

Transcript of James Rowand Burgess Diary, December 1911 to September 1914

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Diary of James Rowand Burgess recorded in the 152-page "Student's and Reporter's NOTE BOOK" (T. Eaton Co.)

Monday, December 25, 1911

Fine, and thawing a little, wind a little cold, and very little snow on the ground. We took a walk along the road past the cemetery through Chappell's fields till we could see the river. We saw a white rabbit, two or three dandelion flowers partly opened and a caterpillar crawling on the ground.

Tuesday, December 26, 1911

Dull and somewhat warm, though not as warm as yesterday, with a slight fall of snow after dark.

Wednesday, December 27, 1911

Cold with very high winds, rain the early part of the day and snow later on.

Thursday, December 28, 1911

Very stormy like yesterday, much colder, no rain.

Friday, December 29, 1911

Bright and cold with a little snow and not much wind.

Saturday, December 30, 1911

Pleasant cold and with some falls of snow, now occasionally... [paper ripped]

Sunday, December 31, 1911

Mr. David Kennedy has taken very ill this morning.

Monday, January 1, 1912

New Year's Day. Cold with strong wind at first, then calming down. Papa and Mama went out to Christie's on the 10:20 train and returned on the afternoon train.

Tuesday, January 2, 1912

Cold and disagreeable with slight falls of snow at intervals.

Wednesday, January 3, 1912

Pleasant but a little cold. School started. Oliver did not come as he had a bad cold. Mr. D. Kennedy is a great deal better than he was on Saturday [December 31].

Thursday, January 4, 1912

A little stormy with a little snow and cold.

Friday, January 5, 1912

Very cold with a little snow.

Saturday, January 6, 1912

Very cold and snowing most of the day, and quite a fall of snow last night. Oliver came in to-night and will stay all Sunday.

NO ENTRY SUNDAY JANUARY 7th

Monday, January 8, 1912

Cold and very strong with much snow. Uncle Gilbert Aberdour came in this morning on the train, was here for dinner and is going to stay all night. I paid my fees this afternoon for the winter term at the high school. We had an examination in Arithmetic and I had 80 and Oliver 44.

Tuesday, January 9, 1912

Much the same as yesterday, [the] road full of drifts. Uncle Gilbert went away on the train this morning. I got my cheek frozen this week, though I do not know what day.

Wednesday, January 10, 1912

Much like yesterday. The snow plough was up this way for the first time since the beginning of the winter. Noble took Papa's dinner down and he had it at the office. The meeting of the Farmer's Institute was postponed to sometime in February. Trains are very late. The mail train was due 6 hours ago and is not in yet. Here comes the mail train now. This is a mistake...it was the snow plough going back.

Thursday, January 11, 1912

Snow falling. Very cold but little wind. I got a library book out of P.E. H.S. library entitled "The Spy" by J. Fenimore Cooper. We found our exam is to be Geography on Monday.

Friday, January 12, 1912

Bright and calm but very cold. The temperature at 10 p.m. is 15 degrees below zero. We had an inter-form debate after recess this afternoon. On our side, Leader Dell, other speakers, Nelson and Miss Switzer against the second form debaters Miss Francis Hanbidge, Miss Clazie and Wagner. Subject resolved that Social [sic] Option is better than License. Our side had the negative and the second form side the affirmative. The Rev. Mr. Cooley was judge and he decided in favour of the affirmative side. The second form has won the championship as it did last year when in the first form.

Saturday, January 13, 1912

Very cold but mostly fine. Said to have been 20 degrees below zero at 3 a.m. By our thermometer it was 2 below zero at 10:30 p.m.

NO ENTRY SUNDAY JANUARY 14th

Monday, January 15, 1912

Cold and stormy. Oliver did not get in to school till 9:30. Robert MacCrae got his face frozen this morning and also on Friday night. I got weighed this morning and my weight was 108 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. I gave my finger a pinch with the sewing machine today but it is not very sore.

Tuesday, January 16, 1912

Cold and a little stormy at 8 a.m. The temperature was 2 degrees above zero.

Wednesday, January 17, 1912

Cold and fine. Arthur and Edgar Burgess were in today with a load of hay. Oliver and I have started to build a fort in the garden.

Thursday, January 18, 1912

Mild with snow and rain. Mama and Oliver were at Christie's and Geddeses all but Bessie and Johnnie were there too. Johnnie sold his mask rat skins yesterday. Messrs. Hill and Knox were at Christie's yesterday. They drove over to get some cattle. We got our marks today and Oliver and I both got 78 marks. Our next exam is algebra.

Friday, January 19, 1912

Cold and somewhat stormy with a north wind.

Saturday, January 20, 1912

Cold and stormy with a south wind.

NO ENTRY SUNDAY JANUARY 21st

Monday, January 22, 1912

Cold with little wind. Uncle Gilbert was in at Gilbert Lamont's funeral today.

Tuesday, January 23, 1912

Mild and snowy. Snow falling both during the night. We got our marks today. Oliver got 74 and I got 62.

Wednesday, January 24, 1912

Mild and fine with snow in the latter part of the day.

Thursday, January 25, 1912

Fine and cold. A little past eight this morning thermometer registered 19 degrees below zero. At 10 p.m. it registered 14 degrees below zero.

Friday, January 26, 1912

Fine and cold. Between 8 and 9 a.m. 17 degrees below zero.

Saturday, January 27, 1912

Cold and fine. Uncle Sandy, Aunt Lizzie and Florence were in town today.

NO ENTRY SUNDAY JANUARY 28th

Monday, January 29, 1912

Mild with sleet. We had an examination in History.

Tuesday, January 30, 1912

Mild with a little snow. We have got our marks. Oliver got 66 and I got 70. We were at the Farmer's Institute meeting. Mr. Groh, Mr. Wismer, Mr. Ball, Miss Powell, Mrs. McTavish, Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. Lowry spoke and the Port Elgin orchestra gave several fine selections.

Wednesday, January 31, 1912

Cold and fine. I got 1 mark more in my history examination as Mr. Nelson made a mistake.

Thursday, February 1, 1912

Cold and fine. Jim Rowand came in with Donnie and is staying all night. Uncle Andrew and Aunt Minnie were in today and brought a bag of apples.

Friday, February 2, 1912

Mild in the morning and cold in the afternoon, with some snow. There is going to be a dance at Christie's tonight. Jim went away home on the 1:40 train. Jet and Nigger have three little ones between them. I've found them all at once so we don't know which belongs to which. One of the little was feeble when we found it and is dead now.

Saturday, February 3, 1912

Cold and stormy.

NO ENTRY SUNDAY FEBRUARY . 4th

Monday, February 5, 1912

Cold and stormy. We had an examination in bookkeeping today. Oliver says this party on Friday night came off well. The other of Nigger's little ones died today.

Tuesday, February 6, 1912

Cold and stormy.

Wednesday, February 7, 1912

Cold and stormy. The snow plough was up tonight.

Thursday, February 8, 1912

Cold and stormy. The temperature tonight at 10:25 p.m. is zero degrees. Bessy Geddes came in today and is staying all night. She went to the dentist but she does not know if she is going to get her teeth filled. We had an examination today in Algebra.

Friday, February 9, 1912

Cold and stormy. The temperature was 15 degrees below zero about 7 p.m. Oliver did not go home tonight as it was so cold and stormy.

