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JANUARY

SUNDAY 2

1887

I went over to  
 hear Mr. Buckley  
 preach this morn-  
 ing instead of go-  
 ing to Dover. His  
 discourse about the  
 faithfulness of God  
 was both interesting  
 and profitable.  
 Took dinner at Uncle  
 John's with Addam  
 + Nora. Went out  
 this evening to hear  
 our own minister  
 taking his with  
 me. The subject  
 of discourse was  
 not very interesting  
 to me, it being but  
 the Mason's Annual  
 sermon. Rev Ma-  
 cary had a big  
 puff, from our min-  
 istry.

JANUARY

MONDAY 3

1887

Have had Peter  
 at work see our  
 wood-pile most  
 of the time to day.  
 Put in our load  
 of straw into the  
 drive - and however.  
 I went up to the  
 Higgins' school house  
 this forenoon to  
 see for Keever and  
 councilors. Took  
 me up this af-  
 ternoon for the same  
 purpose. She never  
 voted before. The  
 principal interest  
 now at stake is  
 the Scott-Act, which  
~~is~~ has effectually  
 divided up our  
 municipal as well  
 as County vote, into  
 Temperance & Liquor vs

JANUARY

TUESDAY 4

1887

Peter and I have been cutting wood in the woods to day. When not doing chores. The latter work takes up a good deal of time however. The weather still keeps very cold and quite windy.

Ma and I went down to James Holcomb's to spend the evening. Took Mrs. Reid with us. Had quite a pleasant visit, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke being there.

Learned that Oliver Ashie failed to get the Reverend and C. Simley got in by only one vote.

JANUARY

WEDNESDAY 5

1887

Have had Peter drawing wood from our own woods to day, most of the time. James Holcomb came and helped kill the remaining hog, and dress it. I have been doing some fixing to the cow-stables besides.

Went to the school meeting this evening at the school house. Called for considering matters connected with our new school house. It was decided to build with brick - 4 x 30 ft on ground and twelve ft high with cottage roof. The weather continues quite cold.



Peter and I got a load of straw into the Driveway this forenoon. Went down to Stables afterwards to see them about going up to the Sea-meeting at Woodhouse to night. This being Orange day I had to attend to my duties at the Hall. Have about settled up my duties as secretary of which I am glad.

George Benson and wife were here to dinner, so day. Did not get home from Orange in time to go to the Woodhouse Sea-meeting, of which I felt sorry.

My man and I have been working away at wood-cutting in the woods this afternoon. This forenoon I went up to Ross Mill to take the balance of our last year's crop of wheat. Had twenty bushels and twenty pounds on my load.

Had a visit from Mrs Clarke and James Holcomb & wife this evening. Intended to have gone to Pelham tomorrow but, sea wishes me to put off going until next week, and, of course I must respect his wish.

JANUARY

SATURDAY 8

1887

My man and I  
cut wood again this  
forenoon in the woods.  
This afternoon he  
has been drawing  
out measure and get-  
ting up wood, while  
I have been out  
to Dover about some  
little matters of  
business. Sent away  
for Mutual Witness  
for my club.  
Sent off for Guar-  
dian also. And  
got a copy to be  
sent to my sister.  
Paid fifty dollars of  
my tax to day besides  
there being something  
over twenty six dollars  
to pay yet.  
Brought my Cousins Nettie  
and Lydia at Matthews home  
with me this evening.

JANUARY

SUNDAY 9

1887

Did not go out to  
church this morning  
but, over to Mr. Gre-  
dy's church instead.  
Mr. Burkham preached  
of a very excellent  
discourse about  
"What will you do  
with Christ". Was much  
benefitted in listen-  
ing to the brother dis-  
course. Went out  
to Dover this eve-  
ning, to our own  
church, took Ber-  
tha with me and  
my cousin Lydia  
J. Matthews home.  
Considerable snow  
has fallen to day  
making the roads  
quite heavy. The  
weather continues  
cold.

JANUARY

MONDAY 10

1887

Peter and I worked in the woods this forenoon cutting wood and saw logs. Looked out to leave this afternoon to do some shopping for herself.

I have been down to Thomas Jacksons this evening to see him about going down to Pelham with me to morrow. He decided not to go however, so I will go alone.

Our trustees have had a number of teams drawing brick for the new school house to day. The roads are getting well broke again since the storm.

JANUARY

TUESDAY 11

1887

I started for North Pelham this morning at about eight o'clock; a severe South West wind and snow storm being in progress notwithstanding.

The storm being on my back I could manage to weather it and got along nicely. Reached Billy Stalls about at about sundown and went from there to David Hobbes where I am staying all night. Called over at Charles Stalls for an hour or so with James. Saw Mrs. Lawes, and was sorry to find that she had no help in the house.

