost one game to Grimsby and one to Ham. Tigers.

Jan 29th Sunday fine & warm had Lillies folks out to see the baby

Jan 30th Fine & mild no snow

Jan 31st Fine & mild. was out for the first took a walk down to Johns. have to wear goggles

Feb 1 cool & cloudy looks like rain Phoned for a couple of cars manure promised one next week

Feb 2nd Rained all night heavy wind today & turning cold again

Feb 3rd moderately cold had Chevrolet agent around trying too sell us a truck. they are to dear \$1950.

Feb 4th Fine & cold

Feb 5th snowing and raining a little had Stanley Long & wife & children in to see us

Feb 6th Fine & mild, wrote some letters ordering seeds, manure and fruit baskets & crates.

Feb 7th Fine & mild thawing again am afraid this winter will be hard on Strawberries no snow all winter leaves all frozen brown now

Feb 8th Very cold again, had Ford agent around about a truck worth around \$900.

Feb 9th mild again Burlington lost Hockey game last night with Brantford score 4 to 2. Lehman. Burlington goaler hit on nose badly cut. Received card car of manure shipped Feb 6th.

Feb 10th nurse left today charged \$108 for 18 days some pay Eh.

Feb 11th Burl lost H. Game at Brantford 6 to 0 Ice soft. Game very rough Summers of Burl. Knocked out and Wilson was drunk no wonder they lost. was down town this morning first since Jan 7

Feb 12th Sunday cold with strong west winds & some snow

Feb 13th cold. car of manure car of manure arrived this P.M.

Feb 14th John had Mr Jordan helping unload car of manure

Feb 15th went to Hamilton got license for car. no 58892. also got. Tomato, Cabbages & Pepper seeds. turning cold again

Feb 16th very cold. clear & frosty.

Feb 17th very cold coldest this winter about 6 below zero.

Feb 18th mild again today raining tonight.

Feb 19th mild had a thunder and lightning storm in the evening

Feb 20th Fine & mild like spring heard some crows. cleaning up barns getting ready to put baskets in.

Feb 21st Fine, trimming trees, started getting in 1000 crates from Applefords. at 25¢ also berry boxes at \$7 00 per 1000.

Feb 22nd Rained & sleeted all night, and all day today. (applefords driver says the hill is very icy)

Feb 23rd every thing all covered with ice yet, never saw so much on the trees. lots of limbs broken also lots of wires down, no electric lights last night nor tonight rained today at noon and warm this afternoon ice nearly all gone by night and every thing flooded. by bed time ground frozen again and blowing heavy gales from the west. took 3 snapshots of the orchard with ice on trees hope they are good. (note. turned out good)

Feb 24th very cold this morning about zero, one of the Packing Houses all blown to pieces some time last night.

Feb 25th Cutting down 40 more Clapps pear trees. now only about 15 left out of 200. all blighted was down town at night first night since Jan 3rd.

Feb 26th mild & cloudy Sunday had Mr & Mrs B. Mr & Mrs Penn and Mr & Mrs Stan Long out.

Feb 27th Snowed a little this morning we all motored to Hamilton to see about a hired girl also Electric Washer. went to Loews at night with Mr B. did not get home till after 11 o'clock.

Feb 28 Turned very cold again last night getting in baskets. 11 qts crates \$68 00 for 1000 slat covers \$20 + Leno's \$22.

Mch 1st cold & cloudy. got two more loads baskets in.

Mch 2nd Fine & moderately cold trimming trees.

Mch 3rd. Fine & clear trimming apple trees. some job. a lot of dead in them.

Mch 4th Fine. started unloading car of manure this afternoon & making hotbeds. the car was 8 days on the road.

Mch 5th Fine & mild was down home for tea.

Mch 6th Fine & warm. like spring heard a robin. unloading manure and making hot beds

Mch 7th Rained all night showery this morning sowed part of our seeds some Peppers, Cabbages & Tomatoes.

Mch 8th. Sowed balance of Tomato pepper & Cabbage Seeds. sowed 4 ozs. Ruby Giant pepper 2 ozs Pimento Pepper about 8 ozs our own hot pepper

4 ozs First & Best tomato

6 ozs John Baer "

6 ozs Copenhagen Cabbages in forty four sashes. cold last night but clear & frosty today.

Mch 9th milder today East wind bright & clear fine hotbed weather

Mch 10th East winds & mild Cabbages up already sowed on Mch 7th, Trimming old orchard.

Mch 11th. cold east wind fixing sash in the barn -

Mch 12th Sunday. motored to Ham. had dinner at Mrs Barlows & tea at Lillie's Mother's weather fine just like April.

Mch 13th Fine, trimming trees.

Mch 14th. Fine & warm, ordered 40 new hotbed sashes at \$1.65 each from Nicholsons and 3 boxes glass from Mains at \$6 00 per box ordered Ford Truck today. complete with License \$9.25, delivery May 1st

Mch 15th Fair & mild trimming trees

Mch 16th. Colder with very cold north west wind, finished trimming trees.