Saturday, February 10, 1912

Cold and fine. The temperature was at 31 degrees below zero at about 8 a.m. Oliver went home on train today.

NO ENTRY SUNDAY FEBRUARY . 11th

Monday, February 12, 1912

Fine and cold. The thermometer registered 16 degrees below zero at about 8 a.m. Oliver did not come in today as he has a bad cold. Uncle Alfred came in yesterday and went home today. Johnnie came in yesterday afternoon and took Bessie home. We had an examination in Grammar today. In the examinations we had last week in Bookkeeping Oliver got 89 and I got 80, and [in] Algebra Oliver got 96 and I got 90.

Tuesday, February 13, 1912

Fine and cold. The temperature was 19 degrees below zero at about 7:30 a.m. and is 3 degrees above zero shortly before 10 a.m. Oliver came in on the train this afternoon. Darkie had two little ones yesterday but both are dead. I forgot to enter it: Jet's little one died a few days after Nigger's. (I forgot to enter this also.)

Wednesday, February 14, 1912

Warmer than usual with a little snow. A little after 8 a.m. the temperature was 10 degrees above zero. Fluff is six years old today. Oliver had his examination in Grammar today. I got 76 and he got 57. Christies sold a calf today.

Thursday, February 15, 1912

Warmer than yesterday. The temperature was 8 degrees above zero about 7:30 a.m. and 22 degrees above zero a little before 10 p.m. [sic]

Friday, February 16, 1912

Mild and thawing a little. The temperature was 26 degrees above zero about 7:30 a.m. and 25 degrees above zero a little before 10 p.m. [sic] Uncle Gilbert was in today and Oliver went home with him.

Saturday, February 17, 1912

Mild and thawing a little. The temperature was 28 degrees above zero at about 9 a.m. We cleaned the stove pipes today.

Sunday, February 18, 1912

Mild and thawing. We all went to Church today and I went to Sunday School. Oliver came in this afternoon and Noble and he went to the Methodist Church tonight.

Monday, February 19, 1912

Mild and thawing. The temperature was 34 degrees above zero a little after 7 a.m. and 27 degrees above zero a little before 10. We had an examination in Stenography today.

Tuesday, February 20, 1912

Fine and cold. The temperature was 17 degrees above zero a little after 7 a.m. We got our marks today. Percy Nelson got 92. I got 82 and Oliver got 62.

Wednesday, February 21, 1912

Cold and stormy. The temperature was 10 degrees below zero a little after 7 a.m.

Thursday, February 22, 1912

Cold and stormy. The temperature was 10 degrees above zero a little after 7 a.m. The drifts are very deep today. Only one train, the early one, has come in today.

Friday, February 23, 1912

Cold and fine. The temperature was 2 degrees above zero about 7:15 a.m. and 25 degrees above zero a little after 10 a.m. Oliver went home with Uncle Andrew and Aunt Minnie.

Saturday, February 24, 1912

Warm and thawing a little. The temperature was 21 degrees above zero about 7:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 25, 1912

Mild and thawing in the morning and cold in the afternoon. Oliver came in tonight. Oliver and we all went to Church in the morning and I went to Sunday School.

Monday, February 26, 1912

Cold with snow and hail. The temperature was 22 degrees above zero about 7:30 a.m. Bessie Geddes came in today to get her teeth filled. We had an examination in Geometry today.

Tuesday, February 27, 1912

Cold and stormy. The temperature was 10 degrees above zero at 7:30 a.m. Uncle Gilbert and Aunt Jeannie were in town today.

Wednesday, February 28, 1912

Cold and stormy. The temperature was 10 degrees above zero at 7:30 a.m. We got our marks for our Geometry examination. Oliver got 90 and Percy Nelson and I both had 94.

Thursday, February 29, 1912

Cold and fair. The temperature was 7 degrees above zero at 7:30 a.m. Johnnie came in tonight and Oliver and he went skating.

Friday, March 1, 1912

Cold and fair. The temperature was 8 degrees above zero at 7:30 a.m. Oliver went home tonight.

Saturday, March 2, 1912

Cold and snowing. Bessie went home today.

Sunday, March 3, 1912

Fine and cold. The temperature was 6 degrees below zero at 8:15 a.m. We were all at Church and I went to Sunday School. Oliver came in tonight.

Monday, March 4, 1912

Cold and fair. The temperature was 17 degrees below zero a little after 7:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 5, 1912

Fine and cold. The temperature was 14 degrees below zero at 8:15 a.m. Oliver is at the rink skating tonight. We got our marks today. Oliver got 68 and I got 82.

Wednesday, March 6, 1912

Cold and fine. The temperature was 14 degrees below zero about 7:15 a.m.

Thursday, March 7, 1912

Milder and thawing a little. Fine and cold. The temperature was 8 degrees above zero about 7:15 a.m.

Friday, March 8, 1912

Mild and dull. Fine and cold. The temperature was 20 degrees above zero at 7:15 a.m. Oliver did not go to school today as he was sick with the cold and has not gone home tonight.

Saturday, March 9, 1912

Cold and fine. The temperature was 2 degrees below zero about 7:15 a.m. Oliver went home today.

Sunday, March 10, 1912

Fine and cold. The temperature was 10 degrees above zero at 8:15 a.m. We all went to Church except me for I had a bad cold. Oliver came in tonight.

Monday, March 11, 1912

Mild and fine. The temperature was 2 degrees below zero about 7:15 a.m. We had an exam in arithmetic. I got 75, Oliver got 55.

Tuesday, March 12, 1912

Mild and fine. Temperature 10 degrees above zero about 7:15 a.m. Uncle Andrew and Aunt Minnie and Donnie Christie were in town today. Saw first crow today.

Wednesday, March 13, 1912

Mild and fine. Temperature 2 degrees above zero about 7:15 a.m.

Thursday, March 14, 1912

Mild and dull though bright in early morning. Temperature 20 degrees above zero about 7:15 a.m. Saw another crow.

Friday, March 15, 1912

Cold and stormy. The temperature was 20 degrees above zero at 7:30 a.m. Oliver did not go home tonight.

Saturday, March 16, 1912

Fine and cold. The temperature was 4 degrees above zero at 8:15 a.m. Oliver went home today on the train.

Sunday, March 17, 1912

Fine and warm. The temperature was [blank] degrees above zero at 8 a.m. We all went to Church but [illegible].

Monday, March 18, 1912

Fine and warm. The temperature was 26 degrees above zero about 7:15 a.m. We got our marks for Composition examination. Oliver got 72, I got 65.

Tuesday, March 19, 1912

Fine and warm. The temperature was 32 degrees above zero about 7 a.m.

Wednesday, March 20, 1912

Fine and cold. The temperature was 10 degrees above zero at 7:15 a.m. Had my first skate this winter. The ice is very good.

Thursday, March 21, 1912

Cold and stormy in the morning and clearing up towards noon but snowing a little at night. Temperature 9 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. Good skating today.

Friday, March 22, 1912

Cold and fine. Temperature 12 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. Oliver went home tonight.

Saturday, March 23, 1912

Fine and mild. Temperature 8 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. Uncle Gilbert and [Aunt] Jeannie were in today.

Sunday, March 24, 1912

Fine and mild. Temperature 9 degrees above zero about 8 a.m. We all went to Church today but Ma. Noble has seen his two-hundredth crow today.