JANUARY

WEDNESDAY 12

1887

I went with Mr. and Mrs. Horton and Mrs. C. J. Cooke to visit some friends of theirs - Captain \_\_\_\_\_ + family. They live about one mile west of Fenwick on the Cambridge road. The Captain is well acquainted with the Stasew boys who are second Cousins of my own. He gives a favourable account of their position. Went down to Fenwick to attend revival service this evening. Had the pleasure of taking Cassie with me. The meeting was very good.

JANUARY

THURSDAY 13

1887

Stayed all night at Mr. Hortons again last night, and to day went in their Company to visit the Thomasies. Had a pleasant time with them and a good sing, which I always enjoy. These people are quite cultivated musicians. Went to Billy Holcomb's this evening for an hour or so. From there went to Mrs. Cookes and had tea. Stayed for a while + enjoyed my visit very much. Went to stay all night at Chandler Holcomb's this evening. Found them in bed.

JANUARY

FRIDAY 14

1887

Having slept in  
 W. C. Holcomb's house  
 last night I found  
 myself here this  
 morning. The weather  
 being stormy all  
 day to day I have  
 scarcely left the  
 house. Was sorry to  
 not to visit with  
 A. A. A. more, scarcely  
 having spoken to  
 her all day. Look  
 her this evening over  
 at the post office &  
 then to Mrs. Cooke  
 where a company  
 of young people  
 was gathered for  
 mutual edifica-  
 tion. Spent the  
 evening very pleas-  
 antly, & am stay-  
 ing over night.

JANUARY

SATURDAY 15

1887

Had breakfast at  
 Mr. Cooke's this mor-  
 ning. Went afterward  
 over to Mr. Norton's  
 and to W. C. Holcomb's  
 Eng. So bid them  
 good bye. Started  
 from Mr. Cooke's  
 at about ten o'  
 clock and had a  
 prosperous journey  
 homeward. The  
 ride was a pretty  
 cold one however,  
 as I had to face a  
 cold North West  
 wind all the way.  
 Got home about  
 seven o'clock this  
 evening and was  
 glad to find them  
 all well and every-  
 thing in good order.



Had not go out to Church this morning as we intended. The roads being somewhat drifted, and the side road particularly impassible. Have enjoyed this Sabbath at home very much however. Went over to hear Mr. Burnham this evening. His discourses are good, and one much more interesting is my study of our own minister. Believe him to be a man of deep piety, which is the most perfect of all preparations for a minister of Christ's Gospel.

The past has been an extremely stormy day; but, not so very cold. I went to Lincoln notwithstanding to see about a suit, & to William Walter on my way. The side roads are still closed up, most of them, and so days storm has increased the difficulty. Have had Peter at work in the woodhouse splitting and cutting wood. Have been calculating myself on ~~last~~ my return home last Saturday. That day having been comparatively fine.

JANUARY

TUESDAY 18

1887

Peter and I got in a couple of loads of straw this forenoon into the horse stable. He has been splitting wood this afternoon while I went out to Dover. Called to see Mr. Clarke on the way out and Mr. Schinger also. Went to James Holcomb's on the way home, to see about matters respecting my late sister's willow.

It is really cold weather still, and snow is increasing almost constantly.

JANUARY

WEDNESDAY 19

1887

Have had a very rough day of it so far. A strong South West wind has been blowing and drifting the snow terribly. Drove up to Lincoln however ~~to~~ and took William Katts with me to look after a matter at the Bank. Got along nicely. Came home by horse and took dinner at Williams. Had considerable difficulty in getting through power snow drifts this morning; but our colt George goes along nobly through anything, almost.

JANUARY

THURSDAY 20

1887

My man has been cutting and splitting wood at the woodhouse again to day. I went to Hantsboro, or near there to take Sarah Hall's trunk. She having left us for good. Went to Hantsboro before coming home to send some money away to the G. H. S. Suppose this will be my last, having resigned the secretarieship entirely. Quite a thaw has set in since morning, and a heavy south wind is taking off the snow at a great rate.

Heard from my sister to day. The letter contained favourable news.

JANUARY

FRIDAY 21

1887

The thaw that began yesterday has nearly ceased to day. To night it has become quite cool again. Peter and I have been cutting wood in the back woods; but, on account of the great depth of snow did not make much headway. There is fully a foot and a half of snow where it has not drifted, of hard heavy snow.

Our girl having gone away yesterday I have been churning this evening. It has taken something over four hours steady work.

The warm weather here has not ceased as we expected last night; but, the thaw has continued so day very rapidly. Streets, and especially reduced snow banks are now in order.

Peter and I have been working in the back woods as usual at cutting wood. Do not have much more than half the day for work in the woods however after the chores are done.

Slipping is spoiled on the road and mud is beginning to show itself in some places.

