

James Cameron (1824-1912)

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1st of January New Years Day Broke on the Marsh hay Stack Back of the Barn Windy cold West Wind

2nd Fine Soft Day Gordon here had 4 shirts to make Gave him a Pipe seen a Fox crofsing {crossing}

3rd crofsed to Summerstown Council Day Dan Frasher Elected Bought of Julia ½ lb Tea Matches Mr Spinks poorly Bushing the Road acrofs {across} at Summerstown Angus Cameron and Thomas Summers A Fine Day cold to night Mr The Rev Patterson Married Last Week Seen in a Kingston Paper Bushing the Lower Road to Lancaster

4th very Frosty came from Hamiltons expecting the thrashers at Hamiltons Jim McDougall made a Track up the ice as he is going to take ashes to Fort Covington A Ball in Williamstown to night Mrs Summers a Bee at Wood

{5}th Drawing Wood

6th snowing E Wind Warm {cu}tting Wood putting Marsh hay in the Barn

{7}th Drawing Wood

8th HughAnns Birth Day 1866

9th Cold E Wind

10th snowing stormy turned fine

Mr James Cameron Island January 11th 1881

Went to Summerstown Bought Soda spinks poorly Fine a Ball of yarn from Hamiltons Frosty and very Foggy to night went up with Hector to Rac{es?}

12th Races in Dundee Frosty Day Fine

13th cold and Fine

14th J Hamilton came for me as they expect the Thrashing Mill to Day took the yarn Down with him very cold Thrashing Pease

15th Thrashing oats a very cold Frosty Day E Wind Froze my Fingers a very Frosty night Mrs Carey Poorly

16th came Down took the Horse and Cutter took 1 Bushel of Pease and apples home

17th Thrashing Frosty

18th Frosty Thrashing

19th Finished Tom Drove me home got a Bag of Potatoes Mrs Carey Departed

20th not well Fine

21st at Wood

22nd Drawing Wood 23

23rd Cold

24th crofsted Hamiltons going to Mill I went with them a very cold Day Bought Randolph a pair of Boots 2 Dollars I owe 50 cents on them 1 lb of Tea from Jo Lemay on credit 40 cents

25th Randolph to Hamiltons Bismarck and I Drawing Wood

26th Hugh Munroe here to Buy a Bull I crofsted with him Bought Soda

27th Fixing the ashes on the 26th Bought of Mr Ward soda

28th Bought of Mr Ward Flour axe Handle salt John Hamilton drove me home FLeft my axe so he would fix the handle in it

29th chopping Stove Wood W Wind Frosty Frosty

30th E Wind Drifting

31st Frosty Frosty

1st of February crofsted with Mr Wards 2 Bags Got a Bag of Potatoes from Hamil{ton} Got some clothes took the Hood By mistake in to see Mr spinks

2nd The Bear can come out to Day as he can see his shadow the sun shines sharp sharp Cold Wind candlemas Day

Mr James Cameron Island Feby 3rd 1881

Cold cold

4th Drawing Wood

5 crofsted to hami{ltons} with the Hood Got a Bag of Potatoes Kind of Fine

6th Fine

7th went to the store John Hamilton in Cornwall went to store Bought matches cleaning the pipes a fine Day Marsh hay Done

8 Gordons B Day 1863 J Hamilton and I to Mr Oxleys Got a Bag of Potatoes some clothes a peice of Pork took Dinner Got an organ from Mrs Hamilton Fine soft hauling

9th Raining Gathering for Donald suple Yorkey Baker here for my ashes 28 Bushels at 7 cents a Bushels Got 45 cents to Get the Rest when I crofs Raining Fine soft Drawing Wood Bismarck and I

10th HughAnn and I to Hamiltons Raining JTommy Began to Draw Paid Johny Summers for the Tea I got from Julia 25 cents Bought 2 yds 20 and 2 yds 26 Bar of Soap 10 2 pipes 2 Matches 1 Gave 5 cents to Livinia 45 thats 50

11th Tom Jack here I crofsted Bought 4 yds Got Pay for the Ashes from charlie Parisha

12th Raining

13th Cold

14th Fixing a Runner in the Jumper very cold

15th Drawing and chopping very fine

16th Bill Morris here Going Down for Is Lemays shanty foggy

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18th James Hugh's Birth Day 1855

19 crofsted Bought of Mr Ward ½ lb of Tea Bought of J Summers 1 ½ yds Calico 15 cents pipe 12 crackers 2 oil stopt at Hamiltons

20th came from Hamil{tons} 2 Bags of Potatoes

21st Fine Hugh Munroe here Bought the White Bull 10 Dollars Allen and Rebbecca came and Hugh to take the Bull

22nd Washingtons B Day a Fine Day Jim McDougall here

23rd cutting in the Bush cold

24th Cold

25th Fine St Matthias Day chopping and Drawing

Mr James Cameron Island February 26th 1881

Settled up to this Date with J Summers 1 Dollar for scythe Bought 10 yds 2 Dollars 15 yds 1..50 2 Bottles 50 1 spool 5 ½ Quire paper 12 ½ 2 pens 2 cents Matches 1 5..20 ½ Settled up till to Day with Mr Ward the hide Wood J Grant to stand for me which makes us clear till to Day I Bought to Day commencing a new account 50 lb of B Wheat 1..37 ½ ½ lb Tea 30 Soda 10 alum 3 copperas 5 3 lbs Rice 18 Pepper ½ lb 10..2..13 ½ Mr Patterson and Misses at Hamiltons Tom Kennedy got a Ride Down from Johns cold East Wind Randolph came home John Andrew Camerons Child Departed yesterday and the other not expected to Live

27 A Fine Day Raining some

28th chopping soft at the Bun

1st of March St Davids Day Stormy came in Like a Lion Drifting the Trees all Bent with Snow Keeping the Cows a Browsing in the Bush cold

