

It threatened rain  
~~but~~ this morning  
but passed off toward  
ten o'clock. Suc-  
ceeded in getting in  
eight loads from  
the field by the  
church.

Weather very warm  
but fine for haying.

Had a visit from  
uncle Holmes, Matt  
Lewis and his wife  
this afternoon, but  
could not spend  
much time with  
them myself.

Our red head chur-  
nies are ready for  
use and the other  
nearly ripe. This  
morning and will  
soon be ready for  
harvesting.

Have succeeded  
in getting in eight  
loads of hay, more  
from the field by  
the truck to day.  
Rain came this  
evening however  
just as we were  
getting in our last  
load - a very heavy  
thunder shower  
with violent wind.  
Green crops had  
been badly leveled,  
Wheat was so near  
rips however as  
to be past injury,  
of course.

Had a price list  
for all cake meals  
from J. & J. Loring  
of Baden Cut, and  
lower than I have  
ever seen for anything here.

Rain last night  
prevented us from  
drawing to day, as  
both men cultivated  
corn this fore-  
noon while I was  
busy at repairing  
roofs. This after-  
noon Linas has  
been cutting in  
our back hay-  
field and I had  
been into the corn  
until this evening.  
I shook out the  
hay still in the  
front field this  
afternoon, expecting  
to draw to-morrow.  
Took a shot this  
morning. Wheat,  
oats and pea fields  
this evening. The  
all look promising.

We have finished getting in hay from the field by the church today. Hauled six loads more today making twenty two loads about nine acres besides rickings.

Got to work cutting and raking in the back field again this afternoon. This latter field does not appear so heavy as the field by the church.

Weather very fine since the rain, so cool and pleasant. Summer weather is again coming apparently.

Linna has been cutting this forenoon in the back hay field. This afternoon we have been raking and cocking up that all up in good shape and this load of raking is ~~the~~ from the front field which finishes that part of the job.

Was expecting all our family and men also to leave me to morrow for Pot Haven where the Orangemen celebrate the Battle of the Boyne.

Weather very fine for haying just now.

Our whole family together with Alf and his family went to town today, it being Orange celebration there. I remained at home all alone.

Had then work of it this evening when milking time came however, as had no time to do most things to night. With Maggie and Martha's help have got through some of our cows are very hard to milk and it takes time as well as muscle. It seems as though a wedding set was necessary before now.

Next set to home this morning to church. My dear wife went with me and Glad being there we all had the privilege of the house of God. Bro. John Semmes our Senior minister officiated. Enjoyed the service very much throughout more especially the class meeting. The pastor fulfilled his promise and made due in due midst.

Had dinner at home as usual. Afterwards Maggie and I spent a couple of hours in the wood reading &c.

My new and I  
have been drawing  
in hay from the  
back field to day.

Got in several loads  
from the field west  
of the woods. There  
are still two or three  
loads out ready to draw.

Have been getting  
paris green on the  
potatoes along the  
side road. Several  
times of helping to  
unload hay.

Weather very warm  
and sultry. Feel  
it very much when  
mowing away in  
the sheds and drive  
house.

God is my refuge  
and strength: a very  
present help in trouble.

Continued to get  
no hay until near  
noon to day.

Lines went to cut-  
ing this afternoon  
again. Feel some-  
what uneasy about  
new laying lasting  
so long. Harvest  
is apparently very  
near at hand, it  
likely, I am afraid  
to interfere much  
with laying.

Maggie and I  
went out to blow  
this afternoon, called  
at the cheese-factory  
on the way, got some  
cheese for our evening  
dinner a pleasant drive  
along the lake shore  
with an order  
for Max Wine at E.H.  
Co. Toronto.

Lines finished  
cutting the field  
west of woods. This  
forenoon. This af-  
ternoon we have  
been raking and  
cocking up hay  
in same field.  
Got it all raked  
and mostly put  
up to night.

One of our cows  
was in great danger  
from cholera to day.  
Saw serious trouble  
from the long time  
it took her to come  
in. The calf was  
dead when it came  
which was, I think,  
the principal cause.

Went over to hear a  
friend of John Martin's  
this evening at the  
church.

Have been drawing  
in hay from  
the field west of  
the woods. To day  
got in five loads  
only + a shower of  
rain which came  
at about noon pre-  
vented us from  
work a while.  
Put in the last  
time very well  
however at being  
beams &c.

Have been work-  
ing in the garden  
myself. Have not  
helped unload  
hay.

Cool weather has  
apparently come  
again.

Wheat harvest is  
well. Some of the  
corn having been



Finished getting in  
the hay from the  
field east of the  
woods today, - I packed  
in and out.

Have had twenty  
one loads from  
this field and  
twenty three from  
the other - making  
forty four in  
all so far.

Have been cutting  
the patch north of  
drum barn this eve-  
ning.

Was surprised to  
find that seed wheat  
was ready to go into  
at once. Conclu-  
ded to make a  
start - to morrow,  
all being well  
in H. E. Cohen's field.

Levan finished  
cutting the patch  
of hay back of  
Arno. I am this  
morning. Afterward  
I helped him to  
get the binder  
ready for work  
and this after-  
noon he has  
been cutting in  
the North East  
Corner field.

Fred & I have been  
cutting around fences  
& putting up the hay.

I went out to mow  
this evening.

Had our old friend  
Rev John Hearman &  
his friend Rev. Mr.  
Vauclust to take  
dinner with us  
today.

Instead of going  
out to see our  
church in Port Hope  
this morning we  
thought best to  
remain at home  
and hear Bro.  
John Heartman, in  
the Advent Church.

He certainly gave  
us a powerful dis-  
course on heart  
purity &c. Felt  
much profited by  
the service. It  
was thoroughly Meth-  
odistic, & especially  
in its earnestness &  
spiritual power, com-  
ing from the presence  
of the Holy Spirit.

Next week this evening  
also I hear Bro. Van -  
do not remember name  
also a profitable service.

Linus worked away  
in the N. E. Corner  
wheat field to day  
as usual. I think  
he has the field  
about two thirds cut.

I went down to  
farm's this fore-  
noon after doing  
chores & c. Sent away  
money for sugar, also  
an order for oil  
cake meal & J. J.  
Livingston of Khdun.  
Jeff has been hoe-  
ing potatoes in the  
orchard most of the  
day, while I have  
been setting up wheat  
sheaves this after-  
noon.

Weather very fine  
for harvesting just  
arrived.

Linus has been working with the binder in the N. E. Corner field again today. Did not get it cut as I expected; but, as always or more still remains to finish.

Had and I have been shocking up in same field and left it all shocked up this evening, excepting but a few sheaves.

Was confirmed in my estimate of the crop by going through the field. Mamma shows itself remarkably well in the wheat and seed sowing to grass.

Linus finished cutting the N. E. Corner field this forenoon and got started in the new ground field just before noon. He continued to cut this afternoon as usual. Fred has been hoeing potatoes in the velvet mosh of the side. This afternoon however we got in three loads of hay from back the drive barn, staking forty seven loads in all for this year.

Our old friend Mr. The Hall and his wife came this afternoon to visit.

Have kept the  
 garden going most  
 of the day. Rain  
 came about ten-  
 o'clock - a light  
 shower; but, enough  
 to put to a stop to  
 harrowing & plowing.

Spent most of the  
 forenoon visiting  
 with my friend Mr  
 Holl who has resided  
 in Michigan these  
 twenty odd years.  
 Before that he lived  
 as a near neigh-  
 bor to us. They  
 left us just after  
 dinner. Was sur-  
 prised to hear that  
 Mr. Holl was seventy  
 six years of age.  
 He is quite an in-  
 teresting gentleman.

Linus has finished  
 cutting the new  
 growing field the  
 forenoon. He has  
 also got the new  
 new field half done.  
 Hope to finish cut-  
 ting wheat to morrow.  
 Fred has been set-  
 ting up plowmen most  
 of the time.

I have been en-  
 gaged at hoeing  
 turnips and my  
 wife has kindly  
 turned in to help at  
 weeding and thinning.  
 It is a quite serious  
 job the weeds having  
 got quite a start.  
 Ella and Maffie  
 have been down  
 to Mrs. Clarkes this  
 afternoon on a  
 visit.

Leaves has con-  
 tinued to cut wheat  
 in the ten-acre field  
 to day. Succeeded in  
 getting all out this  
 evening, and up  
 in shock. I helped  
 Fred setup sheaves  
 this forenoon, but  
 this afternoon have  
 been putting Paris  
 Green on potatoes  
 and weeding turnips  
 in the garden.

Went out to the post  
 this evening after  
 Bill Lake had ordered  
 a box of books of J. T. J.  
 University of Baden  
 that I found it at  
 the station already.

Paid Tomkins dues  
 to J. J. J. & returned  
 them.

Took one and  
 Maggie with  
 me to church  
 this morning.