On account of continued warm weather and the bad roads resulting therefrom we have been debarred from our usual going to church on the holy day. Have been endeavoring, as best I could, to worship God at our house in various ways. Am much interested in a book by J. H. Sigourney M. D. called "The Prince of the House of David." The narrative of our Saviour's life and mission are told continuously, in such a way as to be both interesting and profitable.

I went down to Mrs. Clarke's this morning to see about their taking, one of my books down to Mrs. Coaker. When they go down to Pelham. Peter and I have been working at our wood-cutting in the woods most of the time to day.

Had a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Captain Kinross this evening. They are from North Pelham and are slated to this Boston; also to some of our friends in Simons. The weather has become quite cool again; but, sleighing has departed.

Have been working in the woods this forenoon with Peter. He has also worked this afternoon; but, I have had visitors & could not leave them. Old Mrs. Watts, with Mrs. ~~the~~ Mrs. Caughlin or Little and Villiams family, were here. Had quite a pleasant visit with them. Went down to Mrs. Clarke this evening to see the Pelham folks who were visiting there. The Captain & his wife are to start home to-morrow. The weather has been quite warm to day; but, to night it is snowing and cooler.



Have been cutting wood most of the time again today with Peter, in the woods. I went down to Captain McFalls today at noon, to find out how he progresses in his sickness. Found him to very poorly indeed with inflammatory Rheumatism. It almost seems doubtful if he ever recovers, but thank God to find that he is still bright in his experience as a Christian. He is even rejoicing in the midst of sickness and pain.

Peter and I continued to work in the woods this forenoon, and he this afternoon. I had to go out with the mail for the Neids, and did not get home in time to do much work. Had Mr. Joseph Jackson here today, with Mr. Charles Carter both of Lincoln. Mr. Jackson is contesting the election of the South Riding of Norfolk for the Dominion Parliament with Mr. Sisdale. Felt more than pleased with Mr. Jackson's straightforward manner of dealing with things.

We continued to work in the woods this forenoon, Peter and I. This afternoon however, on account of rain we could only work under shelter, at sundry jobs.

Feel much interested in our present election on account of the difference between the two candidates. The past record of Col. Liddale being so bad as to render him entirely unfit in my opinion to go to Parliament. The other candidate is all right however in every way. The people's mind.

Peter and I got a couple of loads of oat straw into the horse-stables this forenoon. This afternoon we have been cutting wood in the woods again.

The January thaw still continues with little appearance as yet of a change. Mailed a letter to Mr.

Cook to day making enquiris about a <sup>re</sup>convention.

The excitement about politics keeps growing and will reach a climax on election day. Scupper two of my neighbours came in to day and nothing else could be found to talk about.

JANUARY

SUNDAY 30

1887

For the first time  
 in a good while we  
 all, Mr. Bertha, and I,  
 went out to church  
 this morning. Had an  
 interesting discourse  
 from our own min-  
 ister, and a very good  
 fellowship meeting, with  
 distribution of tickets.  
 Had dinner with Miss  
 Giles and sea also.  
 Attended Sunday school,  
 and choir practice.  
 Remained to the  
 evening service.  
 Made some calls  
 in a part of pastor's  
 way after Sunday  
 school. Trouble has  
 arisen between some  
 of our members & the min-  
 ister; and I have been  
 trying to make peace.

JANUARY

MONDAY 31

1887

The weather changed  
 very suddenly yester-  
 day and has been  
 getting colder ever  
 since. Snow has  
 fallen so fast, we  
 sufficient quantities  
 to make sleeping,  
 notwithstanding the cold.  
 Peter and I have  
 been working in  
 the woods as usual.  
 We are getting the  
 dead and down  
 timber nearly  
 all cut up in  
 both woods and con-  
 sequently will soon  
 have to cut down  
 green timber. And  
 more than ever per-  
 suaded that it would  
 pay for us to burn our  
 coal stove in our house.

February has come in with a very cold disagreeable North-East wind which has been blowing all day. Peter and I have been cutting wood in the woods again part of the time. I went down to Captain McCall's after dinner to see how he was. He having been dangerously ill with inflammatory Rheumatism for a few days. It was thought that he was some better. Mr. Chesley is also very ill at John's. I went to see her & found her some better.

Since yesterday quite a change has again taken place. Instead of being extremely cold it is now quite warm and raining. We have been working in the woods as usual Peter and I. Want to get a good pile cut and up before we commence drawing again. The process is a slow one however on account of our other work. Received a beautiful likeness of Queen Victoria yesterday as a Grenadier for the Witness. It is worth more than the cost of both.

We continued to work in the woods this forenoon as usual. I went up to the Grange this afternoon. Had quite an interesting meeting with a good horse out. Officers were installed to day. They have changed me from being secretary to the Stewards office. Feel quite relieved in getting out of the responsibilities of this business.