2nd Ash Wednesday Fine Blowing Drifting chopping Stove Wood some cold

3rd William Henery Shadgate Cameron's Birth Day a very fine Day Drew some Wood Foggy in the Morning

4th East Wind Kind of soft in the Morning Wind turned high Blew very hard Randolp Drove me up to Mr Hopkins Filling his Ice house with ice a Pedlar tinsmith there I Bought of him 7 Peices of Tins 2 Bread Pans 3 Tin Basins Tea Pot Wash Basin 1..35 I went to Fort Covington with 3 Pairs of Boots Paid Mr Streeter 1..50 Boots all Paid at Minklers for Lunch 14 cents sticking Plaster or Court Plasters 8 cents got an almanack at Mr Gilliss camphor ½ oz 5 Paid J Lemay what I owed him only took 25 cents ½ lb Tea 25 Soda 8 Soap 9 cents candy 2 Matches 2 Bottle 15 cents 3..98 cents got a Ride Down from Charles Parisha to Hopkins an awful Blow of East Wind and Drifting stopt at Hopkins all night Mr Streeter to send the 2 pairs of Boots over to Mr Wards next week Got 1 Pair Mended took home Fine

Mr James Cameron Island 5th of March 1881

Took Breakfast at Mr Hopkins a very Fine Morning Turned Stormy East Wind but not cold Bad with my Rheumatism to Day Drew a Load of Wood cows a Browsing in the Bush going up on the ice on my Track thats Bushed Randolp turned them Back

6th Snowing Fine Thawing Gordon here Brought home my short Gun some Powder caps and shot

7th Fine crofsed to Summerstown Bought of J Summers coarse comb 12 ½ Bought of Mr Ward 1 pan of Bread 26 cents on credit 1 Spool of Thread 5 cents paid in to see Mr Spinks Got 2 Bags of Potatoes from Hamiltons Got some papers from AJ Baker the Measeles Bad on the Front and all over sawing ice up the Front 1 Bag of Oats at Hamiltons 1st oats the Horse eat this Winter as I am Going away Tomorrow

8th Mr W Spinks Departed Randolph Went for AJ Bakers Sleigh and Harnefs {harness} Bought Tax 2 cents candy 1 cent A Fine Day Randolph and I to Port Louis to see Mr Henery Genie stopt in St Annicet met Mr Genie there went Down with him had a Treat and Got a Bottle full took Dinner at Genies Got 3 Bags of oats 1 Bag of Potatoes a Herring Barrel some Barley and 50 Wt of oatmeal 54 Tin Buckets for Sugarmaking Horse shoe steels for hanging the Buckets Jo Genie Departed this Winter Henerys Brother came home stopt at St Annicet Bought crackers and pipe Got home about 8 o clock a Fine night

9th Randolph went Home with the sleigh Fixing the Harnefs

10th Went to Mr Spinks Funeral got a Ride up with J Hamilton Got 2 pairs of Boots Mr Streeter mended at J Summerss Snowing E Wind

11th cutting Brush Barking Chairs cows Browsing in the Bush on Trees I am cutting for them

Mr James Cameron Island 12th of March 1881

On this Day of the month D McMaster First came to the Island Fine E Wind Randolph crofsed Got 50 lb of Flour at Mr Wards Got the Loan of Mr Charlie Craigs Sugar Pot Cutting Wood and Brush for the Cows got 2 papers at J Hamiltons Drew some Wood cutting stove Wood

13th Fine E Wind air cool Sap Runs as Randolph has a Tree Tapped Took Medicine to Day

14th Stanley's Birth Day 1880 Fine Randolph and I up to see the Sugar Bush cut a Pole Fixing the Barrels and Pots and chains to have them all Ready Sent Randolph over to see young Henery Bosell to see if he wanted the sugar Bush

15th Henery came said he would take the Bush going to Day to Look for a Team for to Draw wood for the camp J Hamilton here a Fine Day James McDougall here and son for the Bush and I told them I gave it to Henery

16th Fine Day cutting brush for the cows

~~18~~ 17th chopping Went to Hamiltons E W ~~18th cutting Brush to Day~~ Rained hard to night not a Stormy Day st Patricks

18th in the Bush a Fine Day sloppy in the swamp

19th a Fine Day E Wind Went to Summerstown Bought Mr Ward 100 wt of Flour 3..25 ½ lb Tea 25 ¼ lb Tea 15 Pail 20 5 lbs of nails 25 Matches Pipe Bought of J summers RRR 25 sweetys Got 2 Bags of Potatoes from Hamiltons The Czar Emperor of Russia Killed Little Jim McDougalls neice Departed in Moira I heard Mr Craigs Boys Frank Laplantes and St Dennis's Boys Run away caught some of them in Fort-Covington ice Melting on the Top and Wearing under I suppose Heard a Team got Drowned up opposite Mr Martins a Man from Bangor Lost them Ducks crows Black Birds came

Mr James Cameron Island 20th of March 1881

Raining Snowing E Wind First Day of Spring

21st Fine Randolph crofsted to Bosells for {hops?} George sent his Boy to J McDougalls to tell him young Henery or Wall Eye was not going to take the sugar Bush so he said he would come tomorrow some fo the hens commenced to Lay for the first a Large Flock of wild Geese went Down past colose to the Barn

22nd Livinia's Birth Day (Senior) Rory Willie and James Cox came to Draw Wood for the sugar Bush Drawing stones to make a Place for an arch in place of Logs

23rd Tapt some for the first putting out some Manure Fine Weather

24th Gathering and Boiling all night

25th Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Made the first sugar about 60 lbs the Boys Randolph and Bismarck a Great Feast in the Bush Brought Lettere to the house ice about opening at Francis Island where it always opens first

