

Aug. 1873

Tu 26 Galt Seed fair, Hector Jean & Lilly at it. Got 14 bushels bald
 Bread will be out Ploughing & set up stacks chores &c draughty cool 52 74
 W 27 Hector & Robert Ploughing in forenoon. In afternoon takes in the
 last of the oats = 5 loads - puts 4 on loft and one on mow ^{Tom Johnstone here} 58 70
 Th 28 takes in the Spring wheat 3 loads - very poor. Men Plough in ^{noon} after. 50 70
 F 29 Men Ploughing in forenoon. At 7 o'clock threshing in afternoon, ^{thunder} 54 78
 Sa 30 Men Ploughing, very hot & sultry threatening thunder 60 86
 Sa 31 All at Church but fine rain with same thunder last night - ^{cool} 60 76

Sept.

M 1 Men Ploughing Some rain & thunder last night. Very windy to day. cool 60 74
 Tu 2 Men Ploughing, Fine cool breezy sunny day & doing little thing 54 74
 W 3 Men Ploughing, field nearly finished. Looks like rain at night 52 78
 Got the Langholm Paper of the 6th Aug announcing the Death
 of My Cousin Helen Parkan the 4th aged 53 years of consumption
 Th 4 Men finishes the ploughing, a good deal of rain in forenoon. In
 afternoon Hector goes to Galt to meet Robt. Martin & wife from ^{Barbora} 52 78
 F 5 Hector & Martin goes to Robt Hunter's for seed wheat. Exp dragging
 wheat land before sowing fine day and cool 54 74
 Sa 6 Hector sows all the fall wheat on field over the Dyke very cool 50 72
 Sun 7 All at Church but Jessie P. Johnstone Preaches drizzling rain & cool 50 58
 M 8 Men dragging all day finishes dragging wheat. Very cool 30 60
 Tu 9 Robt Martin & wife goes away Hector takes them up to Galt. Robt
 stoning wheat land. Barnum's Great show at Brantford, cool 48 62
 W 10 Men cleaning out ditch on north of wheat field fine day & cool 50 72
 Keos Mr. McPhail's brother with family is come with family from ^{Jamaica}
 Th 11 Men mowing clover at Neils slashing and in orchard, warm 60 80
 F 12 Men cutting thistles in forenoon, After Tea takes the clover
 from Neils = 2 loads which is put into old Stable loft. Very warm 60 84
 Sa 13 cuts some cut sheaves cuts thistles and takes in from orchard.
 one little load of clover which finishes our hay this season puts
 into new cowbyre loft. Some thunder last night with a little rain
 very cool 30 Degrees cooler than yesterday lights the first fire in our ^{end} 54 54 50
 Sun 14 Hector & Jean at Bushinch Sacrament all the rest but Jessie cool 38 52
 W 15 Cleans out big Spring fields young boys & threshes Peas at new barn. In
 front last night Melons cucumbers tomatoes & Potatoes cut down. ^{rain PM} some 32 56

Tu 16 Men threshing Peas & ...
 W 17 All at Guelph sh...
 some chopping stuff
 Th 18 Men stoning Pea...
 F 19 Thunder and rain...
 Sa 20 Men stoning Pea gro...
 Su 21 All at Church but...
 M 22 Men hauling Dung...
 Men cleaned up the...
 no bigger than some of...
 Tu 23 Men hauling Dung...
 W 24 Men hauling Dung...
 Th 25 Men hauls out the...
 comes to spread dun...
 F 26 Men Ploughing Bob &...
 Sa 27 Men Ploughing in fo...
 noon except Jessie &...
 queer things here for...
 a 28 Beer Sacrament a...
 M 29 a Deal of heavy rain...
 Potatoes for Pigs &c...
 Tu 30 Begins to dig Potatoes...
 and 10 B. Rose a...
 V 1 Digs 70 B Potatoes (B...
 2 Digs 105 B Potatoes (B...
 Pigs we have now pen...
 3 Threshes here thresh...
 a 4 Threshes our Barley...
 Only 5 B per acre a...
 It was very wet this...
 a 5 All at Church but...
 6 Jane & me at Galt ge...
 Interest 6 per cent. No...

Sept 1873

- Tu 14 Men threshing Peas & general choring cleaning some Peas & c 50 60
 W 17 All at Guelph shew but Jane & Sally. A good day & good shew Hector takes
 some chopping stuff to Aberfoyle, he left at 4 AM got home at 9 P.M. ^{night} frost last 38 61
 Tu 18 Men stoning Pea land & not doing much, very hot for the season 50 88
 W 19 Thunder and rain last night Men stoning Pea ground 50 60
 Sa 20 Men stoning Pea ground, windy & cool season fairly changed now 36 50
 Su 21 All at Church but Robert & Alick, Frost again last night ^{alittle touched} grape leaves 32 52
 M 22 Men hauling Dung for Potatoes &c killed a Pig at noon, Rain after noon 40 58
 Men cleaned up the two little loads of Peas that was put into New Barn reckoned
 no bigger than some of our single loads - had 14 1/2 bushels
 Tu 23 Men hauling Dung all day - fine day after a wet night clear 40 62
 W 24 Men hauling Dung all day Jack Roberson Married today, fine clear 40 64
 Th 25 Men hauls out the last of the Dung to Potatoe land, then Ploughing Bob Stalker
 comes to spread dung, much rain last night, clear & growing to day 40 65
 F 26 Men Ploughing Bob Stalker spreading Dung, very fine growing day 45 68
 Sa 27 Men Ploughing in forenoon & Robert all day, all the rest at Church in after-
 noon except Jesse. Rev. T. Johnstone brings his collection of Florida ^{very hot}
 Quaver things here for me to keep for him till called for. 50 82
 Su 28 Our Sacrament all at but Jesse Mr. Wilson of Caledonia Preaches 72 84
 M 29 A deal of heavy rain last night and this morning Men dig some Cusco
 Potatoes for Pigs &c, Childrens Picnic all at it but Hector & Robert - ^{falling cold} 60 52
 Tu 30 Begins to dig Potatoes, Digs about 70 B. (big) 50 B. Chilis 10 B. Early Goldench
 and 10 B. Rose A very fine day clear sunny not warm 50 64

Oct.

- W 1 Digs 70 B Potatoes (big) 55 Chilis & 15 Peach blows fine day slight frost ^{night} last 32 60
 Th 2 Digs 105 B Potatoes (big), 50 B Chilis & 55 Cuscos puts the into old house for
 Pigs We have now finished digging Potatoes our total crops 245 Bushels 36 58
 F 3 Threshers here threshes all our Peas 195 Bushels, A fine but cool 36 52
 Sa 4 Threshes our Barley 8 1/2 Bu 21 B. per acre & Spring wheat 20 Bu.
 Only 5 B. per acre as there was 4 acres of each Spring wheat and Barley
 It was very wet this morning but we got on about 9 & threshed till one 40 58
 Su 5 All at Church but Jane fine day but cool 38 52
 M 6 Jane & me at Galt gets a Galt Debenture of \$300 at 96 to be paid in ten years
 Interest 6 per cent. No of Debenture 3. Men puts roof of we Byre to rights 36 44

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Tu 7 Men Ploughing Robert at Tom Greys digging potatoes churning 40 54
 W 8 Men Ploughing in forenoon. In afternoon cuts oat sheaves, separates the
 straw from lambs & gathering fallen apples very fine sunny day 32 64
 Tu 9 Robert takes Hector Jean & Alck up to Galt on there journey to
 Keppel they will be away at least a week, fog this morning - fine clear day 64
 F 10 Robert takes the Pumpkins into old stable & then ploughs & carrying
 fallen apples, very fine clear day like Indian summer but early 40 64
 Sa 11 Robert Ploughing & churning beds Pigs &c, some showers cloudy 40 58
 Su 12 All at church but Robert and Lilly a fine day but cool 40 58
 M 13 Robert Ploughing & carrying apples in forenoon Jesse & I afternoon 40 58
 Tu 14 Robert Ploughing Jesse & I carrying apples all day, very fine Indian ^{summer} 4
 W 15 Robert goes up to Galt to meet our people from Keppel, Jesse and I
 carries the last of the good apples, has in all about 22 Barrels, without
 counting small our people comes home from Keppel 40 62
 Tu 16 All at our Township shed but Jane gets first prize for Bull 40 64
 F 17 Hector & Robert Ploughing Jesse & I carries the last of small apples cool 40 54
 Sa 18 Hector & Robert Ploughing till stop by rain about 9 AM a good
 deal of rain afterwards churning afternoon I buy 2 axe handles 10 ¢
 Su 19 Jean & I at Church Mr Gilray Preaches Mr Porteus absent 38 54
 M 20 Men Ploughing finishes field & begins 16 acre field. Sold three
 Pigs to Mr Aldrich for 6 per hundred, Sleet at night 38-54 36
 Tu 21 Men Ploughing in 16 acre field till stop by rain, Hector then goes
 to kill a pig for Mrs McAlister & Robert & I cleans up a load of
 barley, Mr McPhail from Jamaica here, a very hardy day some ^{snow last night} 36 44
 W 22 Men Ploughing & churning Mr Henderson collector here, fine 38 54
 Tu 23 Hector at Dundas with 55 B. Barley got \$1 per bu. = \$55 a lot
 disagreeable day, Parliament meets to day at Ottawa a ^{stupid} day for a 34 54
 F 24 Hector at ^{Abex Lake} Keppel with chopping stuff Robert Ploughing
 Edwin Chambers & wife here, says his brother ^{of Droopy} Robert is dying 32 48
 Sa 25 Men Ploughing I & the women grinding ^{John Elliot comes} apples for sauce fine 32 48
 Su 26 Robert goes to Galt all at Church John Elliot goes away 34 48
 M 27 Robert not returned from Galt We take up and hauls the
 Carrots = 54 Bushels puts them into cellar, shaws a few turnips 34 46
 Tu 28 Kill three Pigs sold to Mr Aldrich, a nasty wet day and
 sometimes soft snow, woods quite bare winter coming on 32 44

V 29 Robert hauling for
 Hector at Galt 100
 Barley at \$1.3 = \$24.7
 Tu 30 Men repairs Wagon
 In after hauls 12 loads
 F 31 Thawing & taking up
 cleared up a little bit
 Sa 1 Hard frost last night
 take up turnips all
 Su 2 No Preaching to day
 To Robert at it
 M 3 Heavy rain last night
 taking up turnips
 of which we put
 Cowbyre Total in
 Tu 4 Hauling turnips all day
 we broke the axle
 we reckon the cart
 which we put into
 M 5 Hauling all day - 1
 wagon 30 B Total to
 Tu 6 Thanksgiving day all
 and Elliot at turnips
 F 7 Hauling turnips all day
 Total to day 49 5 Bushels
 Sa 8 Hauls 11 loads of
 which finishes all
 but Mr McAlister
 Here is in sheep
 Jean and Hector
 Su 9 all at Church
 W 10 Cuts oat sheaves
 Tu 11 Kills two Pigs in

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W 29 Robert hauling firewood We shawing & taking up turneps
 Hector at Galt with three pigs wht 672 at 6 per hd = 402 and 240.
 barley at 8/13 = \$24.70 Snow on the ground this morning cold 30 35
 Th 30 Men repairs turnup houses in forenoon. We shawing & taking up turnups
 In after hauls 12 loads of turnups 30 B. per load = 360 B put into sheephouse 30 42
 F 31 Shawing & taking up turnups till stop by rain & snow in forenoon
 cleared up a little before night and threaten to be a hard frost 32 40 36

