

David Martin (1800 - 1891)
1872 – 1876
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April 1872

Sa 13 McQueen with circular saw here cuts 43 cords with 14 hands very windy & bad on the eyes gets 10 pails and burns half of it neglect has 4 lambs to day being the first one pair twins and two single 48 50

Su 14 All at church but May & Jessie snow all gone & swamp very muddy but it has never been flooded this spring the like never was before since the road was made 30 38

M 15 Has 4 lambs to day both twins both Mays ewes has twins Men at rails although this is a thanksgiving day for the recovery of the Prince of Wales May & me at church Mr Porters very able some snow 28 33

Tu 16 Has 3 lambs today one pair twins & one single. Walker & Jamieson splitting rails, Hector in afternoon sowing grass seed on 14 acre field Next Numas(?) Jean & Jessie gathers 21 pails sap but does not kindle the fire 26 46

W 17 No lambs today gets 48 pails sap & Syrops off 42 pails leaving 27 pails in pots partly boiled down Hector sowing grass seed, wheat badly winterkill 32 48

Th 18 Has 3 lambs today all single Men yokes the ploughs first time at Neils slashing on Turnip land Syrops of 39 pails sap gatherd 18 pails left 6 pails in pots yesterday syrop & today's will not make sugar so they go for molasses 30 48

F 19 Has one lamb today single Hector at Rocton on jury but not calld on as the case did not come off Stalker ploughing & Hector afternoon gets 8 pails sap but did not kindle fire. Warm & fine. Sugar done I pruning apple trees 30 60

Sa 20 Has 4 lambs today one pair twins Men finishes ploughing at Neils and ploughs orchard all but a little finishin at trees Jean Syroped off the sap in pots about 14 pails sap to day I hope sugar time is done 31 58

Su 21 Has 5 lambs to day two pair twin and one single one pair of twins had crooked necks & both died so todays lambs is only 3 alive ~~Men finishes ore~~ May Hector & I at church very fine day & about dry, water never over Swamp road this spring 32 58

M 22 Has 5 lambs to day two pair twins & one single one of the twins died so there is only 4 lambs to day alive. Men finishes orchard and then begins on 14 acre field to plough and for peas Stalker goes home at noon sick, cold and barren today freezing all day. "Winter hangs long on the spring of the year" Rhubarb just peeping up 28 30

Tu 23 No lambs today Hector ploughing sod Stalker away to Mr Rae's for a change of potatoes to himself Jack McQueen gets 1/2 ton of hay - price #16 per ton & windy 28 52

W 24 No lambs to day Men ploughing sod. Puts the lambed ewes and unlambed together there is just 12 to lamb yet and one of them is likely Lupyiel {?} ^warm today Puts the hogs lambs to grass in 16 acre field there is not much grass yet but we think they may shift Mrs Mitchel Mrs Parker & Mrs J Gilbert here 31 60

April 1872

Th 25 Only 1 Lamb today but another is lambing just now Hector ploughing Stalker & Bob stoning & scraping apple trees, & growing very warm 32 73

F 26 Has 3 live lambs today and one dead lambed - one pair twins Men sows orchard with spring wheat & clover and swamp land at Neils with Barley and clover & drag them Tom Johnstone here collecting for students mission 34 64

Sa 27 Has 1 lamb today men sowing & dragging at Neils in after tea Jean Hector & I cuts oat sheaves & hay very fine today but cooler 36 62 ^got a letter from A Jones enclosing \$12

Su 28 No lambs today all at church but Jess & Lilly Mr Parleur{?} begin evening service 34 58

M 29 No lambs Hector ploughing Stalker rolling Barley & plowing orchard. Jean at Galt I scraping apple trees & hoes hops cool wind East 31 56

Tu 30 Has 1 Lamb today Hector ploughing Stalker stoning I scraping apple trees I set up grape vine May sows onions Jean sows other things, sees a born swallow for first time but I believe they have been in the neighbourhood some time fine Loads pouring{?} to night, distant thunder 34 68

May

W 1 No lambs, fine shower last night and showery to day Men ploughing Jane Jessie & I fill 25 Bags of potatoes - 14 of Early Goderich and 11 of Cuscos I then prune & scrape apple trees Hector goes to smiddy with horses, growing puts up the grapes 50 66

Th 2 No lamb Hector at Guelph with 25 bags potatoes & buys peas 18 bushels price of potatoes 75 cents per bag Peas 80 cents per Bushel Stalker at Adam Smith's stoning bee I finish scraping apple trees hoes the Rhubarb and brings the spouts 134 from sugar bush. fine growing but cool 40 54

F 3 Men ploughing nasty showery day with some hail & some thunder cold & windy No lambs men ploughing full field at end of Old stable slight roast 31 46

Sa 4 Some frost last night Men ploughing & stoning at Gilberts line Bob Pentland here for cherry trees & choring at many things gets ½ Gallon oil 30 44

Su 5 All at church but May & Ellick a fine day but ice 1/4 of an inch thick in morning 28 50

M 6 Hector sowing peas at Concession Stalker & Bob dragging I washing apple trees all day, this is by far the warmest day we have had though frosty 24 hours since 50 81

Tu 7 Hector dragging & rolling peas Stalker & Bob stoning I mulching apple trees with saw dust, a Ewe has a dear lamb Put Ewes to grass sees 52 82 Wilbory gait green {?} heard a swallows in barn

W 8 Hector sowing oats Stalker cultivating George Tenant here for cherry trees Teenie Dickson & J. McAlister here and Tom Fletcher cool today 40 62

Th 9 Men dragging & cultivating oats I choring & ducks warm & windy Has 2 lambs today - twins. Burnt brush heap at old oak yesterday 40 78

May 1872

F 10 Hector Ploughing Stalker & Bob stoning I go a fishing {above} then to T. Fletcher get 10 wee thing gives {above} cool 40 64 Last night a little after 10 o'clock the Northern lights was out in the far north then a blank to the zenith, where a long narrow belt of light spanned the whole diameter of the heavens from the western horizon to the Eastern, it looked like a turnpike of light accross the whole sky, as straight as a concession & no broader {above} Bees on willows to day

Sa 11 Hector dragging oats at Gilberts line Stalker rolling oats I go to Mr.Beattie's about Norway oats for seed price - 60 cent per B. Allick cripple with a prod 50 76 Has 2 Lambs to day - twins Fine growing sultry & cloudy to day

Su 12 All at Church but Hector A fine day but coolish All our summer birds come bush getting green

M 13 Hector rolling oats gets 3 bushels Norway oats from Mr. Beattie price 50 cents per B. Stalker Bob & I stoning at Gilberts line & little field at old stable at Teatime he goes to cultivate 3 bushel of Peas which Hector sowed today - the last of the Peas 31 56

Tu 14 Hector & Jean at Galt for Plaster Hector sows Plaster on Island field after he comes home at tea time, Stalker cultivating stoning and dragging Peas, I help him, finish es 32 66

W 15 Hector again at Galt for more plaster Stalker sowing plaster east of Orchard & Bob & I stones it Hector sows plaster after he comes home, fine day 32 64 {above} gets the first Rhubarb

Th 16 Men dragging & Rolling in forenoon it being windy the sowing plaster in afternoon Bob & I stones the Island field Stalker helped us in forenoon 34 64 {above} getting dry

F 17 Hector at Morrision with a grist & Peas to chop Stalker cultivating Potatoe land Bob setting up stakes among hay land, we cut 8 lb. chile Potatoes 1 ½ B E.Goderch & 1 B Rose Potatoes Wild Plum in full blossom A very few cherry blossoms out 32 66

Sa 18 Hector hauling dung to Potatoe land Stalker dragging & stoning D: at Noon Hector takes Nell to Harvey, horse-shoe took him I pulling Red root at Nummos bush, smoky 36 68 {above} cloudy

Su 19 Great rain last night and a good clear through the day. It was much wanted the creek down - all at church but Jean growing day 38 60

M 20 Men working at Potatoe land till stopt at Teatime by a great shower & one crack of thunder We then afters three Boars I went a fishing to McDonalds creek and did not get one bit 40 60

Tu 21 Planting Potatoes Plants Stalker 7 Bags - 18 rows - & for ourselves 10 Bush{?}. Chilis & 2 Bags Cuscus - 3 B I did not Plant any only cut 40 64

W 22 Finishes planting Potatoes - 5 B Cuscus ~~Chilis~~ of our own & 1 B Chilis from Stalker 1 1/2 B Early Goderick 1/2 B Rose & 1 1/2 B Peach blows Total 22 1/2 Bushels. Sowed likewise rows carrots - Raining in afternoon Stalker dunging Sheephouse Hector at Smiddie cherry blossoms well out now and 40 64 apple trees beginning wood looking green

May 1872 {Simple math calculations in top right corner of page}

Th 23 Hector & Stalker both hauling Dung to turnip land with two waggons and the cart Archie McGrurie here filling & Bob spreading dung I am very poorly with a bad cold but I write letters to David Brydon Mr Evans seedman Hamilton about ½ to Superphosphate. & Mr Mayor of Dundas

about renewing Defenture{?} fine growing weather cherry trees about full blown & Beeson some apple blossoms 50 68

F 24 Queen's birthday, Hector, May Mrs McAlister Jess & The bairns all at Puslinch at Mr Gilchrists Stalker & {above} transplanted broom into hot{?} McGrurie at the dining I poorly with a cold {above} showery 30 66

Sa 25 Men at Dung at day May {above} cold a little better Jean & I at Church, clear cool breezy 43 62

Su 26 Our Sacrament all at it but Jessy & Alick sermon allso at night and Hector Jean & May & Jess at it Mr McBane from Druminswell {Dumfriesshire?} here 50 68

M 27 Men at Dung but in afternoon Hector goes to Cowe's folks to raise a building with screws & levers I spread some dung a good deal of rain last night and some showers with thunder today Apple trees in full blossom except Northern sky flowering almon coming out, the wood not quite in full flourish 50 70

Tu 28 Men at Dung finishes hauling for turnips, in prenoon Hector at Cowe's raising the Barn, put it up six feet I spreading dung, very cool to day but cloudy and good 40 56

W 29 Hector & Stalker ploughing in dung Archy Bob & I spreading dung fine & clear 45 64

Th 30 Hector & stalker Ploughing in dung Bob & I finishes spreading dung Archy McGrury went away last night, Hector sold the lambs to Mr Alrich for \$ 2 ½ a piece he took away five apple trees in full blossom, cherry trees fading 45 62

F 31 Hector Ploughing Stalker away visiting his Daughter with McMillans Buggy Bob & I gouging thistles Sandy Glen comes with Book's & buggy 50 70

June

Sa 1 Hector at Hamilton with 17 Bags Potatoes Sells them from 80 cent a bag down to nothing, bad market, got ½ tone superphosphate = \$20 got 12 the turnipseed at 23 cents per lb Bob & I cutting thistles ~~12 lbs turnips seed at 25 cents per lb bal~~

Su 2 May Jess & I at church in forenoon {above} Mandrakes a few in blossom Hector & Jean in afternoon {black ink smudge}50 64

M3 Hector & Stalker dragging turnip land Bob & I finishes cull{black diagonal ink smudge cover rest of word} Num 45 62

Tu 4 Heavy showers in morning Cleans up a load of Oats in afternoon Stalker & Hector stoning turnip land Bob & I culling thistles {above} very cool finishes 40 58

W 5 Hector & Jean at Galt with 47 B. oats sold at 41 cents each per B - \$19.27 Stalker & Bob slowing after coming from Galt we wash the sheep At McAlister I get Brushed, fine warm day

June 1872

Th 6 Hector & Stalker at Turnip land after tea Hector drills & Stalker and I saw Phosphate on drills, drilled only {above} team plants tomatoes 14 drills fine & warm, looks cloudy 30 80

F 7 Hector drew five drills then stops by a heavy rain all forenoon Stalker goes home Hector goes to Kirkwall in afternoon and brings the new turnip sower home after Teams sweep the lum I stick some Peas Mrs Mitchel & Maggie here 50 62 Mr Alrich's boys cornes and takes away 5 lambs

Sa 8 Hector drilling Stalker sawing salt & planter till afternoon when he Hauls rails for new fence in swamp. Bob & Click sowing Phosphate before the Plough I take Nell to horse at Wm Dicksons {above} Lent \$200 to Mr Falconer she did not take him 45 72

Su 9 No sermon to day Mr. Perteus at Flamboro. Jess Colted last night 56 70

M 10 Hector sows turnips in forenoon - Carters drills in afternoon Bob & I sowing Phosphate saws 200 on {above} lbs 24 drills Stalker fencing 45 68

Tu 11 Saws out the last of the Phosphate - 150 lbs has sown in all 1000 lbs Phosphate on 106 drills on on a little more than 4 acres Stalker fencing, Hector drilling in afternoon we clip the sheep - 39 & marks 8 ewe lambs for keeping also {above} the wool packs 20 82

W 12 Hector drilling & sawing turnips Stalker sowing salt & Plaster in forenoon and he & Bob fencing in afternoon. Very windy but warm & growing 56 78

Th 13 Hector drilling till stopt by rain {above} same thunder. Stalker & Bob fencing till stopt by rain much {above} rain today 50 64

F 14 Hector & Jean at Galt with the wool 35 fleeces sold at 55 cents per lb - Weight 202 lbs or 6 lbs per head less 8 lbs but was docked 2 lbs for matting so got pay for 200 lb only = \$110 or \$3.14 cents

per head - very good indeed one fleece was return'd for matting = took 36 and sold 35 Stalker finishes fence and goes to stone 16 acre field I go a fishing but got only a few I fish no more 54 74

Sa 15 Hector Saws out the last of the turnips = 70 drills & John Beattie gets the barrow to saw his he then takes Nell to horse but she did not take him in afternoon both Ploughs begin to Plough 16 acre field sad, May at Jack Wight's 54 74

Su 16 Hector & Jean at Galt church May & I goes to our evening service 36 76

M 17 Men Ploughing sod in 16 acre field I culling thistles among Peas the second time & goes to see Thos. Fletcher who is evidently dyeing. Warm 56 78 Hector took Black mare to Harvey's horse she took hens

T 18 Men Ploughing sad I finish cutting thistles among Peas very warm 60 82

W 19 All at Statute labour an Road. Very hot the hottest day yet 64 88

Th 20 All at roads but it was so hot I did not go in afternoon, Phoebe {above} Campbel hangd 70 94

F 21 Finishes Statute labour at noon. Men Ploughing afterwards I cutting thistles at north field Peas warm again but breezy 7 87

June 1872

Sa 22 Men Ploughing I cutting thistles, very drouthy but cooler 65

Su 23 Hector & Jean at Galt May & I at Church at night Thos Fletcher died this morning at 9 o'clock after a long illness 63 78

M 24 Two Cows taken to Robsons Bull this morning Hector gets his leg hurt by mare bamplng {?} on Stalker Plough in I take keg to Smiddy and hurkle Trons {?} for a new hurkle then cuts thistles 64 76

Tu 25 Stalker digging Thos. Fletcher's grave Hector & I at the funeral in afternoon, cuts some thistles in forenoon, Hector too cripple to work 60 74

W 26 Hector & Stalker Ploughing I sow 26 rows of Turnips with Plaster thy fly is bad on them {above} Mrs Nemmo came here. I then cut thistles then go getting drouthed we want rain 68 80

Th 27 Men Ploughing I cutting thistles very hot and drouthy 72 86

F 28 Men Ploughing I cutting thistles, very hot & some distant thunder 74 90

Sa 29 Men finishes Ploughing 16 acre field I cutting thistles still hot 76 89

Su 30 All at church excessively hot some thunder and the tail of a shower 76 92

July

M 1 Dominion day Men dragging 16 acre field Dick ox gets sick and not wrought in afternoon Stalker mowing round clover field some thunder And a heavy shower away south but we got little of it, very hot wrote to James 80 92

Tu 2 Jean & I at Galt I get three coupons cashed #45 - and gets the Interest of 550 Dollars at 3 per cent from Merchants Bank puts #50 more to principal and gets a Receipt for # 600 buys a leghorn hat for #1.75 and Album for #1:50 a ox sick the farrier comes and gives him an injection Hector begin to cut with mower in Island field, very sultry & hot 75 90

W 3 Hector cutting with mover in forenoon Raking in afternoon Stalker & I cocking, I wrote to Dundas taking their offer for 80 #1200 92

Th 4 Hector sets up the Potatoes Stalker raking with horse in after-noon I at the funeral of old Mr. Tait another old settler gone: 70 75

F 5 Hector cuts the last of Island field Stalker Bob & I pushing together winrows till noon then Stalker goes with heifer to Bull & Hector & I takes in a load of hay till Stalker comes Back we then all at it with one team as the ox is not well yet altogether we get in 4-5 loads which we put into sheephouse cool 65 75

Sa 6 Hauling hay all day with one team, takes in 9 loads 1 into sheephouse 3 into old stable and 5 into Cowbyre very drouthy 68 82

July 1872

Su 7 I and May at Church in forenoon Hector & Jean in afternoon every body crying out about the drouth. it burning up everything 90 86

M 8 Hector takes a cow to Valen's Bull. Then goes to Harvey's with two mares. We then take in 2 loads of hay from Island field which finishes it. We put the two loads into cowbyre loft. Total in field 15 loads of which we put 5 into sheephouse 3 into old stable & 7 into cowbyre Stalker went to Galt

for flour and came back at noon Hector cutting hay east of Orchard in afternoon Stalker mowing round the field very hot 70 88

Tu 9 Hector hires David Stoddart from Sullivan for a month for \$20 Hector finishes cutting the field Stalker goes to Tom Little's to build a Lime kiln & young Tom Little comes in his place Some mowing corners in forenoon then T little & Bob rakes & Stoddart pushes in till Hector finished cutting when we took in 2 loads which we put into horse stable loft Little & finishes raking field. hot hot hot 80 93

W 10 Takes in 4 loads & puts them in horsestable loft at noon it comes a great thunder spate till all was running & it was much wanted for spring crop was just rusted and it is doubtful if they can yet recover. McQueen Katy Hotson wife here in afternoon 70 88

Th 11 Men mowing corners Hector dragging fallow Jessie & I shakes out and turns the hay which got a soaking yesterday, at noon it came on a tremendous spate of rain with thunder & the hay when fit for taking in soaked worse than ever. More rain was needed & we have got with a vengeance 80 86

Fr 12 Hector & I brings home a Ram priced \$11 from D Gilchrist's Pushlinch Men begin to their turnips in forenoon in afternoon they took in all the hay that was soaked yesterday 3 pickles = 2 loads, put into Cowbyre. No one looked at the glass today so I must guess at the head 70 82

Sa 13 Men thinning turnips & Hector hurling till noon I cocking in afternoon Hector hurkles & Men takes in hay from three corners-all that is cut-eq equal to 1 good load & put into cowbyre I think this finishes our hay 70 80

Su 14 Hector & Jean at Church in forenoon & May & me in afternoon 70 80

M 15 Hector finishes Hurkling, all the rest thinning 6 of us - a shower & thunder at noon but not much very hot about noon 70 90

Tu 16 All at Turnips but Hector who fixes Reaper and tries it on the Barley some rain & thunder at noon & more after tea. the ground is now pretty well soaked but rather late to benefit some crops gets the first stowed cherries

July 1872

W 17 All at the turnips the whole day; more, temperate now 60 76

Th 18 Men finishes thinning turnips & carrots Hector cuts the barley in afternoon & leaves it unbound, I go to smiddy & get two teeth for turnip hurkle & another mended. cool & drouth to day 60 76

F 19 Hector hurkling turnips second time all the rest cutting thistles I got to smiddy with Nell gets celery plants - 50 from McMullan & plants {above} them cave clear 56 74

Sa 20 Hector and I at Dundas I get two Dundas Debentures of #600 each their numbers is 595 and 596 Interest Due 1st Nov. and 1st of May Debentures in 14 years being in 1885 Men takes in the Barley a poor drouth crop 56 76

Su 21 At church Hector Jessie & I a pretty heavy rain till about 9 P.M. 54 76

M 22 Cutting wheat North of sugar bush, the poorest crop I ever saw. does not quite finish it. send a Post office order to Helen Park for £2 sterling 60 74

Tu 23 Finishes North of Sugar bush in morning then goes to 14 acre field next Nimman's bush & cuts all day except about 2 hours we were stopt by a gentle rain crop very poor. unequal & wasted, very cool today 60 69

W 24 Finishes our wheat except a patch very green crop very poor 56 74

Th 25 All at turnips taking doubles except Stalker who was dragging fallow and Hector hurkling. This is my Birthday & I finish my 72nd year; 54 76

F 26 Hector sows barley ground at Neils slashing with Timothy and clover as it was all roasted out by the hot drouth - Stalker drags it the rest at turnips & Hector hurkling till tea time - when we went and took in the wheat north of sugar bush. -only three loads off 8 acres 56 76

Sa 27 Cuts the last of the fall wheat in forenoon then took in all that was cut before = 9 loads of which 3 was Daehl{?}, the last load of 10 stooks left in the barn on waggon as it got dark on us fine drouthy day Posted a Post Office order to Helen Park from John Martin, Maggie Sermon here 60 78

Su 28 All at Church twice Mr. Porteus absent and Mr. Young preaches in his Place gives great satisfaction Warm & drouthy - 60 78

M 29 Hector hurkling till stopt by a heavy shower the thinning the turnips that braided{?} after the rain came in afternoon the men is renewing the fence south end of 16 acre field Bob Ellick & I at turnips cloudy some thunder 60 76

Tu 30 Men at fence till tea time, then takes in the last of the Pale wheat - 2 Loads Bob Alick & I at turnips. Looks like rain tonight 56 74

W 31 Men at fence Boys & I finishes turnips & hoes headings. cool 50 72

Augt. 1872

Th 1 Hector & David rebuilding orchard fence on east side, Stalker absent sickly Bob paid off last night, showery in afternoon and some thunder, cool 55 76

F 2 Hector & David at orchard fence in forenoon, In afternoon cradling spring wheat at Neils slashing but does not do much from a heavy shower, Stalker sick at night we attend an Election meeting at Kirkwall to hear the two candidates Mr Mckechnie at Mr Jos. Bain speechify both good speakers 54 76

Sa 3 Hector & David cradling spring wheat all day finishes at Orchard an all rather green 54 74

Su 4 All at Church Mr Young preaches fine sunny day. Streamers out last night 60 82

M 5 Hector finishes hurkling turnips second time, Stalker & David culling Peas on North 14 acre field the crop is but a poor one a second growth being on them {above} streamers out again last night 60 82

Tu 6 All cutting Peas all day. very poor crop the second growth quite green, hot 60 86

W 7 All cutting Peas, finishes north field and begins on those besider{?} turnips {above} distant thunder 60 88

Th 8 Men finishes cutting Peas in forenoon and takes in the spring wheat in afternoon - 4 loads (veg) 2 from orchard & 2 from Neils slashing I thin some late sown turnips on mused drills. I took the glass when ^it stood at 90 in the shade - when it rose to 106 rise in sun 16 degrees 68 91 {above} and set it in the sun -

F 9 Hector goes to Puslinch craving siller but none Men stoning in 16 acre field till noon & Alick & I turning Peas in afternoon we take in 3 loads of Peas which we put into Barrack very hot streamers 68 90 {above} very bright last night

Sa 10 Stalker & David stoning till Tea time then took in 2 loads of Peas one of which we put into Barrack and run the other into new Barn as it got dark It was a shower of rain this morning which

hindered from hauling sooner Hector drawing feelings in 16 acre field all day - looks cloudy & unsettled 68 84

Su 11 All at church but Hector - Collection for Congregational funds {above} heavy rain last night 60 82

M 12 Hector Ploughing David stoning Stalker absent, Peas very wet and no Drouth {above} kills a sheep 60 74

Tu 13 Hector & David Ploughing Stalker absent Showery Peas in a bad state cool 60 74

W 14 Hector at Tom Grey; threshing in forenoon Men choring In afternoon McFalters threshers here. threshes 50 B. Barley an {left blank} wheat both miserable poor quality some showers again grain must sprout {above} - in such weather 64 82

Th 15 Hector cutting oats in afternoon Stalker Ploughing David Patching old Barn roof in afternoon in forenoon they were cradling round the field and turning Peas. Peas half rotton. I at Prayer meeting at Kirkwall and leaves #11 with Mr McMillan to give Dr. Lundy A congregational 60 80 {above} meeting Number 10

F ~~15~~-16 After Tea we take in 3 loads of Peas the last from north field puts 55 74 them in Barrack. In forenoon Men Ploughing & David cradler some turns Peas &c

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Sa 17 Stalker Ploughing Hector & David cradling oats at Gilberts line and finishes them at tea time we then take in the last of the Peas 2 loads which we put into Barrack. But whole crop of Peas is put into Barrack and altogether is only 10 loads and five of them is half rotten last year we had 21 loads in Barrack and a good deal in old Barn. Drouthy 53 82

Su 18 Heavy rain in morning soaked everything no sermon today 60 80

M 19 Election day for Dominion, votes for Mr. Bain reformer, comes home & in afternoon we rake & stooks all the oats at Gilberts - line they are not very dry but looks like more rain is we took them 65 82

Tu 20 Hector cutting oats with Reaper till noon David cradling oats at old stable &c Stalker Bob & I turning Oats & Raking D. till noon when it comes more rain & stops us, then Hector & Stalker goes to plough and David & Bob crades & cuts thistles, bad harvest weather stuff spoiling 68 84

W 21 Hector Ploughing all day Stalker absent till noon as it was a heavy shower with thunder in the morning, he Ploughs all the afternoon I spreading out sheaves in forenoon in afternoon Bob and Jessie helps me after Tea we rake and bind oats but they are not very dry. In fact this weather completely bambozles folk 68 86

Th 22 Hector at J Cowe's threshing till noon Stalker Ploughing till noon J. Jessie & Bob binding oats all day & Hector & Stalker in afternoon A fine drouthy warm day drying things nicely, it was much needed 70 88

F 23 Hector cutting oats and finishes at noon all the rest binding oats and finishes at night and a tough Job it was to bind them the oats cut to day was snapping bands the oats was so dead and rusted they shook out ^though the the grain is very light. Drouthy 66 80

Sa 24 Hauling oats and finishes them about 9 o'clock at night we had in all 19 loads the last two loads we left on Barn floor on the waggons fine drouthy day, but looks like rain now, George Grey helped us 64 80

Su 25 All at church but Jessie, Evening service discontinued 63 82

M 26 Stalker Ploughing Hector at Smidie in forenoon in afternoon disleads the 2 loads of oats in Barn hauls the flax and cuts the oats on old carrot patch 5 1/2 a looks very rusty and strong. Sultry {above} George Frank{?} prosecute his son for assault 62 82

Tu 27 Hector & Jean at Galt seed fair Bought only 2-P 4 B. Daehl at #1.50 as wheat was scarce and poor quality Stalker Ploughing fine drouthy day, but rain last night gave Hector #20 to buy seed with