26th John H Birth Day a Fine Day 1876 sugaring to Day about 26 lbs Did not come well of the moles Jim Cox and Willie McDougall stopt to night for the first had their tick with them

27th Sunday Jim & Willie here all Day snowed some Thawed some Gathered about 30 pails

28th Fine Wind high Raw Boiling cutting Brush a cutter crofsted Summers Road this Morning Rory McDougall came acrofs and went Back shot a squirrel

29th About the Time James Williams Departed on the Kings Road chopping stove Wood

30th Ice opening slowly sugaring in the Bush

31st in the Bush cutting Wood for the camp about the 28th Jo Viponds Child Departed

Mr James Cameron Island April 1st 1881

All Fools Day In the Sugar Bush Sap Running well cutting wood at the camp a very Fine Day

2nd in the Bush sugaring off all Day took home a Load of sugar James Cox and Willie turned Back as the wind is high Rory making oars Got the Loan of Mine to crofs took over our Moles Full took their share of syrup and I got mine yesterday Hard Frost not Running cold some Windy

3rd Rory and Donald John came acrofs and Jim and Willie went acrofs with them took over one of their cakes 11 lb wind high Ice Jamming before the Door

4th chopping Brush in the upper Field for the cows Windy snowing Blustering

5th cutting Brush Windy fine Boiling them in the Bush Freezing

6th HughAnn went off stopt with at J McDougalls to night The Rev Mr Watsons Daughter Departed

7th Drawing Manure to the Lower Point north side

8th crofsted with J McDougall to the Foot of Hamiltons Island as he is going to Mifs Watsons Funeral Buried her Before the Door J Hamilton in Cornwall Bought of Mr Ward 100 lb of Flour Bought 10 cents of crem of Tartar paid Bought of J Summer pins 5 cents pipe got a Ride Down from Hamilton Sap Running well Fine Day Great Jamming of Ice going Down a Big Pine Tree Drove on the Head of the Island with the Force of the Ice Tom Jack getting over the Measels

9th On this Day of the Month I was Married 1862 .. 19 years to Day Sap Running well Sugaring 66 lbs to Day Raising Bee at Factory came from Hamiltons Randolph and I took a cap in my coat put it up in the sugar Bush

Mr James Cameron Island 10th of April 1881

Boiling Rory and Willie and the Boys a Fine Day ice going Down ice in a Jam

11th Sugaring of to Day all Day Began to snow very Blustering turned fine Brought me a paper Mr MDougall the Witnefs

12th Sugaring to Day took all their suga{r} home

13th Making Mollasses

14th Mr McDougall here with Dan Camerons Boat {Above it reads: Duck commenced to Lay} as he is going to Salmon River to Morrow {Above it reads: Killed 9 snakes} Peter Backe here stopt all night Fishing EEls something at the hens I Fired a shot Back of the Barn to Frighten the Fox as he is Left on the Island

15th Good Friday Peter Back went of J McDougall and Willie went to Fort Covington crofsted over to Fraser on the South Side and walked up as it is much shorter a Fine Day Randolp took the Handle from the Bush that Rory made me yesterday Fine spells of high south W Wind calm Taking the Banking out of the cookhouse putting out the iron Boxes Breaking some of the ice close to shore Drew the Bun out of the ice on the Bank Made Mollasses Mr McDougall and Willie took it acrofs and Rory crofsted alone

16th no one in the Bush to Day sap Running I took up the ashes Bismarck and I to the head of the Island seen where the Fox Killed a Goose Randolp ploughed a Few Rounds set Fire to some of the Marsh seen a crane for the First set 2 Traps Randolph Fixing the Canoe Killed 9 snakes this Week of the 14th

Mr James Cameron Island April 17th 1881

17th Easter Sunday the Sun Dances this morning came up Fine sighn of a good year cold north Wind Fine Sap Running Ducks Plenty Fan-tailed-Black Birds came - 6 or 7 of the hens Laying now watching the Cows from Going to the Sugar Bush which is not an easy Job

18th our Duncans B Day Jane McDougalls Birth Day her here to Day Bismarck went off to Day Stopt with Mr McDougall Making Mollasses Minkey Calved

19th Oxly Calved Sandy Fraser here with McDougalls Bismarck at McDougalls with Rory at the Boat Got a stick for an oar

20th Made some Mollasses Cows to the Bush took the Dishes from the Trees sap running well Made the Syrup at the House

21st I and Randolph crofsted to Hamiltons for my canoe John Boiling in the Bush Got 2 Bags of Potatoes Fine Day

22nd Lilly and Genie Calved Killed the oxly calf

23rd Randolph crofsted withe 3 Doz of Eggs Bought Tea {Above it reads: St Georges Day} Matches Thread set Traps for Wild Geese

24th Sunday High Wind Fine

25th St Marks Day E Wind high Fine Ploughing Planting Potatoes got a Potato Bug A Propeller Went up Lights Lit up in the Lower Lighthouses set 2 Hens to hatch 1 with 10 Duck Eggs Hen Eggs 14 Gordon Making a Paddle

26th Raining putting out Manure

27th A Foggy Morning E Wind St Francis First Trip up and the First Trip for the Princefs Louise Gordon and I to Fort Covington a Deacon skin Muskrat cat skin 90 cents Got my Boots Fixed 45 cents Dinner 25 Bought of – Flour 1..50 Tea 40 Tea 50 cents ½ lbs Castor oil 10 soap 9 cents soda 8 cents 20" pipe 25 1 cent stopt at Lukes had supper Water high snow melting of the Mountains Mr Smith Poorly called at Mayvilles wind high got Lower Fine Gordon and Randolph to Fish to night

Mr James Cameron Island 28th of April 1881

Mr James McDougall Willie and Alexander here had Rory's new Boat took home the sugar Bush Rigging planted 4 Rows of Potatoes acrofs took home the ashes and the Barrel and the Pot A Fine Day