Mch 17th Very cold & frosty, north wind, fixing hot bed sashes in the barn.

Mch 18th Making more hotbeds for transplanting Cabbages

Mch 19th Sunday cold & cloudy heavy east wind, looks like a storm

Mch 20th. Rained all night and some showers this morning have a car of manure in but John and I both have colds we are getting Geo H. & Mr Jordan to unload it tomorrow

Mch 21st First day of spring ground all covered with snow this morning, and had snow flurries all morning, winds north west & colder - unloading manure

Mch 22nd Very cold with strong north west winds. finished car of manure and put Earth on hotbeds.

Mch 23rd Sowed 4 sash of Chalks Jewel Tomatoes and started transplanting Cabbages

Mch 24th Finished transplanting Early Cabbages 40 sashes 200 to the sash... total about 8000

Mch 25th Have a bad cold did not go out all day.

Mch 26th Sunday cool and showery

Mch 27th. Cloudy & very mild transplanting tomatoes.

Mch 28th Very cold again this morning, planted some

more Tomatoes in the afternoon

Mch 27th Raining all day went to Hamilton and got Electric Washer. Blue Bird cost \$114 00
wholesale retail price was \$155 00

Mch 30th One of the worst storms of the winter snowed all morning raining & sleeting this
afternoon man started work this morning at \$14.00 per week.

Mch 31st Rained & snowed all night looks like real winter this morning ice & snow over everything
and cold north wind blowing hotbeds all covered with ice & snow frozen on them can't open them at
all.

April 1st. Very cold ground covered with snow, Transplanted one frame of Tomatoes too cold had
to stop

April 2nd Sunday cool & cloudy was down home for tea.

April 3rd Cool & East winds transplanting tomatoes.

April 4th made hotbeds for peppers & Transplanted Tomatoes about one half of what we done
before the ice storm have dropped over -

April 5th The man that started last week only worked one day never came back. hired another one
today. Very cold & cloudy with strong East wind

April 6th. working at hotbeds cool & cloudy.

April 7th. Strong south west winds & very mild. fixing doors on barn and just finished transplanting
tomatoes 90 sashes.

April 8th started transplanting Peppers Harrowed Asparagus & men drawing brush out of the
orchard

April 9th Sunday. turned very warm this afternoon. went over to Roy Bells for tea.

April 10th Very warm transplanting some more peppers went to Hamilton for some Clover seed, Corn etc. Paid \$31.25 sash

April 11th Rained all night and till noon today. every thing flooded, turning cold tonight.

April 12th Very cold with high west winds. unloading car of manure.

April 13th Cool. Cleaned weeds off old strawberry patch

April 14th. Good Friday cold north east & East wind cloudy started raining in the evening finished transplanting pepper & started uncovering strawberries they look good seem to have come through winter alright, hired Geo Chapman to look after our berry pickers at \$25 per week for 10 weeks

April 15 cool with north East wind. uncovering strawberries

April 16th Sunday Fine home all day. Doris has been sick for about a week.

April 17th Heavy thunder storms this morning every thing flooded made hot-beds in the afternoon

April 18th Cold with high winds uncovering strawberries started man plowing for the first it is pretty wet yet.

April 19th Cold with high south west wind started raining again in the evening finished uncovering Strawberries started filling up Blackberries

April 20th. Very cold and windy with some snow Flurries

April 21st. Sick in bed today with the Flu. & Bronchitis

May 2nd out of bed today first time since April 21st. have had some house with sickness

myself Lillie and both children also the first nurse took it and now Lillies mother in bed John & men transplanted Tomatoes 2nd time on April 24th 25th 26th 27th. also put in Oats & Clover seed in the orchards on April 27th & April 28th.. Sowed 3/4 lb Carrot seed on April 29th. on May 1st. started planting some Strawberries, and May 2nd started putting out Cabbages down home: 6000 there.

May 2nd 3rd & 4th. Planted Strawberries back of cemetery. the weather has been fine. no rain.

May 5th Cloudy. planted trees finished planting Cabbages May 6th Rows - 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, are Grand Duke Rows 3, 5, 9, are Reine Claude Rows 2, 7, 11 are Bradshaw. starting next road.. Some plums Burbanks & Abundance out in blossom.

May 7th Sunday cool & windy had a light shower last night

May 8th Planting strawberries yet. also cut first asparagus 5 doz sold in Toronto at _____ \$1.60 a doz

May 9th Planted Golden Bantam sweet corn & pumpkins also planting strawberries - weather, cold & cloudy East winds

May 10th Finished planting SBerries filled up young Raspberry patch. poor prospects for Rasp. this year, every thing frozen. only young patch left.