Ma and I spent the evening at uncle John Matthews to night. He always enjoys visiting here. Nora has promised to go with me to Kelowna soon.

Peter and I continued to cut wood this forenoon in the woods as usual. Sent him with the team to draw stone for the new school-house this afternoon. There being a bee for that purpose I went down to Williams Station to take a freight notice with reference to sugar at the station for him. Called at Captain McE. Tell me the way home. Found him still on the mend, though slowly. He seems to suffer a good deal from weakness and pain.



Got ~~Peter~~ started  
at drawing wood  
this forenoon. Had  
to make a road across  
the fields, the lanes  
being drifted up.

This afternoon I went  
out to down to take  
a crock of butter  
and to do some other  
errands, while Peter  
worked at the wood  
business.

The weather con-  
tinues cold and to  
night it looks like  
snow.

There is much talk  
at present over elec-  
tions, also about the  
fisheries dispute  
which is now take-  
ing place in the  
United States.

On account of rain  
which has been fall-  
ing all day nearly,  
we did not get to  
church as we in-  
tended. Peter went  
away this morning  
however, and I have  
been a good part of  
the time looking after  
the stock. Have  
felt much blessed  
in reading a sermon  
of Dr. Mahan's on  
the duties and privi-  
leges of the Christian.  
Truly we have a  
goodly heritage, in  
the precious promises  
of God. While I have  
entered into the rest  
of perfect love, I have  
also listened to the book  
of life, and thus enjoyed  
the great gift, of all good  
& perfect gifts.

Intended to have gone to Simcoe this forenoon, and from there to the Quarterly meeting at Woodhouse Chapel. It has rained all day however, a cold disagreeable storm from the East, which has frozen as it came. Have not done very much as a consequence, except chores.

Mr. Smith came to make us a visit & so my time was occupied with him. The garden is well covered with ice & snow but particularly the former, and slighting is splendid. Sent Peter to the blacksmith shop to get another shoe.

Owing to almost incessant rain I did not get to Simcoe today though I intended so doing. I have been felling or ginning the cross cut saw, which has broken nearly all day. Peter has been splitting wood and doing chores &c.

Have had a great frost as the result of the present rains, already. The two drifts along our place have both gone. I mean the one at Chalklands & the one at M<sup>rs</sup>. Brides. The upper one went first and took the others with it as it went down stream. Had a long visit from James Stone to night.

Found this morn-  
ning that the freshest  
of yesterday and  
last night had  
done much damage  
besides carrying off  
our two bridges.  
No less than four  
mill dams were  
swept away on  
Patersons Creek. A  
dam with the old  
ford mill and contin-  
ued on through  
Brooks, How, Ross  
and Edwards. The  
factory in Port Howe  
was in great danger  
besides the shipping  
laid up in the har-  
bour was mostly  
swept out in the  
lake, with Andrew  
Balls yacht badly crushed.

Peter and I got  
in over last two  
loads of oats straw  
for the horses this  
forenoon. He has  
been getting out  
manure from the  
cow stable. This af-  
ternoon and spread-  
ing on the hill east  
of house.

Went out to blow  
this afternoon, partly  
to take Reids mail.  
Had my usual business  
to attend to however.  
- Received from a quar-  
ter of net from Abner  
of upwards of a hundred  
pounds. Was glad to  
be able to record that the  
new store at Victor  
is being filled with  
goods. Made my first  
purchase this morning

We have had another heavy snow and almost another frost following. It has been turning colder since snow however and now it is quite like winter again. Peter and I could do but little this forenoon but this afternoon we have been working in the woods as usual. The ground is now covered again with ice and snow, enough to make some sleighing. Oh how thankful to see the mud dried up again.

Have felt happy in God's day. Complete in Him, in Him alone.

Peter and I got home a load of hay from the little barn this forenoon besides doing some other work. This afternoon has been drawing wood up to the house.

I went down to the cheese factory meeting this afternoon. Had a very satisfactory explanation of matters all around and consequently a successful meeting.

Cold weather still continues with every prospect of settled winter weather. Learned that Captain McCall is getting well.

Went out to church  
this morning and  
looked Bertha with me.  
Had an excellent  
sermon from Bro.  
Daniel Hooley of  
New Woodhouse appoint-  
ment. And pleased to  
see him making  
such improvement  
in his preaching.

Rev Charles Deacon  
of Port Rowan preached  
the evening.

quite an interesting  
discourse about charity.

Went to Sunday  
School this afternoon  
also. & called after-  
wards to see Mr.

Hill who seems to  
need sympathy and  
attention at present.