29th Fixing the Gate Rained some hailing cleaning around the Gate

~~29th~~ 30th Fine crofsted to Hamiltons with Gordon sent Randolph to the store with 10 ½ lbs of Sugar at 9 cents Bought of J summer 9 ½ yds of Calico shingles nails got 3 Bags of Potatoes at hamiltons Got a Letter and 2 Papers from Charles Tupper Liverpool England Workhouse Walton on the Hill squally Rain some snow Grains a Good many Boats to Day

1st of May Sunday Fine E Wind Rained some Leander John H and I to the Sturgeon Island

2nd Ploughing in the Garden

3rd Rory McDougall here took home the Drawing Knife Algerian Went Down Ploughing in the Garden

4th the Bohemian up for the First Trip the Como came up went into Salmon River the Bohemian took Fire in Cornwall throwed the Cotton Bags OverBoard to save her Planting some

5th Randolph and I to the Butternut Island Rofs's Island Kit Kit Lots of Ducks Wild-Geese Plenty Seen Lashey & Velmuve at Charlie's Island setting their sturgeon Lines seen a Place on Rofs's Island where there was a hole Dug Last summer all covered over Got a Goose the 3 Boys On the Pit Poin{t} supposed to be Killed By the Fox Killed a Black Snake on Rofs Island

6th crofsted to Mr Wards Bought 1 Pair of Lace Boots 1..60 salt 10 lb Fine to may account 47 lb of sugar at 10 cents 4..70 Randolph Bought Cloves and Tax Found a Lot of Cotton Bags that was Thrown of the Bohemian 2 Bags of Potatoes at Hamiltons the Como into Summerstown

Mr James Cameron Island 7th of May 1881

Shoras Came Planted Corn Fixing the Fence

8th Henery Bosell and Antwines wife and children here E Wind Fine

9th Randolph crofsted with a pair of the Boots I took from Mr Wards Thunder some Rain Windy Fixing the calves Pasture Fence

10th Working at the Grove

11th Mr Burdo here came to Henerys Last night working at Fence Randolph put some of those weeds that Blows out of the Bottom of the River on the Potato Ground Gave those men 50 cents to take up Bread from Montreal cleaning their sturgeon Got the Gizzard from them they say its Good Eating

12th Ploughing the Back peice Harrowing the Bean Place

13th Harrowing putting up Fence Went ot the Kit-Kit for the Bun Fine Day the Passport went Down

14th Planted the Californias Potatoes or what they call Michinites or some name like that at the Barn a Man up from Valley-Feild slept on the Bank he is Buying cordwood went to christee Island and Na-Houta's Island Shora took 4 Loaves 6 lb a Peice from Montreal 25 cents Lots of Boats a Going now Mosquitoes Bad Making a smudge for them every night E Wind Rained Heavy to night thunder Lightning Ducks Plenty Loons Gulls Wild Geese {Illegible} Oriole came this Week

15th Windy

16th E W Wind Princefs Louisa aground at the Mouth of Salmon River

17th E Wind high

18th Making Fence a Scow here for Sand from Lancaster got 2 Dollars from them and Promised me another

19th Fixing the Fence on the Pitt Point

20th Planted the Garden Back of the house with Potatoes

Mr James Cameron Island 21st of May 1881

went to Summerstown John Hamilton with us Bought of Mr Ward 25 lb of Flour 87 ½ Salt 15 pan of Bread 24 Corinthian went Down

22nd Rogation sunday Angus Cameron and wife and 2 Boys and the Girl Had a Loaf of Bread

23rd Went to Na-Houtas Island sheared the 2 sheep a very warm Day Let the Horse out oiled him on account of the Ticks

24th The Queens Birth Day Let out the 3 calves to Pasture Firing some good volleys Cutting Weeds in the Potatoes

25th Cleaning the Weeds in the corn and Hoeing it

26th Mr Genie here him and Johnny Brought me a Bag of Potatoes Gave him a Stick for spear Pole putting Manure on the Potatoes and on the hay A fine Day

27th Crofsted to Summerstown Bought of Mr Ward 20 lb of Flour 65 ½ lb of Tea 30 got a Bag of Potatoes at Hamiltons and 50 lb of Flour All settled 35 cents a Bushel for Potatoes 31 Bushels I got John Painting the Lighthouse Seen Margaret Rose a Big Fight at Nicholsons Biddy Matty and Mary

28th Hoeing and cutting Weeds Gray comes in at night Fine E Wind Bugs Bad Eating the Potatoes Trimmed the cherry trees

29th Royal Oak Day or oakapple Day E Wind Raining Angus Cameron Down to the Fishermen to Buy Fish got a Sturgeon and 3 Pikes owes 40 cents on the fish Got 50 cents from the Fishermen Bought 2 lb of Butter 50 cents

30th Hoeing

31st J Hopkins Charlie and Johnny here with the Big Boat they found

Mr James Cameron Island 1st of June 1881

John Hamilton and Gordon here Fishermen Shora went off Rowena's Birth Day 1878

2nd Cutting Weeds

3rd John Hamiltons Heifers came Dr Dickinson here Left a Bottle of Medicine E Wind Putting the Plough through the Potatoes

4th Went to Dickinsons Island got a Powder and 2 Pills from Dr Gono Bought of J Summers 6 yds of Cotton 60 ¼ Tea 15 needles 4 cents Nutmegs 3 Bought of Ward ¼ 15 cents took Dinner at

Charlie Roses and they showed me every Room in the Hotel and Treated me besides Giving me a Glafs of scotch Whiskey John Hamilton making a Gate Thomas Mulverhill here to night 2 womans and a Man name Jones stopt here all night