May 11th Very warm today sowed Late Cabbages 2 ozs Copenhagen. and Cauliflower 2 ozs. Erfurts. shipped 8 baskets Grass. sold at \$2 50

May 12th Fixing up sprayer men hoeing bushes

May 13th Planted Potatoes. Got new Ford Truck cost \$925 bright & sunshiny today but very cold wind. feels like frost tonight. some strawberries in blossom and all the plums pears & cherries in full bloom. Have to catch the early train tomorrow morning it starts on daylight time at 550

May 14th. Sunday cool, with strong East winds.

May 15th Fine & warm hoeing old strawberries patch.

May 16th. Hoeing strawberries fine & warm

May 17th: Hoeing strawberries weather showery.

May 18th Dug Blackberries out which had Orange Rust also hoeing strawberries stopped at 4 oclock by rain.

May 19th. Hoeing strawberries showery again. Had Ida over to spend the day.

May 20th.. Rained again about 11 oclock and for the rest of the day, ground getting too wet now. Asparagus \$2 75 today.

May 21st Sunday Fine & warm was down to see Uncle Archie he is pretty low. guess he will not last much longer.

May 22nd Fine & warm. went to Hamilton to get some seeds. basket fasteners etc. men hoeing Cabbages cut 12 bsks {baskets} asparagus sold at \$3.25 bskt {basket} in Toronto

May 23rd Planted yellow corn & pumpkins, & marked ground for Tomatoes.

May 24th Planted cukes. also sowed carrots again too thin last time. sowed first 12 rows next orchard and last part ~~half way~~

past Radish hole in drill. 1 lb seed. started planting Tomatoes in the afternoon got about 4600 out.

May 25th Showery. planting Tomatoes

May 26th Fair & warm finished planting Tomatoes 17 500 plants

May 27th. Planting Peppers heavy & cold north wind blowing about 5000 Hot. 1500 Pimento 3500 Sweet Ruby Giant.

May 28th. Sunday Fine & warm was down to the Beach and over to see Will Bell.

May 29th. Started Spraying at noon. a little over 3½ gals Lime Sulphur & 5¼ lbs Lead (Powdered) per tank. Men hoeing new strawberries

May 30th Spraying all day weather fine

May 31st Spraying yet

Good Prospects for fruit Lots of plums & apples. half crop pears & cherries.

June 1st. Finished spraying today 22 tanks - 2 lbs Lime sulphur 125 lbs Lead

June 2nd. Weeding & Hoeing started rain about 4 oclock.

June 3rd Fine & warm. all the crowd cleaning up hotbeds

June 4th Sunday Fine & warm was down at Hicks for tea

June 5th. Hoeing & cultivating and finished cleaning up hot-beds. Dealt Ford Truck off for a Reo - got what we paid for ford \$925 Reo cost \$2100.

June 6 Fine & warm. hoeing

June 7th Hoeing Cabbage second time ought to have Cabbages in a couple of weeks

June 8th Picked first strawberries 3 crates shipped to Toronto sold at 27¢ box

June 9th. Three men cultivating others hoeing. very warm over 90 in the shade

June 10th. Had a very heavy rain in the night. lightning and thunder. very bad. Sowed Turnip seed. sowed half way past Turnip hole in the drill.

June 9th (cont) Uncle Archie died this afternoon funeral on Sunday.

June 11th Sunday. every thing flooded in the night. Thunder storm started about 10 o'clock last night and kept up one after another all night till after 4 this morning. it is now about 10 o'clock and Thundering again went to Uncle Archies funeral weather turned out fine.

June 12th Picked 30 crates strawberries

off the old patch. they were awful sandy. shipped to Toronto sold at 28¢ and 30¢

June 13th. Picked strawberries guess they dropped in price sold in Toronto at 20 and 22¢

June 14. Picked 41 crates. sold some north at \$5.00 crate and some to Ross Hart at 15¢, Sold in Toronto at 16¢

June 15 Picked 49 crates SB. today. only shipped 13 crates north Balance to Toronto. sold at 18¢ there

June 16th. Picked 66 crates but stopped by rain, did not get nearly over them sold 29 crates to Smith at 14¢. 19 crates north at 15¢ and 18 crates to Toronto at 18¢

June 17th Had very heavy thunderstorms again in the night every thing flooded today nothing doing

June 18 Cold & cloudy looks like rain. Sunday

June 19th. Drove to Toronto with 80 crates Berries sold 40 at 10¢ here. Shipped balance north at 12¢ and to Toronto had a big day 254 crates in all.

June 20th. Fine & Cool picked 234 crates SB. Today getting very cheap. sold 83 crates north at 10¢ some here at \$2 40 shipped balance to Toronto. sold at 9 & 10¢ {Side note} Reo Truck delivered today it looks fine

June 21st Picked 125 crates shipped north at 10 cents box

June 22nd Picked 124 crates shipped north at 10¢ Crop a failure nearly done. could have sold 500 crates today

June 23 only picked 77 crates today sold at 12¢ north. have picked 1028 all told up till tonight (Friday).