Monday, March 25, 1912

Fine and mild. Temperature 8 degrees above zero about 7:30 a.m. We had an exam in Latin today. In the Physics exam Oliver got 52 and I got 83.

Tuesday, March 26, 1912

Mild and snowing in the morning, fine in the afternoon. Temperature 16 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. We got our marks today. Oliver got 68 and I got 78.

Wednesday, March 27, 1912

Mild and fine. Temperature 27 degrees above zero about 7:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 28, 1912

Fine and mild. Oliver and Noble climbed to the top of the standpipe today.

Friday, March 29, 1912

Misty in the morning and fine and mild in the afternoon. Temperature 30 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. Oliver went home tonight.

Saturday, March 30, 1912

Fine and mild. Temperature 16 degrees above zero about 8:45 a.m.

Sunday, March 31, 1912

Mild with rain and snow. Temperature 33 degrees above zero about 8 a.m. Noble, Oliver and I went to Church and I went to Sunday School. Oliver came in tonight.

Monday, April 1, 1912

Mild with snow. Temperature 16 degrees above zero about 6:30 a.m. We had a history exam today. Oliver and I saw a robin today.

Tuesday, April 2, 1912

Mild with a little snow. Temperature 13 degrees above zero about 7 a.m.

Wednesday, April 3, 1912

Fine and cold. Temperature 10 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. We got our marks today. Oliver got 53 and I got 68.

Thursday, April 4, 1912

Fine and warm with a few sprinkles of rain. Temperature 29 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. School stopped and holidays begun. Oliver went home.

Friday, April 5, 1912

Fine and very warm. Temperature 36 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. Today is Good Friday. Snow going away fast.

Saturday, April 6, 1912

Fine and very warm with rain in the evening. Temperature 46 degrees above zero about 8 a.m. Uncle Albert and [Aunt] Helen came in today and are going to stop in till Monday.

Sunday, April 7, 1912

Dull and cold with much wind. Temperature 35 degrees above zero about 8 a.m.

Monday, April 8, 1912

Fine with cold wind. Temperature 22 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. and 24 degrees above zero about 10 a.m. There are great floods. The dam on Mill Creek is carried away, also part of Denny's bridge, the dam, part of a bridge in Southampton, and the dam in Paisley. Mr. Stark was nearly drowned and some of the inhabitants had to be taken away from their homes in boats. Uncle Gilbert and [Aunt] Ellie went home today.

Tuesday, April 9, 1912

Ground covered with snow in the morning but gone before noon. Fine in afternoon with cold wind. Temperature 32 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. and 30 degrees above zero about 10 a.m. Tapped 3 trees today and got nearly 3 quarts.

Wednesday, April 10, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 30 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. We got through sawing the long wood today except a few sticks to hold the pile.

Thursday, April 11, 1912

A little rain in the morning but fine later. Temperature 28 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. Noble and I walked out to Christie's today. Oliver Laurier and I were back at the sugar bush.

Friday, April 12, 1912

Dull in the morning but fine in the afternoon. Temperature 16 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. Noble and I walked back tonight.

Saturday, April 13, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 29 degrees above zero about 7 a.m.

Sunday, April 14, 1912

Very warm with rainfalls in the afternoon. Temperature 40 degrees above zero about 7 a.m.

Monday, April 15, 1912

Hot with light showers in the afternoon. Temperature 50 degrees above zero about 6:15 a.m. Oliver, Jimmie and their grandfather were in today. High School has started again.

Tuesday, April 16, 1912

Dull in the morning, fine in the afternoon. Warm with cold wind. Temperature 38 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. We got our marks in spelling. Oliver got 52 and I got 68.

Wednesday, April 17, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 27 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. John Burgess was here for supper. The Titanic struck an iceberg a couple of days ago and sank. Mr. C. M. Hayes was on board. It is not known who escaped and who did not. Mr. Mann is to be given a call.

Thursday, April 18, 1912

Rain. Temperature 33 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. and 34 degrees above zero about 10 a.m.

Friday, April 19, 1912

Fine and cold. A light fall of snow in the morning. Temperature 28 degrees above zero about 6 a.m. In the Titanic 2340 were on board. Of those 1601 were drowned and 739 saved. Among those drowned was Mr. C.M. Hays and Mr. Stead. [name partly illegible]

Saturday, April 20, 1912

Fine and cold. Temperature 25 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. Oliver Geddes and Uncle Sandy were in town today, also James Donald and Ethel Christie.

Sunday, April 21, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 39 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. We found some wild flowers today.

Monday, April 22, 1912

Fine and warm with rain in the afternoon. Temperature 52 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. Mama and Papa and Oliver went out to Burgoyne today.

Tuesday, April 23, 1912

Cool in morning and slight snow fall in night, but warmer in the afternoon. Temperature 31 degrees above zero about 6 a.m.

Wednesday, April 24, 1912

Cold and dull. Warmer in afternoon and finer. Temperature 41 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. Were fishing today but caught nothing. I saw a Belted Kingfisher today.

Thursday, April 25, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 31 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. Mr. Christie was here today. J.B. Mure drove him in Southampton.

Friday, April 26, 1912

Warm and dull with very strong wind and a sprinkling of rain in the morning. Temperature 42 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. I got 68 in B.K. and Oliver got 69.

Saturday, April 27, 1912

Cold with a strong wind. Temperature 34 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. Uncle Alfred, Georgina and Agnes were in town today. Uncle Sandy and Aunt Lizzie were it [sic] also.

Sunday, April 28, 1912

Cold though a little milder. Temperature 31 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. We saw a dandelion today.

Monday, April 29, 1912

Warmer though still cool. Temperature 37 degrees above zero about 7 a.m.

Tuesday, April 30, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 36 degrees above zero about 6:30 a.m. Oliver got 57 in Algebra and I got 90. Papa saw a butterfly today. We started to plant our potatoes today.

Wednesday, May 1, 1912

Warm and fine with a little sprinkle of rain in the evening. Temperature 36 degrees above zero about 7 a.m.

Thursday, May 2, 1912

Warm in morning and cooler in afternoon. Temperature 42 degrees above zero about 6 a.m.

Friday, May 3, 1912

Very warm. Temperature 42 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. I saw some swallows today.

Saturday, May 4, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 40 degrees above zero about 6:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 5, 1912

Dull with rain. Temperature 48 degrees above zero about 7:30 a.m.

Monday, May 6, 1912

Dull and raining in morning, but fine in afternoon. We had our examination in Phonography [Pitman shorthand] today. Jerny [spelling?] Gownlock and Minnie Robertson were visiting here tonight.

Tuesday, May 7, 1912

Fine and hot early in the afternoon but getting cooler about 5 p.m. and a thunderstorm beginning about 6:30 p.m. and lasting all evening. Temperature 53 degrees above zero about 6:15 a.m. We saw some coalbirds [spelling?] today.

Wednesday, May 8, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 67 degrees above zero about 6:30 a.m. I saw a cuckoo and a [springbird?] today.

Thursday, May 9, 1912

Rainy and misty in the morning but fine in afternoon. Temperature 49 degrees above zero about 7:20 a.m.

Friday, May 10, 1912

Fine and warm. I went out to Geddes's tonight on the wheel.