5th Mulverhill went of Raining

6th went to Margaret Camerons or Rather Mr McMillians to see about the Fisheries with Mr Shora took Dinner there wind high at the Potatoes

7th at Potatoes

8th at Potatoes and corn

9th our Mary B Day 1813

10th Mr Spencer and Howland here Got a Trowling spoon from Mr Spencer as would take no pay for their Trouble

11th Trowling got a Pike sent it to J Hamilton Randolph and the Fisherman crofsed for the mail got none very warm to Day

12th Livinia and I to the Upper Point

13th Gordon Tom Jack 2 of Sam Dennis Boys here Fisherman went of

13 Went to Charty Island Randolph Fernandez and I warn

14th hoeing Weeding

15 crofsed Bought of Ward Salt 5 cents working at the Wharf Building Tents on the Hamiltons Island

16th took up a Load of slabs from Lower Point

17th Put out a Line crofsed to Frashers with Sam Conger got 35 cents warm

Mr James Cameron Island 18th of June 1881

Randolph crofsed Bought Tea 25 cents 2 spools of Thread Hooks Fishing Perch for Bait Rained some

19th Tom Summers and 2 of Angus Cameron's Boys here for Fish this is the Day the Planets is to Fall and to Destroy all on the earth Thunder Raining hard in some Places Grand Procefsion a Fine Day Princefs Louise to St Regis the Watertown went Down with a Raft Stopt at the Lighthouse Did not put any thing Down hardly this month

20th 21st

22nd our Dan's Birth Day

23 23 25 25 26 27 28 29 30th

1st of July Dominion Day

2nd Killed a calf Randolph to Mr Lukes

3rd Gordon here

4th Mr Leslie and Jim Hopkins here charlie and Tom came for the Bull

5th Our Johns B Day

6th Went Down to Rankins Bay Randolph and I to see P Bla{Cut off} seen caskenett got a Pike Trowing

7th went to Dundee Mr Smart Departed Bought Flour 1..65 Meal 75 Tea 40 Soaps 9 Calico 15 Scythe 1.. Thread 10 Rope 30 Tubs 50 Rake 15 Pink Root 10 Elixer 25 Dinner 25 candy & Randolphs calfskin to 80 Boot Mended 10

8th Jim Hopkins and charlie Fixing the Barn

9th Taking some of the stones from under the Barn so to Let it come Level The Fisherman came got their Licence in Montreal Did not write any thing Down for some time

19 Fernandez Birth Day 1874 not writing anything Down

31 Gordon and Tommy Rose here

August 1st

2nd Minnies Birth Day 1864

3rd Dr Dickinson and Charlie Rose Looking for a Boat that was stole on the Dr putting in hay

14th scryer came to night

15th Mowing

16th Randolph crofsed

17th Mr Genie here put in {Illegible}

18th Mowing

{M}r James Cameron Island Augt 19th 18801

Bismarck's Birth Day 1870 Mowing

20th very warm putting in 42 cocks of hay not writing Down Evan Frasher Departed this month
Angus suple Departed this month McArthur and Raysides Steam saw mill Burned

31st I Went to Williamstown (28) J McDougal Mr McDonald and Willie here going to F Covington to
see his sister as she is not well – Bought out to Williamstown 12 lb cake of sugar Got a Present of a
suit from Dan an awful Warm Day Great Smoke Big Fires somewhere Back (Bought Glass Powder
shot caps soap Wash Boar{d?} nails hair pins Downs Elixor RR Relief chair cotton Matches pipes
spools Tea soap Worm Candy Tea soap

1st of Sept came from Williamstown Minnie came

2nd Mowing {Illegible}

3rd Dan's Birth Day {Below it reads: 1846} Minnie to Hamiltons helped to unload a Load of hay with
Gordon and Tom

4th James McDougall and Frashers Boys here Gordon came from Hamiltons with Minnie

5th John Angus Birth Day 1850

6th Mowing

7th putting in

8 Mowing Done Mowing in the upper Field

9th Minnie and I to Williamsto{wn} Dan there and Mr Hector McRae at the Meeting to night
McLennan & McMaster

10th Came from Williamstown Bought of J Summers a Dish Matches E Wind Smoky for the Boats
helping John to put in the Stoves in the Bush Most all the campers gone took Toms coat by
mistake of the nail for my own Pic nic from Valley Field to Dr Dickinsons Island on the Bohemian

11th Sunday Rained some Fine

12th Pete Grant here putting in hay Randolph crofsed Bought Tea soda Matches commenced to
stack put 50 cocks in it to night

Mr James Cameron Island Sept 123th 1881

Raining commenced the Back Marsh to mow Mr McDonald F son of the Late Donald F and Mr
Shield here about the Island very Fine men Treated me with a good Drop of Gin Thomas Munroe
along with them

14th Took up some Potatoes Left them in a Box outside cutting hay in the Back Marsh put up 75
cocks Foggy or smoky E Wind

15th Finished the Stack put 114 cocks in it went Down with the Fishermen to get up their seine as it is Fast in a Big Log in the Bottom had to have 2 Boats Randolph and I helping them South West Wind put cornstalks at ever Ton in the stack

17th crofsted stopt at Hamiltons {Between the lines it reads: 16th Mowing put in 33 cocks} had a Talk with Mr Garfield & McAllister campers at Hamiltons got the Loan of J Hamiltons hand saw took my augur home Went to Summerstown John and I seen Dan Got a Present of 1 lb of Tea 2 lb of sugar Tobacco Bought of Mr Ward 4 Hinges and screws Barrel $\frac{1}{2}$ Bushel of salt 50 Wt of Flour 13 yds of Ticking Worm Candy Pair of Boots a Pair of Laces Glass oil High Wines stopt at the Lighthouse with John Scryers wife came up and Daughterinlaw and son Lashey at the Tent