June 24 No picking today. was weeding carrots also planted out Cabbages very warm had to put old berry boxes over them. also sowed turnip seed over again, last never came up. ground got all hard & crusty after the big storms. sowed about half way past turnip hole in drill I drove to Wabasso Park. with {Marocle?} crowd arrived from St Thomas, The Reo truck goes fine.

June 25 Sunday. clear & very cold.

June 26 Clear & cold picked 124 crates berries sold mostly at 15 cents. also 14 Richmond cherries at \$1.00 and 7 crates Cabbages for the first at \$2 00.

June 27th Showery only picked 69 crates, planted out Cauliflower

June 28th. Picked 107 crates not very many orders

had to ship ~~400~~ 54 crates to Toronto sold at 14¢ 50 crates nth {north} at 15¢

June 29th Picked 66 crates straw-berries. shipped mostly to Toronto. shipped 56 bsks Richmond cherries & some Cabbages up north.

June 30th Very warm today. only picked 34 crates strawberries they are nearly done -

July 1st Saturday showery in the morning nothing doing all day

July 2nd Fine & warm

July 3rd Picked 22 crates SBerries and a few cherries 29 bsks

July 4th Still picking Berries and Richmond cherries

July 5th Picked the last of the strawberries had 1484 crates: only a light crop.

July 6th Picked first Raspberries 2 crates shipped to Toronto sold at 27½¢ also finished picking Richmond cherries averaged about 90¢ bskt. Started picking Montmorency 68 bsks at \$1 00 per bskt .

July 7th Cherry market all shut selling as low as 50 cts in Toronto only picked 58 bsks to ship north. Blowing heavy gales from south west. blew alot of cherries off and bruised them on the trees badly.

July 8th Fine & moderately warm Hoeing old strawberry Patch.

July 9th Sunday Fine & cool

10th Picking cherries selling north at 80 cents cut 28 crates Cabbages 80 & 90¢

July 11 Very warm, cherries badly bruised. picked 21 bsks Green Peppers

also 1 bskt tomatoes peppers sold at 90¢ tomatoes sold at \$15.0 {\$1.50} tomatoes very poor crop this year.

July 12th Orangemans day pickers scarce. only picked 100 bsks Cherries. heavy rain at five oclock.

July 13 Fine & warm picking cherries & cutting cabbages

July 14th Picking cherries Have picked 978 bsks up till today Friday night.

July 15 Cut 25 doz Cabbage for Hart at 50¢ doz. Picked 12 crates Rasps. went to market with 9 crates sold at 20¢

July 16th Fine & warm, home all day.

July 17th Cut 25 crates cabbages & 6 sacks picked 130 cherries & 27 bschts tomatoes. shipped all north. had a couple of light showers.

July 18th Picked cherries at 80¢ 14 Rasps at 21 cents 23¢ & 24¢

July 19. Picked cherries 80¢ 18 Rasps shipped Toronto sold at 23 & 24¢ 17 tomatoes at \$1 50. 34 peppers @ \$ 60 to \$100 { \$0.60 to \$1.00} weather fine & warm.

July 20. Fine picking Cherries & Raspberries.

July 21 Picking cherries & Rasps fine & warm.

July 22 Sat picked Black Currants 9 baskets in all.

July 23rd Sunday. Showery. Lillie played organ at Meth. Church.

July 24th Picked last of Red Cherries. picked first apples 75 bschts sold @ 50¢.

July 25th Picked Rasps all day 28 crates, also picked first plums 6 bschts Willards shipped north at 75¢

July 26th Picked Rasps all day 29 crates.

July 27 Picked Morello Cherries & Raspberries

July 28th. Very warm. finished picking Morello cherries total cherries picked this year 1605. 350 less than last year. Picked first Lawtons 5½ crates shipped north at 20¢, also picked Rasps at 25¢ & 54 tomatoes at 60¢

July 29th Sowed some buckwheat on old strawberry bed, also planted some Cucumber seed am afraid it is too late (it was no good) Have 1625 Berry crates & quart Boxes in now bot from Dalton for 15¢ each delivered here.

July 30 Fine & very warm had dinner & supper at the beach.

July 31 Showery nearly all day. picked between Showers.

Aug 1st. Rained very hard in the early morning. picked rasps tomatos & plums. Red June & Shiro.

Aug 2 Picked plums at 50¢ & 60¢ Rasps & Lawtons apples tomatoes Cukes & Peppers but every thing cheap - raining again at 5 oclock.

Aug 3 Nothing doing today no orders only for Tomatoes. and we had none.

Aug 4 Picked tomatoes only about 90 bsks at 50¢ 75 plums at 40¢ & 50¢ A few Lawtons & Rasps.

Aug 5 Sold Ross Hart 50 plums 12 Cukes & 15 doz Cabbages - Cutting oats rest of day -

Aug 6 Sunday Raining all afternoon & evening Lillie played organ at Church.

Aug 7. Picked 153 toms {tomatoes} sold 50¢ 70 plums 40¢ a few Cukes 25¢ Berries & Cabbages. a shower at noon. and a big storm at 4.30 every thing flooded.