Nov

Sa 1 Hard frost last night & the ground white with snow We shaw and
 take up turnups all day but hauls none, a pretty good day 30 40
 Su 2 No preaching to day. Mr Porteus at Caledonia a Prayer meeting held
 To Robert at Hector & Jean at Morrisonston 31 42
 M 3 Heavy rain last night, but white with snow this morning
 Taking up turnups in forenoon hauls in afternoon - 10 Loads = 300 B
 of which we put 7 loads into sheephouse = 210 B and 3 into
 Cowbyre. Total in sheephouse 570 Bushels, cold looks like winter 34 32
 Tu 4 Hauling turnups all day 18 loads 12 Wagon loads & 6 cart loads as
 we broke the axle tree of one wagon we had to take the cart afterwarde
 we reckon the cart 25 B & the wagon 30 Bushel = Total to day 510 B.
 which we put into cowbyre a fine day but frozen hard in mor 30 49
 W 5 Hauling all day - 15 Loads of which 8 is cart loads of 25 B each the
 wagon 30 B Total to day 410 Bushels a fine day but frosty in the shade 30 32
 Th 6 Thanksgiving day all at Church but Jessie afternoon Hector Robert
 and Ellick at turnups very hard frost last night clear fine day - winter 26 38
 F 7 Hauling turnups all day 18 loads of which 9 was carts & 9 wagons
 Total to day 495 Bushels, hard frost again last night but very fine day 29 44
 Sa 8 Hauls 11 loads of Turnups of which 6 was carts at 5 wagons = 300 B
 which finishes our Turnup crop = Total crop = 2375 in 84 Loads
 but Mr Mc Clister got 30 B deducting which we have 2345 of which
 there is in sheephouse 570 B & in Cowbyre 1775 Bushels
 Jean and Hector goes to Mr Gilchrist's Purlineh gooder's day 44 44
 Su 9 all at Church but Hector, young Gilchrist here cool 32 38
 M 10 Cuts out sheaves in morning, spears the colts, ploughing ^{hard frost} afternoon 28 34
 Tu 11 Kills two pigs in forenoon Men ploughing in afternoon 30 36

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W 12 a real winter day 6 or 7 inches of snow and some snow weathers last night and it has melted none all day. Winter fairly at present Hector at Wm Robersons threshing Robert at Tom Greys threshing. cold now 30-34-30

Th 13 Hector at Tom Greys threshing in forenoon & Robert at Robersons in forenoon in afternoon Hector & Jean goes to Mc Mullans with cheese Robert choring. No thaw yet quite winter weather sleighs could go 24 32

F 14 Tremendous frost last night for the season Men getting dry firewood in Swamp. Mr Riddell & wife here fine day above 3-28-24

Sa 15 Men fixing barnhouses & choring rather milder to day but very little snow has gone it is still possible for cutters to run this is the third night the cows has been put up, ^{a week since} our beefers 24 38

Sa 16 All at Church but Robert fine day & thawing. windy 30 38

W 17 Hazy day not freezing & but little thaw Men ploughing 30 34

Th 18 Jean & I meat Dundas I get 36 Dollars for Coupens gets a pair of Spectacles 2.50 & a pair of calf skin boots 4. Men ploughing 30 34

W 19 Men ploughing still though thaw to day cloudy 30 30

Th 20 Robert at Mr Deckers threshing. Hector tried to plough but could not for frost I get up the carrots & beets in garden 24-26-21

F 21 Put the ham to the ewes Robert at Deckers threshing I make a turnip reel Hector choring. Snowing almost all day ^{fairly} winter 21 25

Sa 22 Hector at Aberfoyle with Grist ^{did not get it} Robert choring I Dr John Dickson comes with a mate. There is now snow enough for sleighs to go but I suppose wheeled carriage will still be used for heavy loads 28 36

Sa 23 All at Church but May Hector & Jean at Paulson hearing Mr Mc Sab the rest at Kirk wall Mild day but no thaw 30 34

W 24 More snow last night enough now for sleighing Men bring home the plough & laying by tools for winter John Mc Luan comes with circular saw on sleigh and sets it in afternoon ^{been here a great summer} the horse power has 28 34

Tu 25 Sawing our firewood cuts 32 cords with 13 hands and finishes at half past 3 ^{P.M.} began at 9 A.M very smart work, coldish day 21 25

W 26 Hector at Aberfoyle with sleigh for Grist, Robert at Benjy Dicksons threshing, good sleighing now fed the lambs with hay hard frost 21 25

Th 27 Hector & Robert both at Benjy's threshing in forenoon. Cuts oat sheaves snowing to day good sleighing now. Bring home the ewes to see ^{fast} hard 24 16

F 28 Hector at Galt. Jean to thresh this morning Splendid sleighing

Sa 29 Hector & Jean at Galt threshing John Dickson

Su 30 All at Church

W 1 Snowing and drifting

Tu 2 Raining ice last night thawing with rain to Galt to sewing

W 3 Raining and thawing puts up 18 bags

Th 4 Great gale of wind goes away & Hector will get his time

F 5 Men choring in creek down

Sa 6 Men choring

Sa 7 All at Church

W 8 Men down up view of Lurra

Tu 9 Hector at Galt with Robert put in

W 10 Hector at Galt with the man all day

Th 11 Threshers here, the begins the oats in

F 12 Finishes the oat Mr Childs and m

Sa 13 Men cleaning up now for sleighing

Sa 14 All at Church

W 15 Men choring with seed & cutting oat

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- F 28 Hector at Galt. Jean & John at Janes Robert went to John Dickson's to thresh this morning but the machine broke down so they did nothing splendid sleighing now plenty of snow & winter fairly well frost 7 28
 - Sa 29 Hector & Jean at Freulton with yarn to Weaver Robert at John Dickson's threshing John Dickson goes to ^{cousin} Swamp after rabbits no tracks fine sleighing 16 24
 - Su 30 All at Church but Jean takes the sleigh excellent sleighing 16 26
- (Dec)
- M 1 Snowing and drifting heavy all day. Snow quite deep. Robert ^{threshing} at J. Dickson's 14 26
 - Tu 2 Raining ice last night a hard crust on the snow and trees laden thawing with rain to day and dark fog near night Jesse goes away to Galt's sewing school Robert takes her up in cutter 30 38
 - W 3 Raining and thawing all day. snow ^{going} fast Men choring - Threshing oats puts up 15 bags of Rambo apples and other chores &c 38 46
 - Th 4 Great gale of wind all day & now setting in a hard frost. John Dickson goes away & Hector takes him up to Guelph with 16 bags apples they will get their harvest set for it is very cold. Robert choring 37 28
 - F 5 Men choring snow all gone. a grunting fell today frosty creek down in full flood 22 24
 - Sa 6 Men choring - patching ice by the wind had ^{deep frozen} stripes &c 20 28
 - Su 7 All at Church but May and Aleck freezing 24 30
 - M 8 Men down up 23 bags of Peas I go to McAnnally's to see stereoscopic views of Terra Nevada milder in morning then meaty & thawing 28 38
 - Tu 9 Hector at Galt with the Peas = 35 Bushel at 52 cents per Bush \$28.60 Robert puts dung to some of the apple trees, thawing all day 36 40
 - W 10 Hector at Galt with 20 Bush. Peas to Mr. Robinson at 30 cents - #6 Men churn all day and gets no butter warm hands for threshing ^{in rows} 30 34
 - Th 11 Threshers here, threshes 94 Bushels of wheat all the crop of 16 acres!! begins the oats in afternoon, a soft day and thawing all day 36 40
 - F 12 Finishes the oats at noon 310 Bushels Threshers goes away at Mr Childs and mate here from Galt, some snow last night 32 36
 - Sa 13 Men cleaning up chaff in barn for Timothy seed. Snowing hard all day plenty now for sleighing again but no frost in the ground Sheep fed ^{lately} again, pasture 34 28
 - Su 14 All at Church but with sleigh but Jane plenty of snow for good sleighing 28 30
 - M 15 Men choring riddling chaff filling beds with chaff & straw fixing Timothy seed & cutting oat sheaves &c 28 32

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Tu 16 Hektor goes to halt with 30 Bu. Potatoes to Jo Adams at 30 cents =
 And to a Sale at - pay for his Dumps. Robert choring. Warm 30 38
 W 17 Hektor & Robert both at Cores threshing & choring. A sun thud 28 40
 Th 18 Men at Cores threshing in p.m. on choring in afternoon very mild 30 40
 F 19 Hektor gone to see Elizabeth who has measles at Grandmother's
 Robert choring. Men to give the Pigs Cars - shut them up to day. Has 30 38
 Sa 20 Robert choring Hektor goes to see Elizabeth in afternoon goes
 with Jean in buggy with cheese to Kirk wall getting colder 30 24
 Su 21 Hektor & Jean seeing Elizabeth May & at Church frosty 20 26
 M 22 Hektor & Robert choring J.D. Mrs Porteus at Leeny here 15 24
 Tu 23 Hektor & Robert at Mr Menzies' with chopping stuff
 May goes with them to see Old Mr Porteus Inell frost 11 30
 W 24 Men clears up a load of oats & Chores. I Plant
 six seeds of the great Californian tree got from B. McNally 20 34
 Th 25 Christ mas day our men goes to Clude to shoot for Turkeys
 but they got none. A very fine day mild thud 20 34
 F 26 Collecting seat rents for church Men choring at night
 Sa 27 Collecting seat rents Hektor takes me round in cutter 30 36
 Su 28 All at Church but Robert who is taking physic Colish 24 26
 M 29 Kills our keep cow Wm Dickson helps us some mud and 30 28
 Tu 30 Hektor at Mr Valen's house who has sold his farm for \$4500
 Robert splitting firewood & choring. cold to day with hard frost 11 24
 W 31 Hektor at halt with oats 66 Bu at 36 per Bu = \$23.76 Robert
 choring Mr Childs comes with Hektor mild day 20 33
 Another year has pass, our life glides on
 Tomorrow & old seventythree is gone
 But who shall see the close of seventy four?
 The answer is beyond all mortal power

Th 1 Bird this is seen
 Floor. The m
 F 2 Men sawing up old
 Sa 3 Hektor & Jean Alch till
 away with us I got \$
 \$6 for Blackwood & c
 got creton oil 30 c
 Su 4 All at Church but
 And the Glaps at
 M 5 Men sawing old
 Tu 6 Hektor Robert & F at
 snowing all day so
 W 7 Jean & Leeny at Jane
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 Th 8 Hektor Jean May & F a
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 F 9 Men at old Oap, m
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 Su 11 All at Church but
 M 12 Men chopping fallen
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 Tu 13 Men cleaning whe
 W 14 Hektor at Roston Co
 about Harrows Robe
 Th 15 Hektor & Jean at G
 a bank Deposit rece
 Robert chopping in
 F 16 Hektor at Dickson's
 M 17 Men chopping in
 Tu 18 All at Church but
 W 19 Hektor & Robert takes
 Picking Apples see
 Throwing mostly at