18th very warm to Day Mrs Scryer here Mr Garfield & McAllister here Lewis Benedict the Indian Rowing them

19th Rained some this morning took up some Potatoes took some some Wood got 2 sticks for to make a Jumper Mrs Scryer Washing her mens clothes Fixing the hinges on the Door Lashey Bought Scryers Big Bun

20th at the Jumper Mowing at Potatoes

21st Fine putting in cornstalks Last Day of Summer

22nd First Day of Fall Rain Thunder Wind calm Fine Working at the Jumper Mr Creamer or Cliner Wife Boy Girl Mrs Morris Billy and Johnnie Scyer Left here yesterday

Mr James Cameron Island Septr 23rd 1881

Finished the Jumper Raining

24 Rain Thunder Fine E Wind taking up Potatoes took up the ashes about 7 Bushels of them took home some Wood with the Jumper

25th Sunday south West Wind high captain Rankin did not come up with Fran Laplante Black Cherries Falling

26th Digging the Peice of Potatoes at the Barn a Great many of them Rotting Made a heap outside Randolp mowing the Marsh

27th Randolph and I crofsted to Hamiltons Brought a Drake to Tom Bought of Mr Ward Livinias Boots 1.25 3 spools of Thread spruce Tub 30 Bought of J Summers Tobacco 25 1 pair of Braces 35 Matches Seen Bismarck and Mrs Chisholm at Summerstown gave him 25 cents got some apples at Hamiltons got Gordons hat

28th Got Ready to crofs got acrofs with Henery and Mr Burdo took Tea at antwines Walked to Lancaster stopt at Henery Lavellette's all night

29th St Michael Day got on Board the Bohemian I am for Montreal 25 cents in Montreal at about half Past 1 - slept on Board of the Steamer

30th Left Montreal Went to Dans office seen David Fraser Met with Robert Jack Started for home on the Bohemian Bought 2 Towels and 2 Hand Kerchiefs Seen George Bosell seen Murdoch McDonald on the Point on the Boat

1st of October in Lancaster up with the Fisherman stopt at Bosells Raining Windy Fine cut some Tobacco

2nd Gordon Randolph and I to Murdoch McDonalds got Dinner some Hops apples

3rd Mr Ward Mrs Ward Mrs Williams and son here Telling us of Hunters son being Lost so he Left home yesterday Taking up the Potatoes Cut all the Tobacco Drew up the Bun

Mr James Cameron Island Oct 4th 1881

Mowing in the Marsh Froze hard to night

5th Ice this Morning {Above it reads: George Bosell a young Daughter} took in the stove High Wind Drew some Wood Burdo and Henery the Fishermen went to Lancaster meet the Boat hard Frost Last night

6th Mowing in the upper end of the Marsh 19 cocks in the stack yesterday cut 19 of Blue Joint to Day went around the Island to Day Fernandez and I got a Lot of sweet Hicorys Water very Low Falling every Day Black cherries Falling

7th Finished the stack 82 cock in it 2 ½ Tons in it

8th Raining Windy Drew some Wood took some Butternuts home in the Bun Puffer had to Leave here Barges 2 of them the Wind so high

9th Fine Windy Water Low Beeck nuts Plenty Grapes Plenty

10th HughAnn's McMasters Birth Day 1844 put 15 cocks of Blue Joint in the Barn Drew some Wood Made 15 cocks in the Marsh put the Tobacco in the stable Gathered a Basket of Grapes some Grains of Snow Fell to day First snow that came Fine

11th a Fine Day Got Ready to crofs but did not go on account of Randolph crofsed Bought of J Summers 1 lb Tea 50 Flour 50 Wt 1..88 Matches Randolph picking Potatoes at Hamiltons Got apples took up some of our Potatoes to Day Leander Fernandez and John H 11 Bushels Froze hard Last night Averills Steamer went off this Evening Mrs Burdo on her

12th at Potatoes

13th at Potatoes haying

14th at Potatoes

15th Raining Charles Rose and Holesworth here I went up with them Went up to Holesworths to see his stove sold the cows for 34 Dollars 8 Dollars for the Stove to take 4 Bushels of Wheat at 1..25 Boug{ht} 1 pint of H Wines Andrew Rose poorly Captain Rankin's children not well

Mr James Cameron Island Oct 16th 1881

came from Hamiltons Gordon and I and I went Back with him to be there at the Thrashing

17th Cold and Wet Raining All Day took in their stove as it kind of cold

18th commenced to Thra{sh}

19th Thrashing came for the cattle Left 13 Dollars

20th a Dizzinefs came in my head almost Falling Down when it takes me Thrashing

21st at Hamiltons Thrashing

22nd Thrashing

23rd Livinia Birth Day 1868 Raining Gordon came Down from Hamiltons with me Apples a Bag and Basket

24th our Hugh's Birth Day Taking 14 Bushels I had in a Bin and 15 I had in a heap covered of Potatoes that over 100 Bushels in the cellar now Drew some wood

25th My Birth Day cut a Hicory Fire on some Ducks

26th Windy 5 Men here one of the Men is the Flour Inspector in Montreal Mr Boyer had St Dennis Boat gave me 35 cents to send it home Treated me to some old Rye

27th Windy Made some cheese Fixing a Box for Ashes to hold the Traveller sunk By the Passport

28th crofsted with St Dennis Boat Randolph and I Bought J Summers 10 yds of Cotton 10 yds of Linsey 2 yds of Calico Tea 2 Bars of Soap RRR Powder shot Ginger Matches a Box pipe 3 pens Bought of Mr Ward ½ Bushel of coarse salt peck Fine salt 36 lbs of Line{Cut off} ½ lb Tea Elbow and 2 Links needles sulphur nails 7 lb of Sugar pipe Butter Tub Gave 4 Dollars to Mr Ward to be put to my account East Wind Stopt at Hamiltons all night