At 10 and I have  
been getting home  
Ray found the little  
James this forenoon.  
Drewed three loads.  
He has been fetching  
house wood this  
afternoon. While  
I have been down  
to the Reg's fleet  
to attend a political  
meeting of Mr. Jack-  
son's. This attend-  
ance was quite  
small. Only about  
thirty present. In  
their ways the  
meeting was quite  
satisfactory. Mr.  
McLander Mr. Hall  
was there as opponent.  
The weather is be-  
coming quite warm  
again.



Peter has been getting up wood to day, from the back woods. The weather has become quite warm again with every prospect of another thaw. I have doing a number of odd jobs through the day such as putting brine on meat & c. & c.

Had a short visit from James Holcomb this evening. He came to do some trading at the Victor Store.

Received a letter from my sister telling us of her daughter's ~~near~~ Hettie's marriage this Spring.

Have had Peter drawing up wood again to day. The weather has been quite mild; but, still the snow and ice remain in sufficient quantities for drawing wood. I have been fixing up a sheep-shed back of the barn, out of the old ~~W. P. H.~~ hen-coop, besides doing some other work. Have of few thought, this if the fences and buildings should be so much out of repair after one season with a tenant what would they be after a term of four or five years.

Pete went away  
this forenoon to  
attend a funeral  
of a friend. He  
has been getting  
up wood this after-  
noon however.

I went up to  
Hilkinsville this  
morning to see about  
getting some cattle  
to take straw - back.  
Succeeded in getting  
a promise to take  
half a dozen young  
cattle for a while.  
Had Nettie Matthews  
and Nora here to  
dinner and to visit  
it for the afternoon.  
Nettie has about fin-  
ished her visit in  
Canada and soon re-  
turns to Michigan.

The weather con-  
tinues very change-  
able, most of the  
time warm. Pete  
kept on drawing  
wood until to-day.  
wood however how-  
ever, when the snow  
was as far gone as  
to make the plowing  
very poor. Have  
got a nice pile of  
wood in the yard now  
for which I am  
thankful. This af-  
ternoon he has been  
splitting at the wood-  
house while I have  
been fixing forks  
and doing chores.  
It has become very  
warm this afternoon.  
Had a shower, the  
first this season.

Peter and I have continued to cut wood in the woods this forenoon and part of this afternoon.

We took six of our young cattle up to William Wilkinsons to help carry down his straw-stack.

We had not got home however, before one of them got there also, so we have only five there instead of six.

The weather is quite changed since yesterday. Winter has come back again in right good earnest.

I hope he will stay awhile this time.

Went out to church about this morning. We could not get ready to go, I knew she thought it too cold.

Had a very good sermon from our own minister, and a good time at the class meeting afterwards. It felt to my lot to lead a portion of the class in my weak way; but, notwithstanding all, we had a precious time. The Lord's song being in our very midst. Had dinner at home Jack Harris having come down with Mankie, Mrs Chesley's little girls, the latter is going to stay with

Saw Hugh Peter at work with the jaws to day getting up wood and drawing out manure. He took another one of our young cattle up to Malkinsons to fill the place made vacant by the return of one the other day. Have been engaged at sundry other jobs as well.

Our new girl commenced helping me to day. Mrs. Chealys daughter Maupie. She is a fine looking smart young girl & I think that ma is highly favoured to have such an one, when girls are so scarce as help.

Went up to Higgins school house to put in my vote for member of Federal parliament. ~~Edward~~ Jackson as my representative. The other candidate being Col. Diddle of Lincoln. There appearing to be a good deal of uncertainty on the part of both men, and some warm talk indulged in. Feel somewhat anxious myself so I am in sympathy with the general feeling displayed. Have had James Simpson here to tea. My man has been working away as usual, though he has polled a vote against me.

Ma and I went out to Laves this morning intending to take dinner with our minister, but, finding them away drove over to W. J. Coopers and found him and his excellent wife expecting us. Had a pleasant and profitable visit through power but marred by the result of yesterday's election. Our chosen candidate Mr. Jackson having been defeated by a majority of twenty. Called on the way home at W. Wattle on the way home & had tea. The Lord is a very present help to me this day.

Owing to a strong North West wind which has been also very cold, Peter and I have got to work again at cutting wood in the back woods. Have been cutting small trees mostly and so have not made much headway. Have had an application to day again by a man wanting work by the year. His name is John Selman. There seems to be plenty of men, but wages do not appear to be any less. Nor, they all want the same as last year.

Am enjoying much peace of late and a precious trust in God.

Peter and I con-  
tinued to work in the  
woods this forenoon  
as usual. This af-  
ternoon I wanted to  
have gone to Simcoe  
but, a visitor came  
and hindered, so I did  
not go. The man who  
wanted to hire to our  
East Hill, E. W. Lewis  
came, but we did not hire  
him but made a  
conditional agreement  
with him. This eve-  
ning, Mr. and Mrs.  
George Wilson of Post  
Hope, our old friends  
came to visit us.  
Their account of sights  
seen while in the  
old country lately  
was very interesting  
and instructive.