Jan 7 1874

- Th 1 But this is New Year's day one might moralise but
 soon. The men is only choring & D. fine mil. day 30 38
- F 2 Men sawing up old oak before old house. I take \$145 to Mr. Queen for ^{ministers} 34 38
- Sa 3 Hector & Jean Alack Tilly & I at Galt Hector took up a few oats Mr. Childs went
 away with us I got \$52 1/2 Interest from Galt Couper's Paid Fleming & Co
 \$6 for Blackwood & Chambers for a year in advance Paid Reformer #2
 got cotton oil 30 cents, thawing mild all day no sleighing coming home 42 32
- Sa 4 All at Church but May. A singular day for the season no rain
 and the Glafs at 52 in the morning and 63 at 2 P.M. snow all ^{gone} 52 63
- M 5 Men sawing old oak & choring fine day 26 30
- Tu 6 Hector Robert & I at Church this being the week of Prayers, a coarse day
 snowing all day something like ice or hail, winter is back again 26 26
- W 7 Jean & Lezzy at Janet McAlisters Men at old oak. Drizzling all
 day a sort of half rain which sticks to the trees as ice, trees loaden now 30 32
- Th 8 Hector Jean May & I at Mrs. Keddell's writing, Jean's Birth day Robert
 keeping house. The trees loaden with ice hard crust on snow Sleigh ^{ing} 30 34
- F 9 Men at old oak, mild day calm snow in afternoon ^{with snow} trees loaden 30 36
- Sa 10 Hector finishes splutting up old oak Robert at Galt to see Childs
 a good deal more snow last night good Sleighing now, Trees loaden 30 31
- Su 11 All at Church but Jane Robert comes back from Galt 30 33
- M 12 Men chopping fallen trees in Sugar bush pretty well clear 20 24
 Mr. Falconer Pays \$150 on his Note of \$200 and \$8 of Interest leaving
 \$50 still to pay, to do which I have given him another gear
- Tu 13 Men cleaning wheat, I not doing much. Small frost last night ^{above} 4 22
- W 14 Hector at Rocton Court about J. Malcom & Mr. Falconer's Plea
 about Harrows Robert chopping in Sugar Bush I fixing a creel snel 11, 22, 15
- Th 15 Hector & Jean at Galt with wheat I send with them \$150 Cash and
 a bank Deposit receipt for 50 to be put in Merchants Bank
 Robert chopping in Sugar bush I doing little very well all day 9 10
- F 16 Hector at Jackson's killing Pigs Robert chopping in Sugar bush, snell ^{above} 3 14
- Sa 17 Men chopping in sugar bush. Snell clear sunny good sleighing ^{above} 4 23
- Su 18 All at Church but May & I as I am not very well. Hrextend ^{sent by} with 27 - 20 26
- M 19 Hector & Robert takes a sow to boar at Mrs. Dicksons Robert then
 Picking Apples Hector goes to Mr. Chryholms with clothes to make 30 37
 Thawing mostly all day, queer country, this Canada of ours

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 50 cents
 large warm 30 38
 at hand 28 40
 sewing 30 40
 very mild
 to day, had 30 38
 colder 30 24
 early 20 26
 late 15 24
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Jan'y 1874

Tu 20 Men bring saw home from base Mr. Mellan here for 3 days ^{Patrols above} 22

In afternoon Men in sugar bush chopping pretty well again
W 21 Hector & Jean at the funeral of ^{cut out sheaves} Johnston a young man aged 25 and nephew of Mr. Martin Noel Robert chopping snow and rain last night and a thaw all day quite mild 34 40

Th 22 Men choring, creeping graith, & Hector goes to J. Valens take declaration as Trustee Heavy rain last night & to day creek in full flood 36 47

F 23 Hector goes to Buslench about a horse but was sold Robert choring 36, 34, 12

Sa 24 Hector May & I at Church Creek in full flood ^{Mr. Dunbar preaches} running over the road strong at bridge but over the road in Swamp, near night heavy snow showers & windy & cold setting for a hard frost & stormy night 30 26

Su 25 Our Sacrament all at Church but Alick & Robert cold clear 44 14

M 26 I at Church our Congregational meeting. \$750 short of funds
Pea Thaw in wee Baye finished 16

Tu 27 Hector at the funeral of F. Scatte aged 39 Thawing and snowing 32
^{see} Sold Mr. Aldrich two Steers for \$70 and a Pig for \$8

W 28 Men at Galt with Steers & Pig John goes to drive the horses the gets #2 from Dr Lundy overched to me by mistake ^{Mr. Chiddes comes} 36 2

Th 29 General Collection all over the Province None here our member Mr. Bain going in by acclamation Men at firewood 26 31

F 30 Men at firewood Burns dry Cedar from 9th Con for kindling, very cold ^{above} 4

Sa 31 Men at firewood Mr. Childs went away, cold clear ^{above} 5

Feb'y

Su 1 All at Church but May & Lilly still cold and stiff 8

M 2 Men at firewood in forenoon Snowing hard all afternoon Men choring ^{above} 16

Tu 3 Men at firewood Mr. Paterson (old Commodore) buried to day 20

W 4 Robert at Wm Robson's Threshing Hector choring Snowing after noon 20

Th 5 Robert at Robson's Threshing Hector in bush chopping firewood 0

F 6 Hector & Jean at Mr. Gulebreath Buslench Robert choring - cold windy ^{cloudy above} 2

Sa 7 Hector goes for the Doctor to Alick who has been sick for some days Doctor coming tomorrow Cuts oat sheaves in afternoon. Turnips in sheep house up till middle pillar ^{got a letter from Walter Elliot} Some more snow last night

Su 8 No Sermon to day Mr. Patheus at Flamboro Inell frost 1
Clear Sunny

M 9 Men at firewood

Tu 10 Men at firewood

W 11 Hector Robert at it to get fixed

Th 12 Men at firewood
John Mc Donald

F 13 Great Thaw last to day men choring

Sa 14 Men at firewood

Su 15 All at Church but our deficiency of

M 16 Hector goes to

Tu 17 Hector & Robert at

W 18 Hector & Jean at Robert choring

Th 19 Hector goes to and brings it home of mild thaw to

F 20 Men chopping firewood ground. Concert

Sa 21 Mild and snow

Su 22 All at Church

M 23 Inland or rather a hard crust the Robert hauling

Tu 24 Cutting oat sheaves

W 25 Hector at Galt for that wont leave

Th 26 Men hauling

F 27 Hector at

Sa 28 Men dragging sky clear but

July 1874

M 9 Men at firewood cloudy but pretty mild 14 30
 Tu 10 Men at firewood & choring mild with some snow showers 14 26
 W 11 Rector Robert at Galt with Wm. Lowe - bought a circular saw and left
 it to get fixed Robert went to say good bye to Childs who is going home 14 24
 Th 12 Men at firewood Doctor here at Alick who is threatened with Jandice 20 32
 Louie McDonald & Janet here seeing Alick, looks like a thaw
 F 13 Great thaw last night and all day with heavy rain last night but not
 to day men chopping when fair creek down big pools in the fields 44 44
 Sa 14 Men at firewood. Fine clear day frost last night pools all froze 20 30
 Su 15 All at Church but Robert & Alick. A collection taken up to make up
 our deficiency of funds. Got \$46.50 the largest collection ever made 24 31
 M 16 Rector goes to Puslinch looking after a horse Robert chopping, cloudy 31 30
 Tu 17 Rector & Robert at J. Cowes sawing wood. Rev. Mr. McNab here 18 22
 W 18 Rector & Jean at Fragersville hearing Mr. McNab's Lecture on Red river
 Robert choring having got a finger bruised yesterday at J. Cowes 14 22
 Th 19 Rector goes to Neil McFaters in Puslinch & buys a horse for \$130
 and brings it home. Robert at J. Cowes Swamp with the oxen making road
 of mild thaw to day. Robt McQueens Social to night 30 38
 F 20 Men chopping firewood Fine mild thaw sleighing gone much black
 ground. Concert at our School to night. H. B. & Janet at it collected \$42.72 36 36
 Sa 21 Mild and snowing soft all day. Men choring food sleighing if snow 24 37
 Su 22 All at Church but Lane. Snowing gently all day / 30 34
 M 23 Snowed or rather hailed last night something between ice & hail
 a hard crust this morning, Rector hauling firewood to Mrs. McAlister
 Robert hauling firewood home with oxen Thawing again 28 39
 Tu 24 Cutting out shoores in forenoon Men hauling firewood afterwards 18 22
 W 25 Rector at Galt for Plaster, Jean goes with him to return some cotton yarn
 that wont weave Robt. hauling firewood snowing now 6 PM wind E 14 22
 Th 26 Men hauling firewood, Bible Society meeting at Church 26 26
 F 27 Rector at Brock Road for lumber Robt hauling &c 26 30
 Sa 28 Men dragging old logs out of Swamp for firewood, a bit of a day
 sky clear but house sides remaining by sun heat. Frank got away from trap 24 36

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March 1874

Su 1 all at Church but May & Billy. Very fine and thawing with
 a clear sky. Sleight fast fields spotting fast ^{at 11 o'clock} trapped 24 38

M 2 Men hauling ice ^{logs} out of Swamp till the thaw brings the
 water down. A strong thaw with clear sky. Sleight entirely
 done fields nearly black. The snow has never been one foot deep this year 30 44

Jean says she saw three blue birds to day. A glendinning comes

Tu 3 Men at firewood more blue birds seen I saw a ground bird. a singularly
 fine day sunny and strong thaw ground black except patches the
 weather cannot last creek open. heavy rain at night, crows plenty 36 52

W 4 Frost again last night Men at bush chopping firewood 24 30

Th 5 Men at bush chopping hard frost last night, creek over road swelled
 Mr Porters here visiting, clear & cold 19 30

F 6 Men at bush chopping & piling Cloudy strong east wind with
 something between snow and rain all day very disagreeable 28 33

Sa 7 A nasty disagreeable day it had rained ice all last night
 and this morning the trees was loaden with clear ice
 but all came down before noon, Men choring blasts 30 40

Su 8 All at Church but May & Allick Coldish but some snow 20 30

M 9 Men choring, cold windy stormy day with snow blasts 19 24

begins to feed the sheep turneps three times per day. They are ^{rotting}

Tu 10 Men splitting firewood at home. Windy and cold ^{at 11 o'clock} trapped 20 26

Hector's Brother Sandy comes from Keppel

W 11 Hector and his brother at Galt for Bran, Robert splitting wood ^{with wagon} - cold windy 19 22

Th 12 Hector & his brother going about Robert splitting wood, very cold 14-15-12

F 13 Hector goes to Aberfoyle with a grist his brother Sandy goes
 with him. Robt Walens & wife here they split next Tuesday for luck - 10 22

Sa 14 Hector comes home with the grist he was at Mr. Helchreav's all
 night Bill Robson brings me Bear grafts ^{at 11 o'clock} splitting wood 20 32

Su 15 All at Church but Hector Collection for Widows Fund 20 34

M 16 Men takes up a load of hay from old stable. We then cut it mixing
 it with straw We then cut bat sheaves till Tea time Thawing 30 40

Tu 17 Hector at Galt with Bran and gets clover seed &c. Robt's
 overhauling rotten Turneps in sheep house &c Thawing 32 42