29th Raining came home Randolph and I Mrs Hamilton came of the Boat from Montreal got a 100 lb of Flour from Tom got some apples craigs for the scow holisworths bad with Diptheria

Mr James Cameron Island Oct 30th 1881

Lots of Boats on the Water hunting a Fine Day West Wind Mr Lambert here stopt all night

31st Holy Eve Fine Lambert went off taking home wood Leander found a cushion in the Bay
Keeping Holy Eve cracking nuts till Late Randolph Livinia Leander Fernandez John H Rowena and
Stanley all at nuts Beech Butternut Bitter & sweet hickory Oak and Hazael

1st of November The Harvest Month of Death All Saints Day

2nd Randolph crossed to Hamiltons came with the scow for the Heifers Gordon Tommy Jack
Randolph and Alexander Rose East Wind all Souls Day got the Boat to Go to Lancaster

3rd Randolph and I to Lancaster 11 lb of our Weight in Lancaster 9 lb paid \$1..5 cents very windy
Rained some all wet {Above it reads: Bought of Cons Bread Lozenges 12 cents}

4th cleaning up stairs Randolph crossed with J Hamiltons Boat went Down with tom to Evans
Frashers about a Holy Eve scrape Viponds Gate plastering the stable Gordon Left Hamiltons salted
11 Dozen and a Half of Eggs shelled 2 Bushels of corn

5th Guy Fawks Day Banking E End of the House Mr Burdo here Phillip Brought me an overshirt
from Montreal 1..25 put some manure {Above it reads: under} around the apple Trees on the Lower
Point Frose hard Last night Fine wind changed to East almost in snow the Rain that fell

6th Henery Bosells & Burdo here got Milk James McDougall and the 2 Girls Jane and Annie and the
2 Boys Alex Peter and Donald John Tommy Rose and alexander Rose in the Bush at nuts Fine
Rained some West Wind

Mr James Cameron Island Nov 7th 1881

Helens Birth Day a Transit of Mercury over the Disc of the Sun Mr Rofs and Tate here hunting

8th East Wind Randolph and I to Rofs's Island charlies and the Kit Kit Island seen George Bosell
Fishing Dorry

9th Plastering and Banking Fishermen Went to Montreal got 2 suckers from them high Wind

10th Whitewashing

11th Drawing Wood Drew a Load to the Fisherman Frost Last night

12th 1st snow storm East Wind the Fisherman came Rained some snow went of to night Wind
changed to West a Great Robbery on the cars at ogdensburg 2 coarse coffins came up on the
Bohemian from St Annicet

13th Windy Leander and I up around the Island Phillip the Fisherman crossed to Bosells The
Princefs Louise Made 2 Trips to Lancaster

14th Took about a Ton of hay out of the Marsh put in the west of the 3 stacks Mowed some in the
Marsh Banking some Fine Windy

15th snowing West Wind The Fishermen went off Left all their Rigging nets sturgeon Line stove 2 Pipes elbo Boxes Gave me his oilskin coat chopping stove wood

16th Randolph and I crofsted to Summersto{wn} Donald McDonald a sale of all his things house Furniture cattle hay Grain got a Treat of Cider at Hamiltons took Dinner There got 2 young Kittens Bought of J Summers 1 pair Boots 1..45 2 yds cloth 80 cents 2 yds Linsey 25 6 yds Cotton 60 ½ lb Tea 25 3 lb Rope 50 Bought of Ward 1 pair Boots 2..25 1 pair 1..10 1 pair 65 1 lb Soda 10 nails 10 oil some soap this is the St Francis Last Trip

Mr James Cameron Island 17th of November 1881

Banking the House some took up the Fishermens Boxes from the Lower Point a very Fine Day E Wind Warm Set 4 Traps for the First setting wind change to South West Blowing Hard to night a Good many Boats a going to Day some Shooting some Few Ducks in the Cord Wood Bay 2 Stationary Planets to Day this Makes chane in Wind and Weather the Sun Draws Rain Rained some tonight

18th Fixing the shed hen house and calve stable no Boats went up or Down to Day a Bun went up passed the Door hunters stopt in the Bay and at the Hicory Trees

19th cold some high East Wind some Grains of snow set Fire in the Marsh Dont Burn well Randolph got 3 Rats for the first Fed the cattle in to night for the First put in the Calves snowed some to night Wind changed through to West water raised some to Day Made cheese to Day Took the Milk out of the Milk house Making Tobbacco Plugs to night

20 West Wind Fine cold some

21st on this Day of the Month D McMaster Departed 1846 Drawing Wood high Wind got a Rat Made 3 Muskrat Moles for stretching them on Freezing to night Eclipse to Day

22 Ground hard with Frost Last night I Dont think that the Princefs Louise came out of Salmon River to Day Fixing the Calves Door of their stable took some of the rough stuff of the Bottom of the canoes Got a Rat ice up in the Rushes tied 3 of the cattle in to night set the Back Marsh a fire to night Freezing to night a Fine Day cold no Boats went to Day

23rd Bohemian and St Francis up and Down the Bohemian went straight Down the channel for the Last Trip set Fire in the upper part of the front Marsh

24th set Fire to the East End of the Marsh West 2 Men here Left there Boat thought this was Frashers Point snowing Working at the hen house so{Page folded over} to Day

Mr James Cameron Island 25th of Nov 1881

Banking in the cookhouse cold Frosty turned fine in the Evening wind changed to South E then changed to South West no Boats to Day Lights all up Feeding the cattle putting them in cutting Stove wood