Saturday, May 11, 1912

Dull and rainy. I came home with Johnnie in the wagon. Mama and Papa were up at Paisley tonight.

Sunday, May 12, 1912

Wet and cold. Temperature 48 degrees above zero about 7 a.m. I burnt my hand today.

Monday, May 13, 1912

Rain and snow. Temperature 48 degrees above zero about 6:30 a.m. We had an exam in Geometry today. In stenography Oliver got 85 and I got 86.

Tuesday, May 14, 1912

Fine and cool. Temperature 38 degrees above zero about 6:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 15, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 36 degrees above zero about 7:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 16, 1912

Dull and rainy. Temperature 46 degrees above zero about 6:30 a.m. The inspector Mr. Spotton was at school today.

Friday, May 17, 1912

Rain in morning and fine in afternoon. Temperature 41 degrees above zero about 6:15 a.m. Johnnie and Bessie were in tonight.

Saturday, May 18, 1912

Windy with showers in the afternoon and evening. Temperature 49 degrees above zero about 6:30 a.m. We put the cow in the field for the first time.

Sunday, May 19, 1912

Rain. Temperature 38 degrees above zero about 7 a.m.

Monday, May 20, 1912

Rain. Temperature 42 degrees above zero about 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 21, 1912

Rain, clearing up in the afternoon. Temperature 44 degrees above zero about 6:30 a.m. We got our marks. Oliver got 88 and I got 89 in Grammar.

Wednesday, May 22, 1912

Rain and clearer in afternoon. Temperature 48 degrees above zero about 6:15 a.m. In Geometry Oliver got 70 and I got 87. We began planting our corn.

Thursday, May 23, 1912

Fine and hot, with thunder and lightning and a sprinkling of rain in afternoon. Temperature 58 degrees above zero about 6 a.m. We finished planting of corn today.

Friday, May 24, 1912

Wet and foggy in morning and fine in afternoon. Temperature 58 degrees above zero about 6:15 a.m. We went out to Christie's today and came back tonight.

Saturday, May 25, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 47 degrees above zero about 6:15 a.m. I went for a ride this morning about 2¼ miles and one in the afternoon about 12 miles.

Sunday, May 26, 1912

Fine in morning, cooler and duller in afternoon. Temperature 58 degrees above zero about 7 a.m.

Monday, May 27, 1912

Windy and rainy. Temperature 58 degrees above zero about 6:15 a.m. We had an examination in Arithmetic today.

Tuesday, May 28, 1912

Rainy in afternoon. Temperature 62 degrees above zero about 6 a.m. We got our marks. Oliver got 75 and I got 56.

Wednesday, May 29, 1912

Dull and cold in morning but warmer and finer in afternoon. Temperature 42 degrees above zero about 6:15 a.m.

Thursday, May 30, 1912

Fine. Temperature 42 degrees above zero about 7 a.m.

Friday, May 31, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 42 degrees above zero about 6:30 a.m. Uncle Sandy and Aunt Lizzie were in today. Mr. Mann was inducted today.

Saturday, June 1, 1912

Fine and hot. Temperature 57 degrees above zero about 6:30 a.m. We went out to Snake Creek today. Uncle Alfred and [Aunt] Agnes were in today.

Sunday, June 2, 1912

Wet. Temperature 62 degrees above zero about 7 a.m.

Monday, June 3, 1912

Fine and windy and duller with a slight sprinkling of rain towards night. Temperature 55 degrees above zero about 6:15 a.m. Papa and Mama and Oliver were out Geddes' yesterday.

Tuesday, June 4, 1912

Fine and windy. Temperature 53 degrees above zero about 6:30 a.m. Our chimneys are being fixed today.

Wednesday, June 5, 1912

Fine and windy and dull and rainy in afternoon but fine in the evening. Temperature 42 degrees above zero about 6:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 6, 1912

Wet in morning but fine in afternoon. Temperature 52 degrees above zero about 8 a.m. The one chimney is finished. Ethel and Uncle Gilbert were in town today.

Friday, June 7, 1912

Fine and cool. Temperature 50 degrees above zero about 6 a.m.

Saturday, June 8, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 37 degrees above zero about 6:30 a.m. I took a ride out to Denny's bridge today.

Sunday, June 9, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 50 degrees above zero about 6 a.m.

Monday, June 10, 1912

Fine and hot. Temperature 50 degrees above zero about 6 a.m. We had an exam today, one in Arithmetic and one in Grammar.

Tuesday, June 11, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 56 degrees above zero about 6 a.m.

Wednesday, June 12, 1912

Misty and cold in the morning but fine in the afternoon. Temperature 53 degrees above zero about 6 a.m.

Thursday, June 13, 1912

Fine and cool. Temperature 43 degrees above zero about 6 a.m. Papa, Mama and Oliver were out at Uncle Alfred's today.

Friday, June 14, 1912

Dull and cool with rain in the evening. Temperature 45 degrees above zero about 6 a.m. Oliver caught a pike today. We had examinations in Geography and Literature today.

Saturday, June 15, 1912

Dull and rainy but clearing towards night. Temperature 57 degrees above zero about 6 a.m. We had exams in future history and astrophysics today (Is anybody reading this?). I caught 2 pike today, one 21 inches long, and the other only about half that length.

Sunday, June 16, 1912

Fine and warm, but cold after 4 p.m. Temperature 57 degrees above zero about 7 a.m.

Monday, June 17, 1912

Dull and cold. Temperature 46 degrees above zero about 6 a.m. We had exams in pig latin, cooking the books and art.

Tuesday, June 18, 1912

Fine and cool. Temperature 47 degrees above zero about 6 a.m.

Wednesday, June 19, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 43 degrees above zero about 6 a.m. We had an exam in French this morning. The entrance exams started this afternoon. Uncle Sandy and [Aunt] Bessie were in town this afternoon.

Thursday, June 20, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 53 degrees above zero about 6 a.m.

Friday, June 21, 1912

Fine and hot. Temperature 46 degrees above zero about 6:30 a.m. I went fishing to the river today, but did not catch anything.

Saturday, June 22, 1912

Fine and warm. Uncle Sandy and Oliver were in town today.

Sunday, June 23, 1912

Fine and hot. Temperature 52 degrees about 8 a.m.

Monday, June 24, 1912

Fine and hot in the morning but dull with a little rain in the afternoon. Temperature 57 degrees about 6 a.m. I went out to Geddeses and came back this evening. I speared a fish in Snake Creek.

Tuesday, June 25, 1912

Fine and hot. Noble and I went out to Amabel today (14 miles) in a buggy and I wheeled out to Uncle Andrew's to the garden party and am staying all night. Temperature 52 degrees about 8 a.m.

Wednesday, June 26, 1912

Misty and rainy in the morning but clearing up about 8 a.m. I rode Lowe today.

Thursday, June 27, 1912

Fine and hot. Temperature 53 degrees about 6 a.m. We went out to [illegible] to the river near Cottrell's. Jet had a little Guinea pig today. I had my first fall from the bicycle in which I did not land on my feet.

Friday, June 28, 1912

Fine and hot. Temperature 57 degrees about 6 a.m. I went for a ride along Goderich Street and had another fall.

Saturday, June 29, 1912

Fine and hot. Temperature 64 degrees about 7:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 30, 1912

Fine and hot. Temperature 52 degrees about 8 a.m.