Did not go to our  
 own church, but  
 to hear our old boy  
 Harry Key at the  
 English Church.

He did remarkably  
 well and with  
 I believe, with  
 God's blessing he  
 will make a use-  
 ful man in the  
 Church of England.  
 I have been telling  
 one that he would  
 become a Bishop  
 yet, if spared.

His sermon about  
 prayer was really  
 excellent, much  
 beyond the ordinary.

Got to work in very good time this morning at new wheat drawing.

Robert Mc Bride has been helping us through the day and George Mc Bride about half the day.

Met with a misfortune, first load after dinner when a waggon tyre ran off and the waggon wheel broke completely in two. This prevented us drawing with the two teams long so I took the broken wheels to house for repair. My wheel broke but we are quick to use until the mending was done.

We have been getting in wheat again today after getting started this morning which took us some little time. Rob. and George Mc Bride have been helping us through the day. Drew in four seed loads yesterday and fifteen today from the N. E. Corns field. Making twenty nine so far.

Mai went out to house this evening after Mrs. Platt and Mrs. James Fiddell, the former being Grace Horner - wife of H. G. James prospect for



We got started  
at drawing wheat  
this morning again.  
Worked until half  
past eleven when  
it began to rain.  
Bot M. Bride alone  
helped us to day.  
Rathed this forenoon  
for this afternoon  
we cut thistles in  
the orchard, it  
being too wet to draw  
wheat.

Got in six loads  
this forenoon and  
two more this eve-  
ning making thirty  
wheals in all so far.  
Had thirty good loads  
from the R.C. Comes field  
besides the new wheat  
(Lumpkin) that took two  
Wah. and Mrs Pittell  
were here evening

Got to work at  
wheat hauling this  
morning again.  
Bot M. Bride has  
been helping us  
through the day.  
Safely hauled twelve  
loads more from  
the new ground  
field, - four loads  
of these were from  
the ten-acre field  
however. The  
cutter is rather  
poor than I  
thought, there be-  
ing so much  
shrunken wheat.

~~Thomas Jackson~~  
came up this eve-  
ning  
Could not go to  
the grange to night as  
we had business to  
attend to.

Knew in one  
last load of wheat  
after dinner ex-  
cept raking.

Bot. helped us this  
aft forenoon, to get  
in all but the  
last load.

Had ten loads  
in the ten-acre field  
& fifteen in New-  
ground & thirty three  
in the E. Corn field.  
Fifty seven loads  
in all without  
raking.

Doing the wheat  
bolls very poor and  
very good. The ten-  
acre field in par-  
ticular was very  
poor, both in quality  
and in quantity.  
Being very much  
struck.

Have been ex-  
tremely busy to-  
day working in  
the garden and  
at sundry other  
jobs, getting ready  
for going to Lytle  
dock, &c.

The crew pulled  
peas with the horse  
rake this forenoon  
and this afternoon  
have been working  
in the mangels &  
turnips.

Maggie and I  
started for Lytle dock  
at about half past  
four P.M. Called for  
a short time in Linc-  
coln & got to Mrs Cay-  
lers at about half  
past eight. Saw  
a bush fire on the  
way a fine sight.

My wife and I stayed all night at her sister, Mrs. Sarah Crystals and to day attended quarterly meeting at the Lyneville Methodist Church. Had a very excellent discourse from the pastor Rev. Mr. Colmore. Went to Maggie's father's after services where we remained until evening. Had some interesting conversations with my father-in-law respecting religious matters. Drove home by way of Delhi stopping there a few minutes, with my usual relations.

Having arrived home called Kate last night, ~~gone~~ or called this morning from Seynedoch, did not feel much like business to day.

Paed and Leinas have pulled peas with their horse-rake this forenoon and this afternoon have been cutting a patch of oats, two bushels sowing, of a new variety.

Got into a scrape with Leinas this evening mostly on account of other people's talk, and talk.

Were blessed with a delightful rain-shower this forenoon, so did not do much.

This afternoon the men have been pulling peas and I have been making wheat skinble in N. E. Corner field.

Was off this forenoon and for a while this afternoon after a rainfall to break out our pea crop.

Think I have succeeded in getting the stringer machine to come tomorrow afternoon, if it don't rain.

The men finished pulling peas this forenoon & afterwards got up some wood, some for shreeking etc.

I started off in search for help and had to go all around before I could find enough. Had dinner at Jackson's.

The threshers came about the middle of the forenoon, I succeeded in getting more than half of the peas drawn and threshed by 6:30 o'clock.  
George M. Wade, James H. Thompson, & N. Hall have been helping.

Finished streak-  
ing seed peas  
at about five  
o'clock this forenoon.  
The same hands  
helped us this fore-  
noon as yesterday.

Had our lumber  
and forty bushels  
gone to the machine,  
which is much  
less than the field  
promised to yield.

Red and Linas  
got started at draw-  
ing manure from  
the barn-yard today  
rather this afternoon.  
I have been rake-  
ing the new ground  
wheat stubble this  
afternoon.

Mr. Taylor's ~~brother~~ Charles  
and James came to visit  
us today.

Linax has been  
cutting oats and peas  
in the hilly field  
by drive-barre, with  
the snowing machine.

The crop is a  
very poor one  
and yet it was  
well put in, and  
on very good ground.

The men have  
been getting out  
manure again  
this afternoon.

I worked this  
forenoon at rake-  
ing stubble. Fin-  
ishing this job for  
this year.

Have been hoeing  
turnips in the  
garden this after-  
noon.

Has been very warm

Fred has been helping Walter & Thomas through the day. Thomas has been cutting peas and oats. Miss Gorewood while this afternoon has been drawing manure.

I have been busily engaged, as usual, this forenoon at raking peas and oats with the horse rake.

This afternoon have been hoeing turnips in the garden.

Weather still warm and dry. Evening prospect of a shower tonight.

Went out to Quarterly meeting to day taking ma and Maggie with me.

A large congregation was present and the meeting very good notwithstanding its length - for it was nearly four hours in duration.

Had dinner at Mr Silverthorn who lives on the old Sovereign place. It seemed rather late to come home when meeting was out being three o'clock, and then our appetites were greatly keen.

Ed went to  
pull peas for his  
father-in-law Mr  
Dowley to day,  
his old father-in-law  
being sick and he  
not able to get any  
one to take care  
of them for him.

Lines finished  
cutting the oats &  
peas this forenoon.  
This afternoon he  
has been cutting  
oats with the binder  
in the eleven acre  
field.

I have been keep-  
ing receipts in the  
garden most of the  
time and my wife  
has been working  
for me



Fred has been helping Walter Cheslake strench for me to day. They got done this evening. For the present! Limes was continued to cut & find the eleven acre field of ~~starch~~ oak.

I have been variously engaged part of the time however I have been using turnips in the garden.

Miss Jones and Misses left us to day after make us quite a visit.

Weather still keeps dry and rather warm.

Fred has been helping James Chell and Shreck to day for me.

Linus has been setting up cleaves in the oat-field and cutting with the binder &c.

I went down to Jarvis after some binding wire to finish out cutting & binding.

Was fortunate enough to get a ball for it seems to be all sold off from the store. Received a month's cheese money which came to forty two dollars and twenty two cents. Rather more than I expected.

Linus finished cutting rice out this forenoon. He had a considerable trouble with the binder towards the east. He will be obliged to take it to the blacksmith shop for repairs before another run west, if all is well.

We have got in four loads of oak this afternoon, for the first.

Have had indications of rain but all was passed off and a continued drought seems no order.

Ma went up to Lind Cove to Hugh Culver's day.

The men and I  
have been drawing  
out and pear to lay  
from the hilly  
field. Have drawn  
six loads and  
stacked them back  
of the barn.

My old friend W.  
J. Carpenter and  
wife came to visit  
us this forenoon.  
Have not been able  
to spend much  
time with him  
in account of my  
work.

Went out to dinner  
this evening, and  
attended the Foresters  
meeting for the  
first time since  
my initiation. Paid  
my dues also.

Fred and Limes  
have been getting  
in oak and pines  
most of the time  
to day.

I went up to  
Lincolne this morn-  
ning on some mat-  
ters of business at  
the bank. &c. Got  
back by noon &  
have been helping  
the men get in  
the last of the  
oak and pines this  
afternoon.

My father-in-law  
Mr. James Ferguson  
came to make my  
wife and I his first  
visit since our  
marriage nearly  
a year ago; on  
last Christmas.

Went out to  
meeting this fore  
noon. Taking Mary  
die with her father  
and sister with  
me. Did not  
enjoy the service  
so much as I  
should have liked.  
Singing to being long  
and sleepy. Did  
not remain to  
class - on account  
our relatives who  
wished to depart  
soon after dinner  
for home.

The Good Lord has  
sent us a beautiful  
rain to day. Not  
enough to soften the  
ground for ploughing  
but sufficient to let  
young corn come up.