Augt 1872

{Simple math calculations in top right corner of page}

W 28 Men Ploughing Thos Watson got 10 B. wheat here at #1 poor quality 35 76

Th 29 Men finishes Ploughing 16 acre field and harrowing with both teams as it is very rough & the first crossploughed grown quite green, some rain with thunder 56 76

F 30 ~~Men~~ Stalker dragging all day Hector drags till noon then goes down 9th Con. towards Flamboro looking for seed wheat Got 15 B. at 1.25 = #18 75. cool windy 50 62

Sa 31 Hector sows some Tread well Stalker & he cultivates & drags and after Tea Hector goes to J Cowes to thresh a few oats, still cool & windy 50 68

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Su 1 All at Church but Jane Cool the season is changing 50 64

M 2 Men sowing wheat & cultivating I pull the hops 5 Basketfull cool 48 62

Tu 3 Men finishes sowing wheat Stalker cultivating all day Hector drags till moon then goes to Wm Robsons threshing, frost last night, Pumpkin vines sniftered 38 64

W 4 Men finishes Cultivating & dragging wheat Mr. Aldritch takes away the last of the Lambs - 6
Total Lambs sold 29 25 at # 2.50 = ~~#72.50~~ #62.12 with 48 68 #100 for wood Total product ~~#172.50~~
#162.50 besides killing 2 and keeping 9 sheep well pigs {above} kills a Pig at noon

Th 5 Men stoning wheat all day ^I break up the pig May & I starts for Scarboro tomorrow to Galt 46
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F 6 W. May & I started this morning for Scarboro and did not return # till th - 12 We found all our
friends well and brought Jannett Martin with us while they have been drowned with rain here they
were droughted in Scarboro but has good crops

~~F 13~~ Weather warm when we was away glass once 90 & often so it was 80 on the 12th

F 13 Men Ploughing but one of the oxen got sick & Stalker chored in afternoon Georgina
Glendinning & two of her cousins came to day weather cool 56 66

Sa 14 Hector cutting second crop of clover all day Stalker Ploughing Pea land at Consession slight
frost last night Very cool today and clear 40 64

Su 15 All at Church but Hector & Janet Martin ^white frost last night but but not severe 36 64

M 16 Hector cuts out the hay & Stalker rakes the whole field new cut & all, Hector & I & Jessie takes
in 4 loads puts 1 into old stable loft 2 into sheep house left and ran one into new barn as it got dark,
frost last night again but not severe 36 66

Tu 17 Hauls all the hay 5 big loads total in field 8 loads, put 5 into sheep haus loft put 1 into old
stable loft & 2 into cowbyre loft afterward Hector mowed The pickle in Orchard, A-We had a slight
shower and the clover was not very dry 40 68 A gathering of young folks at our house tonight and a
great sing present Thos Johnston Mr. Falkoner Thos Grey's young folks & Janet McAlister

W 18 Hector Ploughing Stalker absent - Showery - Jean Georgina & Tanny Martin goes to A Stewarts & at night to Tom Greys 40 60

Sept. 1872

Th 19 Hector Ploughing Georgina goes away & Jean sets her up to Galt Stalker about I harvest the corn. A good deal of thunder last night with rain cool 38 60

F 20 Hector Ploughing Stalker taking ^hauling out Dung from sheep hause. Wm Chambers comes I rake the pickle hay in orchard & they haul it only 5 cocks. cool 30 62 Wm Chambers Hector Jean & Jenny Martin goes to Tom Grey's at night

Sa 21 Hector Ploughing & Stalker taking out Dung in forenoon in afternoon. all at Church but Jessie Mr. Frazer of Thorold preaches Stalker absent, warm 40 72

Su 22 Our sacrament a fine day and good attendance service at 5 PM {above} some rain in morning with thunder 40 70

M 23 Childrens Picnic all at it but Hector who is at Galt Mrs. Nummo keeps house 40 72

Tu 24 Hector Ploughing at Gilberts line Stalker absent warm some thunder 40 78

W 25 Hector Ploughing Stalker still sick cooler to day - some showers 40 66

Th 26 Hector Ploughing Stalker absent Bob hauling Dung in afternoon. I have a bad cold {above} hull the last of the grapes quite fine slight frost from last night 36 62

F 27 Hector Ploughing Stalker have today hauling dung ~~g-p~~ & spreading very cool 36 56 pulld the last of the grapes quite ripe and very Stalker's got Whisky!

Sa 28 Stalker Ploughing Hector D. & fixing graith for Guelph show I cutting thistles {above} more turnips 38 60

Su 29 All at church but May & Jessie very windy and heavy rain last night 38 58

M 30 Stalker Ploughing Hector goes away to Guelph show to show young horses {above} caught a skunk in trap 36 56

Tu Octr

Tu 1 Stalker Ploughing Hector at Guelph very cool but fair 34 54

W 2 Stalker dragging Pea land Jean Lilly & Ellick at Galt for yarn and did not get it 32 58

Th 3 Stalker dragging Hector at Guelph, Jean, Jenny Martin & Janet McAlister at Edwin Greys 34 58

F 4 Stalker cultivating & stowing Hector returns from Guelph show getting the second prize for his team #12 He likewise sold them for #400 to be taken away in a month, he got no money to bend the bargain - fine day 38 70

Sa 5 Stalker stoning Hector at J Cowe's threshing Peas in forenoon, warm 40 74

Su 6 All at church but Jean & Jenny - warm heavy showers & thunder 40 74

M 7 Men Ploughing oat land - We intended to begin digging our potatoes to day but the rain yesterday & last night has made the ground to dirty{?} 38 56

Tu 8 Begins to dig our potatoes digs 80 bushels of cusco which we put in our old house for the Pigs and ~~40~~6 Bags of Rose & 4 bags of Early Goderich which we call only 10 Bushel {above} put into cellar, but it is more Total to day 90 Bush the crop to a good one and no rot Stalker at a Bee with oxen & cart in big swamp, going to Galt very fine day hope it will last till tatoes is up frost {above} last night 32 54

W 9 Took up 9 B. Cuscos & 120 B. Chilis put the whole in cellar a little frost 34 68 night but some of the Potatoes shaws is quite green gel - very fine day

Octr 1872

Th 10 This morning Jenny Martin went away in such poor health that Jean went along with her to Scarboro Hecto set them up to Galt & was back by noon. We took the last of the Potatoes 70 Bushels (veg) 150B. Chilis & 20 Peach blow our total crop is 290 Bushels (5 veg) 89 cuscos 150 Chilis 20 Beach flow coal 34 46

F 11 Taking up Stalker's Potatoes takes up 4 waggon loads = 120B. frost last night 32 44

Sa 12 Finishes Stalker's potatoes in forenoon 39B. Total crop 139B. after 10B seed a very good crop in afternoon Hector goes to Rocton with read list cool cloudy 32 48

Su 13 May & I at church collection for Congregation funds very cold in church 36 46

M 14 Harrows & gathers Potatoes about 6 Bushels hauls Potatoes shaws & cornstalks to Barn yard & Potatoes to old house fer Pigs in afternoon goes to meet Jean very cold windy 34 44

Tu 15 A nasty day a shower of snow & the ground white Stalker at home fixing his Potatoes 30 44

W 16 Hector Jessie & the Barns at Rocton shew Hector gets the first prize for young span horses, we gather 5 barrels apple. Stalker at home. Fine day 34 67

Th 17 Frost last night and rain today, at least all the afternoon, we shift spring wheat on to ton of fall wheat & Hector threshes some oats & Flax, gets a letter from John Park Langholm tell how his sister Helen is dying of consumption 31 46

F 18 Men Ploughing in forenoon. In afternoon we gather 6 Barrels apples and 7 Bags of Rambos to take to Galt tommorrow. Misty in forenoon fine in afternoon 36 32

Sa 19 Hector at Galt for bran task up 10 B Rambo apples sold one bag for 45 cents and traded the rest off with McBroom for salt &c, Stalker ploughing Jessie & I takes in 3 Barrels of apples good cool day 36 46

Su 20 No sermon to day Mr. Porteus away assisting at a Sacrament. Hector & Jean at Galt hearing Mr. Smith's farewell sermon as he is going to move to Halifax. Fine day 36 32

M 21 Hector Ploughing Stalker at home drinking I & women gathers 3 Barls apples 38 66

T 22 Hector & Stalker Ploughing In afternoon Hector & I goes to J Cowes to see Ploughing match gathers about 3 Barrels apples very fine day 38 66

W 23 Hector & Stalker Ploughing I carry the last of the apples just a wee when but the mess & some seedlings is still left on the trees we have in cellar 17 Barrels full, & about 4 Barrels in long Box 1 ½ Barrels of Rusty coats an another hard kind total in cellar 22 ½ Barrels besides about 2 Barrels in Shanty & don't know how many we have peeled & dried fine cool 32 30

Th 24 Hector & Stalker Ploughing, the women & I grinds 3 B. snow apples for apple sauce Janet McAlister to get some of it. I fix sheep turnip house in afternoon 30 30

F 25 Hector at Galt for bran. Stalker at Wm Elliot's threshing A raw day without much rain but raining now & looks like more 32 30

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Sa 26 A nasty wet day, little doing. I sweep up old Barn and Hector threshes out the lint 38 52

Su 27 A raw nasty day raining a little all day Hector Jean & I at Church 40 50

M 28 Stalker at Wm Elliots threshing in forenoon and at Tom Greys threshing in afternoon. Hector at Tom Grey's threshing in forenoon al at Janet McAlister's sawing firewood in afternoon Jessie & Stalker up all the carrots. Clear cool 32 46

Tu 29 Bagens to take up Turnips - Stalker Bob Jessie & I takes up 24 drills and tops a good many Hector takes up in the carrots about 80 Bushels puts them into old house cellar - the man that bought the young horse for \$400 came to day & paid #20 on them they to be delivered at Guelph for cave clear 30 48

W 30 Stalker Bob & I taking up turnips all day Hector repairing the cow turnip house the threshers come 31 50

Th 31 Threshers here threshes all the wheat only 109B. Of which 42B. Is spring wheat threshes oats the rest of the day fine day but very staury in the Barn 30 30

Nov.

F1 Threshes out the oats = 410 Bushels & them went to Old Barn and threshed all the Peas = only 92B. From 10 acres, but there is a good of Peas on the floor to clean up get cool & cloudy to day Wm Elliots roup to day, not at it 30 46

Sa 2 Hauling Turnips all day 18 waggon loads 30B. Each = 340 Bushels which we put into sheep house Janet McAlister helps us fine day 32 48 {above} cleans up Peas an Barn floor 10B. Total Peas 102. Bushels

Su 3 All at Church but Jean the minister telling us to give weel to collections 30 48

M 4 Hector fixing turnip house in forenoon & Stalker Bob & I taking up turnips. In afternoon we taken ^in 11 loads = 330B. And puts them into cowbyre turnip house. Jessie & Bob topping in afternoon. Fine day 30 48

Tu 5 Taking up turnips in forenoon, Hauls 8 loads = 240 B. in afternoon and puts them in Cowhouse. ~~cleans up Peas on Barn floor 10B.~~ Jessie & Bob shawing. Stopt by rain about 4 oclock 31 44

W 6 Hector at Guelph fair to deliver the span of young horses he sold at the show for #400 Jean goes with Nell & the Buggy bring him back again. We take up turnips in forenoon and hauls in afternoon with one team 5 loads = 150B. which we put in to cowhouse. very wet last night 34 44

Th 7 Hauls in forenoon Hector comes home from Guelph with a yoke of Cattle price \$101 their age 5 years past the spring

Th 7 Hauls in forenoon 11 loads = 33 rains some in afternoon so we take up & shaw 30 44

F 8 Hauling all day 23 loads = 690 Bushels which we put into Cowbyre much rain last night 34 42

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{Simple math calculations in top right corner of page}

Sa 9 Hector Hauls with one team in forenoon ~~with~~ while Stalker Bob & I takes up the last of the Turnips afternoon hauls with both teams Total loads to day 21 = 630 Bushels of which we put 9 loads = 270B into Cowhouse & 10 Loads = 300 into our old house cellar and 1 Load 30B goes to sheephouse. And 1 Load = 30B to Janet McAlister who has been helping us Our Total crop of turnips is 97 loads = 2910 Bushels of which ~~2310B~~ 2010 is in Cowhouse 570 B in sheephouse & 300 Bushels {above} 10 loads in Old house cellar and 1 load go B to Janet McAlister Total crop 6 acres - a god deal of rot 31 44

Su 10 All at Church but Jessie a fine day and cloudy hard frost last night 30 42

M 11 Puts up the Pigs to feed - 5 put into boiling place 10B. Peas - Stalker stoning on Turnip land at noon Hector takes over Janet McAlisters load of turnips and kills her Pig I boil two kettles of Peas & Potatoes for Pigs very mild 34 52

Tu 12 Hector & Stalker Ploughing on Potatoe & Turnip land I set up sap troughs raining last night 34 42

W 13 Hector & Stalker Ploughing Turnips & tatoes land I choring. Cold wind East 30 42

Th 14 Thanksgiving day for the Province all at Church but Jean rain last night {above} cold all day 32 34

F 15 Hector & Jean at Galt with yarn to weaver Stalker hauling dirt from Turnip house to midden very hard frost last night cannot Plough ground hard. I choring very cold & windy 24 32

Sa 16 Men cutting Oat sheaves in forenoon & raising stones in ~~st~~ sod field in afternoon hard frost 24 32

Su 17 All at Church but May & Hector H in the Doldrum now for 3 days past 26 32

M 18 Stalker splitting firewood in forenoon cleans up a grist in afternoon {above} put up the cow to feed Doldrums yet 26 30

Tu 19 Hector at Aberfoyle with a grist. {above} 12 Bushels had to leave it. Stalker at Benjys{?} threshing this is now the fourth day of hard frost some of our neighbours glasses has been down at 20. it now threatens snow. I cover up sheep turniphouse the men covered the cow one yesterday. I lay down the Broom & flowering almond and carries the cactus and potted Broom into cellar cold all day 24 28 We have Just heard that Mrs.Robt Grey died to day at 12 o'clock noon

W 20 Put the Ram to the Ewes and puts out four for sale ties up the young colt ~~they~~ Real winter weather smell frost and most severe last night 20 24

Th 21 Hector & I at poor Agnes Robsons funeral, some snow on ground {above} Stalker choring 26 30

F 22 Hector at Aberfoyle for Grist. Takes 15 Bushels of small apples to Moriston and got them made into cider Stalker chopping firewood in bush 30 36

Sa 23 Hector & Stalker choring in forenoon. In afternoon Hector goes to John Dickson's threshing, Mild yesterday & to day slight thaw 32 36

Su 24 All at Church but Jessie. Being the tricentenary anniversary of the Death of 36 42 John Knox our minister gave us a sketch of his labours, very mild

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M 25 Hector at J Dickson's threshing Stalker stoning Pea land and choring, mild but very windy. snow all gone ground thawing 38 42

Tu 26 Hector at Mr.Harvey's Roup Stalker choring J Ditto Getts Hutton Illustrated History of the Bible Price \$5.4 fine mild day. Hector 30 36 Bought a cow at the Roup for \$38 & 10 sap for pails at 10 cents each

W 27 Stalker & Hector choring We fill up 18 Bags of apples for sale very wind & cold 30 - 26 - 23

Th 28 Hector & Stalker cleaning up oats & choring J Do hard frost slight snow 17 24

F 29 Hector at Galt with 53B oats - sold at 35 cents per Bushel = \$18.55 Stalker choring J Do very snell frost all day but calm & sunny 12 24

Sa 30 Hector at Guelph south 18 Bags of apples Got brought home 1/2 Barrel herring Stalker choring J Do very cold windy 12 22

Dec

Su 1 Hector Jean & I at church some snow on ground but no sleighing 26 32

M 2 Some more snow last night, brings home the Lambs to fodder but not the Ewes snowing some all day but thawing, Mr. Porleus here visiting 34 36

Tu 3 Hector Jean & Lilly went off this morning to Niagara to attend a reunion of Miss Rye & her bairns Miss Grey goes with them to get one of Miss Rye's Girls, George Grey set them down to Dundas station to get the morning train to the Bridge. Stalker fixing bars at sheephouse, I bring home the Ewes, Turnips badly frozen at the door, I shut up the last hole in turniphouse, a good deal of snow now, it would make poor sleighing 30 34

W 4 Stalker choring in forenoon. In afternoon at Wm Robsons threshing George Grey gets our Nell to go to Galt and meet our Niagara folks I choring & feeding having pigs & sheep to look after 28 30 Our folks arrives from Niagara about 12 o'clock at night

Th 5 Hector goes to Galt with four sheep to Mr. Alrich {above} with sleigh. Price two #7 each and two \$5 each = 224 Stalker finishes bars at sheep place 28 34

F 6 Stalker at Tom Little's killing Pigs Hector at Smiddy getting horses sharpened and filling up apples & Potatoes to take to Guelph tomorrow It is now a sort of sleighing but not good, Hector had the sleigh yesterday 26 28

Sa 7 Hector & Jean at Guelph with 8 Bags apples & 9 Bags Potatoes with sleigh 22 32 Stalker choring J Do. apples 73 cents per bag = \$6 Potatoes 40 cents per bag = \$3.60 = \$9.60

Su 8 a good deal of wet snow last night good sleighing now Hector took us to Church with sleigh ↓ May Jessie & I the snow is not deep but 36 40 it fell equal and being damp it lay - a thaw but no snow melting

Dec 1872

{Simple math calculations in top right corner of page}

M 9 Smell frost queer climate Hector & Jean at Bill Menzie's getting some feed chopped as he has got a chopping mill Stalker choring cold 10-14-10

Tu 10 Hector & Stalker cleaning up wheat & O J choring smell frost fine day above 5 20

W 11 Stalker at Hamilton with his child to the Doctor Hector fixing stakes for calves &c I am busy enough Just choring boiling Pigs meat &c very fine calm sunny day 14 26

Th 12 Hector at Galt with 35 B Spring wheat - Price \$1.15 - \$40.25 May goes with him to Mrs Nicol's Stalker at home lame with little boots going to Hamilton 14 26

F 13 Stalker at home lame Bill Chambers comes talks of getting married Hector choring 16 26

Sa 14 Hector hitches up the young horse for the first time and in the afternoon drives him to Galt with the Black mare he acts well. Gets Brandy for May Stalker choring & I also, a fine day almost a than 22 33

Su 15 All at church but Jessie a fine day and good sleighing steady frost 24 26

M 16 Hector & Stalker choring & chopping firewood in Swamp fine day 20 26

Tu 17 Hector & Stalker sawing logs in swamp fixes ox bows by boiling them in furnace, Hector hurts back Wm Chambers fixes clock mouse trap &c smell frost above 10 22

W 18 Stalker chopping firewood in swamp. Hector at Galt with Wm Chambers going to Listowell Hector brings our clock from Kay's & I don't strike right get a good deal of snow today {above} gets a pack of boots from adam \$43 20 26

Th 19 Hector at J Cows threshing Stalker choring, Jean at the ministers and pays the record 45 cents and to McMillan \$1.50 for Globe club in advance 10 20

F 20 Hector at Cowe's threshing Stalker choring I boil 3 Patt's Pig stuff = 6B. Potatoes and 3B. Peas. Snowed all last night, plenty of snow now 22 30

Sa 21 Hector at Cowe's threshing till noon Stalker choring In afternoon we cut 200 oat sheaves, hard frost and splendid Sleighing, looks like more snow 7 14

Su 22 High wind last night with some snow and tremendous frost none at Church but Hector Jessie and Alick - The coldest day get but calm, below 13 above 4

M 23 Stalker absent, Hector ties up the calves & chores very cold above 14 - above 12 - above 4

Tu 24 Another tickling frost last night Hector & Stalker chopping in swamp but had after to come to warm their feet though it has been a very fine day, clean calm & sunny but very frosty in the shade below 13 above 4 Has just heard that poor John Carruthers died to day he was the same age as me!

W 25 Christmas & a very coarse day - hazy blowing & the wind East small snow falling all day the Tailor Mr.Chigholm finishes our does{?} my breeks among the rest Stalker broke the old pump handle & Hector makes a new one below 2 above 10

Dece 1872

Th 26 Another stormy day hazy with small snow falling all day this is the second day and night it has snowed continually there is now a great deal of snow & heavy drifts. We intended to kill our pigs to day and one of Watty Turnbull's boys came to help us. but it was so stormy we did not do it and Turnbull went home again. very cold, only choring kinning &c. below 2 above 4

F 27 Kills our pigs Turnbull & Benjy helps calm fine day but cold. below 2 above 10

Sa 28 Hector at Guelph with three pigs wt 760 lbs at \$5.10 per lbs = #38 80 Stalker choring. I poorly with Dysentery. cuts up two pigs we above 18 20

Su 29 All at Church. but Jessie with sleigh fine sleighing now 10 20

M 30 I collecting Kirk seat rents. Hector & Stalker choring, below 8 above 20

31 Tu Collecting kirk seats Wm Chambers goes with me in the cutter. Dr. Robt Harbbittle here at night fine day mild 18 30

Jan 1873

W 1 New year's day which celebrate by attending the funeral. of Helen Parker a young woman in the prime of life - died from the effects of child birth! Katy Valens agness Robson and now Helen all gone lately from the same cause!! A calm quiet day. And so we and the world is launched on another God only knows who shall see its close. 20

Th 2 Hector Wm Chambers Jean Lilly Elizabeth & I at Galt. I pay Fleming & Co #6 for Chambers & Blackwood bought a fur cap #3 an pipe 30 cents Levers Burke of ours 75 cents. A very nasty day hazy and raining ice almost all day, also paid Reformer for 73 for self & J McAlister #3.50 26 30

F 3 Quite a thaw last night and today rained heavy Stalker absent 34 36 strained my foot badly by a wrong step korns{?} but gets no butter

Sa 4 Hector choring Stalker absent I doing very little, Frost again 20 26

Su 5 Hector May the Bairns & I at church ^with sleigh snowing a good deal mild wind east 24 28

M 6 Hector choring Stalker at Wm. Robson's threshing Jas. McQueen comes and I pay him #103 seat Rents. Frank Parker here. Fine suny day 20 24

Tu 7 Hector & Wm Chambers chopping in swamp Stalker at Wm Robsons threshing. I pay Welwood McMillan postage for Globe & Reformer = 40 cents and likewise for Janet McAlister 20 cents for her Reformer. fine day 20 26

W 8 Hector & Stalker chopping I choring John Elliot comes. snow 20 34 showers in afternoon. Jean's Birthday mild slight thaw Lewis Napoleon died to day.

Jany 1873

Th 9 Wm Chambers & Hector chopping in Swamp Stalker absent above 14 10 6

F 10 Hector hauling firewood Wm. C. chopping Stalker absent below 0 2 above 6

Sa 11 Hector & Jean goes to Mr. Gilcrest, in Puslinch Stalker & Wm chopping above 2 12

Su 12 Jessie Alick & I at Church, John Elliot goes away to Tom Nicols 20 30

M 13 Hector casting the road toward Kirkwall Wm & Stalker chopping till stopped in afternoon with rain as it came on quite a thaw 34 40

Tu 14 Hector hauling firewood Stalker & Wm Chambers chopping. Fine mild 30 32

W 15 Blowing & snowing small snow in forenoon, Hector hauling firewood in afternoon Wm & Stalker chopping quite a thaw in afternoon 26 36

Th 16 Very wet almost all day, Hector takes the sow to Boar at Mr Andersons and leaves her as she would not take him Hector's friends comes from Keppel 36 42

17 F Hector & Mr. {name is erased} goes to Johnie Malcolm's they being old acquaintance Mrs Sandy Mc Caeg from Keppel goes away Stalker splitting firewood above 16 12

Sa 18 Hector & Wm. Chambers at Galt gets a Barrel of Salt and brings the saw from Mr. Anderson (she had taken the boar) Stalker & Bob chopping A steady snow almost all day, but calm. - very keen frost above 3 above 4

Su 19 All at Church but Jessie Sleighing good 10 14

M 20 A slight snow almost all day Hector & Stalker in swamp in afternoon in forenoon we cut one run of oat sheaves. Wm Chambers at Galt in cutter to left his money from Bank as he is going to live at Medonte and get married there very mild wind east 20 26

Tu 21 Snowing heavy all forenoon, Bill goes away to get married & Hector takes him to Lynden Stalker choring, Very mild almost a thaw 28 32

W 22 Hector hauling firewood Stalker chopping Very mild snow pretty deep 22 28

Th 23 Snowing & drifting all day with a strong east wind, only choring 8 10

F 24 Snowing & drifting all night It has snowed and drifted over 24 hours and I never saw bigger snow banks. Hector & John Dickson casting the road to Kirkwall & letting the road go into McQueens field Stalker absent, I casting snow & redding up after the storm 10 16

Sa 25 All at Church but Jessie never saw the roads so blocked up with snow wreaths Maggie Leman come Turnips finished up to midde Pillar in sheephouse, Mail did not come yesterday, bad roads I suppose Very poor attendance at Church, Got #8 from D. Buckle for Church seat 10 16

Su 26 Our sacrament all at it but Jessie Mr. Perteus had no help The 17 22 stormy weather having prevented him coming

Jany 1873

aM 27 Our Annual congregational meeting. We voted Mr. Porteus \$100 more salary raised the price of a member's sitting to four Dollars and a whole seat with two members Ten Dollars - it was formerly 8 Dollars adherents to continue as they were two Dollars {above} John Elliot comes a sitting There will be tough job to raise it 10 22

Tu 28 Kills our cow Wm. Dickson helps us is mild in morning but the glas fell all day and reached zero at Dark John Elliot goes away Jean sets him up to Martin Nicols above 17 10 0

W 29 Hector & Jean at Galt with Cow skin dried apples & great frost {above} clear evening fine & cold - hardest of the season Mr. Mills insurance man here Stalker choring below 18 above 2

Th 30 Hector cuts up the cow frozen as hard as a stone Stalker choring, above 3 16

F 31 Hector hauling firewood Stalker absent Very fine sunny day 10 24

Feb.y

Sa 1 Hector at Mr. Menzie's getting some grain cracked Stalker goes to Egypt to Mr. Lim's to get out cedars sleepers for turnip haus Tims out at home above 10 6

Su 2 All at Church but Jean & Lilly A {above} more moderate but cold still 10 10

M 3 Hector & Stalker at Mr. Tim's. Egypt getting out & hauling sleepers 16 26

T 4 Quite a thaw all day but no rain. Hector at Smiddy Stalker choring in afternoon. We cut Oat sheaves in forenoon - 38 42

W 5 Hector hauling sleepers from Egypt Stalker chopping {wood?} 26 31 Janet Parker aged 16 years died this morning at 10 oclock!