W 18 Men mending fences I sharpen spouts, strong thaw roads 40 52

dup & glacie snow all gone blue birds & robins quite plenty

Th 19 Men sifting Ram
 very mild the

F 20 Men finish the
 Sugar trees hum

Sa 21 Men Tap the rest
 of sap & Syrops

Su 22 All at Church but

M 23 Cold windy day
 ran yesterday fro

Tu 24 Hector at Mr. Menz
 saw from J. Cowes to

W 25 Hector & Robert at
 13 pails of Sap ^{6 pails} son
 the ice a queer clu

Th 26 Gets 33 pails of
 Potts and tonight
 Peas at Old train

F 27 No Sap to day gather
 Julia Mc De

Sa 28 No Sap to day free

Su 29 All at Church but

M 30 Gathered 9 Pails of
 goes to rock road

Tu 31 Hector at Galt bringing
 making a gate for

W 1 Hector & Jean away
 Robert making a y

Th 2 Gathered 11 pails sap

F 3 Hector sick with cold
 home yet This is go
 some snow last n

Sa 4 Doctor seeing Hector
 very ill. boils do

March 1874

- 19 Men setting Timothy & mending bridges between gate & Sugar bush. very mild the frost almost out of the ground snow all gone but 30 56
- 20 Men finish the bridges in forenoon. Afternoon Tap some of our Sugar trees running pretty well also takes out the Sugar kettles 30 34
- 21 Men Tap the rest of the trees & fix boiling place. We gather 18 pails of sap & Syrops off 16 pails leaving 2 pails in middle Pats puts water 30 48
- 22 All at Church but Jane. Sap running pretty well coolish 30 38
- 23 cold windy day with hard frost last night & today the sap which ran yesterday frozen hard in troughs Men choring very cold 18, 20, 17
- 24 Hector at Mr. Menzie's getting Peas & Oats cracked Robert takes the circular saw from J. Cowes to Mr. McAlister intending to saw her fire wood ^{very hard frost} tomorrow 12 26
- 25 Hector & Robert at Mrs. McAlister's sawing her wood & gather 13 pails of sap ^{6 pails} some of it very strong as it was frozen & I threw away the ice a queer climate this thawing all and freezing hard yesterday 30 40
- 26 Gets 33 pails of sap & Syrops off ~~43~~ ⁴³ Pails as there was 15 pails in Patts and to night we leave 5 pails in Patts Men cleaning Peas at Old Barn thawing day but cold wind & freezing at night 38, 38 30
- 27 No Sap to day gathered only 2 pails Hector attends School Examination Julia McQueen Married to day To - Elliot 24 34
- 28 No Sap to day freezing Men choring threatening snow 26 33
- 29 All at Church but Jane & Lily cool no run hard ^{night} frost last 22 34
- 30 Gathered 9 Pails of sap did not kindle therefore Men choring Hector goes to rock road to beaver for a web did not get it 24 38
- 31 Hector at halt bringing home Jemie & getting some seeds Lime & Robert making a gate for North field at Conception hard frost No sap 18 26

April

- 1 Hector & Jean away seeing a sick child of Gulchrist's at Mr. Macintyre's Robert making a gate, A snell frost for April no sap worth ^{gathering} 12 34
 - 2 Gathered 11 pails sap but boiled none Men choring, Snowing now 6 PM 28 40
 - 3 Hector sick with colic Robert goes for the Doctor and is not come home yet This is good Friday and Robt is keeping as a Sunday some snow last night but not much no sap quite frothy 26 33 24
 - 4 Doctor seeing Hector who has inflammation of the Bowels and is very ill. Boils down sap in Patts makes into Molasses 10 24
- very cold

April 1874

Sun 3^r Robert goes to tell the Doctor about Hector May & I at church
 M 6 Snowing hard in afternoon and very stormy
 I clean the snow out of the troughs Doctor here seeing
 Hector thinks he has got the team Robt Mr. Cowe Barney Mc Annally
 & John Lapsley moves our old workshop up to New Stable mill 20 36
 Tu 7 Robert takes me a cartload of Turnips for Sheep, Mr Porteus
 here seeing Hector We gather 27 Pails of sap and Syrops
 at off leaving water in kettles Fine warm but poor run snow 30 42
 Hears one Frog whistling in Swamp for first time
 W 8 Robert choring, We gather 14 Pails sap but boils none fine day 30 37
 Last night Robt Jepsie Allick & Lily at Kirkwall hearing Mr Russel preach
 Th 9 gets 40 pails sap & Syrops 36 pails leaving 9 in Pats. Robert
 cleans the Baltic & last my bet of a Plug of Tobacco 30 37
 F 10 gets 34 Pails sap & Syrops off 34 leaving 9 pails in Pats the same
 as last night Robert & Hector fixing old workshop at New Barn 30 42
 Sa 11 Same snow last night 7 pails put into Pats
 Tu 12 All at Church but Jane & Hector who is much worse to day
 W 13 Robt goes for the Doctor to Hector but does not see him.
 We gather 28 pails sap & Syrops off 30 leaving 14 pails in Pats 28 46
 Tu 14 Doctor here last night says Hector has inflammation of the bladder
 We get 24 Pails sap & Syrops of 38 Robt carpentering old shop 40 62
 W 15 got 18 Pails sap but did not kindle the fire Robt & Allick at Galt
 fair & brings E. Childs here to work. Mild in morning but colder all day 52. 46
 Th 16 got 26 pails sap Syrops 37 & left 9 pails in Pats Robt & Childs fixing
 old workshop & hanging Gates at North fields. The Doctor here Mr Porteus
 & Mrs Porteus here got a letter from Walter Armstrong both Brethren 28
 F 17 Men choring raising stones & fixing sheep Turnip house as the
 oven ran away per the End of it. Jessie gather only 2 pails sap 30 34
 Sa 18 Men raising stones We got 41 Pails sap and syrops off 39 pails
 leaving in Pats the last boiling & this is to be molasses fine 30 44
 Sa 19 Has the pair twin lambs the first = 2 fine day sap running 32 52
 M 20 Has one pair twins & one single = 3, Men kill a Pig I am bad
 with Dysentery a wet day & some thunder the women
 gathered 21 pails of yesterday's sap & Syrops off 32 pails 40 46
 leaving water in the Pats

21 Had 3 Lambs
 Tu 22 Had 6 Lambs
 W 23 and Jean
 Th 23 Has 3 Lambs
 raising & be
 F 24 Has 5 Lambs
 to plough
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 Sa 25 Has 9 Lambs
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 Su 26 May 4
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 M 27 No Lambs
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 Tu 28 No Lambs
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 W 29 Has 3 Lambs
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 Th 30
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 well Spring
 F 1 This is the
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 Sa 2 2 Lambs
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 Sa 3 Has 2 Lambs
 M 4 Has 2 Lambs
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April 1874

1st Had 3 Lambs to day one pair twins Men raising stones, No sap. 32 44
 2nd Had 6 Lambs to day three pair twins Men raising stones Hector
 and Jean at Galt for seeds, Gathered 13 pails sap, boild none very fine 34 49
 3rd Has 3 Lambs to day both single & one pair twins Men raising stones Hector
 raising & bleating stones got 4 pails sap & syroped off 17 Pails, fine 34 46
 4th Has 5 Lambs to day two pair twins Men raising stones Hector begins
 to plough in backe field, up till to night has 22 Lamb from 14 Ewes
 there being 9 pair twins & four single, Has last none yet gathered 31 44
 5th Has 9 Lambs to day 3 pair twins and 3 single Men cutting the last of the
 oat sheaves in forenoon. Snowing afternoon I gathered 6 pails sap, mostly 30 38
 yesterday got a Langholm Paper with a sketch of my bonny sel! who
 did it?
 6th The pigs weared a Lamb to day, Pulling it through the logs of wee byre
 7th My 4 me at Church hears Mr. Drone our Precentor died last night!
 Had 2 Lambs to day twins one Lamb died to day. Snow all gone 30 40
 8th No Lambs to day got 1/2 ton of Hay from R Pentland price #6 Men
 choring Graft apple at old cheese press with Fall Pippins 28 44
 9th No Lambs to day Hector ploughing in little field at old Stable in forenoon
 Men taking off stones, In afternoon Hector & I at the Funeral of Mr. Drone
 aged 52 his sudden death has created a profound sensation!
 women gathered 5 pails sap and syroped off 11 Pails, Expects this the 30 42
 10th Has 3 Lambs to day all single Hector & Robert. Childs at Galt for
 Medicine to Hector Cold barren North wind, Ciccus out but no 30 36
 Well colted last night a mare colt
 11th Men ploughing with three ploughs Hector
 having the two year old that was never harnessed before and he does
 well I bring home the spouts from Sugar bush, Barren weather 35 46
 May
 1st This is the first of May & a barren day it is blowing hard & Wind North
 No Lambs to day Puts the unlambed Ewes - 11 into field ^{at Dyke} 30 50
 at New Stable all three men ploughing at Gilberts Lane
 2nd 2 Lambs to day both single Childs & Richardson staning
 Robert ploughing Hector at Galt for a ton of coarse salt ^{I uncover the broom} 35 50
 3rd Has 2 Lambs to day twins all at Church but May & Lily 34 52
 4th Has 2 Lambs to day twins Hector sowing Salt & Barley Men dragging 35 50
 5th Jessie at Kirkwall Schoolhouse hearing Mr. Paynter preach

May 1874

5 No Lambs to day Hector sowing Peas & Seeds A Ewe dies of Secret
brings her Lamb home to Pet. Men dragging I skin the Ewe has a cold 36
W 6 No Lambs. Men pulling Laying and Harrowing I took physic ^{poorly} and am 36 52
Th 7 One Ewe Lamberd a dead Lamb I put another Lamb to her which
she is likely to take Men ploughing so hard a frost last night 30 50
the men could not harrow May Plants Top & Potatoe ones

Will look the Horse

F 8 A Ewe Lamberd a dead Lamb - bad Luck that's two. Men finishes
dragging 16 acre field. Gets 2 ^{the first} Martlet Swallows - puts up the pine
Saws sunflowers quite warm to day 35 71

Sa 9 1 Lamb to day single! The Ewe that Lamberd yesterday died
to day from its effects that is two Ewes dead lately! Men stoning
& rolling 16 acre field finishes stoning it. Very hot to day 36 80

Sa 10 1 Lamb to day single there is now only three Ewes to Lamb
All at Church but me & Jessie. I have hurt my rib and
it's very sore, late spring no visible growth on willows yet. hot 46 84

M 11 No Lambs. Men cutting hay with cutters I can't help them with sore
rib. Men kills a calf in afternoon. Green on willows just visible 40 88

Tu 12 Having finished Laying the men has been choring to day, fixing
gate at old house &c. Saw pigs - 6, fine growing day willows ^{green} getting 40 90

W 13 Hector ^{with chopping stuff} goes with him to buy bras Robert ploughing
Patatoe land. Thunder with fine shower last night, great growth now 46 94

Th 14 Men ploughing we cut 12 bushels of Potatoes A Ewe Lamberd twins
one of them a monster with only one eye right in the front and no
upper jaw we killed it & I boiled the head & put the skull in Museum
we cut the Lambs has 43 with one to Lamb get, wethers 19 Ewes 24 = 44

Hector got 26 Bats to Edwin Grey & Mr. at 40 cents per B.