The men have  
been getting out  
manure from the  
barn-yard to the  
field back of the  
barn to day.

I have been  
engaged at sundry  
jobs during the  
day. Had a short  
visit from Mr. E.  
P. Post this afternoon.  
He is at present  
on account of ill  
health compelled to  
be laid aside from  
work. The Pullman  
Company have given  
him a four month  
leave of absence  
to recruit up. Have  
never seen him  
look so much as  
the weather.

The men and I  
worked at getting  
in ballance of  
out crop so day.  
There was six loads  
besides yours already  
drawn, making 16.  
Rain came this  
afternoon and in-  
terfered some with  
our work but will  
do great good.  
It has only fallen  
in moderate quan-  
tities however &  
will scarcely ben-  
efit the ploughing.  
Heard from my  
old friend Mr. W.  
H. Bradley this  
evening. He still  
reports the usual  
heavy work, with  
continued health.

Fred and Lewis have been drawing out manure from the barn yard to the field back of the barn as usual.

I have been as busily engaged as ever at sundry jobs. This afternoon I have raked the oat field however, consisting of eleven acres.

The rain yesterday has greatly benefited the growing plants, especially young clover &c. It has cleared off beautifully & d.

A very heavy rain storm came to day. It finished up with a heavy wind which blew down our corn for certain.

Fred and Liza got to work at the machine hauling again this afternoon. Have been working at repairing the barbet were fixed on both end of rig flat. for the purpose of keeping pigs out of the corn etc.

The rain of today has left everything in fine shape. Hauling will be done early now.

The men have been getting out manure again to day.

I have been trying to shut the hoes out of the corn field. Have been at it more than a day and a half. Found to my disappointment that my work was after all a failure, for they nearly all got in again before I had finished my work.

Mrs and Maggie went up to Clarke this afternoon for a visit.

Our neighbour Mrs Richard M. Brides died this morning at Lynn Falls.



Since went away  
to day, to Port Dover  
these being a Rail-  
way excursion there.

Fred has been  
getting out manure  
around this forenoon  
but, this afternoon  
he has had Rob,  
McBeide helping.

I have been  
working around as  
usual. This afternoon,  
with the  
help of my dear  
wife and Bertha  
we have finished  
weeding out and  
turning our turneps  
in the garden &c.

Have been busy  
almost right and  
day of cake. Hope  
to rest some.

On account of the  
funeral of old lady  
Mrs. Maggie, M<sup>rs</sup>. Baird  
wife of our near neighbor  
bro Richard M<sup>rs</sup>. Baird  
which took place to-  
day, we did not  
find it possible to  
attend our own  
church in the Port.

My wife and I  
went with the pro-  
cession to the cem-  
tery. Quite a large  
number of people  
were in attendance  
as is usually the  
case when a  
funeral occurs on  
the Sabbath day.

The good Lord  
has been with me  
to day as my joy  
and my song.

The men have been working so day as usual.

Fred has finished covering the field back of the barn with manure. This has taken all of the manure in the barn yard.

Linds has got started ploughing in the Kelly field at East.

I have been helping Mr. James Mc Bride thresh. My work was to build the straw stack.

Had a shot call this evening from Ed. Henry of taking this evening along in the morning.

Fred has been away so day, on business of his own up in Townsend.

Linds has been ploughing as usual and I have had Rob. M. Bridge working in Fred's place.

I have been spreading manure before the plough in field back of barn.

There has been some appearance of rain this afternoon, and to night it is falling slowly.

We as usual, are exceedingly busy and have no time for rest.

Times has continued to plough in field by drive-barre, 8 day.

Fred has also been ploughing, but, in the field back of barn.

Should have both teams ploughing in same field; but, do not find it possible to spread manure as fast as two teams can plough.

Spent nearly the whole forenoon in churning, it being customary to make butter by Saturday night and ~~start~~ Sunday morning milk.

Expected to have had threshers today; but, were disappointed. Got word this evening however, saying that they would not likely be here until Saturday.

Both the men have been ploughing and I have been spreading manure, which not doing their work; or close.

The ground is becoming rather hard and dry, so that ploughing does not improve. Weather is rather cool as well as dry.

Wend and Lizzie  
have continued to  
plough again to-  
day. We see in  
field back of the  
barn where I have  
been spreading man-  
ure and the other  
in the hilly field  
north of Horse-barn.

Ma went out to  
blow this after-  
noon with Bertie.  
While she was gone  
Addam and Lord  
came, with Jim Harris.  
Soon after the  
Watts girls and a  
friend from West-  
gate, Miss M. Michael,  
Maggie and her  
hands full for a  
while entertaining  
company &c.

The men have  
continued to plough  
to day as usual.

I have been  
working at sundry  
jobs. This after-  
noon have been  
away amongst the  
neighbours for  
hands to sweep on  
Monday next.

Think that I  
have succeeded  
in getting enough  
help.

The weather  
still keeps remark-  
ably cool and dis-  
turbous with the  
Cold North Wind.

Find that the  
smut now come  
is getting nearly  
ripe, but the other  
is going backwards.

Went out to  
church as usual  
taking Mrs and  
Bertha with me  
Had a quite in-  
teresting discourse  
from our young  
minister, Rev. Cal-  
vert.

Had a blessed  
time in our  
class-meeting; our  
communion together  
being exceedingly  
precious.

Have enjoyed  
the remaining por-  
tion of the day  
at home very  
much. O. has  
precious and these  
earthly Sabbaths.  
He is so bene-  
fitted thereby.

The threshing machine having come last week was ready for work and started operating this morning. Have been threshing all day and are about half done to night.

James McBride has been helping also James Challand man, Walter Ducking man, James Stone & Bob & George McBride & A. Harris man part of the afternoon.

The wheat has turned out as well as I expected but is somewhat full of small grains.

We have been  
threshing again to  
day. Did not  
get done until  
this evening, after  
which we had to  
help move the  
machines out  
to Rowes. Limes  
drove six team.

The same bands  
that helped us yester-  
day have been  
with us to day ex-  
cept James M.C.  
Kridle this after-  
noon and Alex-  
ander Harris man  
who helped an hour  
to do this morning.  
Bag 551 Bu Wheat  
from the machines.  
22 1/2 Bu of 69 of  
50 1/2 4 years, mixed.



Wants men have  
got to ploughing  
again to day. Fed  
in the oats stubble  
and timos in the  
hilly field by drive  
dame.

I went out to  
the Port Hovel mill  
with a small quantity  
of <sup>new</sup> wheat, our flour  
being gone. Found  
the sponger made  
bes of old Barrett  
family here with  
Mrs Scott of Toronto  
to visit us. <sup>5</sup>  
Enjoyed their com-  
pany until the  
evening very much.  
Found myself in  
a disagreeable position  
this evening. H. J. Don  
and T. Jackson both are  
to be here to morrow.

Have been helping James Home through to day. George W. Wade has also been helping him for once, not wanting to stop a body from sowing. His grain turned out about the same as our own. Hired and hired have been ploughing in their respective fields as usual.

Have just heard of the illness of our near neighbour John Starr. He seems to have been failing for some months and, I fear is on the verge of a long and tedious illness.

Feed and Sines  
have both been  
ploughing again to-  
day. The former in  
the oats stubble  
and the latter in  
the hills field by  
drive-barn.

I went down to  
Jacksons after get-  
ting my chores done  
to see whether he  
had indeed got his  
threshing done  
yesterday. Was sorry  
to find that he  
had threshed without  
my help. While by  
the way he had  
been promised. The  
agreement was that  
the whistle should be  
blown. This had been  
done but I had failed  
to hear it.

Fred has been ploughing and rolling in the second field back of the barn.

Lewis has been at the same work in the other, or hilly field N. of the drive-barn. He has just about finished ploughing this field.

I went out to blow this forenoon. Looked near along and left her to drive until to-morrow, when we expect to meet at church.

My wife has just heard from her friend John. She is married & living in Iowa.

Went out to the Port this morning as usual, to St. Louis church.

Bro. John Saunders preached, it being his Sunday. The subject of his discourse was, the necessity of being baptized with the Holy Ghost in order to usefulness in any walk of life. Also a description with reference to the personality of the Holy Spirit.

Had a very precious season in the fellowship meeting afterwards. The blessed Spirit was present to our praise.

The men have been ploughing in the second field behind the barn most of the time to day. Since finished the hill side field this morning. So we have now some six or seven acres altogether to plough before seeding.

I have been spreading manure when I could get a chance; but this was scarcely half of the time. It takes me so long now to do chores and to run to the blacksmiths - shop for steel - sharpening &c.

Both girls and Fred have been ploughing to day as usual. Fred rolled most of the forenoon however I have been spreading manure when not otherwise engaged. He not seem to make much head way; there being so many other things to attend to.

Our ground is in fine order for seeding, being quite crumbed and mellow.