Aug 8th Picked the last of our Raspberries today only had 225 - crates this year.

Aug 9 Only 70 bsks tomatoes today at 50¢ Plums 30¢ apples 40, very cool nights.

Aug 10th Light to day no Tomatoes only a few plums & apples

Aug 11th. Busy today 190 toms {tomatoes} at 50¢. 90 plums 30¢ 15 appls 40¢ 70 doz corn 18¢ 10 doz Cabb 50

Aug 12 Picked 300 bsks plums sold Smith 200 at 25¢ Hart 25 at 30¢ shipped Balance -

Aug 13 Sunday fine & warm

Aug 14. Very warm & very busy. sold Smith 50 plums @ 25 N.P.G. 88 toms @ 40 Picked 276 bsks toms and 275 plums, also 20 apples 80 doz corn and 10 pears & peppers

Aug 15 Another hot and busy day. picked 365 plums all together 595 bsks fruit besides 80 doz corn 2 crates berries

Aug 16. Busy again today. John sick. very hot heavy thunder storms at Aldershot and Oakville. had light storm here

Aug 17th only shipped 300 bsks today and 90 doz corn more showers went around very hot here

Aug 18. Warm yet picked plums at 25¢ apples 40¢ Tomatoes 40¢. Cukes 22½¢ 100 doz corn 15¢

Aug 19. Picked 205 plums at 23¢, also some cukes corn etc.

Aug 20 Sunday fair & cold Lillie played organ at church had Dad. Effie Hattie & Lillies folks for the day.

Aug 21 Fine & cool picked 519 bsks today tomatoes at 30¢ plums 25¢. Gages 40¢ Corn 12½¢. Cabb 40 doz. pears 50¢ apples 35¢

Aug 22nd not so busy today orders dropping off -

Aug 23rd Picking plums and Tomatoes prices no good 25¢ up north. Toronto no good at all, prices noted on the papers. say, Tomatoes as low as 15¢. plums 20¢ Cukes 10¢. Corn as low as 3¢

Aug 24 Started picking Tomatoes for Canning factory at 45¢ a bushel.

Aug 25. Shipped 200 bsks fruit north. also 3 loads toms {tomatoes} to Canning factory.

Aug 26th Sold Ross Hart 2 loads today, 160 plums at 20¢, 40 cukes 18¢, 19 crab apples at 30¢ 25 sweet Peppers 35¢ 100 doz corn 12¢ 5 doz Pumpkins 1 00 {\$1}

Aug 27 Sunday fair & cold -

Aug 28th not very busy for monday. picking Tomatoes for factory and a few plums & Tomatoes for orders.

Aug 29th Raining all morning picked a few Pears & plums for orders.

Aug 30 Orders scarce and everything cheap -

Aug 31 orders a little better today about 250 bskt in all.

Sept 1 no orders at all hardly, raining in the afternoon.

Sept 2 Sold Hart 140 bsks fruit - and a few Pumpkins and some corn

Sept 3rd Sunday fine & warm.

Sept 4th. Had quite a lot of orders today about 300 bsks but every thing cheap.

Sept 5th only orders for about 30 bsks, sold all the Bartlett pears down to 2¼ in at 2½ cts lb to Harvest Co'y {Company}.

Sept 6th Picking tomatoes for cannery, and Pears for Harvest Co'y. hardly any orders.

Sept 7th. Finished Bartlett pears 145 bus. aveaged \$1 45 per bushel, while we had only been getting 35¢ per basket up north. Had more orders today. 178 bsks in all

Sept 8th Picked Howell pears only had 41 bsks this year no orders today total only 50 bsks

Sept 9th Saturday nothing doing at all.

Sept 10th Sunday. very warm for this time of year thunder shower in the night

Sept 11th. Rained all night and up till noon today picked tomatoes for canning factory in the afternoon -

Sept 12th. Picked 180 bsks fruit for our orders. also tomatoes for factory, they close tonight put 283 bus in yesterday and today, all told 11 00 bus.

Sept 13th. shipped nearly 200 bsks on orders also 100 bsks plums to Toronto to try them and 50 peppers. also took a load Tomatoes to Aylmer Canning Co. Geo Chapman stopped work tonight.

Sept 14 Raining again all day took 35 bus tomatoes to Hamilton factory nothing else doing

Sept 15. Picking quite a few orders also 5 bls {barrels} Colvert apples.

Sept 16th Picked a couple loads for Ross Hart. 15 bags Carrots at 55¢ bag 25 doz Cabb at 35¢ Tomatoes @ 22¢. Peppers 30¢

Sept 17. Went up to Hamilton on the truck. had dinner & tea.

Sept 18th. Picked about 250 bsks & 5 more bls {barrels} apples. weather cool & cloudy.

Sept 19th. Rained all night and raining yet till noon fixed barrels in the barn and shipped a few orders in the afternoon.