F 15 Men at Patatoe land in forenoon, in afternoon Planting Potatoes
Cuscor & Chilis - Cuscor at the west Mrs. W. Menzie here, fine day 46

Sa 16 Plants the last of our Potatoes in afternoon Rose & Goderich it was
raining in forenoon - last week vegetation has gone ahead a great
rate willow quite green & the bush getting a greenish tinge ^{day} cold to - 40
Black Mare colted last night

17 All at Church but Hector & Lilly The Last Ewe Lamberd 44
and a dead Lamb, bad Luck to the late lamberd Ewes

M 15 Fine rain
Th 19 Men hauling
W 20 Men hauling
Th 21 Men ploughing
we pulling coe
F 22 Men at Stones
but will have
Sa 23 Men at Stone
Sa 24 Our Fair come
go to with Ewe
M 25 Queens bath
night it was
Tu 26 Hector sowing
not returned
W 27 Hector ploughing
F 28 Men begins to
very hot to
Th 29 Men hauling
Sa 30 Men hauling
glorious so
Mandrab
Sa 31 all at Church
M 1 Men finish
Tu 2 Men spread
wash the
W 3 Men ploughing
Flouring at
Th 4 Men ploughing
F 5 Hector & Fe
Esp & Pite
Sa 6 Men ploughing
one Peony

May 1874

11th Fine rain last night Men hauling off stones in afternoon
 12th Hect. Ploughs Pumpkin Patch. Puts the ^{cocks} to Sugar bush, pulling 46 56
 13th Men hauling stones from field East of Richard to foundation of fence at swamp
 14th pulling coxle & redroot - Cocks very bad, fine growing weather but not warm 46 58
 15th Men hauling stones to Swamp fence Fesie & I pulling coxle & redroot 50 54
 16th Men hauling stones in forenoon. Cutting the last of the hay in afternoon
 17th pulling coxle & c & helping to cut hay, clear sunny cool 46 62
 18th Men at Stones Richie Piling Dung at sheephouse We finish pulling Cocks
 but will have to over it again as there is much muck. Gets the first blue 46 62
 19th Men at Stones In afternoon ^{Fesie took the horse} Hector Jean, May & I at Church, ^{first time} bees on willows 50 70
 20th Sacrament all at Church but Fesie, Robert goes to Galt intending to
 go to with Excursion train to Niagara tomorrow, Some cherry blossoms peeping out 50 70
 21st Queens birth day Robert away, Hector Ploughing, Thunder with good rain last
 night it was much wanted things was getting very dry rather showery all day 40 60
 22nd Hector sowing Plaster in forenoon Jean & Fesie plants the corn Robert
 not returned from Queens birth day faint yet I pulling coxle, cool 40 54
 23rd Hector Ploughing Robert Stoning I pulling coxle Apple & Plum trees ^{coming in blossom} 45 74
 24th Men begins to haul dung for Turnips May & I at Bages meeting at Church
 Very hot to Day a fine sheep hog Died awalt, a pity Apples in ^{blossom} 56 90
 25th Men hauling Dung I cutting Cocks. Country looking splendid Warm 56 80
 26th Men hauling Dung I not doing much, very hot Country looking
 glorious some apple trees in full blossom others nearly, some
 Mandrake flower ^{puts on specimen clothes} out but not many Tulips coming out 56 88
 27th all at Church but Jean, fine shower but not enough ^{slight Thunder} 58 74

June

1st Men finishes hauling dung much cooler to day looks drouthy 56 62
 2nd Men spreading Dung & Ploughing for Turnips, In the afternoon we
 wash the sheep fine day flowering Almond in full bloom ^{some says there was a frost} 46 70
 3rd Men Ploughing - Richie spreading Dung. A Muckle pet wi' fules now!!
 Flouring almond in full blossom Woods in about full foliage ^{cloudy} cool 40 68
 4th Men Ploughing & spreading dung, fine shower with thunder last night ^{warm} 50 80
 5th Hector & Jean at Hamilton with 13 bags Potatoes & to buy Phosphate
 Exp & Mitcheson one Ploughing the other scattering Dung warm 55 8
 6th Men Ploughing Richeson finishes spreading Dung I doing little
 one Peony in full blow the rest just bursting out. hot 55-82-70

June 1874

7 at Church fine showers with sharp Thunder warm 56 80
 118 Men ploughing Hector drags the potatoes & finds the bug on them 46 72
 tu 9 Hector ploughing sod. Robert at Bob Gray's Barn raising gathering
 Bugs off the potatoes the potatoes just branding & crowded with bugs
 a great deal of Thunder last night but no rain here but much south 58 80
 W 10 Hector & Robert clip the sheep, I would not help them for their pets
 gathering bugs they are more plentiful to day than yesterday and on the
 very place I found yesterday, all our neighbours has them bad, cool 58 72
 Th 11 having a good deal Men plough sod and takes off stones, very ^{very} misty cool 40 48
 F 12 Men hauling off stones I think some fences and lets the pigs
 out - they have been kept up all winter - keeps one in to kill and
 the sow & pigs, May sent for to Mrs Wm Cowe a shouting, very cool 40 60
 Sa 13 Men hauling off stones & blasting & catching potatoe bugs & cutting ^{tea} this - 44 66
 Su 14 Hector & Jean at Busluch sacrament Robert keeps house the rest at church 50 74
 M 15 Men ploughing sod & killing potatoe bugs, cloudy & some drizzling rain 58 68
 tu 16 having a good deal in forenoon but the men finished ploughing sod
 East of Orchard, I cutting thistles & killing potatoe bugs blast them 38 68
 W 17 Hector at Forest Mill with a guest Robert stoning and dragging
 Turnip land Jesse & I killing bugs in forenoon, Richardson & I
 cutting thistles among barley Peas & oats, Fine day showers ^{night} last 58 74
 Th 18 Hector drawing Turnip drills Robert sowing phosphate & dragging till
 Tea time when he & I sows ^{with Jesse's sows} weathering turnips on west side of field
 Richardson & I cutting thistles among oats in forenoon, fine clear 60 74
 F 19 Hector drilling Robert sowing phosphate & dragging & sowing turnips
 Wm Cowe herein forenoon dragging Richardson stoning an scraping
 dung at de barn in afternoon, Robert at J Laploeg's stoning his with
 the Oxen I catching bugs, very fine clear & warm 60 80
 Sa 20 Hector drilling & sowing turnips Robert at J. Cowe's with oxen ^{fine} logging 60 78
 Su 21 The longest day! all at Church but Robt. & Jesse fine warm 60 80
 M 22 Men working Statute labour but I pay \$1 1/2 for my time - 2 day
 Hector sends Richardson in his place & he drills the last of turnips ^{very hot} 66 80
 tu 23 Men at Statute labour in forenoon Hector sows the last of the
 turnips then goes to a raising at S. Watsons. At roads in afternoon
 I saw headings with turnips for grasshoppers which threatens
 to be quite a plague this year, I then catch bugs warm 64 80

W 24 Men finishes their
 old hay to mix with
 tu 25 Hector Jean May Tilly
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 F 26 Hector dragging follow
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 Sa 27 Hector & Robert dragg
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 Su 28 all at Church but
 M 29 Robert at A. Smith's
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 Su 5 All at Church
 M 6 Hector raking i
 In afternoon He
 tu 7 Hauling hay all
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 by thunder & rain a

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Men finishes their Statute labour at noon In afternoon cuts some
 hay to mix with meal for oxen and chares 5 & burns catch bugs 60 76
 Jean May Tully & Allick at Galt with wool 37 fleeces - weight ^{very clear cool} 23 lbs 230 lbs
 average weight per sheep $\frac{68}{37}$ lbs price 37 1/2 cents = \$86.25 May got
 new gown Parasol &c. Robert John Cowie & nobody at home but Jesse & F.
 fine little shower here with some thunder but much more at Galt 60 88 72
 Hektor dragging fallow Robert at J Cowie's & the barns killing bug but they
 are now well thinned. Cool & getting colder to P.M. wind East & queer bar 60 76 60
 Hektor & Robert dragging Nell took the horse again the Jock & the
 barns catching Bugs got only 446 a mere trifle now, Mr Purvis here ^{got 1 lb tobacco} 65 81
 all at church but Hektor & Jean, very hot the hottest day we have had yet 70 93
 Robert at A. Smith's Barn raising. Hektor drags out the fallow and then
 harkles the Potatoes & carrots & cut thistles & catch a few bugs but we have
 thinned them, but the grasshoppers threatens to be a ten times worse plague
 they are in millions has eaten the most of our Tares & will soon finish the
 remainder as well as the carrots & is eating more pasture than all our stock: 70 82
 Hektor & Robert hoeing carrots in forenoon & F hoeing corn In afternoon
 Hektor commence cutting hay at Neils slashing & field N. of Sugar bush
 both very very poor. Robert goes to snow round the clover & F cut thistles 54 76

July

W1 Dominion day Robert at Guelph. Hektor cutting & raking hay
 North of Sugar bush & killing ^{they are now hatched} bugs & cocking hay, warm 63 82
 In the morning hauls one small load of ^{put into cowbyre loft} hay from the corner at
 Neils then cuts & rakes the rest of field N. of Sugar bush & Robert
 hauls it in 4 wee load & puts it in horse loft. poor poor crop 50 74
 Hektor cutting clover all day Robert Mowing Orchard. F catching Bugs 60 78
 Hektor cutting & raking all day = finishes cutting the field in
 afternoon Robert & F cocking after horse rake - good crop of clover 60 76
 some rain & a good deal of thunder last night, but we want ^{some} more
 rain & a good deal of thunder last night, but we want more
 all at church but Robt. & Allick very warm & drouthy - clear 65 82
 Hektor raking in forenoon Robt. & F hauling 3 loads of hay & loading
 them into cowbyre ^{them into cowbyre} raking Orchard 65 84
 In afternoon Hektor Robt & Jesse hauls 5 loads into
 Hauling hay all day with two teams in forenoon Frank Train helping
 In afternoon only one team hauls 9 loads puts 1 load into old stable 80 95
 2 into Ewe byre 3 into cowbyre & 1 into horse stable F get hushed, slopt
 by thunder & rain at sea time fine shower but not enough very-very hot

July 1874

Hector in forenoon cutting hay in Island field. Robert & I shakes out the cocks that got wet last night. They haul it in afternoon 2 loads puts them into old stable left then goes to help Mr Cowe still hot 84 90

Th 9 Hector cuts out the Island field in forenoon - the last of our hay Robert raking what was cut yesterday, I hoeing Pumpkins In afternoon we haul what Robert raked = 4 loads put into horse 74 82

F 10 Some rain last night so we hoe out the Pumpkins In afternoon Hector rakes all the hay & we haul 3 loads for horse stable I loading the last load was run to barn as it came on heavy rain with thunder we left one load in field cocked and that is all the hay we have out got a complete ducking coming home. There is now a comet in the North, first seen on the night of the first of June 72 82

Sa 11 Hector sets up the Potatoes Robert & Alick cutting thistles Lily & I catching bugs in forenoon in afternoon Jean Jesse & Alick helps us and we get three tin pails full to the brim of the young wormin for they are hatched now. After Tea we take in 1 load of # hay the last of our crop, Total No of loads 32 but some 65 74

Sa 12 all at church but May & Lily Robert at Galt. after we came home It began to rain & rained all night plenty of rain now and we had much need of it for our pasture was gone with draught and 65 72

M 13 Robert comes home at noon then we all cut thistles Mr Valens and two daughters here our Turnips not braided yet though sown on the 19th & 20th of June we are afraid they will never come 60 74

Th 14 Hector Jean & I at Galt Jean gets a sitting spinning wheel I put #56 Callaner to Mr. Shants Bank N. B. Buy. black ^{90 cents} for 65 86

W 15 Men cutting thistles all day we catch bugs in forenoon 70 88

Th 16 Men finishes cutting thistles & fences at Pumpkins & orchard some heavy thunder spates last evening with thunder. very cool 58 67

F 17 Men sowing clover for second crop Alick & I cutting thistles 60 78

Sa 18 Men fencing in Garden & repairing orchard fence I fence Bear and two apple trees from calves let into orchard & cutting thistles 65 84

Sa 19 all at church but Hector & Jean. very hot 70 88

M 20 Cutting thistles on fallow in forenoon. In afternoon Hector & Robert goes to J. Cowes to rake & bind wheat as he begins harvest to day 60 78

Th 21 Men at J. Cowes our wheat round the

W 22 Cutting wheat with feet shistles on

Th 23 Cutting wheat all & Frank Train he

F 24 Hector & Robert at J. C.