Our young visitors Olive & Maggie, August was still with us but was to go to school

Our ploughing  
and rolling still  
hold out. Fred  
has been har-  
rowing part of  
the time however  
in the field back  
of the barn.  
I am not able  
to keep manure  
spread as fast  
as one team.  
I am ploughing &  
this gives Fred a  
chance to harrow  
part of the time.  
There are some  
five lands yet  
and which the  
manure is not  
spread. I have  
done my utmost  
to get along to day  
but to no great pur-  
pose.

Rain began falling last night from the North East and has continued at intervals through the day. Clearing weather has not yet come but I fancy the rain is over for this time. A ~~to~~ good deal of water has fallen and will be a great help to seeding, I am sure.

We have been doing small jobs around the barn most of the time.

William Watts came this afternoon & I walked up with him & wrote up the book & had done.

The men  
worked most of the  
forenoon at spreading  
manure in  
the field back of  
farm. This afternoon  
they have  
been ploughing.

The rain of yesterday  
has made  
the plough run  
easy and the land  
moist. Certainly  
the mules will  
go feeding now  
before.

I went out to  
down this evening  
took three bags of  
apples but had  
some difficulty  
in deepening of them.  
Borrowed some money  
of Mr. Stickle for some  
of the get mangled to morn



Lines went away  
to day to get married  
& supper. At any  
rate I had to get  
Bob M. Bride to drive  
a team in his  
place.

Hub has been  
ploughing fall. I  
filled back of the  
barn and narrow-  
ing after getting  
done in same  
field. I have  
been vicisily en-  
gaged at sundry  
jobs, one of which  
was the spreading  
of manure in  
field back of barn.

The late rain  
has been drying off  
greatly day. It will  
be a great help to see  
nothing.

Went out to  
church this mor-  
ning as usual.  
Taking Bertha  
with me.

Had a very  
interesting discourse  
from the senior  
minister from a  
portion of Job, "There-  
fore they will not  
listen to the voice  
of the Almighty".  
The Good Lord was  
also with us in  
our class meeting  
though our mem-  
bers were few.  
Had much liberty  
in discharging  
my duty as leader  
and felt my heart  
strangely warmed while  
talking in speech of the  
precious way.

Concluded sowing  
wheat to day for  
the first. Were  
ready about the  
tenths but owing  
to a heavy rain  
that fell about  
that time could  
not do anything  
sooner, with plowing

The field back of  
the barn is sown  
first. Limes has  
also been working  
with the seed.  
getting the second  
field back of the  
barn ready to drill

I have been en-  
gaged much as  
usual. Went down  
to William Haines &  
helped break their  
afternoon.

Fred finished  
drilling the field  
back to the barn  
this forenoon, & he  
worked with the  
smoothing harrow  
until the rain  
which came  
early this after-  
noon, making  
it impossible  
for us to do  
further work in  
our seeding.

We have been  
all of us engaged  
this afternoon  
at sundry jobs  
such as getting  
up wood, putting  
away implements,  
cleaning &c, &c,  
both men having been  
at work as usual.

The men got to work this forenoon in the field north of Drive Barn, that being the only place dry enough to work. They succeeded in getting it drilled mostly by noon. That is the same piece next to the lane where we sowed three bushels of Surprise wheat. This makes eighteen bu. sown.

Have been engaged much as usual myself. The cows got in the corn this morning and I had a terrible time getting them out. I let Mr. Doubly have some of the wheat for some time evening.

Fred has finished harrowing and furrowing out the field back of the barn to day, also the back portion West of gully in field North of drive-barn. Seino has been harrowing in the eleven acres, or second field North of barn. He was got it about ready to drill.

My work of clearing ditches has at last commenced. Expect to be very busy now until it is completed again.

Fred has been  
drilled the ~~first~~  
second field back  
of barn until  
this afternoon  
about four o'  
clock when a  
shower of rain  
came up and  
stopped further  
work for the day.

I have been  
cleaning ditches  
in the field  
back of the  
barn. Do not  
get along near  
ly as fast as  
I would like, on  
account of my  
many other du-  
ties which so  
often interfere.

We have succeeded in getting the eleven acre field sown to day and furrowed out. It was night before we got done.

I have been cleaning out five rows in the field back of the barn, and just got done. We have time to help run cross-furrows in the other field.

Our wheat ground is in very good condition. Considering that it is stubble ground and good for a fair average of wheat next fall.



I went out to church about 10<sup>30</sup> morning. There being a lack of interest in church some-how in our family.

Out of my minister's sermon officiated. Felt it good to be there, more from a sense of duty however. Saw none any particular happiness. The fact of having done our duty alone brings great satisfaction and peace of mind. More than compensates for the outlay of effort required.

Tref and Leiner have been harrowing the East part of field North of drive - done today, getting it ready for the drill. It has been ploughed some time and is working up nicely.

I have been cleaning ditches in the second field North of ~~drive~~ barn or the eleven acre field myself. Have been hindering a good deal however by different causes.

Mrs. George Kiddell, Miss Eric Stewart were here visiting us today.

The men continued to prepare the East side of the hilly field for seed this forenoon. This afternoon Fred has been drilling, and has got more than half of the piece sown. Laines has commenced this afternoon, to plough the fodder corn patch.

I have been clearing furrows and digging ditches in the eleven acre field with all my might, being anxious to get done. Have made some headway, but am still behind.

The field north  
of Olive bar is  
is all sowed to  
night except about  
an acre where  
the fodder corn  
grew. The men  
have been getting  
ball of it off to  
day and getting  
the ground ploughed  
ready to sow.

John Mc Bride  
came to day to  
settle up for the  
mowing machine  
I bought of him  
last fall.

He tells me that  
a Jerome has been  
sent down to  
him and accepted  
with the Mackay  
Company.

The men com-  
pleted our East  
seeding this fore-  
noon, getting fur-  
rows run along all.

They cut corn  
this afternoon  
for the first.

Frost has, for-  
tunately kept off  
until now.

and the symptoms  
corn is quite ripe.

The Early Macbride  
is not so far along  
however, and I fear  
will be mostly  
soft corn.

I finished clear-  
ing furrows in  
the second field  
North of house. I  
now have the  
hilly field left yet.

Rain has been falling very moderately, so day. just enough to keep us from work - and so start the wheat lately sown.

The men have been cleaning up a load of wheat for the mill; besides doing some other jobs.

I have been as busy as ever notwithstanding the rain.

Our so beautiful that our seeding was completed yesterday - just in time for this beautiful warm rain.

The men have  
been cutting corn  
to lay out the  
Big Flat, while  
I have been out  
to shove with a  
small load of  
wheat. Went to  
the Mill first, but  
did not sell there  
so went down  
town to Mr. Cline,  
and sold for seven  
ty five cents per  
bushell, the wheat  
being a poor qual-  
ity owing to rust  
and Hinkel-killing.  
The price of good  
wheat is now about  
ninety cents per bu.  
My wife's father &  
mother came this  
evening to stay one  
Sunday with us.

Did not get our  
work done in  
time this morning  
for church. Was  
quite disappointed  
as both Mr. and  
Mrs. Ferguson would  
have been pleased  
to have gone with  
us. The former  
went with me  
to hear Mr. Eelang  
however who gave  
his farewell ad-  
dress this fore-  
noon. His sermon  
was about the  
Holy City, the New  
Jerusalem coming  
down from God  
out of heaven &c.  
Felt much comfort  
at the House, prom-  
ises of God Almighty  
to the faithful ones.



Mr & Mrs J. W. Turner  
grandson & wife, my  
father-in-law & his  
lady left us this  
forenoon at about  
nine o'clock.

Two men helped  
me get a load of  
apples ready for  
Shimcoe this fore-  
noon. They have  
since been cutting  
corn on the flat.

Took the apples  
up this afternoon  
and sold some  
thirty two and  
a half bushels  
for the three  
old sour-ores at  
thirty cents per  
bushel. It came  
to a little over  
ten dollars.

I took my own  
er out to the  
Port this morn-  
ing. She want-  
ed to take the  
train there for  
a visit with  
my sister and  
family at Wres-  
dest and Chath-  
ham. It had  
the ill fortune  
to see the train  
starting off just  
as we were cross-  
ing the swing-  
bridge, so all  
came home with  
me to try another  
morning.

Took a load of  
streat out to the  
Port and sold to  
Chimley for \$8.00  
free ch.

Look now to the  
Port Dover station  
this morning, en-  
route for Chatham  
and Dresden. The  
succeeded in getting  
the train all right.

I have been  
drawing away  
wheat to market.  
Look two loads to  
Jarvis instead of  
Dover and sold  
for two cents above  
the Port Dover  
price; or, ninety  
cents. It never  
seems to turn  
out money very  
fast when be-  
low a dollar  
and six. This ac-  
count it seems  
rather desolved  
very to one.