Monday, July 1, 1912

Dominion Day. Fine and hot. Temperature 57 degrees about 6 a.m. Johnnie and Oliver Geddes, Donald James, Ethel and Ellie Christie and Miss Campbell from Swinton Park were here today. Ellie came in to get her tooth pulled and went home on the two [o'clock] train. I went down to the park. Donald, Ethel and Miss Campbell drove home before the concert and so did Johnnie and Oliver. James is going home on the train.

Tuesday, July 2, 1912

Fine and very hot. Temperature 50 degrees about 6:15 a.m.

Wednesday, July 3, 1912

Fine and very hot with thunder. Temperature 68 degrees about 6 a.m. Uncle Andrew and Aunt Minnie **were in tonight.**

Thursday, July 4, 1912

Fine and very hot. Temperature 67 degrees about 6 a.m.

Friday July 5, 1912

Fine and very hot. Temperature 70 degrees about 6 a.m.

Saturday, July 6, 1912

Very warm, a little rain in the morning and also in the afternoon but there was very heavy rain out at Burgoyne where I was, having gone out to Gedde's to get some butter. Temperature 68 degrees about 6 a.m. Jesse Isabel and Agnes Burgess were in town today.

Sunday, July 7, 1912

Fine and hot with thunder in the afternoon. Temperature 72 degrees about 7 a.m.

Monday, July 8, 1912

Fine and very hot. Temperature 70 degrees about 6 a.m.

Tuesday, July 9, 1912

Dull till about 9:30 a.m. Fine till about 1 p.m. and cloudy at about 3 p.m. Temperature 71 degrees about 6 a.m.

Wednesday, July 10, 1912

Dull and a little cooler. Uncle Sandy and Aunt Lizzie came into night.

Thursday, July 11, 1912

Dull in morning but fine in afternoon. Temperature 61 degrees about 6 a.m. Papa, Mama, Olive and I went out to Uncle Andrew's today.

Friday, July 12, 1912

Fine and hot temperature 55 degrees about 7:30a.m. the Orange celebration took place here today and Noble and I went down to the park.

Saturday, July 13, 1912

Dull and warm with light showers of rain. Temperature 69 degrees about 6:30a.m. Uncle Alfred and Uncle Gilbert and Joy was [sic] here this morning and Johnnie was in tonight.

Sunday, July 14, 1912

Fine and hot.

Monday, July 15, 1912

Cold and dull. Temperatures 71 degrees about 6:30a.m. and 49 degrees about 8:30p.m. Noble went out to Uncle Andrew's today and I went to the office. George Smith got his arm pulled out today at the factory.

Tuesday, July 16, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 50 degrees about 6:30a... I went down to the office this afternoon. Uncle Alfred was in town today.

Wednesday, July 17, 1912

Fine and hot. Temperature 59 degrees about 7:30. I went fishing and caught bass.

Thursday, July 18, 1912

Fine and warm but cooler in the evening. Temperature 61 degrees about 8a.m. We went out to Christies and I am staying all night.

Friday, July 19, 1912

Temperature 51 degrees about 7:30a.m. I'm home today.

Saturday, July 20, 1912

Fine and cool. Temperature 49 degrees about 6:15 a.m. Noble came home tonight.

Sunday, July 21, 1912

~~Fine and warm. Poor in morning but fine in the afternoon. Temperature 60 degrees about 6:30a.m.-8a.m. Noble Olive and I went berry picking and got 3 ½ sealers full and enough for tea.~~

Monday, July 22, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 55 degrees about 6:30a.m. Noble , Olive and I went picking blackberries and got 3 ½ sealers of preserves and enough for tea.

July 23, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 57 degrees about 6;30a.m. Noble went out to Uncle Andrew's today.

Wednesday July 24, 1912

Dull and rainy in the morning but fine in the afternoon. Temperature 67 degrees about 7:30a.m. Papa went off into Amabel today.

Thursday July 25, 1912

Dull in the morning with a very light shower about 2a.m. and another at night. Uncle Sandy came in today. Noble came home today.

Friday July 26, 1912

Fine and warm. Papa, Mama, Olive and I went out to [Jedheos?] and I am staying all night.

Saturday July 27, 1912

Fine and warm. I came home today. Uncle Sandie Olive and Alec and also Uncle Gilbert and Jim were in town today. Noble went out to Uncle Alfred's.

Sunday July 28, 1912

Dull and cool. I am a little sick today. Noble came home tonight

Monday July 29

Dull at first but fine after. Noble and Olive went picking berries and 4 ½ sealer fulls. I am nearly better.

Tuesday July 30, 1912

Fine and warm.

Wednesday July 31, 1912

Fine and warm temperature 52 degrees about 6:30 a.m. Papa Mamma and Olive went out to Uncle Alfreds and Noble and I went fishing this afternoon.

Thursday August 1, 1912

Fine and cool. Temperature 55 degrees about 7a.m. Uncle Andrew and Aunt Minnie were here for supper today.

Friday August 2, 1912

Dull and cool with sprinkles of rain in Port Elgin but heavy showers in Southampton, Paisley and on the other side of the river. Temperature 49 degrees about 7 a.m.

Saturday August 3, 1912

Fine and very cool. Temperature 53 degrees about 6:45a.m. Uncle Gilbert and Bessie (Mrs. Hill) were in town today.

Sunday August 4, 1912

Dull and cool temperature 53 degrees about 8 a.m.

Monday August 5, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 53 degrees about 5:30 a.m. Mamma , Noble and I went picking berries and got a little more than 6 quarts of preserves.

Tuesday August 6, 1912

Fine and hot. Temperature 47 degrees about 7 a.m. Uncle Alfred Arthur and Agnes were in town today as also was Johnny who is away at the garden party.

Wednesday August 7, 1912

(Civic Holiday) Dull with a little rain in the morning but fine after 3 p.m. We went out for a walk today.

Thursday August 8, 1912

Dull and rainy in morning but fine in afternoon and a big thunderstorm at night. Temperature 60 degrees about 6:45 a.m. Uncle Andrew, Aunt Minnie, Helen Christie, Helen Hamilton, Robert McDonald, Uncle Sandie and Aunt Lizzie were here today.

Friday August 9, 1912

Dull in morning and first part of afternoon but fine after. Temperature 65 degrees about 6:30 a.m. We printed some pictures today. A very heavy thunderstorm during the night.

Saturday August 10, 1912

Dull in the morning but fine in the afternoon. Temperature about 63 degrees about 7 a.m.

Sunday August 11, 1912

Rainy during the day but fine in the evening. Temperature 65 degrees about 7 a.m.

Monday August 12, 1912

Dull in morning but fine in afternoon. Temperature 62 degrees about 6:30 a.m. Noble went out to Uncle Andrew's and came back tonight.

Tuesday August 13, 1912

Fine and hot. Temperature 60 degrees at 6:30 a.m. I went out to Uncle Alfred's and have come back tonight. Helen and her cousin Bessie Christie were in town today.

Wednesday August 14, 1912

Fine and very hot. Temperature 61 degrees about 6:30 a.m.

Thursday August 15, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 56 degrees about 6:30 a.m. Isabelle and Edgar were in this morning and Oliver Geddes wheeled in this afternoon.

Friday August 16, 1912

Fine and hot. Temperature 46 degrees about 6:30 a.m.