Sept 20. Fine & warm. picked 50 bsks and 4 crates Cauliflower for Ross Hart @ \$1 25 crate
Burlington Fair was today John and all the rest gone.

Sept 21 Fine & warm. not very many orders today moved McGrath back to Hamilton. brought 20
bus Rye out \$1 25 bushel. started ploughing yesterday.

Sept 22nd First day for a long time that we have had no orders, very warm cutting out Blackberry
canes.

Sept 23 Fine & warm sold Ross Hart one load Cabbages 50 doz at 35¢ and one load mixed
Grapes 33¢ peaches 35 Tomatoes 23¢ Reine Claude plums 25 Cauliflower 1 25 crate Carrots
55¢ a bag

Sept 24 Sunday. cool & cloudy. home alone all day -

Sept 25 Ploughing tomato patch. picked some peppers & pears. and started picking apples. had a
light frost this morning but did not do any damage

Sept 26th Frost again this morn- but no damage done. picking Cranberry pippin apples no orders
at all today

Sept 27th. Finished picking Duchess & Sheldon pears also last 10 bskt tomatoes

Sept 28th. Sowing rye on tomato patch also picking apples. Fine & very warm

Sept 29th Picking Greening apples picked three trees 80 bushels Mrs Smythe buried today very
warm weather

Sept 30th Fine & very warm picking Greening apples

Oct 1 warm as summer went to Hamilton for tea.

Oct 2nd Very warm packing apples. picked two barrels Kieffer pears.

Oct 3 warm like Summer picking & packing Greening apples.

Oct 4. Picked 161 bskt peaches @ 30¢ 52 bskt Grapes 27¢ for Ross Hart. Shipped some Hot Red
peppers to Toronto we picked them all green and put in berry shanty, and the weather so warm,
they are nearly all red now.

Oct 5 Warm & fine picked & packed 46 barrels Spy apples today. (four of us)

Oct 6. Fine & warm picked last of peaches & 24 bbls {barrels} Baldwin apples. Charlotte very sick with summer complaint since Tuesday Oct 3rd has eaten nothing only water

Oct 7th Picking apples in the morning. packed in barn in the afternoon as it was raining very hard.

Oct 8 Sunday cool & cloudy Charlotte still very sick have a nurse now. had Dr Clark Specialist tonight ordered Charlotte to Hospital

Oct 9. Lillie & Doris went to Hamilton to stay Charlotte very bad.

Oct 10th. Weather fine packing apples. Charlotte no better.

Oct 11th Loaded Car of apples for Hutchison Bros 174 blls {barrels} winter apples @ \$3 25 30 Cranberry Pippins \$2 50 6 pears at 325 {\$3.25} - Raining in the afternoon

Oct 12th Picking apples Charlotte worse went to Hamilton before noon Dr only gives her 24 hrs.

Oct 13. stayed nearly all last night in Hospital Charlotte very low. Doris has it but not very bad. Charlotte a little stronger tonight.

Oct 14th Charlotte about same John fell out of apple tree yesterday. has very bad ankle

Oct 15th. Charlotte seems a little stronger today.

Oct 16th Monday fine & warm packed apples (€ just same

Oct 17th. Turned very cold in the night. packing apples

Oct 18th Weather fine & cool still packing apples.

Oct 19th. Loaded car of apples

83 bbls {barrels} for A E Johnston Sundridge @ \$3 00

66 " " P J Mann Bracebridge @ \$3 25

22 " W J Troyer Magnetawan @ 3 25

Oct 20 picking Kieffer pears for Harvest Canning Co Sold them at 1¢ per lb for {2 inchs} pears & upwards.

Oct 21st Sold Ross Hart 176 bags Turnips at 30¢ 25 bags Carrots 50¢ and 4980 lbs Cabbages at 9 00 per ton. Charlotte improving.

Oct 22nd Spent all day in the city did not see Charlotte she now crys after leaving her. weather fine took a walk up the mountain.

Oct 23rd Drawing pears to Hamilton & sending out a few orders showery in the morning cleared up at noon.

Oct 24th Finished drawing pears ~~got~~ had 180 bushel to the Harvest Co. got Charlotte out of Hospital went to Lillies mothers.

Oct 25. picking & packing apples yet. weather frosty.

Oct 26 Finished picking apples have some to pack yet weather cool.

Oct 27. Sold Ross Hart 87 bags Turnips & 52 bags Carrots 5230 lbs Cabbage worked till nearly ten oclock tonight loading them.

Oct 28 ~~star~~ packing apples and started loading the last of the apples -

Oct 29. Sunday fine & cool. staying in Hamilton yet Charlotte improving but very thin & week yet expect to come home on Tuesday.

Oct 30th. Finished packing apples. 53 bbls {barrels} to Hanna at \$3.00 54 bbls to E B Farwell at \$300 {\$3.00} and a few small orders

Oct 31st Brought Charlotte home from Hamilton this morning it sure is good to all be home again still have a nurse. Drawing in corn stalks all day. looks like rain.