~~W~~ Th 6 Hector hauling from Egypt Stalker absent. very gentle mild thaw with a clear sky a rare thing in February 38 43

~~Th~~ F 7 Hector hauling from Egypt in forenoon in afternoon at the funeral of Janet Parker I don't go having the Dysentery Stalker absent. Another mild sunny thaw fields all spotted & sleighing bad 18 42

~~F~~ Sa 8 Hector hauls the last of the sleepers from Egypt Stalker chopping. mild 34 34 24

Su 9 Men choring & chopping I not doing much Colder 18 26

M 10 No {ink stain} Mr Porteus at Flamboro sacrament 10 20

T 11 Men in Swamp all day chopping firewood, snell, below 2 above 20

W 12 Hector chopping in swamp Stalker absent in afternoon 28 34

Th 13 Hector takes May & I to Grizzly's Hector goes to Galt to see the fair and and puts into Merchants Bank for me #50 fine day but coldish 12 18

{A broad "x" is drawn across the last two entries}

Feby 1873

W 12 Hector takes May & me up to Grizzly's Hector goes to Galt to see the Fair and puts #50 Dollars into Merchants Bank for me 12 18

Th 13 Hector & Father chopping in swamp Cloudy. coldish day Robt McQueen his a party at his School house Jessie and Alick at it 7 12

F 14 Valentine's day. Hector did not get it choring Cleans up a Grist Stalker absent 14 22

Sa 15 Hector at Aberfoyle with a grist Stalker absent {above} did not get it I choring Calm above 5 28

Su 16 all at Church but May & Alick a fine day 18 32

M 17 Hector at Aberfoyle for the Grist he left Stalker absent with cut finger, got a letter from David Elliot asking help 26 38

Tu 18 Hector chopping Stalker absent I choring Very mild clears sunny thaw 20 40

W 19 Hector chopping in forenoon & hauling in afternoon a slight thaw by sun 28 34

Th 20 Hector hauling firewood in forenoon Laid up with sore back in afternoon 20 28

F 21 Hector laid up with a sore back Stalker absent his time about up Got the Jany No. of C Journal to day. some snow high wind & drifting 18 22

Sa 22 Hector at Galt Jean & J McAlister goes with him to Buy Janet's Wedding 2 men comes with our new Bull Barn Nelson brawls Hector brings a Ton of Caledonian Plaster piece #6 per ton 20 26

Su 23 May Jessie & I at Church Hector & Jean Keepin house cold below 4 above 2

M 24 Hector goes away to Puslinch to Pay for the Bull #75 May goes with him to Mr. Stratton's cold strong day cloudy a little snow 0 16

Tu 25 Hector at Galt with cordwood for Wm McMillan Stalking choring Jean Pays Hector note for the cow he brought at Mr. McVanes sale 18 26 Jean at McAlisters baking for wedding

W 26 Hector laid up with a sore back a rather fine day I choring 20 33

Th 27 Hector laid up with sore sore back Stalker absent choring {above} some snow land ought 20 29

F 28 Hector & Jean goes out to see the Doctor about his sore back but did not get him at home a fine sunny day Stalker absent below ~~4~~ 2 26

March

Sa 1 Hector at Galt to see Doctor and get something for his back 0 34

Su 2 All at Church but May & Hector his back being very bad 20 33

M 3 Hector still a Lamiter{?} Stalker choring J Do. cold & colder above 12 10 6 2

Tu 4 Stalker choring Hector rather better. Cuts Oats sheaves in afternoon Jean at McAlisters fixing Prog for the wedding clear cold below 2 above 16 Pea straw finished today & fed only once a day all winter - & half twice a day

W 5 Stalker choring Hector cripple, clear sunny small frost last night below 5 above 20

Th 6 Hector Very poorly with headache Stalker choring & chopping 0 35 fine clear day Jean at McAlisters cooking for tomorrow 0 35

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F 7 All in afternoon at Janet McAllister's Wedding, came home about 9 o'clock Stalker keeping house. very fine quite a strong sunny thaw 40-36 48

Sa 8 Hector & Jean away Jollifying with the New married folk Stalker choring 40 34

Su 9 All at Church but Jessie a fine day but cold in morning 12 32 Sees the first crows of the season to day.

M 10 Hector Hauling firewood in forenoon in afternoon Jean and he goes to McAlisters to bring home chairs Mrs. Robt Pentland here 18 36

Tu 11 Hector choring goes at night to a meeting of kirk managers fine 17 36 {above} Stalker absent The creek coming down on top of ice, crows plenty, fields half base

W 12 Hector & Stalker at Galt fair with the fat oxen Sold them for 4 cents live weight they weighed Thirty nine ^hundred & 80lbs = a truffle under \$160, mild 20 36

Th 13 Hector choring Stalker absent Mrs Julya Stewart & Daughter here. fine 20 38

F 14 Hector choring Stalker absent at night had a great justification Janet McAlister her husband & every sae monie mae here, fine 22 38

Sa 15 Great thaw raining {above} one crack thunder about all day & now Gr creek over the road at Bridge Great pools standing every where, Winter broke up 38 44

Sun 4716 All at Church but May & Alick, Roads very bad water running over the long swamp going to Kirkwall, very fine day 22 34

M 48 17 Hector choring J Do. hears Blue Birds but did not see them 26 38

Tu 4918 Hector choring but it has been snowing soft snow almost all day Stalker absent, saw four Robins in Orchard today. The first seen 32 36

W 2019 Hector & Stalker splitting stovewood I choring got Feb. Chambers J. write Mr. Emilie about their negligence sees a Meadow Lark thaw 36 45

Th 2420 Nasty day snowing soft all day and pretty heavy in afternoon Hector & Jean goes at night to John Dicksons to have a Jollification with the new married folks. We cut oat sheaves in forenoon 34 36

F 2221 A good deal of snow yesterday & last night at least 6 inches, Stalker splitting stovewood Jean & Hector at Mr McCulligans with new folks married 28 38

Sa 2322 Men splitting stovewood in forenoon, In afternoon Hector Jean & May goes a visiting to John Valen's fine day, slight thaw cool 26 36

Su 2423 No Sermon to day Mr Porteus at Dundas Preaching 40-34 - 24

M 2524 Men splitting stovewood I fix Sugar spouts Small frost last night 4210 26

Tu 2625 Men cleans up 10 Bushels of Peas for seed & puts them in the ark{?} J. McQueen brings the horse power here to be ready when we cut our firewood 15 24 A very nasty day snowing a little all day with keenfrost

March 1873

W 27 26 This has been as thorough winter day as we have this season it snowed all last night and all to day & is snowing now {above} 6 PM often quite heavy - a great deal of snow has fallen our summer birds that had come is caught they are gone again except the blue Linter poor things the snow birds is still here yet Hector boiled a pot of Peas & carrots for Pigs, Stalker absent, only choring 20 26

Th 28 27 Hector at Galt with sleigh for ton of Plaster he has now got 3 ton Stalker in afternoon, gets Feby mumer of Blackwood, good sleighing, above 4 28

F ~~29~~ 28 Men splitting cordwood in forenoon, in afternoon Hector Jean May and the Bairns at School Examination. I dug snow from Boiling place {above} second time 11 38

Sa ~~30~~ 29 We expected to have circular saw to day but word last night that, J. McQueen is sick two hands came we got the rest stopped thawing all day, I sick could not work 36 40

Su 30 All at Church but May & me I very poorly took a powder last night & salts today 28 34

M 31 Men choring in forenoon Tapping trees in afternoon, women an all I sickly 36 42

April

Tu 1 Men Taps the rest of the trees Women gather 39 pails sap and syrups off at but six left in Pots, Men fells a big Maple & sawing at it I very poorly 38 40

W 2 Women sugars off yesterdays sap has 16 tts no saps to day, very wet all last night & some to day Stalker absent women, empties boughs & of rain I sick 38 34

Th 3 Stalker at Wm Robsons sawing stovewood Hector chopping in sugar bush poor rum of saps but syrups off 16 pails leaving four and Potts I am so far recovered as to feed the sheep today but far from get right 31 42

F 4 Men chopping up a Maple in Sugar bush, Women syrups off 21 pails sap. A small run to day, Sap very strong, has made twenty four pounds from Forty Eight pails besides what we add{?} in molasses. I rather better but still poorly 28 40

Sa 5 Men cutting oat sheaves in forenoon I do not help them I in afternoon It was a very heavy thunder attended by a great spate of rain & hail preceded by great darkness - so great that I could not read a newspaper close to the window & my specs on and could scarcely make out with my face close to the clock that it was half past on PM, no sap to day I rather better 36 40

Su 6 Very loud thunder last night with some rain, Raining all forenoon no one at church too wet and the bad, very fine an afternoon quite warm 40 38

M 7 Fine growing day snow all gone now but snow banks. Men chopping in sugar bush. No sap, Rhubarb peeping up Digs some parsnips frost out of garden 38 48

Tu 8 May's Ewe died been sick for some time Men cleans up all the wheat - 30 Bushels a good deal of rain again no sap 36 40

April 1873

W 9 - Galt seed fair nobody at it from here. Raining almost all day Hector opened the Ewe that died yesterday there was three lambs in her 34 40

Th 10 Men sawing in sugar bush got 4 pails sap & no more this is the first dry day for a week past, frost out of ground 32 40

F 11 Men sawing in sugar bush, women syrups into molasses 16 pails sap Heard the first frog to day no run of sap too little frost 32 52

Sa 12 Men choring women get 9 pails sap syrups at of off very fine 34 52

Su 13 All at Church but Mag & me Jam still poorly, very fine day 36 38

M 14 Hector begins to Plough sod oer the Dyke in afternoon goes to Mr. Blakes sale 10th Con - women syrops of 16 pails sap no right run of sap yet poor sugar year yet 34 36

Tu 15 Hector Ploughing sod oer the dyke women gets 3 pails sap fine 34 30

W 16 Hector Ploughing Stalker Plowing in forenoon absent in afternoon A Hog lambs has no milk & cares nothing about 34 44

Th 17 Hector Ploughing Stalker stoning. McGrurie comes to help him Another Hog lamb to day she is fond of it, heavy rain last night 34 42

F 18 Hector Ploughing Stalker Bob & McGrury raisting stones I very poorly 34 42

Sa 19 Hector Ploughing. McGrurie & Bob raising stones Stalker absent cripple from the kick of a cow he got last night, coolish to day 32 36

Su 20 All at Church but May & me I being still poorly. mild. Lamb to day 32 40

M 21 2 two Lamb to day - twins Men stoning & Ploughing {above} Mad 2 gallons molasses the Doctor comes to see me and says I have Bronchitis. A bad job made 16 pails molasses 30 40

Tu 22 Has 4 Lambs today - twins Hector & Jean at Galt for seeds Men stoning young Gilchrist comes to tell us his mother is very ill, Hector must go & see her 30 46

W 23 Hector & Jean goes to Puslinch to see his sick sister men stoning Has 3 Lambs to day all single I had to help Ewe to lamb 34 44

Th 24 has 3 Lambs twins Men stoning cool 34 44

F 25 has 1 Lamb Hector & Stalker Ploughing Potatoe land McGrurie goes away 32 42

Sa 26 Has 8 Lambs to day but 2 died leaving 6 alive we have now 19 Lamb alive from 13 Ewes Men Ploughing fine day but coolish 30 46

Su 27 Hector got word this morning that his sister Mrs Gilchrist Died yesterday of inflamation after child birth - sad news Had 6 Lambs to day & 2 Dead leaving 4 to day we have now 25 Lambs and 12 to Lamb. very fine and genial to day Jean only at Church As Hector & Jessie went to Puslinch to his sisters 30 54

April 1873

M 28 1 Lamb to day Jean & Hector at his sister's funeral she has left a family of nine children the oldes of which is not over 15. Stalker Ploughing mild 31 34

Tu 29 Lambs twins to day Hector sows spring wheat & barley. the Doctor here 36 54

W 30 No Lambs to day Men dragging spring wheat & Barley, quite warm to day Jean boils 5 pails poor sap pull the spouts out, poor sugar run 36 62

May

Th 1 Has 2 Lambs Hector sowing grass seed & dragging 36 38

F 2 4 Lambs to day one pair twins raining heavy in morning and drawg all day we now only 5 Ewes to Lamb 38 44

Sa 3 Has 4 Lambs to day with twins {above} one Lamb died last night le leaving only 3 Ewes to lamb which we put with the rest Hector ploughing at Neils slashing on land where grass failed to take Stalker ploughing also, trapped a Skunk, still very poorly 38 48

Su 4 No Lambs to day None at Church but May Jessie & Bairns, saw a Barn - swallow the first 30 30

M 5 Has 1 Lamb to day Hector sowing Peas Stalker cultivating, very fine 36 62

Tu 6 No Lambs Hector Ploughing & sowing Peas Stalker cultivating Peas 36 60

W 7 Hector sows the last of the Peas Stalker cultivating them No Lambs - 36 58

Th 8 Very wet all day from the East Hector at Smiddy No work done 36 46 Leaves off giving the sheep turnips. We think they can shift now

F 9 Hector Ploughing Stalker hauling turnips from old house. Lees 6 chiney swallows 36 52

Sa 10 Hector Ploughs the garden and goes for Mr Farish to come and see a sick Cow he also gelds the colt Stalker absent sick goodish day rain last night 38 60

Su 11 None at Church but Jean Jessie & the bairns Saw Pigs - 7 Ewe Lamed a dead Lamb 38 60

M 12 Hector dragging at Neils Stalker stoning, women sows onions Parsnips &c McMillan gets 300 lbs hay by guefs I cut the basket willows 36 60

Tu 13 Men stoning up at Concession, I doing nothing being poorly. Cool 36 50

W 14 Hector sowing oats on Pea growing at concession. Stalker cultivating cool frost last night 31 54

Th 15 Stalker cultivating oats Wm Black here for oats fine day 36 62

F 16 Nell colted last night after going 12 months all but 2 days (her colt is a mare) Hector sowing Plaster Stalker & Bob stoning I stick same of the hops. The willows beginning to look green, fine 38 62

Sa 17 Stalker hauling old rails to sugar bush Bob & Alick pulling redroot and cockle. Hector and Jean at Hamilton Gets 1 Ton Leper - phosphate Price #20 per ton and 10 lbs Turnips seed & white - yellow clover Flalian Rye grass &c very fine day 38 64

Su 18 all at Church but Jean Hector & I quite warm 38 66

May 1873

M 19 Cuts our Lambs has 39 twenty Ewes and 19 weathers Hector sowing the last of the oats & grass seeds Stalker dragging Bob sowing Phosphate an Oat land swallows in Lum another fine growing day 39 66 got the first Rhubarb. Swallows in Lum for first time

Tu 20 Men Doing various Jobs such as rolling stoning hauling Turnips from house & spring rather backward no cherry blossoms out, willow Green bud no green an wool 36 60

W 21 Men sowing Plaster Mr Menzie. Sen. Mrs Wm Menzie May Smith and Mr Porteus here I am still very poorly very bad cough, warm 38 70

Th 22 Hector hauling Dung for Potatoes Stalker & Bob stoning North of sugar bush warm to day & Bees on willows - first day, Bush linged with green 38 74

F 23 Men hauling & spreading Dung for Potatoes at old stable. Very warm growth has made great advance the last two day woods looking quite green now May, _at ministers 40 8

Sa 24 Men Ploughing Potatoo land in forenoon Women culling Potatoes Stalker goes home at noon Hector takes Nell to horse. she took him May & Jean at Church Queens Birthday but no celebration here, wild Plum trees in blossom 40 72

Su 25 Our Sacrament May Jean Jessie & the Bairns at Hector & I keeps house as I am still very poorly. the Doctor here finds me much worse than he expected very fine day growth rushing out at a great rate 40 76

M 26 Our People Planting all our Potatoes. Stalker absent since Saturday at noon he has either got whisky or the Pet - bad Job. fine day 40 80

Tu 27 Hector Plough land for carrots & Stalkers Potatoes but he is so bad in the pet it is doubtful whether he will plant them or not. The country now looks glorious cherry trees quite white apple blossoms coming out and wood quite green. Mrs. Valens here blisters me with croton oil. wrote to Falconer 40 84

W 28 Hector & Jessie sows the carrots then hauls dung to turnip land Stalker has left us in a Pet he is not expected come back there was no quarrel 40 76

Th 29 Hector at Brock road with a grist Jean goes with him and they go to Mr Gilchrist. Archie McGrurie comes & he and Bob hauls dung to turnip land. Dr. Lundy here and Bob Hunter, fine a shower near night 45 80

F 30 Jas Grey comes to work a while all at Dung for Turnips fine 40 68

Sa 31 All at Dung in forenoon. Washes the sheep in afternoon McMillian has a Roup at 6 PM Jean and the bairns at it 40 68 Got sixteen Dollars - \$16 from Mr. Falconer being one years Interest on his Note.

June 1873

Su 1 No Sermon to day Mr Porteus at Ancaster helping Mr Walker 50 76

M 2 Men at Dung in forenoon finishes for turnips. Then & Hector and Jas Grey Ploughing in Dung McGrurie and Bob spreading. splendid weather country looking glorious cherry blossoms fading apple tree in full blossom 53 76

Tu 3 Hector & Jas Grey Ploughing in Dung McGrurie spreading Bob pulling cockle & red root 50 80

W 4 Hector & J Grey finishes Ploughing turnip land in forenoon McGrurie boring stones for blasting in afternoon Hector & Jean goes to Galt for things for hauling stone be tomorrow. some thunder and fine rain in afternoon. very sultry & hot 60 84

Th 5 Had a Bee hauling off stones - 3 ox teams Mr Porteus here my pulse 88. got a letter from T. Johnstone about a museum 56 80

F 6 Hector & Grey Ploughing sod Bob cutting thistles among Barley, the Doctor here 58 76

Sa 7 Hector & Grey clips the sheep - 40 Bob harrowing Hector takes Black mare to horse 40 74

Su 8 All at Church but May and me. Mr Young Reaches. Mr Porteus absent 50 76

M 9 McGrurie & Bob stoning turnip land &c Hector at Harvey's with the Jess. Mare to horse - she took him. In afternoon Hector goes to Galt to meet Brother John & wife from Scarboro. They arrive about Dusk 60 81

Tu 10 Hector takes the turnip sower to Blacksmith to hoop then drilling for turnips McGrurie & Bob hauling stones. some thunder with fine rain 60 74

W 11 Hector drilling & sowing turnips in afternoon Brought the turnip drill at noon McGrurie filling holes on sod Bob dragging, fine cool fresh day 30 72

Th 12 Hector drilling & sowing turnips McGrurie & Bob at many things. McGrurie goes away 50 74

F 13 Brother goes away this morning Hector & Jean takes them up to Galt with the wool = 36 fleeces got 35 cents per lb weight 227 lbs being 6 1/3 tts each fleece and 3 lbs over Total value \$79.45 or a little over \$2.20 each sheep Bob cutting thistles among Peas Hector drilling after coming home 40 72

Sa 14 Hector drilling & sowing turnips Bob sowing Phosphate and cutting thistles. At noon Hector took the mares to horse. did not take hopes they in colt 50 80

Su 15 All at Church but may & I I am a good deal better now warm 60 82

M 16 Hector drills & sows the last of the turnips Bob sowing Phosphate Mr Porteus the Doctor & John Roberts here. very warm & sultry rain wanted 60 85

Tu 17 Hector at Road working statute labour I pay for mine 2 day at 75 cents per day #1.50 cents being hardly fit to work. Hears the Bag is bad on Potatoes 30 76

W 18 Hector at roads & hired McGrurie to help him. G Elliot here warm again 60 84 May & Jean at Galt May gets a new Bonnet & at kirkwall

Th 19 at night hearing Mr Needham Preaching in open air many there all our folks but May and me

June 1873

Th 19 Hector finishes Road work at noon then goes to Parkers Barn raising in afternoon, very warm with a high west wind, a queer day 70 91

F 20 Hector Ploughing sod, hard work very dry Bob cutting thistles windy drouthy wind N.W 60 76

Sa 21 Hector Ploughing Jas Grey comes in afternoon to help him drouthy 60 80

Su 22 All at Church but Hector & I. Very cool & cloudy looks like rain but only a few drops 50 66

M 23 Hector Ploughing young Tom Grey comes Ploughing with the oxen kills a Pig at noon, very cool wants rain badly, looks like rain {illegible} it would come 46 66

Tu 24 Great rain last night and thunder rain too though very cool, the rain was much needed Men Ploughing, at noon two Emigrants came and Hector hired one for five months at #18 per month a long wage for a Pig in a poke but hands is scarce & harvest is coming on. cloudy 50 66

W 25 Hector & Tom Grey Ploughing Bob & the Emigrant cutting thistles Maggie Lemon here 30 74

Th 26 Tom Grey went away last night Hector finished Ploughing the end rigs this morning then dragging the Emigrant also dragging with the oxen Bob at thistle 30 80

F 27 Hector & Emigrant dragging all day Bob cutting thistles. Mr Abrich's man takes away 8 Lamb at \$3 = \$24 Buys a washer & wringer for \$15 from Mr. Wylie 60 84

Sa 28 Hector kurkles the Potatoes corn & carrots Bob & Robert Erp (the name of our Emigrant) stoning fallow very hot wants more rain 60 86

Su 29 All at Church but Jessie, I go too the first time since the month of March 60 84

M 30 Thunder with rain last night and very heavy showers all day field standing in great pools & creek full. Men clean oats & chores 60 74

July

Tu 1 Dominion day, Hector & Erp mows the orchard Jessie & I hoe the corn & cuts thistles 60 80

W 2 Jean & I at Dundas I get #36 for Coupons Men mows corner at Neils {above} some rain last night slashing &c 64 80

Th 3 Jean & me at Galt I get #30 Interest on Bank Receipt for \$600 Puts \$100 to it and gets a Receipt for #700, Men Teds Orchard mows &c 60 80

F 4 Hector sets up the Potatoes RT Erp & Bob cutting thistles on Cow pasture till Tea time Jess & I turns hay in orchard the we all cock it after Tea 60 84

Sa 5 Hector cutting hay North of Sugar bush till Tea time then rakes The corner at Neils slashing with horse Rake Erp & Bob stoning till noon we then hoe carrots and Turnips till Tea then cocks corner at Neils 60-80-66

Su 6 All at Church but Jean a fine day many at church 64 76

M 7 Hector cutting hay. We haul 2 Loads of hay from Neils corner and puts them into old stable loft {above} I got Bushels{?} often two loads 3 little ones from orchard put into Cowbyre loft and 3 from field North of sugar bush puts them into horse stable 60 76

July 1873

Tu 8 Hector cutting in Island field Robt & Bob piling Dung at sheep house in forenoon then raking corner in Island field then Hector Rakes & we haul in 2 loads from North sugar bush which we put into horse stable loft, a slight shower this morning then drouthy 60 78

W 9 Hector cutting & Raking in Island field Robert mows round field East of orchard in forenoon In afternoon they haul 3 loads from Island field which is put into Cowbyre loft I at turnips singling though many of them is too small. braird irregular 60 76

Th 10 Rain last night & some to day No hauling or cutting to day Men at Turnips Hector hurk ling 58 68

F 11 Hector cutting east of orchard in forenoon we thin carrots & turnips. In afternoon Hector Rakes all Island field and we haul 3-Loads from Island puts 3 into Cow byre & 2 into sheep house 58 70

Sa 12 Hauling hay all-day 4 Loads from Island put into Cowbyre whiches Island field Total Loads in Island field = 12 We also haul 4 Loads from East of orchard which we put into horse stable loft Hector Raking E. of. O in afternoon drouthy 58 74

Su 13 All at Church but May Cactus flowers first time very warm 70 86

M 14 hauls 1 Load of hay from East of Orchard as it threatens rain then Hector hurkled and all the rest was singling turnips, no drouth to day 60 76

Tu 15 All at Turnips all day but Hector, who cuts the last of hay East of orchard 70 86

W 16 All at Turnips in forenoon, in afternoon Hector rakes all the hay in East field and we haul it all = 6 loads 4 of which we put into horse stable and 2 into Cowbyre. This finishes our hay harvest all well got get the first mess of cherries. Not very ripe but eatable & supple 65 80 Total Loads of hay = 33 dividthusly = 2 Loads into Old stable loft 15 into Cowbyre 2 into sheep house loft and -14 loads into horse stable

Th 17 All thinning turnips, heavy thunder last night with some rain very hot & sultry with dist thunder all day May at Tom McDonalds 70 90

F 18 Hector at Galt May goes with him to Nicol's. We finish singling turnips in forenoon. In afternoon has very heavy thunder showers great pools standing every where but no thunder, very sultry creek running 75 84

Sa 19 Hector goes to Aberfoyle with a Grist Mr Gilchrist & children comes, Hector Hector missing them on the road, did not get the grist home with him we doubling turnips & thinning some carrots - cutting thistles &c, very cool 60 74

Su 20 All at Church but Jessie Expecting to hear Mr Young but he gave us the begunk and did not come = (Mr Porteus was absent) So the Elders officiated &c = Quarterly collector 56 68

M 21 Robert Cultivating fallow. All the rest cutting thistles I thinning carrots 60 76

Tu 22 Robert Cultivating Boys cutting thistles Hector hurkling turnips I thin the last of the carrots George Nicol & Mother here gets cherries fine sunny day 66 82

July 1873

W 23 Hector taken very ill this morning with colic and retching Robert goes for the Doctor who comes and prescribes - but to night he is no better Robert cultivating of his return we taking out doubles in turnips 70 88

Th 24 Robert at at Aberfoyle for Grist left before Hector somewhat better the rest taking out doubles in turnips a fine drouthy day & warm Katy Moffat here for cherries 70 86

F 25 My Birthday, high ho! finished my 73d year I am an old man! Robert cradling round 16 acre field - miserable poor crop of wheat only grain round the fences {above} Mrs C Moffat here for cherries the rest Timothy Hector hurkling turnips. very hot 70 88

Sa 26 Great rain with heavy thunder almost last night creek down and pools every where we finish taking the doubles from Turnips in forenoon, and Robert & Hector fixes up the reaper. In afternoon we work with reaper in 16 acre field - very sultry & I get bushed at Tea time 70 86

Su 27 All at Church but Hector Jas Stewart Preaches a very able sermon 68 84

M 28 Cutting wheat all day with Reaper in 16 acre field sultry in forenoon 70 82 Mr Alrich's people here for cherries

Tu 29 Men finishes reaping the 16 acre field, take the Reaper over to the Barley and cradles round it I got bushd with the heat - don't stand the heat now 70 86

W 30 Hector begins to cut Barley with reaper till he broke something and went to Dundas to get it mended Men stoning fallow I killing Colorada beetles on Potatoes they are getting pretty numerous warm 70 86

Th 31 Hauls 7 loads of wheat form 16 acre field (sick as it is) cloudy look like rain James Stewart here from Packer ham he looks well - Sultry 70 82

Augt

F 1 A shower last night Hector gets the waggon torgue mended at kirkwall and kurkles turnips in forenoon the cuts barely with Reaper the Bobs stoning all day I don't do much warmish in afternoon cleans out cistern at stable 60 82

Sa 2 Slight last night & today Hector hurkles turnips and after Tea cuts the last of the barley Men stoning pretty warm again cloudy 66 84

Su 3 All at Church Jane fine drouthy day a good many at Church 68 80

M 4 Takes in the last of 16 acre field 8 loads - Total loads of fall wheat - 15 loads and very poor. The Bays & me raking & binding Barley. John Dicksons child died this after[^]noon. cool today & drouthy 65 76

Tu 5 Hector Raking 16 acre field we Rake & Bind all the Barley and hauls one load of wheat rakings. Fine drouthy day & cool 56 76

Augt 1873

W 6 Hector kurkling turnips in forenoon Men stoning fallow. In afternoon Hector and I is at the Funeral of John Dickson's child. Men hauling Barley & Hector helps after Tea finishes it = 5 loads Lilly & I killing Potatoe bugs, gets the first new Potatoe 60 82

Th 7 Hector kurkling turnips then goes to Puslinch hunting siller Men stoning I at Prayer meeting 70 84

F 8 Men begins to cut Peas, very hot and sultry it will bring more thunder 70 83

Sa 9 Men cutting Peas two of the Turnbull Boys helping them warm drouthy 70 84

Su 10 All at Church but Jessie A Minister from kilbride preaches drouthy 70 82

M 11 Men at Peas in forenoon Jessie & turning Peas. In afternoon much rain and heavy thunder 70 80

Tu 12 Men finishes cutting Peas in forenoon. In afternoon their thunder and some rain and no work done all our cut and lying drenched wet wet 60 80

W 13 Men stoning & Ploughing. a piece of new ground south of swamp some rain now and then all day - no drouth quite cold. This is the Parliament meets - will it be prorogued? 50 64

Th 14 Men turns all the Peas in morning then cuts a few eats at Concession In afternoon turns all the Peas again and hauls 4 loads which we put into Barrack 50 76

F 15 A draw this morning but begin to haul Peas about 10 oclock though they are rather wet we haul 13 loads of which we put 9 into Barack and 4 into old Barn & lofts. Hears Parliament was prorogued on the 13th 50 70

Sa 16 Some slight rain in morning, In afternoon we finish hauling the Peas - 8 loads of which we put 5 loads into old barn 1 into Barrack and 2 into New Barn Total loads of Peas 25 loads of which 14 is

in Barrack = 9 into old Barn and 2 into New barn. after Tea the men Rakes and binds oats & Hector cuts oats with Reaper, very cool today 64 64

Su 17 ~~Hector cut~~ All at Church but me & Jane threatened with Dysentery 34 66

M 18 Hector cutting oats all day & finishes the oats at Concession. A little mildew Men cutting thistles & c till noon then we all bind oats till Tea then stopt by a little rain with distant thunder in the south quote cool season seems changed 54 64

Tu 19 Hector cutting oats all day finishes all in the north oats rusted badly we binding and stooking - a fine sunny day and warm again 34 80

W 20 Hector cuts the spring wheat and the last of the oats. We binding, warm 60 84

Th 21 Sheep died Binding & stooking all day finishes wheat & oats, kills a sheep warm distant thunder 60 84

F 22 Choring in forenoon {above} Speans the Lambs Hauls 12 loads of oats in afternoon, very sultry slight shower at night 60 85

Sa 23 Men blasting a stone and buried the dead sheep in the hole in afternoon we hauled 5 loads of oats from Neils which finishes all the oats at the North 58 77

Su 24 All at Church but May fine drouthy day & coolinsh 60 76

M 25 Rain last night oats wet Men begins to Plough for seed in afternoon 60 78

Augt 1873

Tu 26 Galt Leed fair, Hector team & Tilly at it. Got 14 bushels bald tread well Robert Ploughing I set up stooks chores & drouthy cool 32 74

W 27 Hector & Robert ploughing in forenoon. In afternoon takes in the last of the oats = 5 loads = puts 4 on soft and one on mow {above} Tom Johnstone here 30 70

Th 28 Takes in the spring wheat {above} in forenoon 3 loads-very poor, men ploughin in after noon 30 70

F 29 men ploughing in forenoon, at J Cowes threshing in afternoon, drou - thy 34 78

Sa 30 men ploughing very hot & sultry threatening thunder 60 86

Su 31 All at church put same rain with same thunder last night cooler 60 76

Septr.