Saturday August 17, 1912

Dull and wet. Temperature 49 degrees about 6:30 a.m.

Sunday August 18, 1912

Dull and rainy.

Monday August 19, 1912

Dull. Temperature 59 degrees about 6:15 a.m. Noble went out to Uncle Andrews. Mamma and Papa went in to Paisley and came back this afternoon.

Tuesday August 20, 1912

Dull and in mist. Temperature [?] in early morning but fine afterwards. Oliver and Johnny came in this morning and Mamma and Papa went to Uncle Walter's for dinner and then went to Uncle Andrew's. Olive went to Uncle Johnnie's and over to Geddes's in the afternoon and I went with Oliver and Johnny.

Wednesday August 21, 1912

Dull and rainy in morning but fine in afternoon. Oliver caught 2 pike one 23 inches and the other 20 inches in length.

Thursday August 22, 1912

Dull in morning and rain in afternoon. Papa and Mamma came over from Uncle Andrew's.

Friday August 23, 1912

Wet in the morning and dull in afternoon.

Saturday August 24, 1912

Wet in morning and part of afternoon but fine afterwards. We came home from Geddes, Johnnie and Alex bringing us in in the double buggy and Uncle Andrew brought him Noble in

Sunday August 25, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 64 degrees about 7:30 a.m.

Monday August 26, 1912

Fine in morning. Temperature 66 degrees dull in afternoon and very windy. Noble went out to Uncle Andrew's this morning.

Tuesday August 27, 1912

Fine and hot. Temperature 50 degrees about 6:30 a.m. Alex came in today and is staying a few days.

Wednesday August 28, 1912

Dull and wet. Uncle Gibert[sic] was in town today.

Thursday August 29, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 50 degrees about 6:30 a.m. and Alex went home. I have come out to Uncle Andrew's.

Friday August 30, 1912

Fine and warm in morning and rain in evening. Temperature 40 degrees about 6:30 a.m.

Saturday August 31

Dull and rainy in the morning fine in afternoon. Temperature 53 degrees about 6:30 a.m. Noble and I came in from Uncle Andrew's. Uncle Gilbert and Aunt Jeannie were here today.

Sunday August ~~August~~ September 1, 1912

Rainy in morning and dull in afternoon. Temperature 65 degrees about 7 a.m. George was buried today and Uncle Andrew and Aunt Minnie and Uncle Gilbert and Aunt Jeannie were [?] for it.

Monday September 2, 1912

Dull and rainy in the morning and fine in the afternoon. Temperature 66 degrees about 6:45 a.m. John, Oliver and Florence were in today.

Tuesday September 3, 1912

Dull and misty in morning and fine in afternoon. Temperature 61 degrees about 6:30 a.m. High School started. Oliver has not starter however.

Wednesday September 4, 1912

Fine. Temperature 61 degrees about 6:30 a.m. Johnnie was in at the special class today. Noble went out to Cobeans after dinner.

Thursday September 5, 1912

Fine at intervals with two heavy thunderstorms. Temperature 66 degrees about 6:30 a.m. Mr. ~~Hiram Parkes~~ David Park had his barn ~~destroyed~~ damaged by lightening. Noble came home tonight.

Friday September 6, 1912

Fine and hot. Temperature 65 degrees about 6:30 a.m. John and Robert were in this morning.

Saturday September 7, 1912

Fine and hot. Temperature 61 degrees at 6:30 a.m.

Sunday September 8, 1912

Fine and hot.

Monday September 9, 1912

Fine and very hot. Noble went out to Byers today. Oliver Ethel and Bessie came in today and E and B went home again. John was in in the morning.

Tuesday September 10, 1912

Fine and very hot temperature 61 degrees about 6:30 a.m. Johnnie and Bessie were in today.

Wednesday September 11, 1912

Dull and cool. Temperature 62 degrees about 6:30 a.m. Johnnie was trying his exam again. Noble came home. We got some butternuts.

Thursday September 12, 1912

Fine and cool. Temperature 50 degrees about 6:30 a.m. Johnny was in at his exam again.

Thursday Friday September 13, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 53 degrees about 6:45 a.m. Papa Mama and Olive were out at Uncle Alfred's. Oliver went home.

Saturday September 14, 1912

Dull and warm. Temperature 58 degrees about 6:30 a.m. Uncle Gilbert and Soy were in today.

Sunday September 15, 1912

Dull and rainy. Temperature 60 degrees at 7:30 a.m.

Monday September 16, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 42 degrees about 7:30 a.m. Oliver came in this morning.

Tuesday September 17, 1912

Fine Dull. Temperature 46 degrees about 6:30 a.m. Noble went fishing.

Wednesday September 18, 1912

Dull with light showers and heavy rain in evening. Temperature 56 degrees about 6:15 a.m. Oliver and I went for a ride to the lake at the sixth and went in for a swim.

Thursday September 19, 1912

Dull and rain in evening. Temperature 56 degrees about 6:30 a.m.

Friday September 20, 1912

Fine and warm. Oliver went home. Uncle Sandy and Aunt Lizzie were in today.

Saturday September 21

Fine and hot. Noble and I went out to saw wood on the farm. Uncle Alfred and Uncle Gilbert were in town today.

Sunday September 22, 1912

~~Fine and warm.~~ Very wet. Temperature 58 degrees about 7 a.m. I was sick for the greater part of the day.

Monday September 23, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 44 degrees about 6:30 a.m. Johnnie went to Stratford today. Oliver came in to school.

Tuesday September 24, 1912

light showers at intervals. Temperature 52 degrees about 6:30 a.m. Oliver got 0 in Algebra and I got 75.

Wednesday September 25, 1912

Fine and hot. Temperature 59 degrees about 6:30 a.m. Oliver went home tonight.

Thursday September 26, 1912

Wet and cold. Soy and Oliver came in with the cattle and Soy's staying up here [a ?].

Wednesday Friday Sept 27, 1912

Port Elgin fair. Fine and cold with rain in the evening. Temperature 43 degrees about 7:15 a.m. Uncle Sandie Bessie and Alex all of Uncle Alfreds and all of Christies' but Ethel and Old Mr. Christie.

Saturday September 28, 1912

Dull and cold. Temperature 37 degrees about 6:30 a.m. Noble went out to Burgoyne to spit wood. I started but my sore bled so that I came back.

Sunday September 29, 1912

Cold and fine. Temperature 42 degrees about 7 a.m. I have the earache.

Monday Sept 30, 1912

Cold with hail and rain. Oliver came in. we had an exam in [Arith?]. My ear is some better.

Tuesday October 1, 1912

Fine and cool. Noble went out to Christies' to eat corn.

Wednesday October 2, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 35 degrees about 6:30 a.m.

Thursday October 3, 1912

Dull and wet.

Friday October 4, 1912

Fine and warm. Oliver went home with Ethel. Uncle Alfred was in today.

Saturday October 5, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 44 degrees about 6:30 a.m. Uncle Andrew and Aunt Minnie brought Noble in tonight.

Sunday October 6, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 52 degrees about 7 a.m. Uncle Andrew and Aunt Minnie were in and took Noble out with them.

Monday October 7

Dull and cold. Temperature 50 degrees about 6:30 a.m. Oliver came in.

Tuesday October 8, 1912

Fine and cold. Temperature 35 degrees about 6:30 a.m.