Sa 25 My Birth day all the barley of old stable

Sa 26 All at Church

M 27 Rakes the barley the Fall wheat

Th 28 Some rain last Robert & Alick

W 29 Robert Cultiva to see cheese

Th 30 Men Cultiva barley - 7 loads

F 31 Men choring at rain & distant

Sa 1 Hector at the

Sa 2 All at Church

W 3 Hector sowing at Alfred Deck

Th 4 Men fixing B & Threshes B

W 5 Men begins to \$111 they were and #4 D

Th 6 Men cutting

W 7 Men cutting

Th 8 Men finishing as our regu

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21 Men at J. Cowes harvesting in forenoon in of temson cradling in
 our wheat round the fences & stone heaps & thinning carrots & cutting
 22 Cutting wheat with reaper in afternoon Mr Cowe & Frank helping us
 Tust thistles on turning level in forenoon fine day but warm 70 82
 23 Cutting wheat all day & finishes our crop of fall wheat Mr Cowe
 & Frank Train helping us - better crop than we expected - fine day 70 84
 24 Hector & Robert at J. Cowes binding wheat alk & I being up thistles on
 25 My Birth day finished my 74th year - high ho! Hector cuts
 all the barley and we rake & stook it all but that at end
 of old stable - very sultry & hot the air soft & oppressive 70 88
 26 All at Church but May & Robert some ruin last night 70 80
 27 Rakes the barley in we field at old stable and hauls all
 the fall wheat in afternoon 16 loads & a pickle, cool cloudy 60 76
 28 Some rain last night Hector rakes the wheat stubble & takes it in
 Robert & Aliek cutting thistles & stoning fallow I get a pound of ^{very cool} tobacco 55 68
 29 Robert cultivating fallow, Hector Jean & May goes to Brock road
 to see cheese factory Aliek & I killing bugs not very many now 60 78
 30 Men cultivating & stoning till tea time after which we haul all the
 barley 7 loads and finishes about 10 o'clock as it looks like rain 60 82
 31 Men choring at many things Mr Gilchrist and children here some
 rain & distant thunder last night but not much, drouthy to day 60 82

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1 Hector at the Mill for dust & chopping stuff Robert cobbling Gate Pato 55 79
 2 All at Church but Jephie Mr Porteus sick no preaching - Elders officiate 56 74
 3 Hector sowing plaster on second crop of clover, Robert in afternoon
 at Alfred Deckers threshing Mr Aliek takes away 2 heifers price \$50 54 72
 4 Men fixing barrack in forenoon Threshers here in afternoon
 & threshes Barley 107 Bushels & wheat 38 Bushels I dont help them 60 76
 5 Men begins to cut Peas Mr Beard takes away all the lambs got
 \$111 They were very lean & Hector gave some lambs in to the bargain
 and \$4 Dollars beside our pasture is ruined by grasshoppers 60 80
 6 Men cutting Peas all day fine drouthy wants a little rain 60 80
 7 Men cutting Peas all day warm distant thunder at night & like 60 84
 8 Men finishes cutting Peas at tea time I herding kye on odd corners
 as our regular pasture is a desert with the grasshoppers 65 86

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- 9 All at Church but Hector - Quarterly collection - See Tom Johnston with his young Florida wife - very hot 68 88
- M 10 Men turning Beas in forenoon, hauls 6 loads in ^{into barrack} afternoon 60 86
- Tu 11 Hauls the last of the Beas = 7 loads puts 4 into barrack and 3 into New Barn. Baarns goes to Parly at ^{hot} Musters very 70 90
- W 12 Men choring in forenoon in afternoon at J. Couze's ^{Good heat} Threshing 75 98!!
This has been the hottest day for the last six years
- Th 13 Hector cutting oats all day we binding and stooking much cool 60 80
- F 14 Hector cuts the last of the oats in 16 acre field in forenoon and we bind & stook them. much damaged with grasshoppers & mildew very draughty & like to be, we want rain but looks like a set draught 60 78
- Sa 15 Men clean out big spring in forenoon. Cut the spring wheat in afternoon 3 acres & we bind & stook it Mr. G. Chest here telling us of the death of his child at Mr. McIntyre's of Dysentery - very prevalent just now 65 82
- Sa 14 All at Church but Robt & Jesse clear very draughty 70 84
- M 17 Robt cradles the last of at Swamp. In afternoon we haul the oats & loads from 16 acre field much eaten by grasshoppers 70 90
- Tu 18 hauls our Spring wheat - 4 loads & hakes & hauls the little patch of oats in swamp - 1 load This finishes our harvest - rather poor one James Elliot patching the barn & old house shingles ^{smoky} very dry 70 84
- W 19 Men choring in afternoon Hector goes to Galt about a ^{does not get him a sheep} boat - hills 65 83
- Th 20 Men putting out dung on fallow I pull about 3 Bushels Astracan apples slight showers all day & looks like more and it was never more wanted here for our regular pasture is quite a desert with grasshoppers & draught but the cattle is rather off just now since the fields was cleared of grain they have more picking & room 65 83
- F 21 Men putting out dung & Robert begins to harrow down the turnip drills as they never came so we have no turnips this year ^{rain} some 60 79
- Sa 22 Men dragging turnip land for wheat Hector drawing the ridges 60 74
- Sa 23 All at Church but May & Tilly quite cool 56 74
- M 24 Hector & Robert Ploughing where the Turnips should have been. we shall not have a turnip this year cool 58 72
- Tu 25 Galt Seed Fair Hector at it Robt Ploughing cool 60 78
- W 24 Men Ploughing fine day but very draughty we want rain badly but the grasshopper is mostly gone 60 76

- Th 27 Men Ploughing
- F 28 Robert Ploughing crop very poor
- Sa 29 Men Ploughing loads come
- Sa 30 All at Church
- M 31 Men Ploughing
- F 18 We started for the weather was and bush fire our friends a much good in 14 acre field In Hector at the
- Sa 19 Men Ploughing child in a
- Sa 20 All at Church
- M 21 Hector at Galt in forenoon
- Tu 22 Men Ploughing
- W 23 Hector & Jean up to Galt
- Sa 24 Robt Ploughing
- Sa 25 Robt Ploughing
- Sa 26 All at Church
- Sa 27 Our Sacrament
- M 28 Sabbath school Hector at

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- th 27 Men Ploughing finishes field begins to Plough East of Orchard drouthy 55 78
 - F 28 Robert Ploughing in forenoon Hector cutting second crop of clover
crop very poor drouthy cuts only patches - In afternoon we rake & cock 60 78
 - Sa 29 Men Ploughing till tea time then we haul the clover 2 little
loads which we put into sheep house left - clear drouthy 55 76
 - Su 30 All at Church but Robert & Alick dry very dry & drouthy clear 60 82
 - M 31 Men Ploughing Put 13 old Ewes into Island field with ¹⁵ Sept 60 83
- Sept
- Tu 1 Men Ploughing We intend to start for the Huron - Lucknow
to morrow so I shall not be marking down for some time ^{very dry} 60 82
- and spent on the whole Jaunt # 23
- F 18 We started for Lucknow on the 2nd and returned yesterday -
the weather was dry & very hot all the time the glass sometimes at 92
and bush fires every where & much mischief done. We found
our friends all well. It rained hard yesterday and must have done
much good. Our wheat is sown and coming up. Men Ploughing to day
in 14 acre field at conception on land where grass failed to catch
In Hector at the funeral of old Mrs Pait who died of Dysentery: 50 74
 - Sa 19 Men Ploughing Hector at the funeral of John Gilbert.
Child in afternoon, fine day but raining now with some ^{thunder 6 P.M.} 55 80
 - Su 20 All at Church but Robt & Alick much rain last night cool 50 60
 - M 21 Hector at Apr for brass & shorts gets one ton price #13 Robt at School
in forenoon cleaning out the Bump Ploughing in afternoon fine 55 64
 - Tu 22 Men Ploughing cool the warm weather all gone season changed 50 62
 - W 23 Hector & Jean goes to Provincial show at Toronto Robert takes them
up to Galt Ploughs in afternoon fine clear day one slight shower 50 68
 - th 24 Robt Ploughing very fine clear day but the season is now changed 50 78
 - F 25 Robt Ploughing in forenoon, In afternoon goes to Galt to meet Hector ^{Jean fine} 50 78
 - Sa 26 All at Church but Jean Mr Robertson Preaches fine & warm 55 80
 - Su 27 Our Sacrament all at it but Robert & Alick who has Dysentery 50 60
 - M 28 Sabbath school picnic May Jephie Tilly & I at it collection #14 ^{Robert} 50 64
Hector at Puslinch for oats for old debt Robert Ploughing

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tu 29 Men ploughing in forenoon in afternoon Hektor goes for Galt
 shew with the Bull, Hektor ploughed & carried some Hubston Pippins 50
 W 30 All at Galt shew but May fesse ^{covered one barrel} got no prize for well - Cold 46
 Th 1 Hektor at Hamilton with Barley Robt ploughing in afternoon 45
 F 2 Men ploughing much rain last night Hektor got a ducking before he got home
 he had 50 bushels Barley price 7 York shillings = 88 cents = \$44 ctd 40 54
 Sa 3 Men ploughing ^{same frost last night} Jean very Pipin apples cold clear 40 54
 A Su 4 Mr Porteus at Hamburg Mr Hunter a young man preaches
 Jean poorly Hektor takes her to the Doctor after coming from church
 Tomatoes bleached with frost last night the first of the season 32 44
 M 5 Begins to Dig Potatoes takes up 35 Bush Cuscos poor crop 32 54
 Tu 6 Rain last night and raw all day men clean a load of Barley
 Mr Alrich buys 3 Pigs at \$45 cot 7 cut & old Ewes at \$3 each 40 54
 W 7 Hektor in forenoon Men ploughing In afternoon takes up 15 B. Chile Potatoes 40 54
 Th 8 Digging Potatoes all day takes up 50 B. Chile's fine cool day 45 58
 F 9 Finishes digging Potatoes takes up 12 B. Peach blows & 6 B. Peas
 Total crop 35 B. Cuscos 65 B. Chile's 12 B. P.B. & 6 B. Peas = 118 bush
 dont reckon small or Godrich about 20 B. which we take for 29
 takes one wagon load Pumpkins & takes in the corn stalks 45 62
 Sa 10 Cuts corn stalks & Pea straw for cattle in forenoon in
 afternoon Hektor & Jean goes to Mooreston with yarn to weave and goes
 to Mr Helchwaits all night heavy showers in morning & afternoon 45 58
 Su 11 No Lesson to day Mr Porteus absent our folk returns 40 50
 M 12 Hektor down below with Barley 48 Bu at 90 cts = \$43.20 Robert kills
 a sheep in forenoon ploughing hears J. Lapsley's Ram was two
 day among our Ewes & taken out last Saturday the 10th. Cool 36 4
 Tu 13 Men ploughing May at Jock Nights very cool & cloudy 34 5
 W 14 Hektor at Galt with 3 Pigs alive to Mr Alrich Robert took out 4 barrels
 of apples to Mc Millan at \$1.25 cents per barrel then hauls ^{from Piggly} pumpkins 46
 Th 15 Men ploughing In afternoon Robert takes 25 B. apples to Mc Millan's fesse
 Jane & I pulled them with a little help from Robert all but one barrel which
 we took from cellar A frost last night which withered the ^{a little} grape leaves 32
 F 16 Hektor shew now at it but Robert Hektor ploughing & carrying
 Palma apples has 3 barrels of them very fine sunny day 33

Ca 17 Hektor at Galt in 10 acre field
 2 18 Hay All at Church has a very sore
 19 Frost last night The Doctor here
 20 Men ploughing & cuts corn & at Mr Train's Men ploughing John Elliot goes besides 18 B. what & small
 W 21 Men ploughing
 Th 22 Men ploughing
 F 23 Men ploughing Mrs. Jam's curdock
 Sa 24 Men ploughing
 Su 25 All at church
 M 26 Men ploughing
 Tu 27 Men ploughing
 W 28 Men ploughing
 Th 29 Providence A fire
 F 30 Men ploughing
 Sa 31 Hektor Jean to home a I shore
 Ca 1 All at Church
 2 Men ploughing
 3 Men ploughing 2 loads of