Peter has been  
draining manure  
again to day, or  
rather most of the  
time. There was  
a moderate fall of  
snow last night which  
makes a little slipping.  
I went up to Simcoe  
to see about getting  
cloverseed to day.  
Find that I have  
waited a little to long  
the price being a  
~~little~~ <sup>very</sup> lower than it  
was. Had the misfor-  
tune to break my  
spectacles this morn-  
ing and bought a  
new pair to day from  
Cramer at one dollar,  
very good ones. Made  
kane is falling again  
to night.



It being a very stormy day and cold as well; it was found it almost impossible to get to our usual place of worship so I went to hear Mr. Lumsden's preach, instead. He talked about the image of Daniel and the dream of Nebuchadnezzar, giving a historical sketch of the prophecy. Mr. Wesley Matthews came home with me after service. He is a double cousin of my mother's I never knew him before. Mr. Wilson was also here this afternoon and has got me into the notion of starting a subscription for a new church here.

Peter has been working ~~away~~ as usual at sundry jobs. This afternoon we have been re-cleaning the clover seed for market. Found that my store of marketable seed was much less than I expected, there being only about six bushels instead of twenty. The cold weather still continues; but will, soon change again, doubtless, as the wind has fallen. Have had encouraging promises with reference to our proposed new church from willfully parties.

My man has been getting the balance of his straw-stack moved into the barn to day. I have been up to Lindco's myself with the cloverseed. Sold at five thirty per bushell instead of six dollars as I expected. There seems to be but little chance of a raise though. Settled up with Rose Rose on the way home. Did not bring much money home with me after all. So many things have to be paid; and, the worst of it is I can't pay nearly all I would like to. Sold four bushells of turnipseed at one dollar & 25 cts per bushel to Cooper. Mrs. Holcomb was here to get a pair of shoes from their new church.

Peter has continued to get in straw to day finished getting in the balance of straw-stack this afternoon. I went out to house this forenoon to settle up some matters of business, in the best possible way. Called at Mrs. Clark's on the way home, to see Louie who has lately been below. Found several lady friends to dine with us Mrs. Geo. Wilson of Port Hope was one of the number. Was and I went down to Mrs. Clark's to spend the evening. Was glad to learn that my friend Mrs. Sears was to come up soon, also her brother and his wife.

MARCH

THURSDAY 3

1887

Went up to Wilkins-  
sons this morning  
to see about our young  
cattle which we lately  
drove up to his stock.  
Found them all right.  
Peter has been work-  
ing at the Woodhouse  
most of the day.

I went up to the  
Orange Hall this af-  
ternoon to attend  
the regular weekly  
meeting. Attendance  
was small, but the  
business was attended  
to. Came home  
by Wilkinsons where  
Eva and I took tea.  
William was not at  
home; but, had a  
pleasant visit not-  
withstanding.

Roads are getting muddy,  
freezing to slight again.

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Peter and I worked  
this forenoon at cutting  
up drift-wood on the  
flats. This afternoon  
put a new door in  
the cow-stables, &c.

The weather is quite  
cold again; but little  
prospect of spring  
yet, although we see  
some difference in  
the length of the days.

Was looking along  
the creek to day &  
found that a couple  
of hundred rails had  
been carried away  
and a great many  
from my neighbors  
above me, James  
Challand and James  
McBride. It feels  
thankful to have got  
off so well.

On account of a very cold East Wind which has been blowing so day like and I have been working in the woods. Cut down and partly cut up a large blue tree, North west of the ten-acre field, which was good for wood only. This afternoon we have had a snow-storm which still continues this evening.

March came in very warm and pleasant; but, already he begins to show his teeth. The old rule will doubtless be carried out again as before.

We have not gone to the house of worship so day, again on account of the inclemency of the weather. It has been raining steadily nearly all day. The snow which came yesterday has nearly disappeared, and the water has risen quite high in the creek.

It has been a gracious privilege to worship God in my house. What a mercy that He is not confined to the assembly of His people; but, is ever ready to bless the true worshiper no matter where.

My man and I got up hay from the little barn this forenoon. This afternoon we have been cutting wood in the woods. It has been thawing all day and to night it is again quite muddy. Went down to Holcomb's this evening after some body hints. Learned from Mr. Holcomb that Old Mr. Holcomb was very poorly and not expected to live, but a short time. A telegram came to Mr. Holcomb to day asking James to go down to Pelham to see his father before he dies. The latter is nearly ninety five years of age.