Wednesday October 9, 1912

Dull and rainy. Temperature 47 degrees about 6:30 a.m.

Thursday October 10, 1912

Dull and warm. Temperature 49 degrees. We are to have a holiday tomorrow and Oliver went home tonight.

Thursday[sic] October 11, 1912

Dull and wet. Temperature 48 degrees. I got a pair of boots no. 8 today.

Saturday October 12, 1912

Cold and very high winds. Temperature 62 degrees. Noble came home. Uncle Gilbert and Ellie were in town today.

Sunday October 13, 1912

Fine and cold. Temperature Temperature 49 degrees.

Monday October 14, 1912

Temperature 47 degrees about 8:15 a.m. Noble went out to Uncle Andrews.

Tuesday October 15, 1912

Fine and cool. Temperature 39 degrees about 6:45 a.m. I got a letter from Johnny today.

Wednesday October 16, 1912

Fine and cool. Temperature 31 degrees about 6:45 a.m. There was a hard frost last night. Oliver came in this morning.

Thursday October 17, 1912

Fine and cool. Temperature 47 degrees about 6:45 a.m. Mrs. Brown came here tonight.

Friday October 18

Fine and and [sic] raining in evening. Uncle Jimmy's funeral today.

Saturday October 19, 1912

Dull and fine. alternately and cold. Temperature 48 degrees about 6:45. Kincardine came up and played here. In football Port Elgin won by 1 to 0 and in basketball Kincardine wone [sic] by 9 to 0. Noble came home.

Sunday October 20, 1912

Fine and warm.

Monday October 21, 1912

Fine and cool. Temperature 37 degrees. Noble went out to Uncle Andrew's. Oliver came in.

Tuesday October 22, 1912

Dull and rainy. Temperature 55 degrees.

Wednesday October 23, 1912

Dull and wet. Temperature 37 degrees.

Thursday October 24, 1912

Dull and cold. Temperature 36 degrees about 6:45 a.m.

Friday October 25, 1912

Dull and drizzly. Temperature 40 degrees. Oliver went home. Johnnie came home and Oliver and Bessie came in for him.

Saturday October 26, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 49 degrees about 7:30 a.m. We started pulling our mangles today.

Sunday October 27, 1912

Fine and warm.

Monday October 28, 1912

Fine and cool. Temperature 46 degrees about 8:15 a.m. Noble went out to Christies'. The rest of us went out to Uncle Alfred's. Johnny came in tonight.

Tuesday October 29

Dull and windy. Johnnie went home to Normal. Oliver came in. Christies mare Sade died today.

Wednesday October 30, 1912

Dull and wet in morning. Temperature 42 degrees about 7 a.m. Noble came home today.

Thursday October 31, 1912

Dull and rainy in the afternoon.

Friday ~~October 32~~ November 1, 1912

Rain and snow. Temperature 30 degrees. Oliver went home.

Saturday ~~Oct 33~~ November 2, 1912

Cold and snow. Temperature 24 degrees. Uncle Alfred came in and is staying all night. I have not been very well.

Sunday November 3, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 28 degrees about 9 a.m. ~~Uncle Alfred went home.~~

Monday ~~Oct~~ November 4, 1912

Dull and warm. Temperature 30 degrees about 7 a.m. Oliver came in. we had an exam in French.

Tuesday November 5

Fine and cool all the snow away. Temperature. ~~No~~ Oliver got 64 and I got 87 in French.

Wednesday November 6, 1912

Dull and wet.

Thursday November 7, 1912

Dull and cool. Temperature 40 degrees about 7:15 a.m.

Friday November 8, 1912

Dull and cold and rain in afternoon. Temperature 27 degrees. Arthur and Edgar were in this morning. Oliver went home.

Saturday November 9, 1912

Fine in morning but cold and wet in afternoon. Temperature 42 degrees.

Sunday November 10, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 31 degrees.

Monday November 11, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 42 degrees. Donald Christie came home on Saturday and he and and [sic] Uncle Gilbert and Oliver came in this morning.

Tuesday November 12, 1912

Dull and wet in afternoon. Noble went out to Uncle Andrew's to pick apples

Wednesday Nov 13, 1912

Very wet. Temperature 35 degrees.

Thursday November 14, 1912

Fine in morning and dull in afternoon. Temperature 30 degrees.

Friday November 15, 1912

Dull with a little snow on ground. Uncle Gilbert was in town and so was Arthur.

Saturday November 16, 1912

Fine in morning and dull and rainy in afternoon. Temperature 28 degrees.

Sunday November 17, 1912

Cold and dull. Temperature 32 degrees about 9 a.m.

Monday November 18, 1912

Dull and cool. Temperature 27 degrees about 7:15 a.m. Oliver came in. We had an exam in history.

Tuesday November 19, 1912

Fine and cool. Temperature 36 degrees about 7:30 a.m.

Thursday Wednesday November 20, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 31 degrees. Second form played against first and second in football. Score was 2 to 1 in favour of 1st and 3rd.

Thursday Nov 21

Fine and windy.

Friday Nov 22, 1912

Fine and warm. Temperature 32 degrees.

Saturday November 23, 1912

Dull and cool with rain in evening. Noble and I went out to Burgoyne and sawed split and piled about 1 ¼ cords of wood.

Sunday November 24, 1912

Snow and rain.

Monday November 25, 1912

Cold with snow. Temp. 28 degrees. Oliver came in.

Tuesday November 26, 1912

Cold and snowy.

Wednesday November 27, 1912

Cold and snowy. Temp. 28 degrees. Uncle Andrew Aunt Minnie Uncle Sand and Aunt Lizzie, Arthur Jessie and Alice were in today.

Thursday November 28, 1912

Cold and snow in forenoon. Temperature 24 degrees.

Friday November 29, 1912

Warm and thawing with rain in afternoon.

Saturday November 30, 1912

Fine and warm. We did painted[?] some pictures.

Sunday December 1, 1912

Dull.

Monday December 2, 1912

Wet. Temp. 45 degrees about 8 a.m. Oliver and Dan came in this morning.

Tuesday December 3, 1912

Dull and cool.

Wednesday December 4, 1912

Dull

Thursday December 5, 1912

Wet. Temp. 30 degrees.

Friday December 7, 1912

Dull and wet in forenoon. We had our concert tonight "Macbeth" and had our pictures taken in the afternoon.

Saturday December 8, 1912

Fine. ~~Dull and windy.~~

Sunday December 9, 1912

~~Wet~~-Dull and snow.

Monday December 10, 1912

Cold and windy. We went up to Southampton and played Macbeth tonight.

Tuesday

Cold and windy with rain and then snow.

Wednesday December 11, 1912

Cold and snowy.

Thursday December 12, 1912

Cold and windy. Temp. 14 degrees.

Friday December 13, 1912

Cold. Temp. 15 degrees.

Saturday December 14, 1912

Fine and thawing. Noble and I went to Barbers to fix up the shutters. Uncle Alfred and Jessie were in and we got a quarter of beef from them.

Sunday December 15, 1912

Wet and cold. Temp. 32 degrees.

Monday December 16, 1912

Dull and cold. Temp. 29 degrees. Uncle Gilbert and Oliver came in this morning. We had a Arith. Exam today. Oliver got 50 and I got 83.