Nov 1st. Getting ready for market for the first time. looks like rain.

Nov 2 Went to market today had a few light showers got home at half past three every thing cheap and hard to sell Turnips 30 & 35¢ Carrots 40¢. Peppers 30 & 35¢ Cauliflowers 50 to \$1.50 box Cabbages about 35¢ doz.

Nov 3rd Drawing in corn had over 150 bushel getting ready for market again

Nov 4th went to market again looked like rain but did not. got home at noon.

Nov 5 Sunday. Fine & warm was home all day.

Thanksgiving Day.

Nov 6th Raining all morning got load ready for market in the afternoon. Had Mr & Mrs B. out.

Nov 7th Went to market was home at noon. vegetables very cheap. Cabbages 30 to 40¢ dozen
Carrots 35 & 40¢ Turnips 25 & 30¢ Cauliflower 75 to \$1.50 Peppers 30 to 40¢. We are going to
getting our mail R R Route in a few days -

Nov 8th Took two loads today to Hamilton 1 load Turnips 20¢ bus {bushel}. 1 load Carrots 35¢
and got load ready for Market

Nov 9th Went to market finished with Cauliflower & Peppers today

March 10th Took two loads to Hamilton today. heavy

frost this morning. Jerry Fishcarrier left Thursday noon - only Jack left and Geo Hammond
ploughing part of the time.

Nov 11th Was at market sold out at half past six. had nearly all Cabbages

Nov 12th Sunday. Had visitors Dean B. & Roy & Will Bell.

Nov 13th Heavy frost this morning cut load of Cabbages for market and started unloading ~~an~~ 2nd
car of manure. putting in Raspberries

Nov 14th went to market with last load of the year about 60 doz Cabbages made about \$20.00
did not get home till 5 o'clock, mild. rained at night

Nov 15. Started unloading 3rd car of manure with the truck, weather cool & cloudy -

Nov 16th Finished car of manure and started spreading on the ground -

Nov 17th. warm & very heavy south west wind drawing manure & cutting out Raspberry bushes.

Nov 18 Rough & showery man ploughing.

Nov 19 Sunday. cloudy and a little cooler

Nov 20th Cool & cloudy turning out Raspberry bushes.

Nov 21st Same job trimming berry bushes. Geo. H. ploughing.

Nov 22nd Looks like winter this morning

ground covered with snow for the first time at Berry bushes till afternoon started another car of manure. Went up to City, Lillie & Myself to the Grand. saw. Chu Chin Chow. it was very good but to high in price cost \$550 {\$5.50} for two seats but was the first show in 2 years for us.

Nov 23rd finished car of manure at noon. started on another we are getting from Alex Bell from Hagersville. drawing from Freeman, as they never told the agent to send it down till way freight had gone.

Nov 24th Cold and cloudy with snow flurries finished car of manure.

Nov 25th. Finished cutting out berry bushes. Geo. H. ploughing, ground frozen some moved Jack Stevenson in to Hamilton.

Nov 26th. Cold & cloudy. snowing a little at night

Nov 27. Some snow on ground this morning unloaded another car of manure. Had Geo. H. & Mr Jordan helping.

Nov 28th Unloaded another car today quite a lot of snow. and getting cold tonight.

Nov 29th Windy & milder unloaded another car of manure -

Nov 30 Milder, mowed down old blackberry patches another car of manure in for tomorrow.

Dec 1st Unloaded car of manure was bad day for the job very windy. turning very cold tonight.

Dec 2nd Burning & cleaning up Blackberry patch & Raspberries.

Dec 3rd Fine & mild. Had Grandpa up for dinner.

Dec 4th Unloaded last car of manure this fall had 10 cars in fall 4 cars in Spring cost \$960.03. weather very fine in the morning but cloudy with east winds at night looks like rain.

Dec 5th. Rained a little in the night, but very cold all day with heavy north west wind. Finished cleaning out berry bushes. also finished team ploughing and put in fence posts around hotbed grounds. looks like freezing up now.

Dec 6th Ground frozen this morning. Covering strawberries have G. Hammond & F. Jordan

Dec 7th. Covering strawberries cold this morning ground frozen solid, a few snow flurries. and rained & freezing all after noon -

Dec 8th. Raining & freezing all morning. Cleared

up at noon. Had Lavene Kerns helping to put on & fit storm sashes.

Dec 9th. Cold & cloudy finished putting on Storm sashes. cost \$40.50 for sash \$1.50 for paint \$6.00 for carpenter \$48.00 in all for the 10 sash. three years married today.

Dec 10th. Cool & Bright ground frozen solid. Just like winter. Had Mr & Mrs B. out for the day.

Dec 11th. Covering strawberries finished tonight. covered about 6 acres and about 6 acres old bed not covered beginning to look like a storm.

Dec 12th. Windy & cold this morning drawing manure into Raspberries stopped about 11 o'clock too windy John Chrissie Ida & Hattie and our family all down home for Chicken dinner. Very cold tonight.