I have taken two loads more of wheat to garnis today. Did not get started with my first load until after ten o'clock, having to do some extra work before going such as churning &c. The men have been clearing up wheat and digging potatoes in the garden &c.

It is very warm and a beautiful summer-like shower is falling this evening. Corn still uncut & early potatoes ripe.

There was quite a heavy fall of rain last night which has effectually stopped drawing grain to market.

I went down to garnis this morning however, to collect money for grain receipts, and to send money off to take up the note for old Lilly & Colt &c.

Fell in with a Mr Alexander Platt, who rode from Bay Falls to garnis yesterday, see a bicycle. He came home with me, and after dinner we went out to dinner where he is to visit the St. Louis & others.

I went out to  
blow his furnace  
with a great  
the mill. About  
about bushels for  
feed in Shaws Mill  
at Ninety Cents per  
bushel also fifteen  
for ourselves.

The men have  
been picking ap-  
ples most of the  
time today.

While in town  
I settled up with  
Phar the tailor who  
had an account of Temp.  
Rif J. Vary and one  
and George Matthews  
five dollars besides  
due to Mr Chaffey.

The weather is  
remarkably warm  
and fine.

Went out to church this morning as usual. Took Bertie and Jim with me.

Did not enjoy the service as much as I usually do; feeling so tired and so sleepy all through.

Shortly after dinner was over my wife's sister Sarah came, with her daughter and son, Maud and Eileen. It was a complete surprise to Maggie, as they were altogether unexpected.

Mother gave a

October

MONDAY 6

1890

Rain began falling last night in large quantities and has continued through the day, almost incessantly. Fred has been threshing out some peas in the barn.

I have been doing some extra jobs of work through the day.

Lucas has not been home 4 days; but, has been down to his father's place sick with a cold, so we heard this evening.

October

TUESDAY 7

1890

Rain is still the order of the day. It has not rained so hard as the day as yesterday, but it has been very wet all day.

Med and I have been choring around and doing down best to make good use of our time.

Mrs. Chrysler is still with us, together with her little boy, Eideon. She is talking strongly about going to Toronto to live before long. She expects to keep boarders.

Our account of  
the wet weather  
we did not do  
a great deal, out  
of doors this fore-  
noon. This after-  
noon however we  
have been pick-  
ing apples. Just 4 p.  
My wife's sister  
Sarah left us for  
home at about  
eleven o'clock this  
forenoon.

The heavy rain  
is likely to clear  
off warm, which  
is rather remark-  
able for this  
time of year.

Louise is still  
away and report  
says her will  
not return



Fred has been picking apples today when not doing chores.

I went down to Jarvis this forenoon to see about the wheat market and to get a wheat receipt cashed.

Sent five dollars away for Fred's expenses while there.

Went out to see Woodhouse Township show this afternoon taking my wife with me.

There was a fine display of horses and of almost every-thing. That day was very fine.

Got a load of wheat cleaned up for market this forenoon, Fred and I. It rained quite a heavy shower about noon however so I did not take the wheat after all.

Have been working corn this afternoon on the Big Flat for the first. The yield does not seem very good, especially on the flat, where it was covered with water after plowing. Last spring rather still very warm & rainy.

Linos came back  
this morning, having  
been away all  
the week, and has  
been working to day.

We have, all  
of us, been pick-  
ing apples. Got  
the spin all in  
and greenings also.

W. H. Manktel  
That the opportunity  
came today of selling  
the hogs ready  
for market. There  
are nine in all.  
Was to get  $4\frac{1}{4}$  dollars  
per hundred for  
them, live weight.

This will relieve  
us considerably.

There are still  
plenty to be taken  
their places, however.

It has been raining as usual since last night. Did not go out to church as a consequence.

Have been endeavoring to spend the time profitably to day.

Feel that the Lord has been very good to me in many ways. Am endeavoring still to glorify Him in my body and spirit which are His. Am reminded of the necessity of being always ready for departure. Our neighbor Mr. Anderson died suddenly & was buried to day.

The men have been cutting the Early Macintosh corn for the first of the day. Frost has not killed it yet notwithstanding the lateness of the season. We're sorry however that the corn is not earlier in ripening. Think however that we will be able to get enough ripe for seed next year, as I would like to try another year and plant earlier if possible.

I have been gathering apples most of the day.

It was some  
what rainy to  
day, but the men  
have been cutting  
corn most of the  
time. There is  
now some appear-  
ance of fine weather  
however.

I have been  
gathering apples  
when not other-  
wise engaged.

Have been  
much cast down  
at times of late,  
owing to the  
uncomfortable &  
state of my bus-  
iness. Am still  
expecting deliverance  
at the hands of  
my Heavenly Father  
for Christ's sake

Took fifteen bags  
of wheat to the  
Lynn Valley mill  
to day. The miller  
was away so I had  
simply to leave it  
there in the bags.

Went out to Lin-  
coln for the ag. show.  
The day was very  
fine and the  
attendance was  
consequently very  
large. Exhibits  
were also first class.  
Max Miller fine with  
me to the show  
for the first time  
in his life. He  
did not seem to  
be much interested  
in what he saw  
so I don't think he  
will want to go again  
very soon.

The men have  
been working in-  
side most of the  
time to day at  
putting up a  
stanchion for calves.

Rain has pre-  
vented out-door  
work. They cut  
corn for a while  
in the forenoon  
however.

I went up to  
Lynn Valley mill  
after the gear  
I knew yesterday.  
Had to go and  
come partly in  
the rain.

Walked from the  
mill to Lincoln  
and back, mostly  
to get Maggie a  
pair of shoes.



October

FRIDAY 17

1890

Lucas and Fred  
have been cut-  
ting corn again  
to day, on the  
Big Flat. They  
have nearly fin-  
ished to night.  
I have been  
gathering apples  
nearly the whole  
week.

Went out to  
Rover this eve-  
ning to attend  
the Foresters Lodge.  
There was but  
a small assem-  
bly of brother  
Foresters present.  
But, the meet-  
ing passed off  
quite har-  
moniously and  
well.

Tree and Lines  
finished. Cutting the  
Clarks' Early Wax  
to show Corn this  
forenoon. They  
report having  
15-18 stalks of  
New variety on  
about each of  
the Big Plant.

I gathered Sal-  
mon sweet ap-  
ples this forenoon  
and this after-  
noon brought  
home a load  
of Apples from  
the Dogs Nest, &  
a load of husked  
corn from the  
Big Plant as  
well.

Rain is falling  
again tonight.

Rain came last night in large quantities and has continued to fall through the day at intervals, indeed, it is an exceedingly rainy time today, quite warm withal.

Did not get out to church as a consequence.

Mr. Fredenburg's son preached here in the Advent church this morning but did not know of it until it was too late.

Have enjoyed the quiet shower of the day very much. Edw. W.

Notwithstanding  
the heavy rains  
of late the men  
got to husking  
corn again to  
day. I have  
been engaged at  
gathering apples  
instead of doing  
chores. He not  
seem to make  
much headway  
alone however.  
Got the blue  
sweat put away  
to day.

It keeps quite  
warm after the  
rains, with every  
appearance of con-  
tinued warm  
weather.

The men  
have continued  
to work at com-  
busting to day  
as usual.

I gathered apples  
when not doing  
chores this fore-  
noon. This af-  
ternoon went  
down to show  
as Jackson's after  
his waffon box  
and stock rack  
to use in taking  
the hogs lately  
sold to Jarvis  
to morrow.

Did not get  
home again un-  
til time for chores.  
Purchased a buck  
cub at \$6.00 to be  
paid Jan. 1st.

Got our hogs  
loaded this morn-  
ning first thing.  
I took them to  
Jarvis afterwards  
and sold or rather  
delivered them at  
D. Hill's for the  
4.25 apiece upon.  
The roads were  
very bad, and I  
don't seem like-  
ly that they are  
going to be any  
better for a while.

Our nine hogs  
weighed exactly  
16.00 lbs. This at  
42¢ makes \$6.72  
less 15¢ for weighing  
had an evening  
visit from uncle  
John and Aunt  
Lizzie this evening.

Limes put in  
a half days work  
drawing gravel  
on the old plank-  
road between the  
log<sup>s</sup> nest - and Pot  
blower, ~~to do~~ this  
forenoon. It has  
rained this after-  
noon so as to  
hinder out-of-door  
work entirely.

William Wall's  
and his men were  
here putting up  
apples this after-  
noon. They only  
made out four-  
teen barrels from  
our crop besides  
culls.

Have felt much  
rest down of  
late.

The men have  
been husking  
corn to day not  
withstanding the  
extremely wet  
shocks and ground  
from the recent  
rain, have been  
engaged as usual.  
This forenoon  
at nighting up  
and putting away  
apples, after the  
poker etc.

This afternoon  
I have been get-  
ting up a load  
of corn from  
New field. Found  
it rather wet  
however.