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 I doing little thing 54 74

W 3 Men ploughing field nearly finished. Looks like team at night 52 78 Got the Langholm paper of the 6th Augt announcing the Death of my cousin Helen Park on the 4th aged 53 years of consumption

Th 4 men pushes the ploughing, a good deal of rain in forenoon. In afternoon Hector goes to salt to meet Robt Martin & wife from Scarboro 52 78

F 5 Hector & R Martin goes to Robt Hunter for seed wheat. Erp dragging wheat land before sowing fine day and cool 54 74

Sa 6 Hector sows all the fall wheat on field oer the dyke very cool 50 72

Sun 7 all at church but Jessie T Johnstone preaches drizzling rain & cool 50 58

M 8 men dragging all day finishes dragging wheat very cool 50 60

Tu 9 Robt Martin & wife goes away Hector takes them up to Galt Robt stoning wheat land. Barnum great show at Brantford, cool 48 62

W 10 Men cleaning out ditch on north of wheat field fine day & cool 50 72 Hears Mr. McPhails' 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 oat 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 own end 54, 54, 50

Su 14 Hector & Jean at Puslinch sacrament all the rest but Jessie cool 38 32

M 15 cleans out big Spring Gelds young boars & threshes peas at new farm smell frost last night
melons cucumbers tomatoes & potatoes cut down some rain PM 32 36

Sept 1873

Tu 16 Men threshing peas & general choring cleaning some peas &c 50 60

W 17 all at Guelph show but Jane & Tilly a good day & good show Hector takes some chopping stuff
to Aberfoyle, we left at 4AM got home at 9 PM frost last night 38 61

Th 18 men stoning pea land & not doing much, very hot for the season 50 80

F 19 thunder and rain last night men stoning pea ground 50 60

Sa 20 men stoning pea ground, windy & cool season fairly changes now 36 50

Su 21 All at church but Robert & Alick, Frost again last night Grape leaves a little touched 32 52

M 22 men hauling Dung for potatoes & killed a pig at noon, rain afternoon 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 Robson married today. fine clear 40 64

Th 25 men hauls out the last of the Dung to Potatoe land, then ploughing Rob 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 Jessie
Rev. T. Johnstone brings his collection of Florida Queer things here for me to keep for him till called
for very hot summer heat 50 82

Su 28 our Sacrament all at but Jessie Mr. Wilson of Caledonia Reaches very hot 72 86

M 29 a Deal of heavy rain last night and this morning men digs some curse Potatoes for pigs &c,
children pic nic all at it but Hector & Robert getting cold - 60 32

Tu 30 Begins to dig potatoes. Digs about 70 B. vg{?} 50 B. chilis 10 B. Early Goderich and 10 B. Rose a very fine day clear sunny not warm 50 64

Oct.

W 1 Dig 70 potatoes vg{?} 55 chilis & 15 peach blows fine day slight frost last night 32 60

Th 2 Digs 105 B potatoes vg{?} 50 B chilis & 55 Cuscos puts the into old house for Pigs. We have now finished diggen Potatoes our total crops 243 bushels 36 38

F 3 Threshers here thrashes all our Peas 195 bushels, a fine but cool 36 32

Sa 4 Thresher own barley 84 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 38

Su 5 all at church but Jane fine day but cool 38 52

M 6 Jane & me at Galt gets a Galt Debenture of \$500 at 96 to be paid in ten years Interest 6 per cent No of Debenture 3. Men puts roof of we byre to night 36 44

Oct 1873

Tu 7 Men Hector Ploughing Robert at Tom Greys digging potatoes I choring 40 54

W 8 Men ploughing in forenoon. In afternoon cut oat sheaves, separates the Ram from Lambs & I gathering fallen apples very fine sunny day 32 64

Th 9 Robert takes Hector Jean & Alick up to Galt on there journey to Keppel they will be away at least a week fog this morning fine clear day 43 64

F 10 Robert takes the pumpkins into old stable & then ploughs I carrying fallen apples very fine clear day like Indian summer but early 40 64

Sa 11 Robert Ploughing I choring beds pigs &c some showers cloudy 40 58

Su 12 all at church but Robert and Tilly a fine day but cool rain last night 40 58

M 13 Robert ploughing I carrying apples in forenoon Jessie & afternoon 40 58

Tu 14 Robert Ploughing Jessie & I carrying apples all day, very fine Indian summer 43 64

W 15 Robert goes up to Galt to meet our people from Keppel, Jessie 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

Th 16 All at our Township show but Jane gets first prize for bull 40 64

F 17 Hector & Robert ploughing Jessie & I carries the last of small apples cool 40 54

Sa 18 Hector & Robert ploughing till stopt by rain about 9 AM a good deal of rain afterwards choring afternoon I buy 2 axe handles price 40 cents 40 56

Su 19 Jean & I at church Mr Gilray preaches Mr Porteus absent 38 52

M 20 Men ploughing finishes field & begins 16 acre field. Sold three pigs to Mr Alrich for \$6 per hundred, sleet at night 38 - 54 36

Tu 21 men ploughing in 16 acre field till stopt by rain, Hector then goes to kill a pig for Mrs McAlister & Robert & I cleans up a load of Barely, Mr McPhail from Jamaica here, a very nasty day some snow last night 36 44

W 22 Men ploughing I choring Mr Henderson collector here, fine 38 54

Th 23 Hector at Dundas with 35 B. Barley got \$1 per B. #55 a wet disagreeable day some, parliament meets today at Ottawa a hey for a tulzie 34 54

F 24 Hector at Aberfoyle ~~Freeton~~ with chopping stuff Robert ploughing Edwin Chambers & wife here, says his Brother Robert is dying of Dro 32 48

Sa 25 men ploughing I & the women grinding apples for sauce fine John Elliot comes 32 48

Su 26 Robert goes to Galt all at church. John Elliot goes away 34 46

M 27 Robert not return from Galt we take up and hauls the carrots = 54 Bushels puts them into cellar shaws a few turnips 34 46

Tu 28 Killed three pigs sold to Mr Aldrich a nasty wet day and sometimes soft snow, woods quite bare winter coming on 32 44

Oct 1873

W 29 Robert hauling firewood we shawing & talking up Turnips Hector at Galt with three pigs wht 672 at \$6 per hd - \$40 and 24 B. Barely at \$3 = \$24 70 snow on the ground this morning cold 30 38

Th 30 men repairs turnip houses in forenoon we shawing & talking up turnip In after hauls 12 loads of turnips 30 B. per load = 360 B put units sheep house 30 42

F 31 Shawing & taking up turnips till stopt by rain & snow in forenoon cleared up a little before night and threatens 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 turnips all day hauls none a pretty good day 30 40

Su 2 No preaching today Mr Porteus at Caledonia a Roger meeting held I & Robert at it Hector & Jean at Morrison 31 42

M 3 Heavy rain last night but white with snow this morning taking up turnips in forenoon hauls in afternoon = 10 loads = 300 B of which we put 7 loads into sheep house = 210 B and 3 ^90 B into cowbyre. Total in sheep house 570 bushels cold looks like winter 34 32

Tu 4 Hauling turnips all day 18 loads 12 waggon loads & 6 cart loads as we broke the axle tree of one waggon we had ^to take the cart afterward we reckon the cart 25 B & the waggon 30 bushel = Total today 510 B which we put into cowbyre a fine day but frozen hard in mor ning 30 49

W 5 hauling all day-15 loads of which carl loads of 23 beach 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 Alick at turnips very hard frost last night clear fine day winter 26 38

F 7 hauling turnips 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 46

Sa 8 hauls 11 loads of turnips of which 6 was carts at 5 wagons = 300 3 which finishes our Turnips crop = Total Crop = 2375 in 84 Loads but Mr McAlister got 30 B deducting which we have 2345 of which here is in sheep house 570 B & in cowbyre 1775 Bushels Jean and Hector goes to Mr Gilchris Puslinch goodish day 44 44

Su 9 all at church but Hector, young Gilchrist here cool 32 38

M 10 cuts oat sheaves in morning spears{?} the colt, ploughing afternoon hard frost 28 34

Tu 11 Kills two pigs in forenoon men Ploughing in afternoon 30 36

Nov 1873

W 12 a real winter day for 7 inches of snow and some mows wreaths last night and it has melted none all day. Winter fairly at present Hector Wm Robsons threshing Robert at Tom Grey's threshing. cold now 30-34-30

Th 13 Hector at Tom Grey's threshing in forenoon & Robert at Robsons in forenoon in afternoon Hector & Jean goes to McMillans with cheese Robert choring No thaw yet quite winter weather sleighs could go 26 32

F 14 tremendous frost last night for the season Men getting dry firewood in swamp Wm Riddel & wife here fine day done 3-28-24

Sa 15 men fixing turniphouses & 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, own beefers a week since 24 38

Su 16 all at church but Robert fine day & thawing mildy 30 38

M 17 Hazy day mot freezing & but little thaw men ploughing 30 34

Tu 18 Jean & me at Dundas I get 36 Dollars for coupons gets a pair of spectacles \$2.50 & a pair of calf skin boots \$4 men ploughing 30 36

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 & get up the carrots & beets in garden 24-26-21

F 21 Put the ram to the ewes Robert at Deckers threshing I make a turnip creel Hector choring. Snowing almost all day winter fairly 21 35

Su 22 Hector at Aberfoyle with grist ^did not get it Robert choring J Do. 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

Su 23 all at church but may Hector & Jean at Puslinch hearing Mr McNab the rest at Kirkwall mild day but no thaw 30 34

M 24 more snow last night enough now for sleighing men bring home the plough & laying by tools for winter John McQueen comes with circulars saw on sleigh and sets it in afternoon the horse power has been here all summer 28 34

Tu 25 Sawing our firewood cuts 32 cords with 13 hands and finishes at half past 3^{PM} began at 9AM very smart work coldish day 21 28

W 26 Hector at Aberfoyle with sleigh for Grist, Robert at Benjy Dicksons threshing, good sleighing now led the lambs with hay, hard proof 7 24

Th 27 Hector & Robert both at Benjys threshing in forenoon cuts oat sheaves snowing to day good sleighing now. Bring home the ewes to feed hard frost 24 16

Nov 1873

F 28 Hector at Galt. Jean & John at Janets Robert went to John Dicksons to thresh this morning but the machine broke down so they did nothing splendid sleighing now plenty of mow & winter fairly smell frost 7 28

Sa 29 Hector & Jean at Freulton with yarn to Weaver Robert at John Dickson's threshing Johns Dicksons cousin goes to swamp after Rabbits no tracks fine sleighing 16 24

Su 30 all at church but Jean takes the sleigh excellent sleighing 16 26

Decr

M 1 Snowing and drifting heavy all day snow quite deep. Robert at Dicksons threshing 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 Jessie goes away to Galt to 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 18 49 bags of Rambo apples and after chores &c 38 48

Th 4 Great gale of wind all day & now setting in a hard frost. John Dickson goes away & Hector take him up to Guelph with 16 47 bags apples they will get their burnet set for it is very cold, Robert choring 37 28

F 5 men choring snow all gone. a griming fell to day frosty creek down in full flood 22 26

Sa 6 men choring patching we byre the wind has whipped & creek frozen all oer 20 28

Su 7 all at church but May and Alick freezing 24 30

M 8 men cleans up 23 Bags of Peas I go to McAnnalys to steroscope news of Sierra Nevada milder in morning then misty & thawing 28 38

Tu 9 Hector at Galt with the peas = 55 bush at 52 cent per bush = \$28.60 Robert puts Dung to some of the apple trees, thawing all day 36 40

W 10 Hector at Galt south 20 bush potoes to Mr. Robson at 30 cents = #6 we kirm{?} all day and gets no butter I warn hands for threshing to morrow 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 having all day 36 40

F 12 finishes the oats at noon 310 Bushels threshes goes away at noon 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 frosted again. Partial {?} 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

Decr 1873

Tu 4516 Hector goes to Galt with 30 Bu. Potatoes to Jo Adams at 30 cents ^\$9 = and to a sale at - Brydon's Dumfreis{?} Robert choring. warm 30 38

W 46 17 Hector & Robert both at Cowes threshing I choring, A sun thaw 28 40

Th 47 18 Men at Cowes threshing in forenoon choring in afternoon sunny very mild 30 40

F 48 19 Hector gone to see Elizabeth who has the measles at Grandmother's Robert choring, Begins to give the Pigs Peas - shut them up to day, thaw 30 38

Sa 19 20 Robert choring Hector goes to see Elizabeth in afternoon goes with Jean in buggy with cheese to Kirkwall, getting colder 30 24 {above} paid globe & Postage do Wm McMillan

Su 21 Hector & Jean seeing Elizabeth May I at Church frosty 20 26

M 22 Hector & Robert choring J Do. Mrs. Porteus at Teeny here 15 24

Tu 23 Hector & Robert at Mr. Menzie's with chopping stuff May goes with them to see Old Mr. Porteus smell frost clear 11 30

W 24 Men cleans up a load of oats & chores. I Plant six seeds of the great Californian tree got from B McAnally 20 34

Th 25 Christmas day our men goes to Clyde to shoot for Turkeys But they got none, A very fine day mild thaw {above} Balli{?} J McQueens Jno kirkwall 20 36

F 27 26 I collecting seat rents for church Men choring {above} snowing at night 20 34

Sa 27 Collecting seat Rents & Hector takes me round in cutter {above} very mild thaw 30 36

Su 28 All at Church but Robert who is taking physic coolish 26 26

M 29 Kills our beefs cow Wm. Dickson helps us. some snow and drift 30 28

Tu 30 Hector at R. Valen's Roup who has sold his farm for #4500 Robert splitting firewood & choring. cold today with hard frost above 11 26

W 31 Hector at Galt with oats 66B at 36 per B = \$23.76 Robert choring Mr. Childs comes with Hector mild day 20 33 Another year has passed, our life glides on Tommorow & old seventy three is gone But who shall see the close of seventy four; The answer is beyond all mortal power

Janury 1874

Th 1 And this is New Years day one night moralise but {?} The men is on only choring & I do fine mild day 30 38

F 2 Men sawing up old oak before old house I take \$143 to McQueen for minister 34 38

Sa 3 Hector Jean Alick Tilly & ^I is at Galt Hector took up a few oats Mr Childs went away with us I got \$52 1/2 Interest from Galt coupons paid Fleming & co \$6 for Blackwood & Chambers for a year

in advance paid Reformer #2 got croton oil 30 cents, thawing mild all day no sleighing coming home
42 32

Su 4 all at church but may a singular day for the season no rain and the glass at 52 in the morning
and 63 at 2 pm snow gone all 32 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 hail winter is back again 26 26

W 7 Jean & Leezy at Janet McAlisters men at old oat drizzling all day a cost of half rain which sticks
to the trees as ice, trees load in now 30 32

Th 8 Hector Jean May & I at Wm Riddel's visiting. Jean's Birthday 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. trees loaden with & snow 30 36

Sa 10 Hector finishes splitting up old oat 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 smell 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 year

Tu 13 men cleaning wheat, I not doing much. smell 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 fixing a creel snel 11.22.18

Th 15 Hector & Jean at Galt with wheat I send with them #150 cash and a Bank Deposet receipt for
#50 to be put in Merchants Bank Robert chopping in sugars bush I doing little very smell all day 9 10

F 16 Hector at Dickson's killing Pigs. Roberts chopping in sugar bush smell above 5 14

Sa 17 men chopping in sugar bush, smell clear suny good sleighing above 4 23

Su 18 all at church but May & I as I am not very well threatened with Dy-sentery 20 26

M 19 Hector & Robert takes a sow to boar at Wm Dicksons Robert then picking apples Hectors goes to Mr Chizholms with clothes to make 30 37 thawing mostly all day. queer country this Canada of ours.

Jany 1874

Tu 20 men bring sow home from Boar McMillan here for 5 Potatoes bags In afternoon men in sugar bush chopping pretty snell again above 8 22

W 21 Hector & Jean at the funeral of -- Johnston a young man aged 25 and nephew of Mrs Martin Nicol Robert chopping snow and rain last night and a thaw all day quite mild 34 40

Th 22 Men choring creeching{?} graith &c Hector goes to J Valens take decla ration as Trustee. Heavy rain last night & to day creek in full flood 36 47

F 23 Hector goes to Puslinch about a horse but was sold Robert choring 36, 34, 2

Sa 24 Hector May & I at church {above} Mr Dundry{?} preaches creek in full flood running over the road strong at bridge but over the load 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 14 14

M 26 I at church are congregational meeting. I #50 short of funds Pea straw in cowbyre finished

Tu 27 Hector at the funeral of J Beattie aged 39 thawing and snowing 32 Hector sold Mr Aldrich two flurs{?} 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 over ched to me by mistake 36 2 {above} Childs comes

Th 29 General Ellection all over the province None here our member Mr Bain going in by acclamation Men at firewood 26 30

F 30 men at firewood brings dry cedar from 9th Con for kindling very cold above 4

Sa 31 men at firewood Mr Childs went away, cold clear {above} begins to feed hay to sheep twice a day above 5

Feby

Su 1 all at church but May & Tilly still cold and stuff wind 8

M 2 men at firewood in forenoon snowing hard all afternoon men choring above 6 16

Tu 3 men at firewood Mr Paterson (old comodore) buried to day 20

W 4 Robert at Wm Robertson's threshing Hector choring snowing after noon 20

Th 5 Robert at Robsons threshing Hector in bush chopping firewood 0

F 6 Hector & Jean at Mr Gilchrists Puslinch Robert choring - cold windy cloudy above 2 Looks very like a storm of snow to night, wind east small snow

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

Su 8 No sermon to day Mr Porteus at Flamboro snell frost – clear sunny below 2

Feb 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 Hector Robert at Galt with Wm Cowe bought a circular saw and left it to get fixed Robert went to say goodbye to Childs who is going home 14 26

Th 12 men at firewood Doctor here at Alick Johns is threatened with Jandice 20 32 Tom 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 clean 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 Hector goes to Puslinch looking after a horse Robert chopping windy 31 30

Tu 17 Hector & Robert at J Cowes sawing wood. Rev. Mr McNab here fine 18 22

W 18 Hector & Jean at Frayerville hearing Mr McNab lecture on Red River Robert choring having got a finger bruised yesterday at J Cowes 14 22

Th 19 Hector goes to Neil McTaters in Puslinch & buys a horse for \$130 and brings it home Robert at J Cowes swamp with the oxen making rod 8 {above} a thaw mild thing to day Robt McQueens social tonight 30 38

F 20 men chopping firewood fine mild thaw sleighing gone much black ground. Concert at our school to night H.R & Janet it collected #42 1/2 36 36

Sa 21 mild and snowing soft all day men choring good sleighing in my eyes{?} 24 37

Su 22 all at church but Jane, thawing gently all day {above} Hay in sheephouse done till middle beam 30 36

M 23 snowed or rather hailed last night something between ice hail a hard crust this morning. Hector hauling firewood to Mrs McAlister Robert hauling firewood home with oxen thawing again 28 39

Tu 24 cutting oat sheaves in forenoon men hauling firewood afterwards 18 22

W 25 Hector at Galt for plaster Jean goes with him to return some cotton yarn that wont weave Robt hauling firewood mowing now 6 PM wind 8 14 22

Th 26 men hauling firewood. Bible Society meeting at church zero 0 26

F 27 Hector at Brock Road for lumber Robt hauling &c 26 30

Sa 28 men dragging old logs out of swamp for firewood, a pet of a day sky clear but house cedar, running by sun heat skunk got away from 24 36

March 1874

Su 1 all at church but May & Tilly very fine and thawing with a clear sky sleighing last fields spotting lost trapped a skunk 24 46

M 2 men having fire log out swamp till thaw brings the water down. A strong thaw with clear sky sleighing entirely done fields nearly black. The snow has never been one foot deep this 30 46 Jean says she saw three Blue birds to day A Glendinning comes

Tu 3 men at firewood more blue birds seen saw a ground bud a singular fine day sunny and strong thaw ground black except patches this 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 road swelled {above} – by frost Mr Porteus 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 clean ice but all came down before noon, men choring 30 40

Su 8 all at church but May & Allick coldish but some snow blasts 20 30

M 9 men choring, cold windy stormy day with snow blasts 19 24 begins to feed the sheep turnips three times per day they are rotting

Tu 10 men spilling firewood at home. Windy and cold trapped a skunk 20 26 Hector's Brother Sandy comes from Keppel

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

Th 12 Hector & his Brother going about Robert spelling wood, very cold 14-18-12

F 13 Hector goes to Aberfoyle with a Grist his Brother Sandy goes with him Robt Valen's & wife here they put next Tuesday for luck -now{?} 10 22

Sa 14 Hector comes home with the grist he was at Mr. Gilchrists all night Bill Robson brings me Peas me pear grafts Robt splitting wood 20 32

Su 15 all at church but Hector collection for widow 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 oat sheaves till tea time thawing 30 40

Tu 17 Hector at Galt with Ram and gets clover seed & Robt & overhauling Rotton Turnips in sheep house & thawing 32 42

W 18 men mending fences I sharpen spouts strong thaw roads 40 52 deep & glarr{?} snow all gone blue birds & robins quite plenty.