Monday Tuesday December 17, 1912

Dull and cold with snow in morning and ~~warm~~ mild and thawing in the afternoon. Temp. 29 degrees. Uncle Sandy & Aunt Lizzie were in town today.

Wednesday December 18, 1912

The box came from Eaton's.

Thursday Dec 19, 1912

Cold. John Geddes came home and stayed all night.

Friday December 20, 1912

Cold School stopped

Saturday Dec 21, 1912

Cold and snowy. Temp 16 degrees.

Sunday Dec 22, 1912

Fine and cold Temp 23 degrees

Monday December 23, 1912

Fine and cold. Temp. 20 degrees. I went down to the office. Noble and I got new caps.

Tuesday December 24, 1912

Dull with much snow Temp. 24 degrees. Tonight is Christmas Eve. I received from Papa a cap, from Mama 2 neckties and a set of buttons, from Noble "The Path Finder", from Olive a necktie and a stick pin.

Wednesday December 25, 1912

Fine and cold. Temp. 22 degrees. I had much ear ache and toothache last night and some today.

Thursday December 26, 1912

Dull and mild. Temp. 25 degrees. Uncle Gilbert Uncle Sandie and Arthur Burgess were in town. Mrs. Mc. Kinney was buried today. Mrs. John Falconer had a stroke yesterday and died from the effects. I went down to the office.

Friday December 27, 1912

Dull and mild but becoming colder towa5rds night. Temp. 29 degrees. Uncle Andrew was in town.

Saturday ~~October~~ December 28,

Fine and warm. Temp. 28 degrees.

Sunday ~~October~~ December 29, 1912

Fine and mild.

Monday ~~October~~ December 30, 1912

Wet and thawing. Temp. 30 degrees. Today is nomination. Uncle Andrew was in and also Uncle Gilbert and Soy who are staying away all night.

Tuesday ~~October~~ December 31, 1912

Fine and cool. Temp. 30 degrees. Uncle Gilbert and Soy went home. My Birthday ~~Wednesday~~. Papa and Mamma gave me a book called "The Fifth form at St. Dominics. Noble gave a comb and mirror set and Olive gave me a cup and saucer.

Wednesday January 1, 1913

Fine and warm. Temp. 30 degrees. Papa and Olive were at Prayer meeting this morning and they and Mamma went to Christians on the 10:20 a.m. train and came back on the 3 a.m. Olive went to the New Year's Arch tonight.

Thursday January 2, 1913

Fine and warm. Uncle Abraham came in and stayed for dinner. Pa went out into the country in the morning.

Friday January 3, 1912 [sic]

Rain and snow turning cold at night. We got half a pig today.

Friday Saturday January 4, 1912 [sic]

Cold and snow. The cow went away on the train today.

Sunday January 5, 1913

Dull and cool.

Monday January 6, 1913

Dull and cold. Oliver and Jim came in. Johnnie went away to Guelph Stratford.

Sunday Tuesday Jan 7, 1913

Cold and stormy with much snow. Miss Stirling started to teach again to teach.

Wednesday January 8, 1913

Cold and stormy. Temp 10 degrees about 8:30 a.m.

Thursday January 9, 1913

Fine and cold. Temp. 16 degrees.

Friday January 10, 1913

Dull and cold.

Saturday January 11, 1913

Warm and thawing. Temp. 32 degrees. There was a Farmer's Institute Meeting today and Noble and I were at it.

Sunday January 12, 1913

Cold and stormy. Temp 17 degrees.

Monday January 13, 1913

Cold. Temp. 8 degrees. We had an exam in Geometry today.

Tuesday January 14, 1913

Cold. Temp 18 degrees.

Wednesday, January 15, 1913

Wet and thawing. Temp. 26. Oliver and I went to a hockey match tonight.

Thursday, January 16, 1913

Misty and thawing. Temp 32 degrees. Uncle Andrew and Aunt Minnie were in.

Friday, January 17, 1913

Dull and windy 44 degrees. We had an interform debate. Second form won.

Saturday, January 18, 1913

Cold and snowy. Temp. 26. Uncle Alfred came in and is staying all night

Sunday, January 19

Cool

Monday July [sic] 20, 1913

Wet and snow in afternoon. Uncle Alfred was unable to return home as the snow was gone in morning. Temp. 32 degrees. We had an exam in Science.

~~Sunday~~ **Tuesday January 21, 1913**

Fine and cold. Temp. 13 degrees. Uncle Alfred went home. Noble and Oliver went to Cairnes' to see Lil Rowand.

Wednesday, Jan 22, 1913

Fine and cool temp. 25 degrees

Thursday, January 23

Wet and thawing. Temp 32

Friday Jan 24, 1913

Uncle Andrew Aunt Minnie and Uncle Abram and Uncle Abram is staying in.

Saturday January 25, 1913

Fine and cool. Temp. 20. Uncle Alfred and Edgar were in with wood. Aunt Mary was here.

Sunday January 26, 1913

Wet.

Monday January 27, 1913

Cold and snow. Temp. 19 degrees. Uncle Abram went out to Christies' and Mamma went with him and is coming back tonight. We had a Latin exam.

Tuesday January 28, 1913

Cold. Temp. 15 degrees. We got our marks Oliver got 57 and I got 77.

Wednesday January 29, 1913

Fine and cold. Temp. 0

Thursday January 30, 1913

Mild and thawing Temp. 28 degrees. Uncle Sandy and Bessie were in today.

Friday January 31, 1913

Rainy and growing cold towards night. Arthur and Edgar were in.

Saturday Jan 32 Feb. 1, 1913

Vercold [sic] and stormy Temp. 2 degrees. Papa has an attack of lumbago.

Sunday February 2, 1913

Stormy and very cold. Temp. 12 degrees. Mamma had her plants frozen last night.

Monday February 3, 1913

Fine and cold. Temp. 16 degrees. We had an exam in Geog.

Tuesday February 4, 1913

Cold and stormy. In Geog. Oliver got 64 and I got 75

Wednesday February 5, 1913

Cold and stormy.

Thursday February 6, 1913

Very cold and stormy Temp 3 degrees

Friday February 7, 1913

Very cold and stormy Temp 8 degrees. Oliver stayed in here

Saturday February 8, 1913

Cold and stormy. Temp 20 degrees. Oliver did not go home. Uncle Gilbert came in and is staying in all night.

Sunday February 9, 1913

Cold. Uncle Archie Armstrong died last night.

Monday February 10, 1913

Fine and cold. Temp -3 degrees. Uncle Gilbert went home. We had an exam in French.

Tuesday February 11, 1913

Cold and snowy Temp 26 degrees colder towards night. Uncle Archie was buried to-day. In French Oliver got 73 and I got 71. Uncle Johnny Aunt Jenny Uncle Gilbert Aunt Jeanny Aunt Lizzie Uncle Alfred Jenie Isabel Mr. Watt Mr. Smith Dick Stait Mr. Scott Alex Gownlock Uncle Ale Jim Gownlock Uncle Andrew were here to-day.

Wednesday February 12, 1913

Cold and stormy. Temp -4 degrees

Thursday February 13, 1913

Cold and stormy Temp 8 degrees. Oliver went to the rink.

Friday February 14, 1913

Mild

Saturday, February 15, 1913

Cold and stormy and much snow. Temp 11 degrees. Ethel hurt her leg badly.