A severe conflict  
is still in progress  
in our heart - with the  
to tell me my enemies.



The men have kept on unsking corn to day the weather being fine.

I got up another load of corn this forenoon, and this afternoon went out with eight barrels of apples for Wills. Have several to take yet, & find it no mean job with the roads as at present.

Have been trying to get some money to meet notes due this fall but have failed so far.

The church  
in Port Dover is  
undergoing repairs  
and no service  
was held to day,  
so I did not go,  
of course.

I have been  
much cast down  
of late on account  
of my debts.

I am so anxious  
to owe no man  
nothing at all,  
but to love one  
another. This  
has been my  
heart's desire  
and prayer for  
many a year.

And yet, the  
desire of my heart  
seems further away  
this fall, than  
ever.

The men got  
the potatoes in  
the big flat all  
day this forenoon.  
This afternoon  
Fred went out to  
blow with his  
wife to do some  
shopping &c.

I got home an  
other load of  
corn this forenoon.  
This afternoon  
went out to town  
with the remaining  
portion of Wallis's  
apples to six stores  
to day besides

one for Mr. Stolley.  
Took out our old  
sheet-iron stove  
for repairs to the  
tin shop, &c. &c.

Fred has been  
digging potatoes in  
the orchard most  
of the time today.

Limes got up  
potatoes from the  
Big Flat and ball  
of ~~the~~ corn husky.

They have also  
brought a load  
of corn stalks  
from their field.

Limes finished  
my promised days  
work hauling  
gravel on old plant  
road this afternoon.

Were favoured  
with a visit from  
Mrs Catherine Berry  
and Aunt Lydia  
today.

Have been gathering  
apples most of the time  
myself.

He cleaned up  
a load of wheat  
this morning, but  
appearance of  
rain prevented  
taking it to  
market until  
this afternoon.  
Had exactly thirty  
six bushels on  
my load which  
I sold as usual  
at 40 cts per bu.  
to Allen & Sney-  
of Jarvis.

Went out to work  
this evening after  
my mother. I saw  
her at the station  
as I expected. She  
is just returning  
from a visit to  
my sister in  
Cresden.

Leaves and Fred  
have been digging  
ballance of potatoes.  
is the reward to  
day when not help-  
ing clean up  
wheat for market  
or doing chores.

Went down  
to Jarvis with  
another load of  
wheat ~~which~~  
thirty six bushels  
and five pounds.  
Went at ninety cents  
as before. Took  
a box of onions  
down to Jones & Co  
sold at 80 cts per  
bushel.

Weather to day  
had been very  
cold and blue  
but with snow  
flurries.

Fred and Leaves  
helped me this  
forenoon to get off  
with my last load  
of wheat for the  
market. Sold it  
in Port Haven with  
Mr. Stinley at usual  
price, 90 cts per bu.

Took some onions  
out also and sold  
nearly all for  
eighty cents per bu.

Weather still  
fine with some  
appearance of rain.

Am somewhat  
anxious about my  
wife's health, there  
being some unfa-  
vorable symptoms  
manifesting them-  
selves occasionally

Left the men  
alone today. They  
have been work-  
ing at com-bush-  
ing & drawing.

I drove up to  
Suncoc and paid  
in on Mortgage up  
to a year ago. Lea-  
ving this year  
still unpaid.

Drove up to Idols  
li afterwards and  
found my brother-in-law  
W. H. Ferguson in the  
Canning factory.

Spent the afternoon  
and evening with him  
on account of rain  
and staying over  
night with him.

There are indications  
of the blivins given  
the delivering me from  
being and then his  
rest.

Having stayed all night with Dr. W. Ferguson last night on account of rain I could not get started home until afternoon when the storm ceased.

Came around by Port Hope that I might consult the doctor respecting my wife who has been somewhat unwell of late.

This doctor spoke rather encouragingly of her.

Found the roads rather sloppy and bad.

The Lord's favor has blessed me in a good degree with a precious to day.

The men have been gathering & pitting manure to day. We killed a hog this evening however. I went out to Luce this morning, having a number of crows to attend to.

Came home by the cheese factory and brought home a cheese for winter use.

The roads are rather bad from recent rains; but, the weather seems settled again and very fine, but cold and evening



In account of  
the heavy rain  
lately fallen ~~we~~  
which closed up  
with a snow storm  
last night, we have  
been working in-  
doors to day, fixing  
up stanchions for  
the calves. The  
men have been  
helping.

Winter weather  
seems to be the  
order of the day,  
and yet it is  
quite moderate  
this evening.

God is my  
helper, and oh  
what could we  
do without Him.  
Nothing, nothing,  
nothing.

We all worked  
at corn husking  
this forenoon, and  
at sundry other  
jobs the remain-  
der of the day.

Had to kill one  
of our little pigs  
in order to please  
my mother, to day.  
She was bound to  
have a roaster.

The weather has  
been exceptionally  
fine to day. More  
like summer than  
winter, which it  
has been of late.

The Good Lord  
has been exceedingly  
gracious to me of  
late. O, that I might  
praise Him more  
& serve Him better.

This day was set apart by the Governor General as a general Thanksgiving day for the blessings of the year.

Fred and I have been digging and getting out the crop.

Our crop is rather a poor one, but, with gathering.

Had a roast pig for our Thanksgiving dinner. Expected, Uncle John but they did not come until this evening. Had ample justice to the roaster however.

The day has been a delightful one.

Loines and I had  
have been getting  
cornstalks and corn  
horns from the  
Big Flat to day.  
They have just fin-  
ished getting in the  
corn-horn stalks. We are  
now ready for  
the other.

I went down  
to Jarvis this  
forenoon to get  
some groceries  
from Morrow on  
our onions suc-  
ceeded in getting  
what we wanted  
for present use.

The beautiful  
weather is still  
with us for which  
we are thankful.

The men have  
been drawing in  
cornstalks and corn  
from the Big Flat  
to day, mostly.

I have been  
plastering up holes  
in the walls of  
our old house in  
various places.

This is a com-  
mon employment  
in both Spring  
and Fall at home  
cleaning time.

The walls seem  
to lose their plas-  
ter so easily.

We are into our  
mangel harvest just  
now, which is  
liberty from the  
cattle.

Rain fell last night in large quantities, and has not ceased falling until until this afternoon.

Have spent the day at home in a quiet way. It seems a long time since we had fine weather on Sunday. As a consequence it is a long time since we were able to go to church.

Have not felt as well spiritually of late, as I could wish. A dark cloud seems to be hanging over me.

The men and I have been pulling  
topping and pitkins  
mangel wurrels  
and turnips so  
day. Got over  
our patch by the  
tenant house  
all in the pits  
and covered up.  
This leaves the  
garden patch still  
to do at some  
other time.

The heavy rain  
of night before last  
and yesterday  
has left us with  
lots of mud again.

Have been much  
cast down of  
late particularly  
so day. Am so glad  
that such persons do  
not always.

The men have  
been husking corn  
on this flat so  
far. I did something  
to day that I never  
did before, viz -  
help wash clothes.  
Bertha and I turned  
off a large, two  
or three weeks job.  
Ma told me that  
every man that  
gets married must  
expect wash some-  
time. My turn  
seems to have come  
at last.

Had a letter from  
my friend Walter  
Horne today this  
evening stating his  
intention to be  
married the 10th of  
next month.

We have been getting up corn stalks from the big flat to day. Threw loads this forenoon and will this afternoon, all of the Mammoth, <sup>early</sup> Maxfield Corn.

I went out to Hoover this afternoon taking my man with me. Took a crock of butter with me to Miss Batisby's, our first for the season, containing  $4\frac{3}{4}$  lbs. of  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. Ordered the Mail, the Daily, and paid for it for a year out of our first butter proceeds.

Weather very beautiful at present.



The men and I have been working at the turnip harvest today. Found many more than we expected although small in size.

There seems to be a prospect of at least three hundred bushels.

The weather still keeps beautiful and warm almost like summer. Winter seems a long way off though really right at hand.

We are enjoying such a rich shade from turnip harvest.

The men have been taking care of the remaining portion of the turnip crop to day. They say that we have about three hundred and twenty bushels of turneps and mangels together.

A great deal of interest is being manifested in Burrell who was lately tried <sup>in Woodstock</sup> and found guilty of ~~stealing~~ murder.

He was hung to day I suppose in Woodstock at the hour of one o'clock to three o'clock.

The oil worked  
in the corn to  
day when not do-  
ing chores. I  
went out to house  
this afternoon  
however, taking  
Maggie with me  
to Uncle John's,  
and calling for  
the new one  
the way home.  
Was compelled to  
stop with them to  
tea however.

The weather has  
been somewhat  
rainy to day at  
times; but, little  
water has fallen  
however. There  
is some prospect  
of a rainy Sun-  
day however.