March 1874

Th 19 men sifting Timothy & mending bridges between gate & sugar bush very mild the frost almost out of the ground snow all gone but 30 36

F 20 men finish the bridges in forenoon & afternoon taps some of our sugar trees running pretty well also takes out the sugar kettles 30 36

Sa 21 men tap the rest of the trees I fix boiling place, we gather 18 pails of sap & syrops off 16 pails leaving 2 pails in middle pots puts water into other load 30 48

Su 22 all at church but Jane sap running pretty well coolish 30 38

M 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

Tu 24 Hector at Mr Menzie's getting peas & oats cracked, Robert takes the circular saw from J Cowes to Mr McAlister's intending to saw her firewood tomorrow very hard frost 12 26

W 25 Hector & Robert at Mr McAlisters sawing her wood I gather 13 pails of sap ^6 pails some of it very strong as it was frozen & threw away the ice a queer climate this thawing all and freezing hand freezing hard yesterday 30 40

Th 26 gets 33 pails of sap & syrops off ~~40~~43 pails as there was 15 pails in potts and to night we leave 5 pails in potts men cleaning peas as old barn thawing day but cold wind & freezing at night 38,38,30

F 27 No tap to day gather'd only 2 pails Hector attends school examination Julia McQueen married Elliot 24 36

Sa 28 No sap to day freeing men choring threatening snow 26 33

Su 29 all at church but Jane & Tilly cool no run hard frost last night 22 34

M 30 Gatherd 9 pails of sap did not kindle they use men choring Hector goes to Brock road to Weaver for our web did not get it 24 38

Tu 31 Hector at Galt bringing home Jessie & getting some seeds Lime & Robert making a gate for North Field at concession, hard frost no sap 18 26

April

W 1 Hector & Jean away seeing a sick child of Gilchrist's at Mr Macintyre Robert making a gate, a snell frost for April no sap worth gathering 12 34

Th 2 Gather'd 11 pails sap but boiled none men choring snowing now 6PM 28 40

F 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 guide frosty 26 33 24

Sa 4 Doctor seeing Hector who has inflammation of the Bowels and is very ill. Boils down sap in pots makes into molasses very cold 10 24

April 1874

Su 5 Robert goes to tell the Doctor about Hector May & I at ~~church~~ church snowing hard in afternoon and very stormy 18 28

M 6 I clean the snow out of the trough Doctor here seeing Hector thinks he has got the turn Robt Wm Cowe Barney McAnnally & John Lapsley moves our old workshop up to New Stable mild 20 36

Tu 7 Robert takes me one cart load of turnips for sheep, Mr Porteus here seeing Hector. We gather 27 pails of sap and syrops it off leaving water in kettles. Fine warm but poor run snow all gone 30 42 Heals 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 Jessie Alick & Tilly at Kirkwall hearing Mr Russel preach

Th 9 gets 40 pails sap syrops 36 pails leaving 9 in pots. {above} streamers very bright Roberts 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 pots the same as last night Robert & Hector fixing old work shop at new barn 30 42 froze whittling{?}

Sa 11 some snow last night ~~æ~~ {above} 7 pails put into pots Sap, cold windy and frosty Robt choring
30 26

Su 12 All at church but Jane & Hector who is much worse to day 20 36

M 13 Robt goes for the Doctor to Hector but does not see ~~m~~ him we gather 28 pails sap & ~~æ~~-syrops
off 30 heaving 14 pails in pots 28 46

Tu 14 Doctor here last night says Hector has inflammation of the bladder we got 24 pails sap &
syroped of 38 Robt carpentering old shoe 40 62

W 15 got 18 pails sap but did not kindle the fire Robt & Alick at Galt fair & brings E. Childs here to
work. Mild in morning but colder all day 52.46.3

Th 16 got 26 pails sap syrops 37 & left 9 pails in pots Robt & Childs fixing old workshop & hanging
Gates at north fields. The Doctor here Mr Porteus & Mrs Porteus here got a letter from Walter
Armstrong with brother likeness{?} 28 4

F 17 men choring raising stones & fixing sheep Turnip house as the oxen ran away oer the end of it
Jessie gatherd only 2 pails sap 30 36

Sa ~~19~~ 18 men raising stones We got 41 pails sap and syroped off 39 pails leaving in pots The last
boiling & this is to be molasses fine 30 44

Su ~~20~~ 19 Has one pair twin lambs the twist = 2 fine day sap running at church 32 32

M ~~24~~ 20 has one pair twin & one single = 3, men kill a pig I am bad with Dysentery a wet day & some
thunder the women gatherd 21 pails of yesterdays sap & syroped off 32 pails 40 46 leaving water in
the potts

April 1874

Tu ~~22~~ 21 Had 3 lambs to day one pair born men raising stones, no sap 32 44

W ~~23~~-22 Had 6 lambs to day three pair twins men raising stones Hector and Jean at Galt for seeds,
gather'd 13 pails sap boiled none very fine 34 49

Th 23 has 3 lambs to day ~~both single~~ 1 pair twins & one ewe wont take her own lamb men raising &
blasting stones got 4 pail, sap & syroped off 17 pails, fine 34 46

F 24 has 5 lambs to day two pair born men raising stones Hector begins to plough in 16 acre 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

Sa 25 Has 9 lambs to day 3 pair twins and 3 single men cutting the last of the oat sheaves in fore noon. snowing afternoon I gathered 6 pails sap ^night nasty 30 38 yesterday got a Langholm paper with a sketch of my bonny sel! who ^did it? a the pigs worried a lamb to day pulling it through the logs of wee byre

Su 26 May & me at church hears Wm Drone our Precenter died last night Had 2 lambs to day twins one lamb died to day snow all gone 30 40

M 27 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

Tu 28 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 Wm Drone aged 52 his sudden death has created a profound sensation: women gatherd 5 pails sap and syroped off 11 pails except this the last 30 42

W 29 has 3 lambs to day all single Hector & Robert. Childs at Galt for medicine to Hector cold barren north wind crows out but no growth 30 36 Nell colted last night a mare colt

Th 30 men ploughing with three ploughs Hector having the two years old that was never harnessed before and he does well I bring home the spouts from sugar bush barren weather 33 46

May

F 1 This is the first of May & a barren day it is blowing hard & wind north no lambs to day puts the unlambd Ewes - 11 into field oer dyke ~~at new stable~~ 30 50 A New stable all three men ploughing at Gilberts line

Sa 2 2 Lambs to day both single Child & Richardson stoning Robert ploughing Hector at Galt for a ton of coarse salt {above} I uncover the broom 35 30

Su 3 has 2 lambs to day toms{?} all at church but May & Tilly 34 52

M 4 Has 2 lambs to day twins Hector sowing salt & Barley men dragging 35 50 Jean & Jessie at Kirkwall school house heaving Mr Paynter preach.

May 1874

5 No lambs to day hector sowing peas & seeds a ewe dies of swe{?} brings her lamb home to pet men dragging skin the ewe has a cold 36 60

W 6 No lambs, men rolling sowing and harrowing took physic and am poorly 36 32

Th 7 one ewe lambd a dead lamb 1 put another lamb to her which she is likely to take men ploughing to hard a frost last night 30 30 the men could not harrow May plants top & potatoe onions Nell took the horse

F 8 A ewe lambd a dead lamb bad luck thats two men finishes dragging 16 acre field sees 2 martlet {above} the first swallows puts up the fine saws sunflower quite warm to day 35 71

Sa 9 1 lamb to day single 1 the ewe that lambd yesterday died to day its effects that is two ewes dead lately men stoning & rolling 16 acre field finishes stoning it very hot to day 36 85

Su 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 tis very sore, late spring no visible growth on willos yet hat 46 84

M 11 No lambs men cutting hay with cutter I cant help them with sore rib men kills a calf in afternoon green on willows just visible 40 38

Tu 12 having finished sowing the men has been choring to day fixing gate at old house & saw pigs = 6 fine growing day willows getting green 40 76

W 13 Hector Galt Jessie {above} with chopping stuff goes with him to buy bras Robert ploughing potatoe {above} sold his lambs for #3 each and thunder with fine shower last night great growth mow 46 76

Th 14 men ploughing we cut 12 Bushels of potatoes a ewe lambs twins one of them a monster with only one eye night in the front and no upper jaw we killed it & boiled the head & feet the skull in museums we cut the lambs has 43 with one to lamb yet, weather 19 ewes 24 = 44 Hector told 26 B oats to Edison Grey & Mr at 40 cents per B.

F 15 men at potatoe land in forenoon. In afternoon planting potatoes cusco & chilis cusco at the west Mr Wm Menzie here, fine dry 46 64

Sa 16 plants the last of our potatoes in afternoon Rose & Goderich it was raining in forenoon Last week vegetation has gone a head at a great rate willow quite green & the bush getting a greenish tinge cold to 40 Black mare colted last night

Su 17 all at church but Hector & Tilly the last ewe lambbed 44 58 and a dead lamb bad luck with late lambbed ewes

May 1874

M 18 some rain last night Men hauling off stones in afternoon Robt ploughs pumpkin patch puts the Ewes to sugar bush. I pulling cockle{?} 46 36

Tu 19 men hauling stones from field East of orchard to foundation of fence at swamp I pulling cockle & redroot - cochle very bad fine growing weather but not warm 46 38

W 20 men hauling stones to swamp fence Jessie & I pulling cockle & redroot 50 54

Th 21 men blasting stones in forenoon, cutting the last of the hay in afternoon we pulling cockle & c & helping to cut hay clear sunny cool 46 62

F 22 men at stones Richie piling Dung at sheep house we finish pulling cockle but will have to over it again as there is much missed Gets the firs Rhu barb - 46 62

Sa 23 men at stones in afternoon ^ Jess took the horse Hector Jean May & at church bees on willows first time 50 70

Su 24 Our sacrament all at church but Jessie. Robert goes to Galt intending to go to with Excursion train to Niagara tomorrow, some blossoms peeping out 50 70

M 25 Queens Birthday 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

Tu 26 Hector sowing plaster in forenoon Jean & Jessie plants the corn Robert not returned from Queens Birth day Jaunt yet I pulling cockle, cool 40 54

W 27 Hector ploughing Robert stoning I pulling cockle apple & plum trees 45 76

Th 28 Men begins to haul dung for Turnips. May & I at Prayer meeting at church very hot to Day a fine sheep hog died awalt a pity apples in Blossom 36 90

F 29 Men hauling Dung I cutting cockle country cooking splendid warm 36 80

Sa 30 Men hauling Dung I not doing much very hot country cooking glorious some apple trees in full blossom others nearly, some mandrake flower out but not many Tulips coming out {above} puts on summer clothes 56 88

Su 31 all at church but Jean, fine shower but not enough 38 82 74

June

M 1 Men finishes hauling dung much cooler to day looks drouthy 56 62

Tu 2 men spreading dung Dung & ploughing for Turnips. In the afternoon we wash the sheep fine day flowering almond in full bloom {above} some says there was a frost last night 46 70

W 3 men ploughing - Richie spreading Dung. A muckle pet we rules now!! ~~now~~ Flowering almond in full blossom wood in about full foliage cloudy cool 40 68

4 Th men ploughing & spreading dung fine shower with thunder last night 50 80

F 5 Hector & Jean at Hamilton with 13 bags potatoes & to buy phosphate Erp & Richie {Richie is written over afternoon} one ploughing the other scattering Dung warm 33 8

Sa 6 men Ploughing Richison finishes spreading Dung I doing little one peony in full blow the rest just bursting out hat 55-82-70.

June 1874

7 at church fine showers with sharp thunder warm 36 80

M 8 men ploughing Hector drags the potatos & finds the bug on them 46 72

Tu 9 Hector ploughing sod. Robert at Bob Greys barn Raising I 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 98 80

W 10 Hector & Robert clips the sheep, I would not help them for their pets I gathering Bugs they are more plentiful to day than yesterday and on the very place, I learned yesterday, all our neighbours has them bad cool 30 72

Th 11 Raining a good deal Men plough sod and lakes off stones very cool {Above} very misty 40 48

F 12 Men hauling off stones I chunk some fences and lets the pigs {Above} Great wind last night broke the grape vines badly 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 I catching Potatoes Bugs & cutting their trees{?} 46 66

Su 14 Hector & Jean at Puslinch sacrament Robert keeps house the rest at church 50 76

M 15 Men ploughing sod I killing potatoe Bugs. Cloudy & some drizzling rain 50 68

Tu 16 Raining a good deal in forenoon but the men finished ploughing sod East of orchard I cutting thistles & killing potatoe bugs blast them 30 60

W 17 Hector at Forest Mill with a grist Robert stoning and dragging Turnip land Jessie & I killing bugs in forenoon Richardson & I cutting thistles among Barley peas & oats. Fine day shower last 50 74

Th 18 Hector drawing Turnip dills Robert sowing Phosphate & dragging till Tea time when he & I sows westbury swamps on west side of field {above} with Jesss mare Richardson & I cutting thistles among oats in forenoon fine clear 60 76

F 19 Hector drilling Robert sowing Phosphate ~~& dragging~~ & sowing turnips Wm Cowe here in forenoon dragging Richardson stoning an cropping Dung at old barn In afternoon Robert at J Lapsleys{?} stoning bee with the oxen I catching bugs, very fine clear & warm 60 83

Sa 20 Hector drilling & sowing turnups Robert at J. Cowe's with open logging fine 60 73

Su 21 the longest day! all at church but Robt & Jessie fine warm 60 80

M 22 Men working statute labour but pay 81 ½ for my time 2 day Hector sends Richardson in his place & he drills the last of turnups very hot 66 81

Tu 23 Men at Statute labour in forenoon Hector sows the last of the turnips then goes to a raising at J. Watsons at Roads in afternoon I sow headings with turnips for grasshoppers which threatens 66 86 to be quite a plague this year I then catch bugs warm

June 1874

W 24 men finishes their statute labour at noon In afternoon cuts some old hay to mix with meal for oxen and chores I & bairns with bugs very clear & cool 60 76

Th 25 Hector Jean May Tilly & Alick at Galt with wool 37 fleeces - weight ~~23lbs~~ 230lbs average weight per sheep 6.8/37 lbs price 37 1/2 cents = \$86.25 May got new gown parasol & Robert John Cowe's & nobody at home but Jessie & fine little shower here with some thunder but much more at Galt 60.88 72

F 26 Hector dragging fallow Robert at J Cowe's & the bairns killing bug but they are now well thinned. Cool & getting colder 6 PM wind East & queer har{?} 60.76.60

Sa 27 Hector & Robert dragging Nell took the horse again the Tad I and the Bairns catching Bugs Got only 446 a mere trifle now. Mr Piervis{?} here {above} got 1 lbs tobacco 65 81

Su 28 all at church but Hector & Jean. very hot the hottest day we have had yet 70 93

M 29 Robert at A Smith's barn raining Hector drags out the fallow and then while the potatoes & carrots I cut thistles & catch a few bugs but we have thinned them, but the grass hoppers threatens to be a ten times worse plague they are in millions has eaten the most of our fares & will soon finish the remainder as well as the carrots & is eating more pasture than all our stock 70 82

Tu 30 Hector & Robert hoeing carrots in forenoon & I hoeing corn In afternoon Hector comence cutting hay at Neils slashing & field N. of sugar bush both very very poor. Robert goes to mow round the clover & I cut thistles 34 76

July

W 1 Dominion day Robert at Guelph. hector cutting & raking hay North of Sugar bush I killing bugs & cocking hay, warm {above} there now hatched 63 82

Th 2 In the morning hauls one small was of hay from the corner {above} put into cowbyre loft at Neils then cuts & rakes the rest of field N. of sugar bush & Robert Jessie & I hauls it in 4 wee load & puts it in horse soft poor poor crop 50 74

F 3 Hector cutting clover all day Robert mowing orchard. I catching bugs 60 78

Sa 4 Hector cutting & raking all day = finishes cutting the field in afternoon Robert & I cocking after horse rake good crop of clover 60 76 {above} Mrs Parlees{?} & Bairns here some rain & a good deal of thunder last night but we want more rain{?}

Su 5 all at church but Rob & Alick very warm & drouthy clear 65 82

M 6 Hector raking in forenoon Robt & I hauling 3 loads of hay I loading In afternoon, Hector Robt & Jessie hauls 5 loads puts raking orchard {above} them into cowbyre 65.86

Tu 7 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 5 into cowbyre & 1 into horse stable I get bushed stopt by thunder & rain at tea time fine shower but not enough very very hot.

July 1874

8 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 loft then goes to help Mr Cowe hill hot 84 90

Th 9 Hector cuts out the Island field in forenoon - the last of our hay Robert taking what was cut yesterday I hung pumpkins in afternoon we haul what Robert raked = 4 loads put into horse stable 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 ^in 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 just seen on the night of the first of June 72 82

Sa 11 Hector sets up the potatoes Robert & Alick cutting hustles Tilly & I cathing bugs in forenoon in afternoon Jean Jessie & Alick helps us and we get three tin pails full to the brim of the young vermin 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 small 65 76

Su 12 all at church but May & Tilly 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 drouth and grasshoppers 65 72

M 13 Robert comes home at noon then we all cut thistles Mrs 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

Tu 14 Hector Jean & I at Galt Jean gets a sitting spinning wheel I put #50 dollars into Merchants Bank Buy bleak {ink blot} 90 cent 65 80 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 50 67

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

Sa 18 men fencing in garden & repairing orchard pens I fence peas and two apples trees from calves let into orchard & cutting thistles 65 86

Su 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 60 78 harvest to day.

July 1874

Tu 21 Men at J. Cowes harvesting in forenoon In afternoon cradling in our wheat around the fences & stones heaps I thinning carrots & cutting thistles 60 78

W 22 Cutting wheat with reaper in afternoon Wm Cowe & Frank helping us cut thistles on turnip land in forenoon fine day but warm 70 82

Th 23 Cutting wheat all day & finishes our crop of fall wheat Wm Cowe & Frank train helping us - Better crop than we expected - fine day 70 84

F 24 Hector & Robert at J Cowes binding wheat Alick & I hoeing up thistles in hot fallow 70 90

Sa 23 My Birthday finished my 74th year heigh ho! Hector cuts all the barley and we rake & stock it all but that at end of old stable - very sultry & hot the air soft & oppressive 70 88

Su 26 all at church but May & Robert some rain last night 70 80

M 27 Bakes the barley in we field at old stable and hauls all the Fall wheat in afternoon 16 loads & a pickle, cool cloudy 60 76

Tu 28 some rain, last night Hector Rakes the wheat stubble & takes it in Robert & Alick cutting thistles & stoning fallows I get a pound of tobac very cool 55 68

W 29 Robert cultivating fallow Hector Jean & May goes to Brock road to see cheese factory Alick & I killing bugs not very many now 60 78

Th 30 Men cultivating & flowing till tea time after which we haul all the Barley 7 loads and finished about 10 o'clock as it looks like rain 60 82

F 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

Augt

Sa 1 Hector at the mill for grist & chopping stuff Robert cobbling gate posts 35 79

Su 2 all at church but Jessie Mr Porteus sick no preaching Elders officiates 36 74

M 3 Hector sowing plaster on second crop of clover, Robert in afternoon at Alfred Deckers threshing Mr Alick takes away 2 heifers price# 50 54 72

Tu 4 Men fixing Barrack in forenoon. Threshers here in afternoon & Threshers Barley 107 bushels & wheat 38 bushels I dont help them 60 77

W 5 Men begins to cut peas Mr Picard{?} takes away all the lambs get #444-\$111 they were very lean & Hector gave some lambs into the bargain and #4 dollars bends{?} our pasture is ruined by grasshoppers 60 80

Th 6 Men cutting Peas all day fine drouthy want a little rain 60 80

7 Men cutting peas all day, warm distant thunder at night & like more 60 86

Sa 8 Men finishes cutting peas at tea time I herding kye on odd corners as our regular pasture is a desert with the grasshoppers 63 86

Augt 1874

9 all at church but Hector Quarterly collection fees Tom Johnston with his young Florida life - very hot 68 88

M 10 men turning peas in forenoon hauls 6 loads in afternoon into Barrack 60 86

Tu 11 Hauls the last of the peas = 7 loads puts 4 into barrack and 3 into New barn Bairns goes to party at ministers very hot 70 90

W 12 Men choring in forenoon In afternoon at J Cowe's threshing blood heat This has been the hottest day per the last six years 75 98

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 then much damaged with grasshoppers & mildew very drouthy & like to be, we want rain but looks like a set drouth 60 78

Sa 15 Men cleans out big spring in forenoon cuts the spring to wheat in afternoon 3 acres & we bind & stook it Mr Gilchrest here telling us of the death of his child at Mr McIntyre of Dysentery - very prevalent just now 65 82

Su 16 all at church but Robt & Jessie clear very drouthy 70 84

M 17 Robt cradles the last of at swamp. In afternoon we haul the oats 8 loads from 16 acres fields much eaten by grasshoppers 70 90

Tu 18 Hauls our spring wheat = 4 loads & Rakes & hauls the little patch of oats in swamp - 1 load This finishes our harvest - rather poor one James Elliot patching the barn & old house things very dry 70 84

W 19 Men choring in afternoon Hector goes to Galt about a boar - kills does not sell him a sheep 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 & drouth 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 sow have no turnips this year some rain 60 79

Sa 22 men dragging turnip land for wheat Hector drawing the edges 60 74

Su 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 30 72

Tu 25 Galt seed fair hector at it Robt ploughing cool 60 78

W 26 men ploughing fine day but very drauthy we want rain badly but the grasshoppers is musty{?}
gone 60 76

Augt 1874

Th 27 men ploughing finishes field begins to plough east of orchard 33 78

F 28 Robert stoning in forenoon. Hector cutting second crop of clover crop very poor drouthed cuts
only patcher - 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 loft - 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 Tup & Pet = 15 60 85

Septr

Tu 1 men ploughing. We intend to start for the Huron - Lucknow to morrow so I shall not be marking
down for some time 60 82

F 18 we started for Lucknow on the 2nd and returned yesterday {above} and spent on the whole
Jaunt #23 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 on 14 acre field at
concession land where grass failed to catch In Hector at the funeral of old Mrs Tait 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 PM 55 80

Su 20 all at church but Robt & Alick much rain last night cool 30 60

M 21 Hector at Ayr for bran & short, gets one ton price #15 Robt at school in forenoon cleaning out
the Bee{?} ploughing in afternoon fine 35 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 to Robert takes them up to Galt ploughs in afternoon fine clear day one night shower 30 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 30 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 Jessie Tilly & I at it collection #14 Robert 50 64 Hector at Puslinch for oats for old debt Robert ploughing

Sept 1874

Tu 29 Men ploughing in forenoon in afternoon Robt goes for Galt show with the Bull. Hector ploughing I carry {above} pull some Robston Pippons 50 6

W 30 all at Galt show but May Jessie & me Got no prize for bull - cold {above} carried one Baird & 1 Bushel Robston prepares 46 38

Octr

Th 1 Hector at Hamilton with Barley Robt Ploughing in afternoon 45 5

F 2 Men ploughing much rain last night Hector got a Ducking before he got home he had 50 bushels Barley price 7 york shillings - 88 cents = #44 cold 40 54

Sa 3 Men Ploughing I carrying Pippun{?} apples cold dear {above} some frost last night 40 54

Su 4 Mr Porteus at Flamboro Mr Hunter a young man preaches Jean poorly Hector takes her to the Doctor after coming from church Tomatoes blackened 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 cleans a load of barley Mr Alrich buys 3 pigs at #45 cot 7 cut & old ewes at #3 each 40 54

W 7 Raw in forenoon & men ploughing In afternoon takes up 15 B chili potatoes 40 54

Th 8 Digging potatoes all day takes up 50 B chilis fine cool day 45 58

F 9 Finishes digging potatoes takes up 12 B peach blows & 6 Bu roses total crop 35 B cuscos 65 B chilis 12 B.P.B. & 6 B Roses = 118 Bushs dont reckon small or Goderich about 20 B which we taken for pigs takes one waggon load pumpkins & takes in the corn stalks 45 62

Sa 10 cuts corn stalks & pea straw for cattle in forenoon in afternoon Hector & Jean goes to Morriston with yarn to weave and goes to Mr Gilchrists all night heavy showers in morning & afternoon 45 58

Su 11 No Sermon to day Mr Porteus absent our folk returns 40 50

M 12 Hector down below with Barley 48 bu at 90 cents # 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 44

Tu 13 men ploughing May at Jack Wights very cool & cloudy 34 38

W 14 Hector at Galt with 3 pigs alive to Mr Alich Robert took out 4 barrels of apples to McMillan at #1.25 cents per barrel then hauls pumpkins from pigery 40

Th 15 men ploughing. In afternoon Robert takes 25 B. apples to McMillans Jessie 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 grape leaves a little 32

F 16 Hector shaw none at it but Robert Hector ploughing I carrying 33 Salma apples has 3 Barrels of them very fine sunny day.

Octr 1874

Sa 17 Hector at Galt with grist & takes up circular saw to get mended Robert ploughing in 16 acre field I carrying apples another very fine sunny day windy 40 62

Su 18 ~~may~~ all at church but Jean & Hector expecting Doctor to come to see Alick who has a very sore eye very fine day & sunny 40 38

M 19 frost last night & some ice, Hector ploughing Robert at Tom Greys threshing 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 & pea straw. John Elliot came last night after being at Mr Trains raup who has sold his farm, very fine Indian summer smoky 45 66 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 54 besides 18 barrels apples kept we sold 12 barrels and pored dear knows what & small to pigs 20 B. altogether our apple crop is far over 100 bushels

W 21 men ploughing very fine Indian summer weather ~~collector here~~ 40 38

Th 22 men ploughing another fine Indian summer day 43 55

F 23 Men ploughing in forenoon Hector & I at the funeral of Mrs James Wight who died of childbed and left a family of 10 chil -dren 40 56 our clock made it to strike right by a tramp called - Allen

Sa 24 men ploughing Hector goes to cheese factory for seller, very fine 45 64 we grand apples for apple sauce 19 pailfulls

Su 25 all at church but Robt & Alick Mr James preaches very fine 50 70

M 26 Men ploughing. ~~men~~ I clean out old well, Mr Porteus & wife & Mr James here 50 70

Tu 27 Men ploughing cooler to day no Indian summer to day 40 60

W 28 men ploughing a little rain in afternoon & threshing more 40 34

Th 29 provincial thanksgiving day all at church but Jessie a fine day but very in afternoon 40 64

F 30 men ploughing. cuts corn & straw at noon then ploughs very cool 40 48

Su 31 Hector Jean Jessie & Robert at Galt Robert goes to see after a passage to home as he is going home & Stalker is here ploughing in his place I choring and wheels dung to little garden before the door, cold 34 42

Nov

Su 1 all at church but Robt & Alick very cold & no fire stove out of order 30 44

M 2 men ploughing we fill 37 bags with leaves for beding at sugar bush 32 44

Tu 3 men ploughs with 3 teams stalker ploughing with oxen spears the colts we get 34 50 2 loads of leaves of 41 bags each & puts them in turniphouse very smoky

Nov 1874

W 4 Men Ploughing with three Ploughs, Hears John Elliot starts tomorrow for home from Galt fare #23 from Galt, I finish Dung the garden, very smoky 30 44 {above} Killed a sheep

Th 5 Raining lightly all forenoon Men fixing barn in forenoon for threshes Men Ploughing afternoon Aldrich takes away 10 Ewes 38 54

F 6 Threshers here threshes about 120B wheat about 120 of oats 32 54 very fine clear day, Grasshopper eat 2/3 of our nds{?}

Sa 7 Threshers finishes wheat & Peas in forenoon Peas 90 Bushels 30 B. Peas was threshes at seed time Total 120 B as much as oats per acre, fine 34 56

Su 8 ~~All at Church but~~ Jean May & I at Church very fine 48 62

M 9 Hector at Galt for circular saw did not get it Robt & Stalker at ~~J-Ga~~ J Cowes threshing fine clear day no smoke, last night some rain 40 34

Tu 10 Men Ploughing In afternoon Hector goes to Galt for circular saw but did not get it it broke in the mending. At we had a party holding Robert's pay 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 & Jean takes him up to Galt Stalker gets a new stove Ploughing in afternoon hard frost last night 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 Stalker choring in forenoon, goes home at noon, Ground frozen too hard to Plough snell frost 19 32

Su 15 All at Church but Jessie & Alick a pretty mild day 30 44

M 16 Hector Ploughing Stalker absent women cleaning house Alick and I brings 7 bags of leaves from bush for Pigs 28 44

Tu 17 Hector Alick & I cutting corn oats & straw Stalker at ~~J-Dicksons~~ Threshing 32 36

W 18 Men choring Coal weather 30 38

Th 19 Hector at Galt for bran Stalker at B Dicksons threshing cold fine 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 begun but ground dry no water in swamps 26 34

Sa 21 Still snowing a little Men hauling firewood with sleighs 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 & Jessie at Puslinch hearing their minister, I was 23 34 the only one at our church from our house, a deal of rain at night