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- Sa 17 Hector at halt with Quint & takes up circular row to get mended Robert Ploughing in near field, Scavenging apples another very fine sunny day-windy 40 62
- Sa 18 All at Church but Jean & Hector - expecting Doctor to come to see Alick who has a very sore eye very fine day & sunny 40 58
- Mo 19 Frost last night & some ice, Hector Ploughing, Robert at Tom Greys Shreshing The Doctor here this morning & Blisters Alick's head for sore eye 28 34
- Tu 20 Men Ploughing in forenoon. In afternoon took in the last of the corn & cuts corn & Peastraw, John Elliot came last night after being at Mr. Pains Raup who has sold his Farm, very fine Indian ^{smoky} summer 45 66
- W 21 Men Ploughing, we carry the last of the keeping apples Total kept 18 barrels & John Elliot goes away & I do not to see him again as he is going home, fine 40 34 besides 18 barrels apples kept we sold 12 barrels and pore dear knows what & small to size 20 B. altogether our apple crop is far over 100 bushels
- Th 22 Men Ploughing very fine Indian Summer weather, Collector here 40 58
- F 23 Men Ploughing in forenoon Hector & I at the funeral of - Mrs James Wright who died of childbed and left a family of 10 children 40 56 our clock made to strike right by a tramp called - Allen
- Sa 24 Men Ploughing Hector goes to cheese factory for seller, very fine 45 64 he found apples for apple sauce - 19 Bails full
- Sa 25 All at Church but Robt & Alick Mr James Preaches, very fine ^{here} 50 70
- Mo 26 Men Ploughing, I clean out old well, Mr Porteus & wife & Mr James 50 70
- Tu 27 Men Ploughing cooler to day no Indian summer today 40 60
- W 28 Men Ploughing a little rain in afternoon & threatening more 40 54
- Th 29 Provincial Thanksgiving day all at church but Jessic. A fine day but very in afternoon 40 64
- F 30 Men Ploughing, cuts corn & straw at noon then Ploughs, very cool 40 48
- Sa 31 Hector Jean Jessic & Robert at halt Robert goes to see after a passage to home as he is going home & Stalker is here Ploughing in his place I mowing and wheels dung to little garden before the door, cold 34 42

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- Sa 1 All at Church but Robt & Alick very cold & no fire stove out of order 30 44
- Mo 2 Men Ploughing we fill 37 bags with leaves for bedding at Sugar bush 32 44
- Tu 3 Men Plough with 3 teams & Stalker Ploughing with oxen Speans the colts. we get 2 loads of leaves of 41 bags each & put them in barnhouses very smoky 34 50

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W 4 Men Ploughing with three ploughs & horses John Elliot starts homeward for home
 from Galt for #23 from Galt. I finish being the garden very smoky 30 44
 Th 5 Raining lightly all forenoon Men fixing barn in forenoon for
 threshers Men Ploughing in afternoon Aldrich takes away 10 Ewes 38 51
 F 6 Threshers here Threshers about 120 Bu wheat & about 120 of oats 32 53
 very fine clear day grasshopper eat 2/3 of our oats
 Sa 7 Threshers finish wheat & Peas in forenoon Peas 90 Bushels
 30 b. Peas was threshed at seed time total 120 Bu as much as oats 34 54
 Su 8 All at Church but Jean May & I at Church very fine
 M 9 Hector at Galt for circular saw did not get it Robert & I talker at
 F 10 J. Coles threshing fine clear day no smoke some rain 40 54
 Tu 11 Men Ploughing in afternoon Hector goes to Galt for circular saw but
 did not get it at broke in the mending. At we had a party holding
 Robert's joy as he starts for home on Thursday, fine day for the season 40 54
 W 11 Men Ploughing where Indian corn grew feels quite cold to day 32 48
 Th 12 Robert goes away for home gets the cars at 2 PM in Galt for New York
 Hector takes him up to Galt talker ploughing in afternoon hard 28 40
 F 13 Men Ploughing but rather stiff with frost in the morning
 quite cold all day looks like winter it kept off well 26 32
 Sa 14 Hector at Forest Mill for chopping stuff talker choring in
 forenoon, goes home at noon Ground frozen too hard to plough 19 32
 Su 15 All at Church but Jemie & Alice a pretty mild day 30 44
 M 16 Hector Ploughing talker absent women cleaning house
 Alice and I bring 7 bags of leaves from bush for pigs 28 44
 Tu 17 Hector Alice & I cutting corn oats & straw talker at ^{threshing} ~~Forest~~ 32 36
 W 18 Men choring Cool weather 30 38
 Th 19 Hector at Galt for bran talker at B. Dickson's threshing 26 34
 F 20 First fall of snow last night ground all covered snowing a little
 all day Men hauling cordwood from bush with sleigh puts the
 Ram to the Ewes winter began but ground dry no water in 26 34
 Sa 21 Still snowing a little Men hauling firewood with sleigh In afternoon
 Hector & I goes to Kirkwall Schoolhouse & votes against the Railroad spoken
 of when we left there was 47 votes against & not one for it 26 32
 Su 22 Jean & Jemie at Puslinch hearing their new minister I was
 the only one at our church from our house, a deal of
 rain at night

23 Circular saw here cost
 26 cords and leftable
 quite a thaw snow
 24 Finishes cutting the wood
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 snowing mostly all
 25 talker at Mr. Dickson's
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 26 Rector & talker ch
 27 Rector choring
 28 Hector & Jean at
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 29 None at Church
 30 Hector & Jean & Alice
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 5 A little snow
 6 All at Church but
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 9 Hector takes Jemie
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 6 Turkeys Flea
 10 Hector choring
 11 Hector choring
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M²³ Circular saw here we had only 8 hands all told but we cut about
 26 cords and left about 4 uncut which we intend to cut tomorrow
 quite a thaw snow all gone. Very clear & sawing wood 38 46
 Tu²⁴ Finishes cutting the wood we left last night Hector hurt his back lifting at the
 horse power putting in to the wagon & hurt my breast very bad inside nasty day
 snowing mostly all day. I am quite knocked up and useless with my breast 26 30
 W²⁵ Stalker at Mr. Dakers threshing I am laid up with sore breast & Hector with sore back 26 28
 The book man brings The Polar Regions Price \$5.25
 Th²⁶ Hector & Stalker choring splitting wood. I take Castor bad with breast 26 32
 F²⁷ Hector choring Stalker absent Thawing snow gone I useless 33 44
 Sa²⁸ Hector & Jean at Dundas with a load of wheat & 10 Turkeys snowing
 all day wheat sold at Dundas ^{spring} 35¢ at 93-#32 10 Turkeys 18 32 34
 they took my Dundas coupons and got them cashed #36
 Su²⁹ None at Church but Jessie & the bairns 10 or 12 inches of snow ^{running} cutters 24 38
 M³⁰ Hector & Jean & Alick at wearers Stalker at with our oxen None here to do the
 chores but Jessie very cold last night winter fairly good sleighing ^{above} 6-18-5
 Dec
 Tu¹ Hector goes to Galt for bran takes Jessie to her Grandmother's
 get 1/2 ton of bran #6 Stalker here I doing nothing, weather milder 18 30
 W² Mild and thawing a little, Hector choring Stalker absent 28 42
 Th³ Snow all gone, ^{no rain} Thawing all night Hector choring I doing nothing 40 44
 F⁴ hard black frost last night, Hector choring, I still useless 16 26
 Sa⁵ A little snow this morning Hector Alick & Tilly cuts ^{slight thaw} some straw &c 26 34
 Su⁶ All at Church but Tilly & J. Mild cloudy day gentle thaw 32 34
 M⁷ kills six little Pigs Benjy & Stalker helps us ^{young} Venture worries dot the cat 30 37
 Tu⁸ Hector at Tom Gilbert's stumping bee. In afternoon Stalker is at
 Jim Robsons threshing Mr. Kelling 6 Turkeys in afternoon Mr. Stalker ^{helping} 15 24
 W⁹ Hector takes Jessie up to Galt to get the cars to Southampton where
 her Father is to meet her & take her to Keppel Jane goes to Galt with
 6 Turkeys Stalker fixing the chores milder to day, ^{shower} snow 30 36
 Th¹⁰ Hector choring I doing nothing fiaty Mr. Queen & C here 26 38
 F¹¹ Hector choring I go to Kirkwall after being laid up about a fortnight
^{reumatism} Willie Valens died this morning he was always a cripple with 20 26
 Sa¹² Hector Choring I doing nothing I forenoon Hector goes
 to Forest mill for chopped Peas for feed cool 20 24
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Su 13 All at Church but Hector & May the filerists goes away 20 26
 M 14 In afternoon Hector goes to Robt Walin's funeral hard frost
 and a good deal of snow last night, plenty for sleighing now 12-14-8
 Tu 15 Hector at Forest Mill for chopping stuff very hard frost last night
 at 9pm last night the glass was 5 below zero, this morning ^{above} 3 ^{now} 18
 W 16 Hector choring milder to day threatening a thaw 20 33
 Th 17 Hector & Stalker clearing a load of wheat. Slight thaw 36 - 36-
 F 18 Hector choring & doing next to nothing, cold windy, snow ^{shower} 20 26
 Sa 19 Hector Choring & dwp in the Blues all this week, no cause ^{thaw} & ^{at} 32 36
 Sa 20 Hector takes us to church in Sleigh Jean keeping house mild 28 34
 M 21 Dicks gets here fixing Pump pretty mild day cloudy 20 32
 at night gave Hector \$100 to help him through
 Tu 22 Hector choring quite a gentle thaw all day 32 36
 W 23 Hector & Stalker at J Lowes threshing, a very little thaw no rain 30 32
 Th 24 Hector & Stalker at Lowes threshing till noon, Choring afterwards
 Pays Mc Millan Globe Newspaper #1.70 ^{for 876} price & Postage & also ^{postage for banner for 1874} 20 cents 26 32
 F 25 Christmas day, dull enough with me nobody here but myself Hector
 Jean May & Alick gone to Thos McDonald's hilly at Stalkers & Tam keeping
 house Stalker is fixing the creatures mild day but frosty 18 28
 Sa 26 Hector choring & collecting for kirk seat got all I could claim ^{day} fine 26 36
 Su 27 All at Church, but May & Alick Munster pretty good 24 38
 M 28 Kills a Steer W^d Dickson helps us fine mild thaw all day no more 36 40
 Tu 29 Collecting for kirk gets all I could claim Hector goes along with me
 with a buggy but the cutter could have gone nicely the road was ^{is mostly gone now} so icy but the snow 20 24
 W 30 Goes to Dicksons collecting for the beef & bronz, it is colder very cold 12 14
 Th 31 Hector & J at Galt Hector gets 15 Bags Bran, I get #60 for Galt Coupons Pays
 Reformer #2 & Lundy's Bill #2.30 to Mr Strong & Chambers & Blackwood
 To Fleming & Co #6 & Postage 48 cents gets a Diary for Jean 45 cents
 a fine sort of day but poor sleighing & rather cold more waggons
 going than sleighs but we had the sleigh. And this day finishes 14 28
 Dec 74 Oh Dear how time slips away