Were able to  
go out to church  
this morning - the  
first time in  
five or six weeks.  
It has been raining  
for the Sunday  
during the time  
mentioned.

Our speaking  
minister offici-  
ated. He com-  
plained also of  
having been  
away for five  
weeks.

Had a very good  
time throughout  
the service, the  
Good Lord being  
with us to sub-  
and to bless.

Rain began falling last night about midnight and has continued throughout the day almost incessantly.

A considerable flood of water has been the result, and our corn ground is partially covered.

We have been working inside at comb-husking and repairing calf stables &c.

Have about finished the stanchions for calves and got some of Ben Spitzer's berries.

Went to day  
that the high wa-  
ter has carried  
off a few sleep  
of corn away.  
There has not  
been as much  
damage done  
to the corn as I  
expected however.  
Have been do-  
ing sundry jobs  
to day. The men  
also.

Went down to  
William Hall's  
taking my  
and my wife  
with me to  
dinner. Saw  
Mrs. Hall. She  
It was Nellie's  
day. Mr. Mrs. Hall  
wedding day.

The men have  
been husking  
corn to day on  
the Big Hat

I helped them  
this afternoon.

We are find-  
ing some very  
fine, along  
the side road  
where.

The weather  
is very cool &  
disagreeable for  
husking corn.  
We are working  
at it when pos-  
sible however.

Have some  
hopes of getting  
done yet before  
winter sets in  
for good.

It being rather  
cool this forenoon  
for husking corn  
we have been  
cutting and get-  
ting up wood  
from the woods.

Got at it again  
this afternoon  
however.

We are find-  
ing a rather  
fine show of corn  
in the early Mas-  
sachusetts. There are  
but few unripe  
ears. Have been  
husking com-  
out of door  
this afternoon. Has  
not been husked  
much; are at



Have been  
busy as usual  
to day trying to  
get our work in  
shape for winter.  
We have been  
cutting and getting  
up wood. This  
forenoon; or  
rather we have  
been getting the  
horse power and  
getting it ready  
to cut feed to morrow.

This afternoon  
have all been work-  
ing and getting up  
corn from the by-  
-lot.

I went out to  
the Sorcerer's Lodge  
this evening.  
Found the birds  
rather bad.

The men got up  
three loads more  
of cone-stalks  
this forenoon from  
the Big Flat. This  
afternoon we have  
been trying to cut  
feed for the cattle.  
Thomas Jackson  
was here to help  
but, owing to one  
of the hubbling-rod  
knuckles being lost  
or broken, we had  
to get another  
which took some  
time. The only  
cut about an  
acre, and that  
the big stacks  
are all right  
for cutting. They  
will surely make  
fine feed.

Did not get  
to church so  
day, mostly on  
account of roads  
and not getting  
chores done in  
time. The roads  
were somewhat  
frozen & hard trav-  
eling for unshod  
horses.

Have enjoyed  
the day as well  
as possible un-  
der the circum-  
stances. It  
seems so much  
more appropriate  
to get to the  
house of worship  
on the holy day.  
Be spiritually in  
the enjoyment of  
the spirit present.

The new line  
and Fred have  
been husking  
corn on Big Flat  
to day as usual.  
I have been help-  
ing them part  
of the time.  
My chores take so  
much time just  
now that I find  
it hard to do much  
else.

Weather keeps  
remarkably warm  
for the time of  
year. My hands  
have become quite  
quite chapped  
already & I find  
husking corn  
nearly. I shall be  
very glad when we  
get through.

The men have  
been hooking corn  
to day, and the  
Big Hat, the  
weather being fine.  
Helped my wife  
and Bertie wash  
this forenoon after  
getting my clothes  
done. This af-  
ternoon I have  
been helping  
the men hook  
corn. Am not  
sorry that we  
are so near  
done for my  
hands have be-  
come very sore  
from this and  
the rough kind  
of work.  
A snow squall  
this evening.

Was awakened  
to find that my dear  
wife was entering  
into her confinement.  
This morning  
sent immediately  
for Dr Nairn of Ft.  
Klover and for Stuart  
Lydia.

Maggie had a very  
serious time of it.  
The child not being  
born until 4 o'clock  
this afternoon - a  
confinement of labour  
of twelve hours.

Our child weighed  
nine pounds and  
proved to be a  
little girl baby.

It is a strange co-  
incidence that we  
met on the 26th, were mar-  
ried on the 26th & our first  
child born on the 26th.

Leino Hall  
put in the last  
of his time to-  
day; and, this eve-  
ning we settled  
up. Owed him  
some thirty four  
dollars.

Fred and Leino  
got up another  
load of corn this  
forenoon, also  
another load of  
stalks.

We have been  
cutting feed this  
afternoon with  
Thomas Jackson's  
help.

Our little daugh-  
ter and the mother  
are still doing  
well, as far as  
we can see.

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Fred has been working at getting up some 20 days when not doing chores. I did what I could this forenoon at sundry preparations for winter.

This afternoon I started for Lynde dock, after my wife's sister. Called at Simcoe on the way, also at Kellic where I took tea. Went down there to Sarah's and saw to Mr. Ferguson, Hye-Combe, where I am staying over night.

Found the roads very good; but, the weather is cold.



Left Mr. Ferguson  
about at about  
seven this morn-  
ing. On for home.  
Came by Mrs. Sarah  
Cassels, and brought  
her along with  
me. She is to  
stay a week or  
so with Maggie.

Called at Sim-  
pson on the way.  
Got home at  
about one o'clock  
this afternoon.  
Dressed things all  
right.

Fred has fin-  
ished getting in  
the corn today.  
Have still several  
loads of stalks to  
get home.

Weather quite cold  
& windy.

Bertie and I  
went out to Dover  
this morning, to  
church. The young  
minister preached,  
and the usual  
class-meeting fol-  
lowed.

Kevin felt more  
reluctance in stay-  
ing to and <sup>in</sup> leading  
the class after  
preaching. It is  
wonderful how  
the ever blessed  
Saviour comes to  
our help at such  
times of weakness.  
It was, after all,  
a blessed day, to  
my poor soul.

Had to see the doctor  
on the way home  
for my dear wife

Fred and I got home three loads of corn - stalks to lay down the place. We have found it necessary to get up in the stable most of the stalks stock remaining. Debt.

Weather is cold and windy. Snow has fallen, making it necessary to put things inside.

Have got caught with two onions which are already somewhat frozen & I am afraid injured for keeping.

Winter has come in earnest.

Fred and I have  
been engaged as  
usual, at making  
preparations  
for winter, taking  
care of stock  
&c &c.

Went out to drive  
this afternoon to  
take three crocks  
of butter lately  
filled - also to  
bring home a  
stove. Did not  
get the latter however.  
Saw George Euley  
who was lately  
arrived from  
West Laramie or  
Basin City. He tells  
of a pretty sea-  
son & of being at  
death doors.  
Weather very  
cold.

A heavy snow storm came last night and by day. Weather has somewhat moderated since. I went up to Lincoln to see about a note here, also to see about pulling the ball. I saw apples not needed. Came home by Jackson.

Had a very disagreeable ride on horse-back through the snow. Lost an iron strap from the saddle and could not find again on the way. Making my ride better.

Worked away at  
cundry jobs as  
usual this fore-  
noon. This af-  
ternoon we have  
been cutting fuel.  
Thomas Jackson  
has been helping  
with his team.  
Saw. M<sup>rs</sup>. Bride  
has also been  
cutting.

George Gullee  
came this morn-  
ing. Frank Mann  
having brought  
him out. He  
brought my wife  
and I a beau-  
tiful Family Bible.  
As a sort of wed-  
ding present I sup-  
pose. If so it is  
by far the most val-  
uable of any received.

Went out to  
Dove this af-  
ternoon to bring  
home the stone  
found that Colver  
had not com-  
pleted the rep-  
airs thereon,  
however. So could  
not bring it.  
Took Bertha out  
with me to get  
measured for a  
pair of shoes from  
Mr. Gilver's.

The snow is  
quite a help to  
our roads. There  
being quite good  
sledging.

My wife's sister  
will remain with  
us; but, is likely  
soon to go home.

Have been very  
busily engaged  
at - a number  
of jobs to day.  
The assisting and  
putting away of  
apples for winter  
has taken up a  
considerable por-  
tion of my time.  
Cold frosty weath-  
er has hurried  
up these jobs  
somewhat.

We are still far  
from being ready  
for winter. Pros-  
pects are, that  
we will fail to  
get our dog-  
sled ready for  
use during  
the present win-  
ter at least.





We are trying to get in a better shape for winter as we get opportunity. But, it takes so much of our time to do close that we don't have much time to do anything else.

Have been very desirous of enclosing the remaining portion of the West side for a few days, but it really seems now that we will not be able to get the job done for this winter.

Got up some wood this forenoon and afterwards have been getting deer logs killed. Mr. James M. Wade has been helping. Had Jan logs to butcher this time. It has so happened that we have had a fine mild day.