Nov 1874

M ~~22~~23 Circular saw here we had only 8 bands all told but we cut about 26 cards and left about 4 uncut which we intend to cut tomorrow Quite a thaw snow all gone. Very clarty sawing wood. 38 46

Tu ~~23~~24 Finishes cutting the wood we left last night Hector hurt his back lifting at the horse power putting in to the waggon & hurt my breast very bad inside nasty day snowing mostly all day. I am quite knocked up and useless with my breast 26 30

W ~~24~~25 Stalker at Mr. Dickers threshing I am laid up with sore breast & Hector with sore back 26 28
The Book man brings the Polar Worlds Price #5.25

Th ~~25~~26 Hector & Stalker choring splitting wood. I take Castor bad with breast 26 32

F ~~26~~27 Hector choring Stalker absen thawing snow gone I useless 33 44

Sa ~~27~~28 Hector & Jean at Dundas with a load of wheat & 10 Turkeys Snowing all day wheat sold at Dundas 35 B spring at 93 = #32 10 Turkeys 118 32 34 They look my Dundas coupons and got them Cashed #36

Su ~~29~~28 None at Church but Jessie & the bairns 10 or 12 inches of snow cutter running 24 38

M ~~29~~30 Hector & Jean & Alick at weavers 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

Decr

T 1 Hector goes to Galt for bran takes Jessie to her grand mother's Got 1/2 ton of bran #6 Stalker here I doing nothin, weather milder 18 30

W 2 Mild and thawing a little. Hector choring Stalker absent 28 3842

Th 3 Snow all gone, thawing all night {above} no rain. Hector choring I doing nothing 40 44

F 4 Hard black frost last night. Hector choring I still useless - 16 26

Sa 5 A little snow this morning Hector Alick & Tilly cuts some straw &c slight thaw 26 34

Su 6 All at Church but Tilly & I. Mild cloudy day gentle thaw - 32 36

M 7 Kills six little pigs Benjy & Stalker helps us venture worries dot the colt {above} young 30 37

Tu 8 Hector at Tom Gilbert's stumping bee. In afternoon Stalker is at Wm Robson's threshing Wm killing 6 Turkeys in afternoon Mr. Stalker helping 15 24

W 9 Hector takes Jessie up to Galt to get the cars to Southhampton 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, snow shower 30 36

Th 10 Hector choring I doing nothing Katy McQueen &c here 26 38

F 11 Hector choring I go to Kirkwall after being laid up about a fortnight ~~Willie~~ Robie Valens died this morning he was always a cripple with rheumatism 20 26

Sa 12 Hector choring I doing nothing I forenoon Hector goes to Forest mill for chopped Peas for feed cool 20 24 Gilchrist children comes

Decr 1874

Su 13 All at Church but Hector & May the Gilchrists goes away 20 26

M 14 In afternoon Hector goes to Robie Valen'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 chopped stuff very hard frost last night at 9PM last night the glass was 5 below zero, this morning above 3 now above 18

W 16 Hector choring milder to day threatening a thaw 20 33

Th 17 Hector & Stalker cleaning a load of wheat, Slight thaw 36-36-28

F 18 Hector choring I doing next to nothing, cold windy, snow & shower 20 26

Sa 19 Hector Choring & deep in the Blues all this week, no cause, I careless, slight thaw 32 36

Su 20 Hector take us to church in Sleigh Jean keeping house mild 28 34

M 21 Dick Yates 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 Cowes threshing, a very little thaw no rain 30 32

Th 24 Hector & Stalker at Cowes threshing till noon, Choring afterwards Pays McMillan Globe Newspaper #1.70 {above} \$75 price for 875 & postage & also 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 Tilly at Stalkers & Tom keeping house Stalker is fixing the creatures mild day but frosty 18 28

Sa 26 Hector choring I collecting Kirk seat got all I could claim, day fine 20 36

Su 27 All at Church but May & Alick Minister pretty good 24 38

M 28 Kills a Steer Wm Dickson helps us fine mild thaw all day no rain 36 40

Tu 29 Collecting for Kirk gets all I could claim Hector goes along with me with Buggy but the cutter could have gone nicely the road was so icy but the snow is mostly gone, cold 20 24

W 30 Goes to J Dicksons collecting 1/4 the Beef & Brings into cellar very cold 12 16

Th 31 Hector & I at Galt Hector gets 15 Bags, Bran, I got #60 for Galt Coupons Pays Reformer #2 & Lundy's Bill #2.50 to Mr Strong & Chambers & Blackwood To Fleming & c #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 old 74 oh Dear how time slips away

Jany 1875

F1 New years day I go over to R McQueen's in forenoon, Tom McDonald & his wife Janet comes & we have a Turkey &c 14 26

2 Sat. 1875 goes all to McQueen & Pays him #150 for congregation Pays Mc Millan Postage on Reformer, snow good sleighing 20 28

3 Sat All at Church but Jane, A good New Years sermon from Minister 20 28

M 4 Cuts up the Beef In afternoon Hector goes & votes for counsellors We have, heard that Mary (Mrs Armstrong) is very Ill & Jean & Bell Carol is going to see her tomorrow I gave Jean #10 to pay her fare 16 24

Tu 5 Jane starts with Mrs Wm Cowe to see her aunt Mary at Lucknow Wm Cowe took them up to Galt, Hector took a load of Tread well wheat up to Galt with sleigh 23 Bags = weighed 49 B price 96 cents = \$47.4 I fixing chores feeding sheep &c cold 12 14

W 6 Hector at Guelph fair looking for cattle feed & to shew his horses which he wants to sell this being the week of Prayer I go to meeting in afternoon above 7 22

Th 7 Hector Choring J Do Keen first last night fine day cloudy, snow now 5PM 10 22

F 8 Hector gets 2 loads of straw from ^Mr Decker I fix the sheep, This is Jean's Birthday forty one years ago heigh ho how time slips away 18 26

Sa 9 A very cold stormy day & all day snowing some but not much but drifting hard & wind high - Im fact intensely cold & the glass low Hector goes to Galt to meet Jean from Lucknow the will get there barrel set up above 5 - 0 - 2 below

~~Su 10 One of the~~ Hector got a Telegram from Jane at Stodarts saying there was no trains running Railroad drifted up, she will as soon as possible

Su 10 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 Set was snell anyhow - I went to church but their was few there, fine cold calm day - below 8 above 8

M 11 Another Ewe dies bad Job - We cut stuff in afternoon milder today, sunny above 5 above 16

Tu 12 Mrs. Robt Chambers came last night. Hector goes up to Galt to meet Jane cold windy above 2 22 Hector did not meet Jane uneasy about her detention now

W 13 Hector choring milder to day I not doing much thawing by glass 26 36 - but snow melting

Th 14 Stalker & Tom comes to chop firewood Hector choring No word from Jane yet 18 18

F 15 Men chopping & hauling old Logs from swamp for firewood pretty sharp above 5 16 Jean waves from Lucknow, Her aunt Mary on Wednesday night and is to buried on Saturday (tomorrow She was a woman who meant what she said & said what she meant. It would be a better world of all was - like her

Sa 16 At Kirkwall shool Hector & I voting against the county taking the roads 13 20 In afternoon at our school hearing Mr Austie{?} & Stock seeking our vote

Jany 1875

Su 17 All at Church but May & Alick fine day & Frosty 7 18

M 18 Election day for Ontario at Kirkwall Votes by Ballot for Christie Stock his opponent 11 16

Tu 19 Hector Jean & May at Galt J Valens & Mrs Wm. Valens here but as there was nobody at home but me they did not stop. Mrs Robt Chambers here and we expect her back again tonight to Se Jane. Stalker fixing things # 9 16

W 20 Hector & Stalker piling firewood, Hears Mrs Nicol died to day she had several Paraletic{?} strokes. Our people saw her yesterday she could not speak: 9 16

Th 21 Hector & Stalker piling wood in forenoon Cutting corn & Straw in afternoon a good deal more snow. 10 16

F 22 Hector at Mrs. Nicols funeral and bring home Grist from Stalker at wood 27 20

Sa 23 Jean & I at Church Hector hauling firewood from Lapsley's for Stalker 9 24

Su 24 Our sacrament all church but Tilly Stalker keeps house 12 30

M 25 Stalker at wood Bob at Robsons 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, splendid sleighing about 14 inches snow 7 22

Sa 30 Men at wood in forenoon Stalker & Bob goes home at noon and Hector goes to Puslinch to try & here a man, does not him 11 22

Su 31 All at Church but Jean & Tilly, Collection for Precentor

Feby

M 1 Jany 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 today 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 intolerable 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 above 6

F 5 Men at wood at night Alick Tilly & I goes to our Shool Concert Where there was good singers from Galt Guelph Hamilton Dundas &c It was a great success though a cold stormy night admission 25 cent Got # 37 well done our folk above 2 10

Sa 6 Men at wood in forenoon cutting, straw & corn in afternoon, corn done 0 above 4

Su 7 The hardest frost for many year our glass 18 below Mr. Porteus ~~18~~ 24 below, below 18 above 8 All at Church but May & Alick sunny calm

Feby 1875

M 8 hector at salt for bran ^got 8 ast{?} hell get froze for it desperately mill and pretty but it is clear & sunny he Stalker & bob at wood glass at zero then up & down 0 above 3 below 4

Tu 9 Hector takes the Bull per Galt fair tomorrow for sale if he can Stalker & Bob at very cold with clear sunny sky & some biting wind cold day below 11 below 4 2PM 0 6PM

W 10 men at wood another mill day terrible hard weather below 16 above 13 {above} Hector sold Bull for #50

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, above 30 7AM above 22 2PM above 8 6PM

F 12 another snell day & drifting some clear sunny men at roads trying to get them passable to the corner Riddels hill completely blocked goes into McQueen field bals 6 0

Sa 13 hector goes to Mr Fergusons to buy at some hay he is to get 3 tons cold, below 11 above 8 no mail to day this is the third day no mail road blocked with snow likely

Su 14 all at church but Jean & Tilly very hard frost again winter in Canada below 14 above 4

M 15 snell dear 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 6 above 13

W 17 men at wood milder to day at night May Jean & I go to Soire at church abov 14 abov 12

Th 18 snell again men at wood clear & sunny but frost smell as over below 13 above 10

F 19 Hector & Bob at J Cowe's cutting firewood Stalker choring Jean & I cleans 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 middling mild to day above 12 14

M 22 fine mild & cloudy quite a thaw in afternoon hauling wood gets 0 above 40

Tu 23 Thawing last night got about ten inches of water into cistern, no thaw to day but very near it Men at wood Hector hauling in afternoon 30 32

W 24 Quite a thaw last ~~pea~~ 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 of last night Hector Jean Alick & Tilly at Kirkwall school house at a social receipts #23;90 37 44

25 Th no thaw Hector & Dickson trampling ra^od to Kirkwall McQueen field being too bare now some little snow last night men at wood cold windy 5PM 28 32 22 5PM

26 F Hector goes to Brock road to Weavers for cloth Stalker & Bob at wood frosty 12 14

Sa 27 men at wood splitting & hauling smart frost again Jane send letter about to Scarbor 3 14

Su 28 all at church but Jane snell frost last night again below 3 above 10

March

M 1 this is March & my certie the first day is a tearer snowing blowing and drifting all day Bairns not at school men reaching{?} groith hired Bob Stalker for a year he begins his time to day above 18

March 1875

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 furisously, Hector & I at Mrs Carruther's funeral very few there & we only met them at the grave yard no work done today bad as ever 5PM below 3 above 18

Th 4 fine day sunny calm clearing up confusion after yesterday storm clearing roads & in forenoon Hector hauling wood in afternoon sees 2 crows the first 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 mild 30 28

Su 7 all at church but May & Alick roads very deep very few at church 16 31

M 8 Hector at Galt for bran fine sunny Bob splitting wood Hector 12 30 got only 200 bran brought a ton of Caledonian plaster price #6.25

Tu 9 Hector hitches up young horse he very camy Mr Porteus here visiting slight thaw evening 10 34

W 10 winter now seems to be giving back {above} cows calved twins a little but is tough & down men choring hauls some wood &c Bob splitting &c 28 32 got roller from D. Elliot

Th 11 Hector & Bob goes to Mr Fergusons for hay gets 1600 cent mild 18 36

F 12 men choring fine day sent a Letter to David Elliot

Sa 13 Hector at Galt with cordwood for McMillan Jean & May away seeing Janet McAlister Mrs McDonald coup the sleigh mild 18 36

Su 14 all at church but Jane foggy in morning then 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 bird to day the first summer bird of the season. Hector takes a grist to forest mill & left it Jane goes with him Mrs Janet McDonald who is very poorly saw pigs 10 all dead 34 38

Tu 16 Frost again but not hard, heavy snow showers & very windy. Hector Bob & John Dickson opening road to Kirkwall having gone through McQueens ~~bad lately~~ fields lately Got a letter from Alexander James 30 38

17 W St Patricks day. Very cold cuts some hay Hector breaks the cutter 14 16

Th 18 very smell last night Hector at Galt ~~had~~ with 3 bags to chop and get some bran, 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 for it - above 4 14

F 19 School examination Hector & Jean at it Bob choring D finer to day above 6 18

March 1875

Sa 20 stormy cold day Hector goes to Forest Mill for grist he left Jean goes with him to see Janet McAllister more snow & drifting to day 14 18

Su 21 all at church but may & Tilly a fine day had badly drifted but we {above} got this Mrs Hetherington died today 12 20

M 22 Hector at forest mill buying chopping stuff very hard frost above prunes & the grapes 3 23

Tu 23 another hard frost cuts hay in forenoon. In afternoon Hector & I goes to the funeral of Mrs Hetherington (aged 90) To Strabane burying ground below 1 above 26 a ground bird to be seen & plenty of crows but other summer birds wanting

W 24 Hector brings is load of straw Mr Deckers more snow last night mild 34 36

Th 25 Hector goes to Jane Elliot to try get some straw he is to get some at \$4 per load fine sunny day but no thaw Bob splitting wood 18 28

F 26 thawing all day & raining all forenoon clear in afternoon but still thawing pools (in fields) Hector & Bob brings a load of straw from J Elliot gets a real welling 34 44

Sa 27 Hector & Bob goes two take to Jas Elliots for straw gets 2 Loads at #4 per load thawing slowly all day feilds spotted where drifted not much snow melted some pools on fields but swamps still dry never filled this winter 34 40

Su 28 all at church but Jean fine day thawing s little by the sun 34 38

M 29 cutting straw in forenoon. In afternoon Hector goes to Mr Menize for seed Peas I dig out the sugar boiling place it was completely covered up with snow the snow seems now going by mere sun power, strong thaw pools every where see blue birds 32 46

Tu 30 Great sun thaw all day creek down & over the road men lets water off the wheat sees Red Butterflies flying about the Grapes pools everywhere winter going 34 50

W 31 warm great sun thaw Riddel's folk taps trees for sugar Robins here 36 32

April

Th 1 my wedding anniversary 43 years ago heigh ho and to day the great thaw of the season. Walter Armstrong comes quite warm 46 58

F 2 me Hector & Dickson widening road at Riddels hill for wheel carriges for the funeral of Grace Fletcher who died yesterday and is to be buried tomorrow Bob at Wm Robsons sawing wood the fields is now quite black except snow wreath but deep in bush yet creek chan nel clear now 36 47

Sa 3 Taps for sugar in forenoon. In afternoon Hector & I goes to the funeral of Grace Fletcher aged 66 our folks gathered 10 pails sap & left in the pots did not kindes fire 34 48

Su 4 roads bad gone at church but Hector Bob & I fine sunny thaw 36 30

M 5 got 26 pails syrops off 24 pails & leaves 12 pails in pots, heard a frog 34 48

Tu 6 Got 4 pails sap & syrops 16 leaving water in pot. No sun windy wind east sky hazy Ring round sun Men begins to stone field at sugar bush 32 38

April 1875

W 7 cold but the trees run pretty well In afternoon gather 25 pails but boils none Hector goes to Dr Lund for butter to May 30 36

Th 8 Gets 28 pails sap & syrop 46 leaving 7 pails in pots men slowing at sugar bush 32 48

F 9 Gets 28 pails sap & syrop off 29 pails & leaves 6 pails in the men stoning 34 56

Sa 10 Gets 18 syrop 24 pails leaving 2 pails in pots men cutting straw and stones 40 38

Su 11 all at church but Hector very fine day snow all gone without rain 42 52

M 12 Got only 20 pails sap syrops 22 and leaves water in pots men fencing 38 44

T 13 Jean gathered 9 pails boil none a raw day a drow men fencing 34 38

W 14 Gets 14 pails sap syrop 19 leaving 4 pails in pots Hector Alick 40 52 & Bob at salt fair getting seeds

Th 15 Gets 11 pails sap boils none men fencing till stopt by rain at tea time 40 52

F 16 hard frost no sap sleigh snow showers mencing & cutting straw Walter Armstrong here he has been being his Brother Ben in last Toronto{?} 26-24-22

Sa 17 No sap hard frost men fencing hears old Mr Porteus died to day 18 26 22

Su 18 Hard frost regugal winter weather again all at church but May & Tilly 16 24

M 19 men cleaning wheat in forenoon ^Hector & I at the funeral of old Mr Porteus in afternoon aged 86 years 10 months & 10 days, milder 30 36 Jean cleans the troughs & syrop off 15 ^pails old sap in pots no seen

Tu 20 Hector at Galt with 20 bags of wheat for sale Boys sawing wood No sap a ewe has pair of twins but leaves one a spell and now wont own it, this is the first lambs of the season 26 34

W 21 sill frosty men fencing No lambs winter hangs on long 22 32

Th 22 Hector & Jean at Mr Gilchrists for seed potatoes I gather 4 pails sap 30 40

F 23 Gets 22 pails sap syrop 26 & leaves 5 in pots men choring 34 42 snow showers in afternoon has 2 single lambs to day Jessie comes

Sa 24 gets 29 pails sap syrops off 31 leaves 5 pails in pots men fencing 32 42 ground white with snow this morning mostly gone now 6 pm

Su 25 all at church but Jessie fine day sap running 30 48

M 26 gets 30 pails sap syrops of 27 leaves in pots 8 pails men fen cing 32 56

Tu 27 gets only 10 pails syrops off 18 leaving water in pots Bob hauls old rails to sugar bush 30 34

W 28 Gets only 5 pails sap Jessie Boils it into syrop Hector ploughing for Peas Bob stoning I plant an apple tree and prunes quite warm 38 62

Th 29 No sap men plough pea land till stopt by rain I pruning Women begins house cleaning a heavy set rain now 6 pm 38 48

April 1875

F 30 much rain last night men choring Tilly & I empties rain from sap {above} Sent a letter to D Elliot {illegible} P.O. order for £7 sterling 36 42

May

Sa 1 this is the first of May but more like the first of March Jean & Tilly went to Galt and got a rough day about noon it began to snow heavy then it turned into ice & now it is cold rain 6 pm all the ground white with snow 32 34

Su 2 all at church but May & Hector snow mostly gone barren weather 32 36

M 3 Hector & I at the funeral of Mrs McClellan in afternoon another old settler gone 32 46 Puts the sheep to grass through their is little, but we gave them some peas {above} Brings the Pots & spouts from bush deal sunny

Tu 4 Hector gets a load of straw from Parker I pruning men ploughing {above} Richardson finishes drizzling carden 32 34

W 5 men ploughing I pruning, a ewe died gentle rain in afternoon streamers last night 36 48

Th 6 Hector sowing peas on 16 acre field I scraping apple trees fine day slight frost 32 55

F 7 men harrowing & cultivating peas I scraping apple trees 36 52

Sa 8 men stoning & cultivating I put on 6 grafts 2 of wine sop & 2 of king of Tomkins. C. & 2 of Spitsenburgs very fine warm cloudy growing this ^is the first day of real growth we have had. No frost last night 46 74 all the three kinds of swallows come the first time we have seen them {above}
Toads burring

Su 9 all at church but Hector & Jean fine growing day fine growth now 44 68

~~M 10 men dragging~~ peas great rain with thunder last night

M 10 men dragging peas on 16 acre field I scraping trees fine day 46 68 planted sunflowers a great many in odd bits

Tu 11 Hector sows oats oer the dyke Bob & Alick dragging I dig rhubarb 38 64

W 12 men cutting feed in forenoon many things after cool windy rain last night 38 44 54

Th 13 men harrowing He Richardson casting dung slight frost last night but fine 38 58

F 14 Hector at Galt for coarse salt very rainy in forenoon men stoning in afternoon Mrs McWinny Mr & Mrs Parker here. Growing day but cool 40 52

Sa 15 Men stoning oats down Hector sows some Barley on killed wheat clear {above} mare colted 40 56

Su 16 all at church but May & Alick Singer choir bungled first time 36 54

M 17 Men sowing salt on Barley & dragging fine day willows shewing some green 40 64

T 18 Jeans & I at Dundas I get coupons cashed {above} Pays the Banner #36 May goes to R Hunters with us fine day & growing the willows visibly green men busy 40 68

W 19 Men rolling & thing I plant beans on horse course fine clear day 40 68

Th 20 Hector & Jean at Galt getting coarse salt & corn Stalker sowing plaster Bob rolling peas at concession I pilling cockle & Red root fine warm 51 76

F 21 Hector at Rocton on Jury men fixing fence at Gilberts line tailing cockle Hears that yesterday Mr Stock was unseated & Disqualified for treating 76 74

May 1875

Sa 22 all at church but Jessie very fine warm & growing Bees on willows {above} Nell took the horse
Maples in flower, wood tinged green 72 81

Su 23 our sacrament all at but Jessie & Tilly very warm & growing {Above} swallows in barn 70 82

M 24 Queens birthday boys shooting kills two Rabbits Hector rolling out very fine warm & growing
wild Plum in blossom cuts the 70 82 lambs has 33 pet included big 18 wedders & 15 ewes from 25
mothers

Tu 25 men stoning in 16 acre field I cutting cockle & red root hears David Valens died yesterday
another old settler gone, very hot {above} misquoted{?} bad 72 84

W 26 I at the funeral of David Valens aged 67 men hauling dung for potatoes, women cutting seed
cooler to day cherry & plum blossoms out 65 76 saw some young grasshoppers to day hope they
may not be a plague

Th 27 men working at potatoe land Bob sick & goes home Stalker in his place 60 74

F 28 Plants our potatoes about an acre with Roses chilis & cuscus tailing cockle 70 84

Sa 29 Hector at Forest Mill with chopping still I pulling red root mowg clover very cool 58 66

Su 30 all at church but Jean fine dry already farmers wanting rain 50 72

M 31 men ploughing for corn at Neils slashing quite cool and drouthy cherry blossom falling apple
trees nearly in full blossom except northern spies whis not out yet. The woods quite green now 50 68

June

Tu 1 Hector ploughing for corn at Neils slashing Bob at home sick I cuting cockle & red root very
cool & drouthy farmers crying for rain 54 72

W 2 Hector sow corn at Neils men dragging Stalker here in Bobs place hot 60 80

Th 3 men hauling dung for turnips in forenoon Washes our sheep in afternoon Hector washes them
all himself Alick & Bob graps them 60 78

F 4 men hauling dung I pulling red root on pasture north of sugar bush pays McMillan 5 cents
postage on Banner till October Doctor here to Tilly who is sick 60 78

Sa 5 ~~men~~ at Dung I pulling red roots at pasture fine day Doctor here again 60 76

Su 6 May & I an church R McQueen reads a sermon Tilly very ill doctor here 56 72

M 7 Men at Dung I cutting among peas Tilly no better very cool 50 65

Tu 8 Boys & Stalker spreading Dung Hector ploughing it in Doctor here again at Tilly he says the had Plurapnumonia & is dangerously ill 55 74

W 9 men at turnip field I cutting thistles & red root Doctor here again to poor Tilly he has now no hopes for her but giver her brandy 60 74

Th 10 Doctor here again thinks Tilly somewhat better Hector at Galt to meet Tilly's sister from St Cathrines she did not come 60 76

June 1875

F 11 doctor here again this morning think may will live if we get her to take nourishment as he says the iinflammation has subsided a little we clip our sheep very hot the warmest day yet dry 70 88

Sa 12 Doctor here has good hopes of Tilly though he says she is far from being out of Danger, men at turnip field, Alick & I cutting the sleeves(?) among the Barley. yesterday was the hottest of the season with distant thunder in the north last night. To ^day is quite cold, wind high, sky clear, & very drouthy, yesterday at 2 oclock the glass stood 88 in the shade to day at the same hour it stood at 56 and now at 7pm it at 52 very likely to beat freezing before morning 5370-56-52

Su 13 none at church but me & Jessie Tilly a good deal better Hector goes out to the Doctor to tell how she is white frost last night but nothing cut down 48 50

M 14 Doctor here thinks Tilly out of Danger pulse down to 88 it has been at 130: Hector at Guelph with wool price 34 ½ cent per wt 119 lbs from 19 fleeces hang 6 1/4 per sheep #4/.5 money amount Stalker & Bob dragging & stoning turnips I cutting thistles more frost 40 66

Tu 15 Hector drilling turnips drills Stalker sowing plaster salt & bone dust as Hector got 1500 weight yesterday which I paid for #20 I cutting thistles warmer 60 76

W 16 Doctor here again Tilly keeping better Hector sows turnips & drills but I dont ^expect much from the turnips the drouth is so severe they cannot grow and is they did the grasshoppers is so plenty they would be aten, men hauling dung to Island field I cutting thistles warm to day but terribly drouthy 60 80

Th 17 Hector drilling & sowing turnips men putting out Dung, very cool and quite day very hazy almost a fog wind east and some slight rain oh for more 34 52 56

F 18 Hector drilling & sowing turnips Stalker & Bob spreading Dung on Island field Alick & I cutting thistles among pea grasshoppers fearfully plenty 38 74

Sa 19 Hector finishes sowing turnips I cutting thistles Bob raising ston in Island field 60 74

Su 20 all at church but May & Hector Mr Porteus back from Montreal at synod accomplishing the union of all the Presbyterians in Canada drouthy 60 78

M 21 Longest day and terribly drouthy every thing turning up fast and grasshoppers in count less millions a dark look out for us! Hector at mill with grist 70 84

Tu 22 a gentle rain this forenoon but not wet the ground above one inch it will do no good unless it comes more, men stoning swamp corner of Island field Alick & I cutting thistles among peas in afternoon some distant thunder this morning 68 86

W 23 men working statute labour Alick & cutting thistles very hot 70 88

Th 24 men at roads Alick & I picking bugs off potatoes in forenoon cutting thistles after till stopt by rain & thunder lowering the heat 18 Deg. in two hours 70 88 70 the rain was heavy & will do good start the turnips perhaps.