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- 1 N Newyears day eggs over to R Mc Queen's in forenoon. Tom McDonald
 & his wife Janet comes & we have a Turkey &c 14 26
 2 Sat. 1875 goes all to Mc Queen & Pags. hint 150 for congregation
 Pays Mr Millam Postage on paper money, snow good sleighing 20 28
 3 Sat all at church but James a good Newyears sermon from Minister 20 28
 4 Cuts up the Beef In afternoon Hector goes & votes for counsellors (we have
 heard that Mary (Mrs Armstrong) is very ill & Jean & Bell Coue is going
 to see her to morrow I gave Jean #6 to pay her fare 16 24
 5 Jane starts with Mrs Coue to see her aunt Mary at Lucknow Mrs Coue
 took them up to Galt, Hector took a load of Bread with sleigh well wheat up to Galt 23 Pags
 = weighed 49 B price 96 cents = \$47.4 I fixing chores feeding sheep &c 12 14
 6 Hector at Guelph fair looking for cattle feed & to shew his horses which
 he wants to sell This being the week of Prayers I go to meeting in afternoon 7 22
 7 Hector Choring I D. Keen first last night fine day cloudy snow 5 PM now 10 22
 8 Hector gets 2 loads of straw from Decker & fix the sheep, This is Jean's
 birthday forty one years ago heigh ho how time slips away -- 18 26
 9 A very cold stormy day & all day snowing some but not much but
 drifting hard & wind high - In fact intensely cold & the glass low
 Hector goes to Galt to meet Jean from Lucknow she will get their barrel 5-0-2
 10 The Rector got a Telegram from Jane at Stodarts saying there was no
 trains running Railroad drifted up, she will as soon as possible
 11 The hardest frost yet our glass 8 below zero but J Malcolm says their
 glass was 16 below and others says their glass was 12 below. It was smell anyhow
 I went to church but there was few there, fine cold calm day - below 8 above 2
 12 Another cow dies bad job - we cut stuff in afternoon milder to day, sunny 5 16
 13 Mr Robt Chambers came last night. Hector goes up to Galt to meet Jane cold 2 22
 Hector did not meet Jane uneasy about her detention now
 14 Hector choring milder to day I not doing much shawing by glass 26 36
 15 Stacker & Son comes to chop firewood Hector choring No word from Jane yet 18 18
 16 Men chopping & hauling old Logs from swamp for firewood pretty sharp snow 5 14
 Jean arrives from Lucknow, Her Aunt Mary on Wednesday night and
 is to be here on Saturday (tomorrow) She was a woman who meant
 what she said & said what she meant. It would be a better world if all was
 like her
 17 At Kirkwall school Hector & I voting against the county taking the road 13 20
 In afternoon at our School hearing Mr Bustie & Stock seeking a writ

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Su 17 All at Church but May & Alice fine day & frosty moment 7 15
 M 18 Election day for Ontario at 10 o'clock votes for Charles Block his 11 16
 Tu 19 Hector Jean & May at Galt J. Valens & Mrs W. Valens here but as
 there was nobody at home but me they did not stop Mrs. Stolt Chambers here
 and we expect her back again tonight to Le Jane Stalker for my things 16
 W 20 Hector & Stalker piling firewood, Keas Mrs. Nicol died to day she had several
 Paralytic strokes our people saw her yesterday she could not speak 9 14
 Th 21 Hector & Stalker piling wood in forenoon cutting a good deal more snow
 Corn & Straw in afternoon 10 14
 F 22 Hector at Mrs. Nicol's funeral and bring home bust from Stalker at 27 20
 Sa 23 Jean & I at Church Hector hauling firewood from Lapsley's for Stalker 9 24
 Su 24 Ave Sacrament all church but Lily Stalker keeps house 12 30
 M 25 Stalker at wood Bob at Robson's threshing Hector at Annual meeting ^{none else} 20 20
 Tu 26 Men at wood in forenoon cutting corn & straw in afternoon cloudy cold 16 18
 W 27 Hector & Jean at Galt with Peas to chop, Stalker & Bob at wood, some snow 15 22
 Th 28 Men at wood and choring a little snow every day feeding snow 15 32
 F 29 Men at wood & picking at big spring as it has got so low the cattle can scarce
 drink, never saw it so low, every body wishing for a thaw, ^{about 14 inches snow} splende sleighing 7 22
 Sa 30 Men at wood in forenoon Stalker & Bob goes home at noon and
 Hector goes to Puslinch to try & hire a man, does not get him 11 22
 Su 31 All at Church but Jean & Lily, Collector for Precentor
 Feb'y
 M 1 Lang gone and no thaw every body crying for water Spring lower than ever
 Men at wood cold windy keen frost, a winter without rain 7 18
 Tu 2 Men at wood Hector hauling to the house, milder to day 15 32
 W 3 A thaw to day but little snow went but we got a little water into our
 cisterns some rain but now freezing like sixty Hector choring 33 - 42 20
 Th 4 One of the most ^{la}enthrable days I have seen, last it blew a hurricane
 and all day quite a gale & intensely cold, though the sun shone & sky clear
 no work it was impossible to stand the cold wind, many noses will be frozen below 2 about
 F 5 Men at wood at night Alice Lily & I goes to our School Concert where there
 was good singers from Galt Guelph Hamilton Dundas &c it was a great success
 though a cold stormy night admision 25 cent got #34 well done our folk above 2 10
 Sa 6 Men at wood in forenoon cutting, straw & corn in afternoon, corn done 2 10
 Sun'y the hardest frost for many year our glass 15 below Mr. Porteus's #24 below below 15
 All at church but May & Alice sunny calm

18 Hector at Galt for
 It is clear & sunny
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 Su 14 All at Church
 M 15 Small clear sun
 Tu 16 Hector brings a lo
 W 17 Men at wood M
 Th 18 Small again Me
 F 19 Hector & Bob at J
 Sa 20 Mild & cloudy
 Su 21 All at Church
 M 22 Fine mild
 Tu 23 Thawing last
 to day but ver
 W 24 Quite a thaw la
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 Alice & Lily at
 Th 25 No thaw Hector
 being too bare
 F 26 Hector goes to B
 Sa 27 Men at wood
 Su 28 All at Church
 1 This is March
 and drifting a
 hard Bob Stalk

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M 5 Hector at halt for bran he'd get froze for it desperately smell and pretty but
 it is clear & sunny to Stalker & Bob at wood glass at 12 zero then up & down 0 above 3 below 4
 Tu 9 Hector takes the Bull for halt fair tomorrow for sale if he can Stalker & Bob 2 P.M. 6 P.M.
 at very cold with clear sunny sky & some biting wind cold day below 11 below 4 0
 W 10 Men at wood another smell day terrible hard weather below 16 above 13
 Th 11 A good deal of snow last night blowing & drifting all day Hector choring Stalker absent
 the glass ranged over 46 Degrees from yesterday morning till this morning snow 30 above 22 above 8
 F 12 Another smell day & drifting some, clear sunny Men at roads trying to
 get them passable to the coon but det. hill completely blocked, goes thro' field below 6 0
 Sa 13 Hector goes to Mr. Ferguson's to buy some hay he is to get 3 tons, cold below 11 above 8
 No mail today this is the third day no mail, roads blocked with snow likely
 Su 14 All at Church but Jean & Tilly very hard frost again, wonder in Canada below 14 above 4
 M 15 Snell clear sunny Men at wood and like to be frozen below 13 above 4
 Tu 16 Hector brings a load of hay from Mr. Ferguson's then hauling wood rest at wood below 6 above 13
 W 17 Men at wood milder to day at night May Jean & I go to Poree at Church below 14 above 12
 Th 18 Snell again Men at wood clear & sunny but frost smell as ever below 13 above 10
 F 19 Hector & Bob at J. Cowe's cutting firewood Stalker choring Jean & I clean cistern above 7 above 22
 Sa 20 Mild & cloudy Hector hitches up black colt first time he went well above 18 28
 Su 21 All at Church but Hector & May meddling mild to day above 12 14
 M 22 Fine mild & cloudy quite a thaw in afternoon hauling wood zero 0 above 40
 Tu 23 Thawing last night got about ten inches of water into cistern, no thaw
 today but very near it Men at wood Hector hauling in afternoon 30 32
 W 24 Quite a thaw last night and all day creek down & standing at bridge
 great pool on wheat field and little bridge across road to small to let off the
 water ground black where the snow was blown off Last night Hector Jean
 Aleck & Tilly at Kirkwall Schoolhouse at a social Receipts \$ 25.90 37 44
 Th 25 No Thaw Hector & I Dickson tramping road to Kirkwall McQueen's field
 being too bare now some little snow last night Men at wood cold windy 28 32 22
 F 26 Hector goes to Brock road to beavers for cloth Stalker & Bob at wood frosty 12 14
 Sa 27 Men at wood splitting & hauling smart frost again Jane send letter to Scarborough above 3 14
 Su 28 All at Church but Jane Snell frost last night again below 3 above 10

March

This is March & my certie the first day is a terror snowing blowing
 and drifting all day Baerns not at School Men creching graith having
 hired Bob Stalker for a year he begins his time today above 10

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 here had as
 all Chambers here
 Stalker fix everything 16
 she had several
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Tu 2 Clear sunny & calm Men clearing away snow drifts & confusion 10
 W 3 Another tempest of a day in afternoon I never saw a worse snowing
 heavy & drifting furiously, Hector & I at Mrs Carruthers' funeral very
 few there saw only met them at the grave yard, no work done to day. ^{5: PM below} 3 above 16
 Th 4 Fine day sunny calm clearing up confusion after yesterday's storm
 clearing roads &c in forenoon Hector hauling wood in afternoon, ^{the first} sees 2 crows 16 30
 F 5 Moderate day Men choring, three days this week no mail from snow 18 26
 Sa 6 Fully six inches of more snow fell last night there must now
 be about two feet on the level but is so much drifted it is hard to
 tell the depth. Cutting hay in forenoon Men choring afterwards - 30 28
 Su 7 All at church but May & Dick road very deep very few at church 16 31
 M 8 Hector at Galt for Brian fine sunny Bob splitting wood Hector 12 30
 Tu 9 Hector hitches up young horse he very canny, ^{slight haze sunny} Mr Porteus here visiting 10 34
 W 10 Winter now seems to be giving back a little but is tough & dour
 Men choring hauls some wood &c Bob splitting &c 28 32
 Th 11 Hector & Bob goes to Mr Fergusons for hay gets 1600 cut mulch 18 36
 F 12 Men choring fine day Sent a letter to David Elliot 28 34
 Sa 13 Hector at Galt with cordwood for McMillan Jean & May away
 seeing Janet McElister Mrs McDonald couple the sleigh mile 18 36
 Su 14 All at Church but Jane foggy in morning thin a little thaw 30 38
 M 15 Thunder (distant) with some rain thawing all day with a good deal
 of rain creek down & pools standing every where in fields winter
 going now at least we hope say. Saw one ground herd to day the first
 summer herd of the season. Hector takes a grist to forest mill & left at
 Jane goes with him to Janet McDonald who is very poorly. Saw - 34 38
 Tu 16 Frost again but not hard, heavy snow showers & very windy. Hector
 Bob & John Dickson opening road to Kirkwall. having gone ^{felt lately} through McQuens
 fields lately Got a letter from Alexander Finnes 30 38
 W 17 St Patricks day, very cold, cuts some hay, Hector breaks the 14 16
 Th 18 Very small last night Hector at Galt ~~had~~ with 3 bags to chop and get some
 beam had a surprise party last night Young Pedler McDonald boys and
 some young women. Sees a blue bird on grape vines poor thing too cold - about 4 14
 F 19 School examination Hector & Jean at Mr Bob choring P.D. finer to day snow 6 18

16 20 Stormy cold day Hector goes with him to see
 21 All at church but May
 22 Hector at forest mill
 23 Another hard frost, goes to the funeral of Mr
 a ground herd to be seen
 24 Hector brings a load of
 25 Hector goes to James
 4 per load fine su
 26 Thawing all day & rain
 thawing pools in fields
 27 Hector & Bob goes to
 thawing slowly all day
 melted some pools on
 28 All at church but
 29 Cutting straw in
 see that I dig out the
 the snow seems now
 30 Great sun thaw all
 sees Red Butte sp
 31 Warm great sun the
 31 My wedding ann
 great thaw of the
 32 Hector & Bob
 for the funeral
 hurried tomorrow
 quite black ex
 33 Tap for sugar
 Grace Fletcher age
 34 Roads bad snow
 35 Got 26 pails
 36 Got 4 pails
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