Have had Peter at work on the wood-pile at the house to day. I went up to Lincoln, partly to attend a meeting of the Division Grange. Took me with me and had dinner and tea at Florence's. Learned some experience of Bro. Ed. Chrysler with regard to sending farm produce to the Grange Wholesale Supply Company for a disposal. Think seriously of sending eggs and other things especially butter this season. The ~~only~~ expenses are nothing except freight, which is small. Found the roads in a very bad state.

Peter has been engaged at sundry jobs all day. I made on rather finished making a bargain with C. H. Lewis this morning. He agrees to work for me for a year for \$2.20 and board himself. I furnish him with a house and garden spot, traps a cow and a pony. The latter is to work for his board.

I went down to St. Matties this forenoon, found William and Mr. Halls away. I had quite a visit with Mrs. Emma all alone. She is a very interesting young lady in every respect.

Peter and I have been cutting wood in the woods again today. Have been cutting up an old elm tree at the North West corner of the three-acre field.

The weather has been quite cool; but, quite very warm during the day. The sun has got so high now that it seems to have great power even when cloudy. See by yesterday's paper that the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher died on Tuesday morning the 8th inst. at 9 o'clock. Was buried today at Elmwood Cemetery. He was seventy four years old and has always a name of great prominence.



Peter and I con-  
tinued to work at  
cutting up the old  
elm tree into stove  
wood this forenoon.

This afternoon  
and I went out  
to Hovey, having  
some business mat-  
ters to attend to there.  
Found the roads very  
bad except in a  
few places where  
they are becoming  
dry. The weather  
has been quite cool  
during the day, but  
we have good pros-  
pect of warmer weather  
soon.

A library association  
entertainment comes  
off to night, but, on  
account of the work we did  
not stop.

We have got our  
job of cutting up the  
old elm tree done at  
last. Had some ten  
to twelve cords of wood  
as the result. The  
weather is gradually  
becoming warmer &  
more spring like.

Received a letter from  
my dear friend and  
Bro. Rev. J. H. German  
this evening. He has  
been on a visit to  
California and on his  
way home is visiting  
at his eldest son's  
killies, who is the doc-  
tor. Was pleased to  
hear that the boys  
are all doing well  
except Charlie who  
still suffers from the  
asthma.

Ma and I got all ready for church this morning. Then we were just going to start a heavy black cloud came up and looked so much like rain that we gave it up. I went over to Mr. Grady's church however. He went out this evening and had an interesting service from several other ministers. The roads are in a bad state and we did not enjoy our trip out and back very much. The wind being from the North West, very strong and cold. Heard that Bishop Baldwin preached in town to day both morning & evening.

Have had Peta at work sowing clover seed in the second field back of the barn to day. The weather has been very windy and cold; but, we find no difficulty in sowing grass seed with the seed sower. I have been working away at repairing Harrows for seeding purposes. Finished seed pot all but putting in the teeth. My implements were left by the Mr. Mers in a very bad state. In fact the remembrance of them will have a bad odor with me as long as I live & fear.

Peter continued to sow Cloverseed this forenoon. He is nearly done. I have been working at my harrows ~~and~~ repairs throughout the day. The weather continues as cold as yesterday with the cold North West wind still blowing. I walked down to Halloub's after tea this evening to hear from Old Mr. Halloub who lies at the point of death. At last account he was still alive however. It seems that he has a carbuncle on his back which the doctors say will soon kill him.

My man finished sowing Cloverseed on the Fall Wheat ground today. The ground was nicely frozen for that purpose, and the weather has been very cold all day, with a continued N.W. gale.

Had our old acquaintance and friend Charles Wilson to take dinner with us. He happened on a visit to Mr. King. Enjoyed our short visit with him very much.

Our new man came with his household goods & effects today. Expect him to commence work in a week or so. Have worked at my harrows some today also.

Peter and I got home three loads of hay from the little barn this forenoon. This afternoon he has been cutting and splitting wood at the wood house, while I have been up to the blacksmithshop with some harrow repairs.

The weather continues very cold and windy. The North West wind seems to have become a settled thing, having blown snow for nearly a week. See by the papers that the ground is covered with snow north of us a few miles; but, here it is quite bare.

The cold North West wind still continues to blow, and the weather gets colder if anything. Have spent all my spare time so far working on my harrows as usual. Peter also continues to work at cutting and splitting wood at the wood house. Have had a visit from William Math & wife with Mrs. Aug. & Miss Coe. William has just returned from a trip to Muskoka. He says that as much as five feet of snow is laying on the ground in that region.

Woke away at my harrows this forenoon as usual. This afternoon however I went out to blow in accordance with a promise made last week to Mr. Cayley and Mr. Ware, had some business matters to settle with them.

Came home by James Holcomb's sled and took tea. James had just returned from Belknap where he has been for a couple of weeks taking care of his father in his last sickness. He is still alive though not, cannot live long the doctors say.