26th high South West Wind a Tug went Down with 2 Barges snowed a Little not cold snow Melting some Drops of Rain Drawing Drags seen a Mink Track at the Foot of the Island set 4 Traps to night for him I suppose the Burning of the Marshes on Both sides Drove him here Ducks not Plenty seen a Flock of Wild Geese yesterday Warm Marshes Burning on the south side Well

27th snow and Rain

28th cutting Wood

29th high Wind

30th St Andrews Day The Festival of the Scotch Firing some shots Killed 2 Roosters Drew some Wood a Fine Day

1st of December Went to Summerstown Bought of Mr Ward $\frac{1}{2}$ Bushel of salt 25 8 lb of Pork 1..24 Pins 8 Tax 1 cent $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Tea 25 Soap 8 3 lb of nails 12 Bought of J Summers Tea 25 Broom 25 Blue 2 nutmegs 3 spools 10 Raining high Wind stopt at Hamiltons all night a Light on cherry Island to night

2nd came home got 50 lb of Flour 22 lb of Pork 1 Bushel of Pease Heard James Hugh came home Heard James MacIlvains Daughter Died

3 got a Mink Fine snowing raining

4th Gordon here Brought my short gun home he is thrashing with Charlie Parisha Brought a Drefs from Bismarck to Sissy

Mr James Cameron Island 5th of Dec 1881

Windy Drawing Wood piling old Wood Fine

6th the Festival of the Germans St Nicholas Fixing the step of the Door Fixing around the sheds high Wind calm Rain Randolph not well Rowena not well cattle pick-ing out in the Daytime

7th Raining E Wind changed to West Randolph and I to Lancaster for the yarn 7 lb 24 skains paid 1.5 cents paid when I Left the wool Went to Mr Dunlops took Dinner Randolph and I Bought of Mr McCrimmon 1 pair of Boots for Rowena 1..10 Bought a Pair for Myself 3..10 cents came up along shore as the Wind is high as far as Frashers Point then cut acrofs and we had a hard time crofsing as the Wind was very high Left the canoe at the Lower Point as the Wind is high to take it around to the Door all wet snowed to night

8th cold Blowing Feeding Cattle cutting stove Wood

9th a Fine Day thawing Windy Drawing Drags a sail Down at the Kit Kit

10th Leanders Birth Day 1872 Fine Day Drawing Drags

11th Sunday cold and Fine

12th Went to Howlesworth's got the stove and 4 Bushels of Wheat Drove it Down to J Hamiltons for me in the Waggon Bought of Mr Ward ½ lb Tea 30 Tax 2 cents Brought 3 Rats to John Hamilton John & Tom Jack to Lancaster with a Load of Buckwheat Roads Rough Left my wheat at Hamiltons till they would be going to mill Big wind to night

13th went for the stove to Hamiltons got John's Boat Raining took a Drake to Hamiltons took the Boat out of the Boat house for me put out the Double stove put up the cooking stove to night had a Bottle of Wine

14th Raining Wind choppin stove Wood

{M}r James Cameron Island 15th of Dec 1881

Started to crofs Did not go as it Look like a storm of snow snowed a Little went to the Bush raising up Troughfs all raised Fixing a hinge on the stable Door cutting wood Windy cold some Freezing some to night

16th Went home with J Hamiltons Boat to the Store Oil 40 cents got a Bag of apples from J Hamilton got a cornwall paper Fine E Wind Freezing some tonight Let our canoe Down near the Oak-log as the ice dont Freeze so much as our Landing-Place shot an owl yesterday as he is Looking for the Hens

17th Cutting and Piling stove-wood put a Lot in the celler Put out some manure took the soft-Maple Boards out of the stable into the Barn Trying if the Marsh would Burn

18th Sunday

19th Took the stick ashore and Trying to take it up

20th cutting stove wood Mr J McDougall here a Fine Day Told me Lewis Blondeau was Buried yesterday Thomas Summer Married

21st crofsed to Hamiltons a very Fine Day Bought of J Summers ½ lb Tea 1 ¾ yds of Calico John away got a Parcel from Mrs AJ Baker and papers stopt at Hamiltons all night Election time for councillors and Reeves Mr P Purcell going for Reeve

22nd came from Hamiltons got a Bottle of Wine and a Bottle of Cider Raining some E Wind Froze some to night

23rd chopping Stove Wood high E Wind Water Raised some

24th Fine Frosty north West Wind some cold Raising the stick Down at the River chopping stove Wood

Mr James Cameron Island Dec 25th 1881

Christmas Day Sunday High West Wind Fine Leander John H and I to the upper Point all around the north side of the Island

26th set fire in parts of the Marshes made a pile of Wood over in the North Marsh clearing and cleaning up the Marsh as there is splendid Blue Joint growing in it Commenced to Rain St Stephen's Day

27th St John The Evangelist Day Fine Calm wind ~~Changed to West~~ East Wind Randolph and I went Down the way of the Kit Kit for EEIs got none Drew up the stick at the River some the Fine Hay all Done on the Barn Floor Besides a good Deal on the East Mow and Marsh hay in the upper stack used

28th Holy Innocents Day Fine Calm Tried for EEIs got none got the stick On the Balance at the River another of the Cats got into the Trap at the Lower Point wind changed to West Kind of Warm seen a Lot of Black Ducks in the Back Bay and at the Lower Point about 26 of them lots of snow Birds every Day But no snow

29th Our Angus's Birth Day East Wind some Rain Fine Randolph crofsted to Summerstown Heard Little J McDouga{II} Departed yesterday Bought of Mr Ward ½ lb of Tea Tax a Ball to Be at Summers's on Friday

30th Snowing this Morning turned Fine high W Wind {c}utting Wood and Brush in the Upper Field Randolph putting out Manure Drew some Wood Raised the End of the stick at the shoe one of the cats Died that got in the Trap

31st Last Day of the Year Froze Last night snowing hard West Wind Fine Filled the straw Tic Water Raising

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