June 1875

F 25 men ploughing sod at Neils corner Alick & I killing bugs cutting thistles 70 84

Sa 26 men finishes corner at Neils Bob & Alick ploughs & sows south corn old pumpkins patch Hector begins to plough in Island field I killing bugs a fine shower afternoon we things will now start a little sultry 70 85

Su 27 Hector Jane & Jessie at Puslinch sacrament I only at own church 68 82

M 28 Hector ploughing in Island field I catching bugs cutting thistles in peas cool 66 76

Tu 29 men ploughing Butcher byes bones the cow price #25 and takes her away a slight rain about noon kills a calf. very cool 60 68

W 30 men ploughing Bob & Alick mending fence in forenoon I killing bugs In afternoon Alick & I killing bugs & cutting thistles, clear sunny 70 80

July

Th 1 Dominion. Not kept here. Men at island fields I at the bugs 60 74

F 2 Hector ploughing Bob at Menzie's afternoon barn raising A & I at thistles 60 74-64

Sa 3 Jane I & Tilly at Galt gets #60 Debentures men ploughing Island field 66 80

Su 4 all at church but Jessie Mr Porteus gave us notice from the pulpit that tomorrow week when the Prespytery meets at Hamilton he will give up his pastership of this congregation some scamps has been rowdying him & he feels his dignity insulted so he is going to clear out 70 84

M 5 men ploughing finishes island field at noon afternoon Hector goes to Galt to meet Brother John & wife from Scarboro fine rain noon with thunder 78-86-66 Brother John & Wife arrives at dark both well

Tu 6 Hector sows corn on south & west of turnips fine day with a grand shower 68 82

W 7 # Jane to John & wife to Galt to see an old acquaintance men sowing plaster on turnips & corn I cutting thistles fine day 66 82

Th 8 Hector cutting hay with mower men raking 66 84 Johns wife May & Jean goes to A Stewarts on a visit {above} at old stable & Gilberts line

F 9 Jane my brother & I goes to Tom Nicol's find him very fail'd{?} Hector & men hauling hay very warm ~~hector~~ 70 84

Sa 10 Jane takes Brother John & wife up to Galt we cutting thistles Hector finishes setting up the potatoes 70 84

Su 11 all at church but Bob & Alick a fine day good attendance 66 80

M 12 Hector cutting hay the rest at thistles I at the bugs all day {above} Got the first cherries 50 80

T 13 Hector finishes cutting hay all the rest at thistles cool 60 70

W 14 Raking & hauling hay all day hauls all but one load fine day 66 80

Th 15 Takes in the last load of hay - Total loads only 13 men fixing fence afternoon 70 8

July 1875

F 16 men at many things thistles fixing though & Hector goes to craft for shoes Jean goes to see Mr Valens who is poorly some thunder last night 70 86

Sa 17 Hector & Bob cutting thistles Alick & I catching bugs all day 70 84

Su 18 all at church but Jessie Mr McLead of Ancaster preaches by appointment of Prebytery as Mr Porteus is going to leave us if he gets leave from the Pres-bytery which there is no doubt he will get & we will be a flock without a herd 66 76

M 19 Hector at Galt getting shod Boys fencing I cutting thistles J Glen here 66 74

Tu 20 Hector hurling turnips all the rest thinning thins 63 noon braid very good but the grasshoppers has taken one acre & likely to take another 56 82

W 21 all thinning turnips all day cool clear breezy 30 78

Th 22 at at turnips finishes thinning all but some ends left grass-hoppers {above} put the cattle to swamp 60 84

F 23 finishes all end left of turnips Hector took a cow to bull then cradles some wheat good grain but stopt by grasshoppers they have ruined {above} Ram Died our Barley Alick & I at bugs in afternoon cool 38 76

Sa 24 Hector & Bob harrowing fallow I killing bugs Gilchrist people here for cherries. The grasshoppers seems likely to take all our turnips 60 80

Su 25 my birthday finished my 75 year, verily I am old: all at church but Hector the Ancaster minister preaches Porteus preaches here no more 60 86

M 26 Hector cuts the Barley for green feed the grasshoppers having eaten the grain cuts like wise a little wheat, we put ashes on some Turnips left but the grasshoppers has take 2/3 of them & will likely take all 60 84

Tu 27 Hector & Bob at J Cowes cutting wheat Alick & I binds up & stooks some wheat left unbound last night. In afternoon attends a congregational meeting to send delegates to Presleytery on the

29th to shew cause why Mr Porteus should not leaves and they are instructed to shew no cause but let him go but to defend the congregation against any charge he may lay 58 80

W 28 Hector & Bob at Cowes harvesting Alick Jessie & I puts out & then cocks the Barley straw for the grasshoppers has taken all the grain warm & looks like thunder rain cannot things now mend things now 60 86

Great Land of liberty loggers and choppers Land of potatoe bugs frogs and grasshoppers Land where the lasses is shrunken & shrivel'd Land where all crops is by vermin bedivel'd

Th 29 Cowes people here helping us to cut wheat, cuts out the field very warm & sultry - our Delegates at Presbytery 60 80

July 1875

F 30 Cowe's people here & we cut all the fields east of orchard some dead ripe & some green being winter killed this finishes our wheat cool

Sa 31 Hector sows corn on turnips land where grasshoppers had eaten the turnips wether take in the Barley straw the vermen had left Bob & Alick with J Lapsley at F Yates harvesting quite cool to day 56 76

Augt

Su 1 all at church but Bob & a pedlar Mr Porteus preaches his farewell sermon the last he will ever preach here - he's a gouk - 58 74

M 2 hauls all our wheat 17 loads in all -10 from east of orchard and 7 from the other field - very cool & cloudy looks like rain 32 70

Tu 3 men fixing box in big spring in forenoon I cutting thistles in afternoon Hector goes to Rocton with statute labour report Bob horseraking wheat stuble Alick Tilly & I catching bugs till stop'd by some rain we want a great deal more cool 50 6

W 4 Hector dragging Island field Boys fixing the corner. George Jameson goes to Mr Porteus to find the price of his property he sets it #2400 besides some extras such as book case &c cloudy cool no rain 50 74

Th 5 men begins to cut peas our only crop not damaged by grasshoppers I Tilly & Elizabeth killing potatoe bugs land Glen here last night 55 79

F 6 fine showers in forenoon but we want much more. In afternoon men cutting peas moderately warm 55 80

Sa 7 men cutting peas I doing little very cool & cloudy - chilly 50 68

Su 8 all at church but Jessie & Hector Mr McLean of Nairn preaches our church vacant & so farewell Johnie Porteus thou has no heart 36 74

M 9 men cutting peas I bad of Dysentery in afternoon killing bugs in forenoon, cannot go to a congregational meeting about buying the manse per Dysentery I wonder if they & Porteus will agree 60 80

Tu 10 hauls 3/2 loads of peas after finishing ^cutting all in 16 acre fields in forenoon. In afternoon stopt hauling by a short heavy thunder shower south some thunder I rather sickly but gather some bugs 60 78

W 11 Hector begins to cut oats. The grain the grasshoppers has left seems ripe enough but the straw is quite green. Stopt cutting by rain in afternoon 60 8

Th 12 men cutting peas till 10 AM then cutting ~~w~~he oats oer dyke I poorly 60 8

F 13 men binding oats till noon then hauling peas I poorly 60 8

Sa 14 hauls the last peas from 16 acre field total 4320 loads 9 in new barn and

Th 4 in Barrack in afternoon finishes cutting the oats 60 8

Augt 1875

Su 15 all at church but me & Hector I taking physic 38 82

M 16 Hauls 5 loads of peas & puts them in Barrack = Total in Barrack 9 loads Cowe's people helping to cut also J Lapsley 60 86

Tu 17 men 2 loads of thisly peas & puts them in old Barn Total Loads of peas 18 loads besides 2 thisly ones in old Barn. I out all day getting subscription to buy Mr Porteus's property show very 60 80

W 18 I collecting subscriptions all day Hector & Jessie at Galt with grist shower at night 60 80

Th 19 I collecting subscriptions all day. Hector & Jean at Donybrook & meets me 62 78

F 20 I collecting in forenoon men deepening old well & stoning it thunder & showers 60 76 at night Hector & the rest of the managers pays Mr Porteus for his property \$2000 being for manse land orchard & George Jamieson advances the cash at - 7 per cent

Sa 21 men cleans 13 1/2 bushels of peas being the product of one Bushel seed got from Stalker then the cut Barley & Pea straw put up 2 steers yesterday to feed a good deal of rain in afternoon with thunder weather seems broken got letter from James 60 74

Su 22 all at church but Jane Mr Smyth of Galt preaches well liked 60 76

M 23 men thins some turnips we had left for the grasshoppers in afternoon we haul all our oats 46 74

Tu 24 Hector away by Galt for bran We cut thistles on ploughed corner at Neils slashing hears old John Ferguson died yesterday aged 83 cool 30 74

W 25 boys fixing for threshers. Hector & I at Mr Ferguson's funeral drouthy 58 76

Th 26 threshers here in forenoon 1/2 day threshes wheat oats & peas gets saw dust from tenants 56 78

F 27 I go to Mr Buckles for subscriptions & takes the paper to Mr McQueen there ^is down ^on the paper #1109 with promises of a good deal more our people goes again to Tenants for sawdust for bedding our folks cultivating wheat land. Mr McQueen finishes sowing wheat to day 60 80

Sa 28 Hector ploughing pea land for rye Bob cultivating for wheat Alick Tilly & I catching bugs very warm and sultry to day I douk{?} 56 84

Su 29 all at church but Bob Mr Sinclair preaches we have done with Porteus 60 87

M 30 Hector at Forest mill with peas to crack Bob stoning wheat land 60 84

Tu 31 Hector ploughing on Neils place paying debt Bob at Robsons threshing 60 84

Septr

W 1 Hector at Guelph Gair to sell his horses never got an offer boys stoning Island field I & Jean at Prayer meeting Mr Sinclair officiates hot 60 88

Th 2 men ploughing & stoning very hot with thunder and some rain, this is the warmes day this season & very sultry 65 92

Sept 1875

F 3 men stoning & ploughing in afternoon, {above} wrote to James thunder with wind and thunder spate wich laid the young corn flat the rain wanted 65 84

Sa 4 Quite cool now Men in island fild fixing &c 60 74

Su 5 at all at church but may Mr Vincent probationer preaches good 64 80

M 6 Hector sows the wheat on island field I at the funeral of Joseph Scot another old settler gone Mr Ferguson from Blenheim here 60 76

Tu 7 men cultivating # & dragging the wheat. In afternoon Jean is at Mr Porteus rouns he is selling off everything I wonder what he will now, cool 50 76

W 8 men ditching & fixing swampy corner in island field warm 55 84

Th 9 Boys repairing fence at Island field Jean at Mr Porteus spitting Hector goes with a load of his splitting to Warnacks and now our minister is off I wish he may not repent it but is his look out 60 84

F 10 men fencing at Island field and cleaning wheat. very cool 50 60

Sa 11 Bob ploughing pea land for rye Hector Jean & Tilly at Galt with a load of wheat for sale 32 Bush price 9/yk #36 ^slight frost last night 42 58 hears this day in the funeral of James Nicol son of Tom Nicol an old friend of mine he had a farm tøn in Turnberry and has left a widow and family I think his age was 55 years

Su 12 all at church but Bob & Alick Mr McLead of Ancaster preaches he seems to please one all and we talk of giving him a call 30 68

M 13 men ploughing cutting straw fixing old wells &c warmer now 50 74

Tu 14 men deepening & stoning up old well Jean at Galt for apple pares May goes with her to J McDonalds R Valens & wife here from Lucknow. Cloudy to day & mild Stalker here 54 74

W 15 Hector at Guelph shew Stalker shearing corn Bob ploughing I get a Eaton harp from the RevJ Johnstone, looks like rain 50 73

Th 16 Much cold rain to day Hector returns from Guelph with 25 B rye from Mr Gilchrist sat thoroughly wet, at night we are at church Mr Smith of Galt preaching a good attendance for such weather 60 52

F 17 men ploughing Stalker cutting corn I kill a lamb Alrich takes away 10 lambs price #3 each = #30 40 54

Sa 18 men ploughing Stalker cutting corn I help him some - cold frost last night corn cucumbers &c some what blackend 39 52

Su 19 all at church but Jessie Mr Cross preaches - very able all the ministers that has come yet since Porteus left is able 43 53 Scarch a drowsy day puts on flannel over shirt.

Sept 1875

M 20 men plough in forenoon finishes the field for rye Stalker cutting corn in forenoon then all stoning Rye land season seems changed 44 53

Tu 21 Hector sows rye on pea land & barley stubble then drags Bob cutting rooting barley stuble Stalker stoning cutting corn & threshing peas cold 40 52

W 22 Hector finishes dragging rye on pea land then cuts corn with Reaper Stalker threshing peas Bob cultivating Barly stubble, hardest ^some frost yet 34 50

Th 23 Hector at Forest Mill with peas to crack Bob dragging I killed lamb The hardest frost last night Grapes leaves sniftened corn melons 32 58

F 24 Hector finishes cutting corn with reaper at Neils then he Bob & Alick binding corn an I have a bad cold tried to get a sweat this morning – frost 36 62

Sa 25 men binding corn in afternoon all at church but Jessie Mr Cross preaches afterwards we hold a meeting about calling a minister promising #800 and a manse Mr McLeod will likely get it 46 58

Su 26 our sacrament Mr Cross officiates a fine day 43 60

M 27 men binding corn in forenoon In afternoon all at children's pic nic but me who has a bad cold Mr Cross & Mr McDermid there it was a great success Collection #22 we get along well very fine 46 72

Tu 28 men hauling corn from Neils slashing & stooking it in field oer dyke at New barn a fine day but I bad with a cold not working 39 54

W 29 some rain this morning men hauls some corn puts in stable loft 40 52

Th 30 stormy last night with thunder & rain and some hail & cold men fencing corn stocks & ploughing east of orchard quite cold 40 50

Octr

F 1 men ploughing east of orchard fine day but cool 37 32

Sa 2 men ploughing in forenoon hauls the last of the corn in afternoon 40 52

Su 3 all at church but Hector who is - Mr young preaches clever 44 60

M 4 men ploughing at Neils slashing for rye in after Jean Jessie & I at church moderating a call for Mr McLeod Ancaster to come and be our minister - the call unaⁿimous except Peter Dickson who got no se - conder 44 64

Tu 5 men plouging corn stubble at Neils slashing cloudy damp luke rain 40 50

W 6 very wet last night & heavy showers all day with thunder in afternoon men cleans up the barn for threshers & ploughs a little till stopt by rain I am bad with dysentery. very cold for thunder 40 52

Th 7 men at J Cowes threshing I kill a sheep cloudy & very cool 38 52 the bush is now of many colours looking winter already

Octr 1875

F 8 men at Cowes threshing in forenoon. Freshers Tenants here in afternoon cold & cloudy for the season 40 50

Sa 9 Threshers finishes about 3 oclock threshes wheat 80 B ice salt east cold oats 60 B pear 96 B cold 34 30

Su 10 all at church but May & Tilly Mr young preaches 36 46

M 11 Hector sows the last of the rye at Neils slashing Bob at J Greys threshing I carry 1 1/2 barrels apples cold ice 32 44

Tu 12 Hector dragging & cultivating rye Bob ploughing east of orchard Jessie & I carries about 4 barrels of apple hard frost last ^night 31 40

W 13 Digging potatoes digs 50 B roses & bushels chilis forsty this mor ning 30 40

Th 14 all at township shew but May - fine sunny day & great shew got entries being 300 more than last year great crowd of people. pay Dr Lundy #29 = doz = 25 for Tilly #3 for May & ^Hector #1 for 31 54 gave Rt McQueen #5 subscription for advance on ministers stipend

F 15 Raining to day no potatoes dug men cleaning oats 38 46

Sa 16 Digs all our potatoes 35 B chilis & 30 Cuscos Total crop of Potatoes 50 B Roses 50 B Chilil & 30 B Cuscos Total 130 Bush cold 38 40

Sa 17 Queer climate this quite a fall of snow to day = 4 inches with some thunder all as completely coverd with snow as mid winter Jean & Jessie at church I have a sore hurt on my knee & at home 34 38

M 18 Hector at mill with grist Boys kills a lamb in forenoon Bob ploughing in afternoon ploughing down snow. the ground still white {above} & little thaw 34 36

Tu 19 men choring in forenoon In afternoon digging stalkers potatoes the snow is now all gone but lay till this afternoon milder to day 36 44

W 26 men digging Stalkers potatoes finishes the total 9 102 bushels for Stalkers very fine day Mr Falconer dets married to Mrs Grey May & Lizzie goes to W Turnbull 38 58

Th 21 men ploughing the women & I carry some apples after tea Jean goes to Kirkwall with 3 bags Rambo apples & 10 hens plucked for sale very fine 40 62

F 2 men ploughing oer dyke before Door women killing turkeys Alick & I carrying apples - very fine Indian summer warm 40 66

Sa 23 Jean Tilly & Alick at Galt with ten turkeys sold them from 75 cents to 60 cents each men ploughing Jessie & I carrying apple - very fine 40 66

Su 24 all at church but May & Jessie Mr Gall preaches hears 49 converts was 44 66 dipped at George Resacks yesterday and 7 today into some queen seet!!

Octr 1875

M 25 men cutting stuff in forenoon & shawing turnips in afternoon the woman & I carry the last of the apples total crop 18 on 20 Barrels cool 40 50

Tu 26 raining all forenoon men cleaning wheat in afternoon shawing turnips 38 50

W 27 all shawing and taking up turnips pretty cold a little snow 38 48

Th 28 Stalker fixing turnips house there & hacking up turnips in forenoon in afternoon hauls 7 loads of 30 B. each = 210 bushels put into cowbyre house 36 40

F 29 Election day between Dr McMahon & Dr Miller goes & vote heavy rain in morning & disagreeable all day does nothing at turnips 38 42

Sa 30 raining nasty forenoon men taking up turnips in afternoon 60 66 36-44

Su 31 all at church but the Boys Mrs Watt an old Kirkwall Dormund{?} preaches very smart & clever but not very reverent we think 40-48

Nov.

M 1 Mr Alich takes away 2 steers for # 60 in forenoon in afternoon hauls 7 loads = 210 bushels turnips hard frost all day 32 34

Tu 2 in forenoon Hector brings home the Ram lamb he bought from Wm Tait & the men cuts stuff. In afternoon hauls 9 loads turnips = 270 B frosty last night & since ever we began to hauls but manage 32 34

W 3 very hard frost last night & cold & cloudy all day we take in 3 loads of turnips = 150 B then stopped by snow hears McLeod is not coming here 27 32

Th 4 Hauls the last of our turnips 9 loads 270 on ^total Loads 37 loads total crop 1110 bushels which is all the grasshoppers has left us of 6 acres of well manured land very sunny 30 38

F 5 Hector at Galt with wheat & for bran Bob ploughing milder to day cloudy 33 40

Sa 6 Jane & Jessie at Galt with turkeys & my Debentures men ploughing 34 46

Su 7 all at church but Jessie Mr Monteith preaches - very able & original 34 49

M 8 men ploughing. We rake and take in 79 Bags of leaves from sugar bush 33 36

Tu 9 men ploughing I mined this day 32 40

W 10 men ploughing & cuts some corn and straw at noon cool 33 38

Th 11 Hector at Smiddy Men at oak log in bush ploughing in afternoon 33 46

F 12 men ploughing Stalker & Richardson at oak logs in sugar bush fine 34 52

Sa 13 men ploughing pea land in 16 acre field the rest at oak logs I take up Beets 40 40

Su 14 real winter day snowing and freezing none at church but Jessie Tilly & Alick Mr Young from Toronto preaches 26 30

M 15 ground covered with snow but thawing afternoon men ploughing 30 38

Tu 16 snowing all forenoon Hector & Bob hauling stone pile in 16 acre field Stalker & Richardson at oak logs 34 36

Nov 1875

W 17 men hauling stones from stone pile & blasting oak logs Walter Armstrong comes here after being home at old country 28 36

Th 18 Hector at Galt for bran men at oak log Bob ploughing 34 36

F 19 cuts stuff in forenoon In afternoon men ploughing mild 40 43

Sa 20 Hector at Forest Mill with peas to chop & goes to Blair for cloth Bob at ouch{?} logs splitting rails mild & snow all gone 32 38

Su 21 all at church but Bob Mr Wait Waterdown preaches cool 28 34

M 22 puts the Ram to ewes. The hardest frost yet men choring 22 30

Tu 23 Rakes and takes home 21 bags leaves. men choring thawing 36 40

W 24 men kills a sheep splitting oak rails choring &c cloudy 32 30

Th 25 men at oak rails & firewood cold cloudy &c 26 32

F 26 Bob at J Dicksons threshing where our dDg venture got killed his tail twisted into the lumbling rod & he was smashed raining all forenoon mild everywhere frost out of ground 38 46

Sa 27 Frost again cuts stuff Bob at Benjy's threshing coldish 23 34

Su 28 all at church but May & Tilly Mr Chrisler preaches pretty cold {above} snowing in afternoon 23 30

M 29 My certie this is a smell day for the season wind high and the ground covered with snow begins to father the sheep &c Walter an niece goes home to Lucknow they get there barret set up - 14 12 8

Tu 30 the last day of Nov. and a tickler bob chopping firewood Hector at Robt Hunter roup he has sold out below zero above {above} 8 below in Galt Glass at zero 0 8 - 6

Decr.

W 1 Hector at Guelph fair with horses for sale poor chance to sell their Bob choring Jessie puts to J Vance Jean & May goes with her above 8 16

Th 2 men at firewood moderate to day but winter set fairly gathering the sheep &c 13 24

F 3 men at firewood fine day thawing in the sun clear sunny 20 34

Sa 4 men cuts stuff and getting firewood cloudy look like rain mild 30 34

Su 5 all at church but Hector & Bob Mr Gould preaches. A queer dark day a drizzle all day freezing & sticking to the trees 30 34

M 6 men choring another drizzling day & sticking to the trees 30 32

Tu 7 another strange dark drowy day freezing & slicking to the trees the trees is now loaden with men cleaning wheat & choring 30 33

W 8 kills a pig the only one we have feeding men choring another dark day the trees loaden with great branches of the willows breaking off with the weight of ice 30 33

Decr 1875

Th 9 a little snow last night the trees still loaden with ice and many great branches breaking with its weight men choring 28 32

F 10 Hector choring Bob hauling firewood to his Father I get a snow bird from young Clelland 30 32

Sa 11 Hector & Jean at Galt with wheat & turkeys for sales some snow to day & snowing now soft good sleighing now thawed a little {above} with sheep 50 B price \$1 32 36

Su 12 all at church with sleigh but Alick & Bob Mr Smyth preaches 20 30

M 13 men cutting stuff in forenoon sawing firewood in afternoon Bob & I both sickly with a bad cold good sleighing 20 28

Tu 14 Hector & Jean at Mr Gilchrist's Bob choring ice off trees now above gay snell{?} 11 20

W 15 men choring at firewood snowing lightly almost all day 20 32 Bob his Father sawing in bush to J Cowe in forenoon till stopt by snow

16 Bob & his Father sawing with long saw in Cowe's bush Hector choring 20 32

17 cutting unthreshed peas at New barn with Cowes chaff cutter cold clear 11 14

18 cros cutting our firewood about 30 cord finishes about 30 clock with 11 hands good cold day 10 14

Su 19 all at church but May & I both has a bad cold Mr Vincent preaches he seems to have pleased well, likely we may give him a call it has been very snell all day Leezie McQueen got her leg frozen coming from church below 5-0- below 8

20 men cleaning cut peas fine calm day & looking like thaw above 8 above 28 39

21 Hector at forest mill with peas to chop Bob piling wood mild thaw 44 44

22 men cleaning peas in forenoon in afternoon Hector goes to forest mill for what he left yesterday all the rest at congregational meeting about calling a minister agrees to call Mr Vincent who preached fine sunny thaw sleighing all gone creek running 38 46

23 men cleans up all the peas we with Cowes cutter about 46 bushels last was a very peculiar one for the season the sky quite clear all night & the glass never below 45 mow all gone roads muddy & creek running a curious season this 45-48-44

24 hard frost last night none it is raining ice from the east and sticking to the trees men piling firewood and this is Christmas eve 29 30

Sa 25 Christmas day all our people at T McDonald. Bob shooting and I left alone to keep house thaw all last night freezing now 40 32

Su 26 all at church but May & Tilly Mr Straight preaches a young probationer noon raining 40 44

M 27 Nomination day for councillor at Rocton men choring fine day 26 26

Tu 28 collecting seat rents the rest kills a beef cow fine day 26 34

Decr 1875

W 29 Decr collecting for seat rent Tenant Boys roup 26 34

Th 30 Decr men chopping sawing firewood break the cow I collect a little thaw 40 46

F 31 Decr the last day of the year and a strange one for the season the ground clear of snow the crack sunning clear of ice and the gap at 60 men at firewood and so farewell old 1875 46 60

Jan

Sa 1 New years day the McDonalds her we have a Turkey no work 48-44-44

Su 2 all at church but Jane Mr Straight preaches cool but fine 40 40

M 3 out at Kirkwall voting for Reeve & couniliers cutting stuff after 33 38 We are to have a meeting at church tomorrow to give a call to Mr Vincent we are not unanimous & expects sad divisons!

Tu 4 congregational meeting to call Mr Vincent the poll went 50 for Vincent & 16 for Mr Wait of Waterdown keen frost 14 22

W 5 Hector Jean & I at Galt I draw out of the merchant bank #200 loaned to Hector Bugs a cap #1.12 cent a book on Osprey{?} #1.25 pays the Reformer #2 pays Chambers & Blackwood #6 bendes Postage hard frost in the morning the mud as hard as rock but it burned thaw and rained hard coming home broke the of waggon seat 26 45

Th 6 men choring a springing of snow last night Frosty to day 26 28

F 7 Hector a sale in Puslinch wants to buy fodder fine day seen thaw 29 36

Sa 8 men choring thawing strange open winter some rain 35 42

Su 9 all at church but May & Tilly mild thawing 38 46

M 10 men choring after a singular spell of mild weather it looks as if we were now going to have a spell of winter the ground is coverd with snow last night and today it is cold & stormy The colder snap we have had was the 31st Nov. when the glass in Galt was 5 below zero there has been little sleighing Decr & on the last day 31st the glass in Galt stood at 65 & for several days many people was ploughing will get snell payment for this yet likely above 12 1

Tu 11 men at firewood Stalker with us some snow but no sleighing 76

W 12 school meeting Hector at it Bob & Stalker sawing firewood in bush 15 1

Th 13 men at firewood in bush a little snow last night but poor sleighing 12 1

14 F men at wood a little more snow but no sleighing yet and the roads 20 26 very rough Mr Vincent not corning here we are all a broad again.