Dec 13th Very cold today nearly zero last night.

Dec 14th. not quite so cold today. but snowing all day.

Dec 15. Very cold again all day. with a couple of inches of snow on ground.

Dec 16. Cool & frosty. started fixing some of the crates in the barn. but Keeps me busy going twice a day to Johns to do chores

as he is not able to put his foot down to the ground yet.

Dec 17th snowing this morning (Sunday), turning cold tonight quiet a lot of snow arrived in Los Angeles 3 years ago today.

Dec 18th Fair & very cold some sleighs out -

Dec 19th. Fair and not quite so cold. went up to the city for a few presents. also hunting up some barrels & Orange boxes, have some promised.

Dec 20th Cloudy and a little milder trying to deal old car off but nothing doing yet.

Dec 21st Cleaning up the truck after drawing manure. weather milder.

Dec 22nd Went in to Hamilton to Carrolls and got 121 Orange Crates at 10¢ each. Got a load of coal two tons from Fred Thomas Waterdown had to pay \$20.⁰⁰ per ton it seems an awful price. weather milder tonight. looks like snow or rain.

Dec 23rd A little milder but cloudy drove around delivering some Xmas presents.

Dec 24th Sunday was home all day. had Bells drop in with a Xmas present

Dec 25th Xmas Day went up to Hamilton

for the day all had a good time I guess. Weather was mild thawing off the snow. got home about 8 o'clock.

Dec 26th went up to the city for some barrels got 135 from McDougall at 25¢ he owes me some money for carrots, looks like rain.

Dec 27th. Cloudy and getting colder.

Dec 28. Cold north East snow storm all day. looks like real winter

Dec 29th. Cold & clear real winter weather

Dec 30th. Have a bad cold inbed all day.

Dec 31st Sunday. Raining all day, and very icy.

Total Amounts of fruit And Vegetables sold during this season

strawberries	1484	crates
Raspberries	225	"
Lawtons	50	"
cherries	1605	Baskets
Apples	450	"
apples	516	barrels
Plums	4475	baskets
pears (all varieties)	910	"
" Bartletts	145	bushels
" Kieffers.	180	bushels
pears Kieffers.	11	barrels
peaches	313	baskets
Blk currants	9	baskets
Grapes	87	x 6 qt bsks

Cabbages	175	orange crates	
"	115	bags	
" sold loose	118	doz	
" sold loose	5 tons	120 lbs.	
	Asparagus	164	bskts
	Tomatoes	3040	bskts
	" Burlington Cannery	1194	bus.
	Cucumbers	386	bskts
	Cauliflowers	88	crates
	Peppers	1068	bskts
	Corn 100 bags cont.	1000	dozen
	Turnips	263	bags
	Carrots	102	"
	Pumpkins loose	8.	doz

	" Canning Co.	10 tons	1250 lbs
	besides 9 truck loads of Turnips Carrots Cabbages Cauliflowers & peppers taken to Hamilton Market.		
Packages used	27 quart crates.	17	59
	quart boxes	475	00
	11 qt baskets with covers	12.5	00
	apple barrels	5	27
	orange crates	2	63
	cabbage sacks	1	15
	Sugar bags for corn & vegetables	4	65

Total Gross Sales for year

Sales	Muskoka Sales	8.749.57
Sales	Commission House	3212.01
Sales	Local Dealers	1466.21
Sales	Canning Factories	894.94

{Sales}	Hamilton Market	175.00
	Total	\$14,497.73
	Net Sales	6900.00
	Total Expenses	7597.73
	some of the heavy expenses	
Total	Daily wages were	1540.85
Total	Estimate Berry pickers SB {strawberries}	742.42
"	Estimate berry pickers Rasps	250.00
"	Estimate Plum "	133.25
Total	Pear "	48.00
Total		\$1173.67
Total	Estimate cherry pickers	320.00
Total		\$1493.67
	Packages acct. as follows.	
	1759 crates 25¢ \$450.00	

	47.500 berry Boxs \$7.00	\$336.00
	12.500 11 qt crates bskts	\$1080.00
Brot from last page		1860.00
516 apple barrels 67¢		353.09
263 Cabbage crates 15¢		39.43
580 Sacks & bags 10		58.00
Total all packages		2310.52
14 cars manure		\$960.03
Trees from Davidsons		276.50
Nelson Taxes		265.70
Flamoro Taxes		393.75
Hot Bed Sash & Lumber		77.00
Glass & Cotton		27.75
Spray Material		113.25

Small seeds	20.36
Clover "	36.25
Rye "	25.00
Oat "	20.00

Some Totals of expenses Year 1922

Manure total	960.03
all Fruit packages	2310.52
Total fruit picking piece work	1493.67
" Daily wages	1540.85
" trees	276.50
" Taxes	659.45
" Hotbeds fixtures	104.75
" spraying expense	113.25
" seeds	101.61

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