Managed to write Bessie went out to church together this morning for the first time in a good while. Enjoyed the morning service tolerably well. Stopped for dinner at William Watts' and from there went out to blow for the evening service. The minister preached about some prevailing public sins and very effectively too. Enjoyed the evening discourse very much. The congregation was also quite large. Called to see Mrs. Clarke who is somewhat unwell. Is to

Peter and I  
 went up to Mr. Wilkin-  
 sons this afternoon  
 to put the remains  
 of the latter's straw  
 stack into the barn.  
 He promising to feed  
 it out if I would  
 take care of it.  
 My young cattle are  
 doing well there &  
 we find that our  
 feed is going a good  
 deal farther by having  
 these seven head away.  
 Gave little Mabel Koe  
 a young lamb to raise  
 to day, also one to our  
 Bertha. Our new  
 man has come with  
 his wife, and are  
 occupying the house  
 to night for the first.  
 The weather is getting quite  
 moderate.

I have been drawing  
 hay from the little  
 barn in the Woods  
 this forenoon, Peter  
 and I. This afternoon  
 we have been up to  
 Mr. Wilkinsons getting  
 the balance of his  
 straw stack into  
 the barn. Helped him  
 put ~~the~~ a load of  
 hay on his wagon,  
 in the meantime.  
 The weather continues  
 quite disagreeable and  
 cold, with an occa-  
 sional fall of snow,  
 very light ones however.  
 I notice by the papers  
 that Reciprocity between  
 the United States and  
 Canada is likely to be  
 an important question of  
 the near future.



Peter Mitchell's time was out to-day noon. So he was gone & now I am alone to do work and all. Have been helping Wesley Lewis this afternoon to cut some wood in the woods for his saw use. The day has been very cold for this time of year, but very fine in other ways. Cut up three loads more of hay from the little barn this forenoon. Am very thankful for the prospect of having feed to last the stock until grass grows. This is more than I expected some little time ago. But William's kindness in the case.

Went out to Glover this forenoon to see about getting a man to help out the farm. Failed however in getting the needed worker. This afternoon have been repairing up the cow-stables and other portions of out-building.

Wesley Lewis has been working for himself during the day. He went up to Hartford this afternoon to get one or more and a load of lime for himself.

Had sold this evening of the death of my old friend Mr. Wolcott at the age of nearly ninety years, at his son's place in North Pelham. James went down to the funeral.

On account of the continued cold weather I can do but little besides work in the woods and at doing chores. I have been helping Lewis cut his wood this afternoon. Had to file the saw, though. It went so bad. There was quite a heavy fall of rain last night but it turned cold immediately after.

Was disappointed in getting a man as I expected yesterday. Sent Lewis up to Hartford after a friend of his but he happened to be engaged for the summer.

Heard yesterday that Alice Deane was just married to a Miss Mulvaney of Putnam.

I helped Mrs. Lewis cut wood again this forenoon most of the time. This afternoon I have been trimming trees in the back yard. The weather has been quite cold with the usual North West wind blowing. Otherwise it has been very fine. Notice that the continued freezing and thawing is making the wheat and meadows look very bad in places.

My soil, watered up as the Lord more than they that wait for the morning. Yea, more than they that wait for the morning. How he is on Lord. What gift.

The weather being very cold and stormy we have not been able to get to church to day. I have been look after stock and some young lambs have been causing through the day that required attention.

The Lord has been very good to me in granting continued assurances of his favour, which is indeed better than life. I am so thankful that he helps me to serve him; and when he has promised to be with me to help and to deliver when to the very end. Surely I shall be abundantly satisfied with the father of the house.

The very blustery cold weather still continues without abatement. A snow storm last night has given sleighing to Hazel and wood. Wesley has been getting up wood for himself.

I have been working around the barn nearly all day getting stables fixed up and the calf stable cleaned out. It has been almost too cold to work outside. Intended to have gone out to a lecture tonight in our church by Rev. Mr. Hunter but it was almost too cold and windy.

Mrs. Lewis continued to get up wood for himself this forenoon. This afternoon however he has been getting up wood for me for the first. I have nearly all day doing chores looking after lambs calves and cows. Have had some further additions in the way of stock - another pair of lambs having come. We have several pairs of twin lambs and only two single ones.

The weather has been remarkably cold and windy. The old proverb has come true again with reference to March, viz. When March comes in like a lamb it goes out like a lion.

Have finished getting our hay drawn from the little barn this forenoon. Lewis has been drawing wood this afternoon from the back woods for me. I have been doing chores which takes a good share of the time. Got to trimming apple trees this afternoon however.

Have just learned of the death of an old resident Mrs. Robert Marr Sen. who was left a widow some years ago. She was upwards of eighty. This reminds me that whether long or short our lives none could do a closer here how important to live well.