There has been some appearance of a thaw but we are hoping that it will not come.

Had a lot of new shooting sparrows around the place today, but without much excitement.

Fred got up some  
 wood this forenoon  
 while I have been  
 cutting up pork.  
 This afternoon  
 we have been  
 cutting Fred again.  
 James M. Bride  
 has been helping.  
 George Cutler also  
 in place of J. Jack-  
 son. Mr. M. Bride  
 has been driving  
 our horses for us  
 & he has taken all  
 his predecessors in  
 managing old Sally.  
 Got to fine lot  
 cut ready for  
 use. It takes  
 us about a half  
 day to cut a  
 week's feed.  
 Weather moderate.

Fred has been  
 cutting wood so  
 day at our wood-  
 house. This after-  
 noon however,  
 he went out to  
 have our business  
 of his own, take-  
 ing his wife with  
 him.

I went out  
 this forenoon, to  
 taking out some  
 milk in crocks  
 to customers. Geo.  
 Cutler who has  
 been with us  
 for a few days  
 went with me.  
 Brought home  
 our old sheet-iron  
 stove which we  
 have had made  
 over new.

Fred and I got  
the vicious reaper  
for taking so far  
his this forenoon  
besides doing  
dew clover.

This afternoon  
we have been  
fixing up the cow  
stable door, making  
a new one  
for the calf stable  
&c. &c.

The weather is  
evidently changing.  
There seems strong  
probability of a  
warm spell.

I have been rejoicing  
in God of Can. He  
is truly my help  
and my shield.  
I am so glad that  
He is on my side!

Did not go out  
to church this morn-  
ing, it ~~is~~ ~~is~~ on ac-  
count of Fred's want-  
ing to go to see their  
mother Mrs. Houlby  
who is unwell.

The day has been  
a beautiful one,  
too; but, it seems  
so thought we can-  
not both of us go  
away even on  
Sunday.

Have been reading  
the new family  
Bible when not  
doing chores. Find  
it to be a treasure  
of precious things  
indeed.

The good Lord  
has not let His pres-  
ence away from me  
as yet.

Fred and I  
went down to  
garage this fore-  
noon with our  
ducks, thought  
we had them  
sold to Mr. Mowen  
but as he was  
away to Hamilton  
we failed to con-  
nect. We left  
enough there to  
pay up our bills  
and sold a few  
ducks. Bought  
home more than  
half however.  
Our sleeping  
has become rather  
poor; but, it  
seems to me that  
snow is not very  
far off.

Fred has been getting up wood and cutting it in the woodhouse to lay.

I have been engaged much as usual, always busy but, never apparently accomplishing anything much. Am taking now to getting quarters in better shape for wintering dogs. Will have something over thirty to carry over to spring.

Have been expecting some money of late rather anxiously, with which to pay some debt &c.

My man has  
been working with  
the team today.  
He got a pit  
of turneps and  
dug it manured  
into the cellar  
and some sand  
for Fred's cellar  
to bank up etc.

Have been work-  
ing around the  
farm most of the  
time.

Aunt Lydia and  
Jann came this  
afternoon to name  
the baby. It is  
to be called Mrs  
Mildred Olds.

We have been  
making most of  
our side-meat into  
sausage this evening.

Fred has been  
cutting and getting  
up wood all over  
to day which is  
rather slow work.

Had to go to Lint-  
coe this morning  
to do some business  
at the bank of D.  
Since coming home  
this afternoon  
have been fixing  
up around the  
barn for winter.

Went down to  
Charles Jackson's  
after tea to see  
about getting him  
to help cut feed  
to morrow.

Winter weather  
still continues &  
sleighing is not  
bad for the little  
run on the ground.



Have been cutting logs again today. Started this morning at about nine and quit at about five o'clock.

Saw Mr. Bride has been helping us, he being out driven. Got a fine large pile cut up ready for use. Find that three hands instead of four can do about as much work as the greater number. Weather still keeps cold and windy. Good eve wish for Christmas.

Fred has been cutting wood and doing some other necessary chores today. I went out to Douse myself taking you with me. Had several matters requiring attention. Took some sausage out to trade for groceries. Have felt much disappointment at the long delay in getting money from my brother-in-law W. C. H. There are so many waiting on and motion. Feel more than ever the pinch of hard times for money.

Went out to  
dinner & this morning  
to church taking  
Bertha and little  
Jimmie with me.

Our young minister  
Bro. Calvert officiated.  
His sermon was  
intended for the  
children of the con-  
gregation. Let  
Hark. Each word  
or rather, letter of  
his word was made  
to do duty in rep-  
resenting the great  
moral victorious  
conflict.

The Good Lord was  
with us in our devo-  
tional meeting. Surely His  
presence makes our  
Paradise and where  
He is is heaven.  
Amen!

We have been into butchering to day at a great rate. Killed our beef this afternoon with unckle John Matthews help.

I have killed our surplus stock of turkeys and geese. Seven of the latter and four of the former.

The weather is rather mild and sleighing about gone.

Am writing another postal card for the Practical Farmer Competition. Do not feel so though my effort was going to be a success this time. But, will try and be satisfied.

We have been  
working at sun-  
dry jobs to day.  
Ted and I.

This evening  
one and I went  
out to down.  
Took out our small  
stock of turkeys  
and geese & disposed  
of them as well  
as we could.

Remained to  
the jubilee sing  
in our church.  
The Obanyan troupe.  
They sang nicely.  
Quite a crowd  
of people were  
gathered together.  
Had a pretty cold  
ride out and  
back from down.

Have had been  
getting up work  
to day besides  
doing other chores.

My mother and  
I went up to  
Lincoln. Wanting  
to see Dr. Madenorth  
about a matter  
connected with our  
mortgage. My in-  
terview with him  
was satisfactory.

Had dinner at  
Mrs Walter Olds in  
Lincoln. Her son  
Walter is just home  
from Old Pic. for  
his holidays.  
He is putting in  
his senior year  
and expect to  
graduate next  
Spring.

Feel my his family have been taking their Christmas dinner with Mr Stanley in town.

We have all been up to thank John's for Jess. Even Maggie and the baby went along - the first time the baby has been away from home.

The weather has been very cold and windy, quite like snow.

Feel quite anxious about our Post Office. The P.O. Inspectors having ordered it closed.

Went out to discuss this morning to see about what could be done to keep our victor Post office from being closed. Saw Mr. W. Hensley and had a consultation with him. Feel hopeful that our combined efforts will be crowned with success.

Had an evening visit from Mrs. Chapin.

This is the first anniversary of our wedding, a year ago.

Got away some letters to day respecting our P.O. office &c.

And worked at  
getting up wood  
T.C. This forenoon.

This afternoon  
we have been  
cutting feed again  
same. M. & B. has  
been helping us.

A severe snow  
storm has been  
falling this eve-  
ning.

Edings have  
come as to severe  
storms of snow  
yesterday through-  
out the middle  
and eastern states  
doing a great deal  
of damage to tel-  
egraph wires &c.

Snow is com-  
ing gradually.



Did not get out but  
to church at Port  
Blower this morning  
as usual. Went  
over to the church  
near by.

It seems as though  
the Methodists are go-  
ing to turn into  
Baptists for a Bab-  
tist minister Rev  
Orr King has be-  
come a regular  
supply. He is quite  
a young man &  
quite a preacher.

My wife's sister  
& Emma Cayler hap-  
pened in this after-  
noon.

Weather quite  
stormy and every  
appearance of a  
snow storm.

Fred has been cutting wood at the woodhouse today, besides doing chores.

Started for Jarvis this forenoon after the Sep. & Oct. cheese money, bringing Mr. Cutler with me. Met William Watts on the way, who happened to have the desired amt. Was rather agreeably disappointed in getting more money than I expected.

Sold four little pigs to Mrs. Cysler & got a dollar for each. She and Emma left us for home this afternoon.

Went up to Mr  
Cantelano's to  
day to pay my  
tax for the year.  
Did not find him  
at home however  
so could not pay.

Had been busy  
to day as usual  
at laundry etc.

Have had a  
couple of rather  
disappointing letters  
from N. E. Ferguson  
& the Canada Co. but  
am trying to look  
to God for deliver-  
ance. Have always  
tried to owe no  
man anything but  
to love one another  
to this end have  
I tried to work  
for many years

Drove out to  
blow this morning  
in time to mail  
a couple of letters  
on the A. & N. W. mor-  
ning train.

We went over  
to Dr Chaffey's for  
dinner, Maggie,  
Ma and I. Found  
quite a company  
there, Markle, Sam  
and John Martin  
besides ourselves.

Fred has been  
getting up wood  
about as usual.

The day has  
been a mild one  
with rain occasion-  
ally. Our old pal  
John Martin came  
with us for an  
hour. Glad to see  
him.