Jany 1876

15 Hector at forest mill {above} with waggon with grist Stalker & Bob at firewood 24 35

16 all at church but Bob & Alick Mr Young preaches very able thawing 34 36

17 cuts stuff in forenoon posts a registered letter to Jessie mothe Keppel thawing all last night and all day the pickle now all gone queer counter {above} roads muddy 34 40

18 raining small rain all day Bob went Wm Robsons to thresh but swing{?} to the rain they did not begin verily there is a strange winter 40 40

19 another strange day for the season thawing all last night and to day the frost out of the ground in most places to day I turned a compost heap in garden & the frost was quite out men pilling oak rails very mild 40 43 36

20 the creek came down last night and running nearly full to day albugh{?} considerably gorged with ice. The ground slightly covered with snow which fill last night frosty to day men at rails 22 26

21 Men at rails colder to day road very south was going 20 24

22 a good lot of snow last night but not in enough for sleighing Richardsons{?} 14 22

23 all at church but May & Tilly Mr Wilke preaches a young boyish looking student very clever thawing again queer winter 36 33

24 Hector & Jean away south looking for straw Bob at Wm Robsons threshing Alick fixing things keen frost roads slippery 20 26

25 splitting & snowing all day Hector at Menzies looking for oats to buy he is going to get some freezing all day 22 30

26 Hector at Menzie's {above} with waggon buying outs the grasshoppers having eaten the most of {faded} Bob choring pretty frosty to day but no sleighing yet 18 26

27 Hector at forest mill with chopping stuff, Bob choring, thawing all day 42 38

28 cutting stuff in forenoon men choring thawing & raining almost all day & quite misty now 5 PM we are like to have no sleighing this year at least we have had none yet & the ground is quite black again 34 36

29 all here but Tilly & Bob Mr Carack Preaches we expect to give him a call I think he will please cold frosty windy 36 20

30 our sacrament all there but Bob Mr Carrick officiates very earnest 14 34

31 our annual meeting Mr Carrick preaches gives J McQueen #4 seat for 1 dearth{?} 18 36

Feby 1876

Tu 1 men choring snowing all afternoon dry snow although the glass points to 36 perhaps we will not get sleighing 28 36

W 2 Hector at Guelph Fair for bran with sleigh a good bit of snow on the ground and fair sleighing to day keen frost clear above 2 8

Th 3 Hector at Galt with sleigh & 3 pigs at #5 each = #15 snowing light all day enough snow for good sleighing but our lane down to the sugar bush is quite blocked up Bob tried to break it up with the oxen & harrows but stuck, it will have to be cut with shovels 10 20

F 4 Hector & Bob at Mr Gilchirsts with sleigh for straw Alick choring 11 22

Sa 5 Hector at Mr menzies for May & Jean goes south him Bob breaking the road to sugar bush with shovel oxen & harrow zero 0 22

Su 6 all at church but Tilly Mr D. Stewart preaches able wants a call and likely to get one from us thawing all day 30 40

M 7 cutting stuff in forenoon men hauling firewood in afternoon with sleighs though sleighing is done nearly ground black & thawing 28 38

Tu 8 Frost last night but thawing all day men hauling firewood 28 39

W 9 spittering ice all day & sticking to the trees men choring 29 39

Th 10 Hector & Bob at Gilchrists for straw trees & road caked with ice good sleighing 30 30

F 11 another great thaw sleighing gone creek down bridges full and lane crossed by streams from fields men choring 46 46

Sa 12 Hector & Jean away Hector Galt for payment for pigs in lean to see Mrs J McDonald boys choring a snell{?} thaw 26 40

Su 13 all at church but May & Alick Mr Hume St George preaches 24 36

M 14 Quite a thunder storm last night avoid lightning great rain & then frost this morning the trees was loaden with ice and the ground one sheet of ice creek in full flood then thaw choring men 30 38

Tu 15 Hector away at Troy along with Wm Cowe for hay Bob choring {above} with waggon 32 32

W 16 men choring R Rarbottle here snowing in afternoon steady 24 24

Th 17 Hector Jean & May away at Davy Mitchels visiting Bob choring 24 26

F 18 Hector away at Troy for more hay price #13 per ton Bob choring clear 24 33

Sa 19 My nephew Walter Martin from Elmo comes here men choring 32 38

Su 20 Walter Martin goes away to Robt Hunters all at church but Tilly Mr Ewing preaches he looks sickly but preached well 18 34

M 21 men choring threatening rain ground nearly black again We have not had a week sleighing this winter 22 34

Feby 1876

22 men chopping in swamp Jean & Leezy at Jack Wight's a good deal of snow in afternoon slugging perhaps 22 30

23 Hector & Bob at Gilchrists for straw with sleigh poor sleighing cold 0 10

24 Hector & Bob at Gilchrists again for straw with sleigh but poor sleighing for & Mrs Porteus here coldish day 8 20

25 Hector away at Troy for hay {Above} with waggon Bob at Father hauling firewood in forenoon 16 26

26 men choring in forenoon cutting stuff in afternoon I saw a crow the first I have seen this year cold windy & cloudy 20 22

27 all at church but May & Tilly a very coarse day a pirly kind of snow or hail falling all day but few at Church Robt Martin comes 18 24

28 Robt Martin going across goes away Hector takes them to Galt May & Jean goes with them to Mr Macgeligan's visiting I suppose it is pretty good sleighing to day Hector took the sleigh 20 20

29 Hector & Alick at Gilchirst for straw with sleigh Bob at Benjy's cutting straw with house chaff cutter pretty good sleighing now 20 24

March

1 Hector at Guelph fair with two horses for sale Bob hauling {above} fire wood 22 28 sold the pair of horses at Guelph for two hundred Dollars \$200

2 Bob hauling firewood Hector choring clear sunny frosty above 12 22

3 Hector away about Troy looking for clover seed {above} with sleigh May & Jean goes with him to Robt hunter's clear sunny but the sun thaws a bit at midday above 8 34

Sa 4 him sawing firewood in swamp Jean & Tilly at Mr Turnbolls sunny 13 38 Bob went away to night being hired to Jas Pentland

Su 5 all at church but Jane Mr preaches thawing sowing 30 48

M 6 Quite a strong sun thaw sleighing all gone Hector choring he has now all to do 38 32

Tu 7 sees a robin Hector choring thawing all night & all day creek in full flood snow at gone but wreaths glare everywhen 50 52

8 road frost again sees a blue birdie Hector choring cold 20 24

9 Hector got his eye hurt last night by one of the horses driving the grass against it's very sore now not much done to day Mr Smith of Galt is to Reach in our church to night good at at tendance 24 32

10 Hector bad with his hurt eye - choring Jean Alick & Tilly at our school concert slight thaw cloudy roads rather muddy 28 34 cutting stuff in afternoon Hector is eye getting better fast cloudy thaw & fragging some small rain near night

March 1876

Su 12 all at church but May & me I taking physic very coarse day & few at church tuning small all day Mr Harknes preaches 38 38

M 13 small frost & snow last night & all day blowing hard & drilling 20-20-13

Tu 14 another smell frost Hector Mr Yates with broken pump rod above 10 24

W 15 Hector at Cowe's in forenoon setting machine for sawing wood Mr Campbell from St Bail{?} reaches here very able Jean & Jessie at Galt buying braces{?} but comes in time for sermon at 2PM 10 23

Th 16 very stormy day small snow or hail falling all day Hector went to J Cowes in the morning to saw wood but come back it was to rough {above} blowing like some{?} wind east 22 30

F 17 Hector at Galt for corn for feed got none but brought home bran 23 33

Sa 18 snell frost last night likely to be harder to night Hector at Cowes sawing wood 0 11

Su 19 all at church but Alick with sleigh clear Mr Harknes preaches 8 2

M 20 Hector at Mrs McAlisters & Edmond Decker sawing firewood snowing blowing and drying at most all day Alick choring 18 23

Tu 21 up till to day the Galt reformer says the deepest snow we have had this winter was only four inches but yesterday snow is much more than than that it now good sleighing but cannot belong 20 20

W 22 afternoon all at church at a meeting of the congregation to see if we were prepared to give a call to a minister & to whom there was proposed Mr Campbell Mr Hume & Mr Ewing the majority of votes was for Mr Campbell and the call is to be given this day week clear cold & good sleighing 20 26 got a letter informing me of the death of my cousin David Elliot {above} on the 20th Jan he had been 10 years blind. The was written by this Daughter Tennet Elliot 15 orange St Swansea 26 Feby he is the last of his Fathers family Mathew Elliots family is now all gone!

Th 23 got five dollars from Mrs Mitchell to pay manse & glibe{?} cuts some straw Hector choring Mrs Mitchell & Mrs Maggie Blak here Wm Little & a Mr Goodfellow here looking for horses 24 37

F 24 Hector at Galt for corn for feed Mr Robson & wife here I gave Mr Queen #4 for seat & #5 for manse from Mrs Mitchel 20 36

Sa 25 a cold icy rain all day slicking to the trees it began to snow last night a very nasty disagreeable day doing nothing 34 34

Su 26 all at church but Tilly Mr Charlie{?} preaches again a good sermon 32 38

27 cuts stuff in forenoon Alick left school last Saturday 32 34 28

March 1876

28 a very stormy day blowing from the east and snowing & drifting all day by far the heaviest fall of snow this winter men choring {above} sharpened spouts 26 33

29 this day was appointed for a meeting to call a minister but owing to snowed up roads Mr Fisher rather did not come to preside so we could not proceed it was just as well as there was very few at church Mr Chrisler preached 30 30 24

30 Hector at Mr Dougals roup to buy hay Alick choring good sleighing 30 33

31 Hector at Forest Mill with grist Alick choring I take a curly stick{?} to Mr. Tait 33 36

April

1 Hector & Alick away at Mr Yougals for hay having bought two tons at the Roup #13 potentially my wedding day 43 years ago!! 23 36

2 all at church but Alick Mr Chrystal preaches thawing 23 38

3 Mrs Nelson & husband came just as we were preparing to go to church to call a minister so none went but me. The call was unanimous for Mr Campbell of ~~St-B~~ hillbride no other being proposed thawing 33 42

4 Hector choring in forenoon. Takes the potato sugar bush thawing 34 42

5 cutting stuff in forenoon. Taps some trees in afternoon raining some 33 42

6 Taps the rest of our trees carries 4 pails poor run clear windy 30 44

7 No sap to day empties the trough of rain & goes formal roads very bad fortes{?} over roads in swamp now going fast hector choring 36 40

8 Hector at Galt for pig feed we gather 26 pails of sap and syrops 30 pails leaving water in the kettles looks like hard front ^north wind 33 36

9 all at church but May & Tilly Mr Puller from Blenheim peaches roads very muddy water the road in swamp we go by Gilberts 30 40

10 Good run we syrop off 44 pailfuls & leave 13 pails in pots 30 42 this makes 57 pailfuls to day. Hector choring

11 gets 36 pails sap & syrop off 37 leaving 10 pails in pots quite warm to day not sun well in afternoon snow all gone put patches 33 52

12 Rain with thunder this morning no sap. In afternoon Hector & I attends the funeral of our old neighbour Robt Peavie who died at Dundas aged 75 old ones is nearly all gone now 40 41

13 Raining all day we cut some stuff near night Jean syrops off the 10 pails we left in pots & leaves water in pots no sap 40 46

April 1876

F 14 cleans the sugar troughs of rain in forenoon then it came a pelting thunder shower & I had to go and loom again. Hector away on horsback lookinh for oats go to the promise of some from Mr Garrick gets a pap from McQueen no sap 49 60

Sa 15 old sap to day Hector choring snow all gone but some patches 39 46

Su 16 all at church but Alick Mr Dunber{?} preaches roads very muddy some sap running 36 46

M 17 Hector begin to plough sod north of sugar bush we gather 22 pails sap boiled it a little and it the pots cold wind NW 31 36

Tu 18 gets 37 pails sap syrops of 48 pails leaving 11 packs in pots Hector splitting firewood in forenoon ploughing in afternoon has 2 lambs born frost{?} 32 40

W 19 Hector goes for a Load of hay to Mr Yougals for the last of the Hay he bought we get 32 pails sap & syrop of 32 pails leaving 10 pails in pots fine day but loads muddy yet 32/+16

Th 20 Gets 33 pails sap syrops off 36 & leaves 7 in pots yesterdays is not very good sugar so we wont make any more Hector ploughing one lamb today 32 42

F 21 gets 20 pails sap syrop off 23 & leaves 4 pails in Pots Hector ploughin 40 48

Sa 22 cutting stuff in forenoon In afternoon Hector goes to Mr Godricks who for oats we get 19 pails sap & syrop off 20 leaving 3 pails some thunder 40 55

Su 23 no minister to day the Elders holds a prayer meeting 40 52

M 24 Got 6 pails sap did not kindle the fire Hector & Jean goes to Galt with Boar which Mr Aldrich bough for #12 H Stalker splitting stakes I skin a dead ewe 43 52

Tu 25 Gets 3 pails sap & syrop off 12 pails leaving water in pots no run thinks sugar to me over Hector & Alick ploughing for springwheat in 16 acre field Stalker at Island field fencing 43 55 Delves part of front Garden & plants some Rhubarb

W 26 Delves out garden & plants top onions Hector ploughing Richardson Stalker & Alick at Island field ending no sap 43 6

Th 27 Hector & Alick ploughing ~~but~~ Richardson splitting firewood springing a little & brings some dishes from bush sugar time done 48

F 28 Hector & Alick ploughing Richardson splitting firewood I get grafts T H Lawrence & Yellow Belle from T Grey Grafts one 42 58 Rec an{?} flat seller Bu

Sa 29 Hector at Guelph for seed spring wheat Stalker ploughing I graft some St Lawrence apples sees the first swallow Bar one 43

Su 30 all at church but Jane Mr Wight preaches new from Scotland cold 36

May 1876

1 Hector sows spring wheat in afternoon Stalker & Richardson fencing I bring spouts & some dishes from bush puts grasshopper eggs to chat 34 48

2 Hector dragging Stalker & Richardson on fencing May sows seed onions I Graft St Lawrence on Gloriamunder{?} & prunes 34 52

3 Hector sows peas Stalker cultivating Dr J Plant potatoes in garden and sows sunflower seeds on other swallow pruning &c fine 43 60

4 Hector & Stalker cultivating in peas fine Toads boring last night put ewes & lambs to sugar bush Mr Campbell is come to be our minister 44 52

5 Men cultivating peas & stoning to south stone beat till slopped by rain in afternoon wind east & cold 40 44

6 Hector at Galt for Bran Alick & Stalker stoning Jean painting floor 44 60

7 all at church but Hector Mr Wright preaches fine growing 46 58

8 Men dragging peas I prune the last of the trees fine growing 60 58

9 Hector sowing oats & grasseed Stalker cultivating in oats In growing 46 54

10 Hector at J Cowes ploughing Stalker cultivating oats I plant an apple tree at old house work shop floor growing rain last night & showers today 42 52

11 men dragging oats I buy a pair of shoes at McMillans for #1.40 48 58

12 Hector begins to plough sod oer Dyke at New Barn for corn I scrapes some apple trees saw two chamber{?} swallows yesterday the first rain last night 42 58

13 Hector ploughing at New Barn Mr Ferries here altering a colt 44 58

14 all at church but Tilly a Mr Sinclair preaches cloudy 40 60

15 Hector & 6 more teams goes to kilbride to flit our new minister Mr Campbell who is to be inducted tomorrow cloudy & threatening rain all day but did not rain much Jean & some others goes to rid up the manse in afternoon Willows getting all the green a late spring 48 44

16 in afternoon we are at church at the induction of our new minister Mr Campbell of kilbride there was much good speaking last night we had a soiree which realised #71.40 It was a nice meeting 44 58

17 Thunder & rain last night very fine growing day the finest this season Hector ploughing in afternoon ground very wet 54 72

18 Hector ploughing Stalker & Alick stoning fine growing day 52 70 Swallows in barn

19 Hector ploughing sod for corn Stalker ploughing potatoe land very fine growing day see few beer on willow at A Smiths very late this year 38 72

20 Hector ploughin Stalker & Alick strong I cutting weeds{?} among hay Gilberts fines Bees in our willows in full force warm fine 58 80

May 1876

Su 21 all at church but Alick church well filled to hear Mr Campbells first sermon he gives I think general satisfaction hot 60 82

M 22 Hector ploughing Stalker & Alick hauling dung for potatoes I cutting Redroot cuts the lambs after tea has 29 from 21 ewes-42 17 ewe lambs & 47 14 weathers colder now than in morning 66 54

Tu 23 Hector ploughing Alick & Stalker at Dung a lamb dies last night frost 42 62

W 24 all at funeral for Mr Gilchrist{?} Puslinch for seed potatoes being Queens birthday people generally taking holiday 43 58

Th 25 men at dung every blossoms coming out maples in flowers 70 71

F 26 Men fixing potatoes we cut 12 1/2 bushels of potatoes clear 48 78

Sa 27 Plants ~~43 1/2~~ 12 1/2 potatoes on 26 1/2 drills 8 Bushels Roses on the east them Russets 3 Bu & last 1 1/2 B. Peach blows very hot saw some grasshoppers every trees in full blossom everything looking fine 60 85

Su 28 all at church but Hector who goes in afternoon to the funeral of Mrs Alick Cummin with apple oer{?} at & carried the coffin our new minister pleased well to day - hope it will con tinue 60 80

M 29 good deal of thunder last & today with heavy rain we plant all our potatoes 20 B. & Stalker 10 lbs growing weather 60 76

Tu 30 Hector at Forest mill with grist Stalker & Alick fencing North end of spring field old cherry blossoms faded aples in blossom cold 48 55

W 31 Hector sows our thinks{?} the seed bad Stalker dragging sows cu^cubmers at prayer meeting at night minister does well 52 79

June

Th 1 Men hauling Dung for turnips Jean & I plants corn land Sees mandrake flours out and a great many young grasshoppers likely to be as bad as last years 61 84

F 2 men at turnips dung some thunder & rain 62 83

Sa 3 ~~Jean~~ Jean Tilly & at Dundas gets coupons cashed \$36 pays Banner Great rain & some thunder men at turnips land 60 80

Su 4 all at church but Tilly our minister very popular pleasing well 60 78

M 5 men at Dung I lent #7 to Adam Smith washes the sheep & gives \$30 to Hector cool cloudy 50 6

Tu 6 men at dung stoned out in garden cool & cloudy thunder 62 68

7 men at dung finely sowing weather not very hot 60 74

men at Dung very fine day sets up harden potatoes - -dooks{?} 61 83

June 1876 {rightmost side of page is torn off}

9 Men at swamp land till completely drenched with to Lard{?} some thunder shower it had no effect in the grass

Sa 10 very hot Men ploughing in & spreading dung for tallow{?}

Su 11 all at church but Hector very hot the glass at go at 10

12 clips our sheep 33 very hot we try to scold{?} young {cut off}

13 men at swamp land Stalker fencing at wheat

14 Hector will sow{?} Alick dragging Stalker absent ste{cut off}

15 Hector ploughing for corn rest dragging swamp

16 Hector at Galt in afternoon for Robt for turnip {illegible} hoe ploughing sod north of sugar bush cooler fo {cut off}

17 Hector sowing corn for feed till slopt by heavy rain {cut off} were at and nominated 7 for Elders they wont all {cut off} has no effect in killing grasshoppers in sprit of rain the{cut off}

18 our sacrament all there but Tilly Mr Cameron does the whe{cut pff}

19 Stalker & Alick stoning Hector drilling sows turnips after forenoon{cut off}

20 stoning & sowing turnips Hector drilling do fine and cool

21 Hector drilling & sowing turnips Stalker Benjy's Tea{cut off}

22 Hector drilling & sowing turnips kills calf & I skin {cut off}

23 Finished drilling & sowing turnips & hopes they eschewed {cut off} Grasshoppers but it ^is doubtfull for they are as plenty as of {cut off}

24 Hector & Jean at Galt with wool - 29 fleeces - weight S/R{?} weight for fleece 6 1/2 lbs price 28 cents {above} #1.68 cents per fleece Stalker and I saped{cut off} 3 u hauling & raising stones I cut thistles &c Total value of wool at 28 cents \$49 but then they were docked for matted fleeces #4.48 cents to which reduced the total to \$4

Su 25 all at church but Jean Mrs Campbell very {above} sick and rain {above} stopt minister very down hearted poor man two dead{?} to have a consultation abut her tomorrow Queen at {cut off?}

26 Hector ploughing Stalker & Alick fencing & my{?} 60 74 I cut thistles in oats & kills bugs on

Tu 27 Hector in forenoon at Jas Wright raising in after grasshoppers {above} Damning{?} Them Stalkers ploughing sod I cut thistles cooler to as to thres Hector it roan{?} May Jean & I goes to see James Claiday so there{cut off} but Alick found he died this morning at 4 AM born in 1800 the same year as me!

June 1876 {Left most side missing}

{missing} In afternoon at the funeral of {missing} Galt cemetry May & Jean goes to Warwicks{?} to

{missing}us & we call for them coming back from funeral 64 84

{missing} road work Hector ploughing sod in afternoon

{missing}goon Potatoes, much cool today 62 76

July

{missing} plough but stopped about 10 oclock It rained

{missing} And{?} all day & looks like more & it is wanted 58 62

{missing}h but Tilly Mr Campbel a little better {above} rain some 68 7

{missing}t Galt Gets our Negatives taken for Photograph

{missing} trap 2 stereoscope views fine day slight shower 70

{missing} Merchants Bank Fifty Dollars #50

{missing} mow has attend{?} of old stable but stopped by

{missing}afternoon men cutting hay I kill bugs 70 80

{missing} I goes to Galt I was surprised to hear that the

{missing} Clark had left me on of his executers{?}

{missing} the widow Mrs Clark Mr Scot & I thought

{missing}gether too old – I am now 76 so I referred to

{missing}released. Men cutting hay, some flowers 73 80

{missing} 3 good loads of hay 2 into old byre and one

{missing} at old stable to be pitched tomorrow morning 68 82

{missing}cutting hay in forenoon, one heavy crack of thunder

{missing} more but a pretty smart shower Raking in afternoon

{missing} at Gilberts line – a good crop, very sultry I get bushed 70 88

{missing} 7 good loads of hay which we put into Cowbyre

{missing} barn after tea we rake & cock the rest of

{missing} at Gilberts line, very hot all day & sultry 76 90

{missing}wich but Hector This is the hottest day I ever saw in Canada 80 9{?}

{missing}ood load of hay in forenoon 2 into old stable

{missing}byre and 2 into new cowbyre. Hector has got

{missing}from Missouri – began his time this morning

{missing} goes Joseph – Pearson Stalker & he mowing orchard in

{missing}ctor setting the last of the Potatoes got Bushed

{missing}howers going round with thunder we got none 76

July 1876 {right most part of page missing}

11 Hector Jane Alick & Tilly at Galt brings home may's & my photo stalker & Pearson on mowing orcharding thistles 76

W 12 Hector cutting Timothy men mow in afternoon Rakes & takes in a good deal of distant thunder

13 Hauls 6 loads of Timothy & puts a good deal of distant thunder round but we got none. very

14 Took in 5 loads of Timothy & gust then

15 took in 2 loads Timothy & a pickel Hector cutting thistles with mower hay has a good crop & well saved Lor{missing}

Su 16 all church but Tilly & I not been

17 Men begins to cut wheat in Island too ripe whet shrunk & bands snapping

18 cutting wheat till stoped by a great th{missing} one of the loudest cracks of thunder I ever heard down our creek red after 3 oclock we went back to the wheat

{page is complete from this entry on} 19 Cuts all our fall wheat on Island field a great crop of su{?}
but poor in grain being scorched with heat & rusted Stalker {above} absent

20 Begins to cut Rye till stopped by high wind we ^then go and begins to thin turnips Hector hurkling
them cool to day

21 Jean at Galt with cherries to Mr Alrich we at Rye Takes in the Barley loose after Tea quite cool
now hot spell over

Sa 22 hauling wheat from island field took in 12 loads, sligh thaw

Su 23 all at church but Alick & Joe Mr Warden preaches

24 all thinning turnips all day Mr Warden & R McQueen at us for money for knox's college I gave
them #3 Hector #142 60 74

25 my birthday & I have to day ^finished my 76 years I am now an old old man all of us all day
thinning turnips a good braid bug grasshoppers {illegible}

26 Hauls 7 loads of Rye in afternoon our me goes to J Cowes to {illegible} but got a be gunk as they
are not going to thresh till Friday so they {missing}one home & cut rye. Mrs Stalker Tilly & I thinning
Turnips afternoon, very cool drouthy & nice to work

July 1876 {left most side of page frayed or missing}

{missing} men cutting Rye in 14 acre field Mrs Stalker & Tilly at Turnips 62 80

{missing} Hector & Stalker at Cowes threshing the rest at Turnips 60 7

{missing} Hector cutting Rye at Neils finishes the Rye We binding & stook ing 64 7

{missing}Galt{?} at church but Hector fine day & warmish 62

{missing}hers here in forenoon threshes Barley 36 B

{missing} 35 B. Rye 40 B Joe at J Dicksons threshin after noon

{missing} Stalker & Alick hauling Rye in afternoon I at Jam es{?}

Augt

{missing} to cut Peas Stalker & Joe cuts all day. In afternoon

{missing} Alick hauls Rye from Neils slashing Mrs Stalker & I at Turnips 66 84

{missing} the Peas Mrs Stalker Tilly & I finishes thinning the

{missing} a fine braid{?} but the grasshopper is cilling them 66 4

{missing} Peas all day hauls 13 loads of which we

{missing} to Barrack and 2 into New Barn cloudy like rain 62 82

{missing}tting Peas & finishes them at night very hot look like rain 76 93

{missing}ch but Hector Warm & sultry 70 89

{missing} of Peas put 7 into New Barn 6 into Barrack and 3 loads in old barn breezy drouthy day 65
84

{missing} Cutting raking & binding oats all day fine & drouthy 60 84

{missing} Joe goes away Hector finishes cutting oats, we bind and

{missing} all tge oats & Hector takes the Reaper to spring wheat hot 66 84

{missing} thresh & stook the last of the spring wheat Stalker at Deckers

{missing} Died in afternoon Hot with distant thunder Mrs Campbel

{missing} this afternoon aged 23 & {above} our minister is a young widower 70 88

{missing}sent away this morning at 3 oclock to accompany the

{missing} of Mrs Campbel to Galt on its way to Peterborough her native place. Stalker at Deckers
threshing in forenoon 70 84 we haul all the spring wheat 9 Loads

Su 13 No sermon to day Mr Campbel being away to Peterborough with the corpse of his young wife/
R McQueen read a sermon 70 8

M 14 Takes in all our oats 9 Loads which finishes our harvest

{missing} Wm Riddel here collecting Testimonial to Mr Cambel I gave #3 76

{missing}vest done & Hector choring cutting thistles &c J. Do

{missing} Stalker at Benjy's Dickson' cradberry{?} oats

Grafting wax four part Resin, three parts Beeswax & three parts Lard another three parts Resin two parts beeswax and two parts tallow

Mr{?} Thomas T Johnstone. Fernandina Florida

Nov 1876

Su 12 Mr. Gould here preaching fine day Indian summer 34 46

13 Men makes a Log enclosure for straw in yard as we expect sheep diet on turnip straw the thresher tomorrow threshing with flails for threshers breaks up the Pig and fixes the barn for threshers tomorrow 32 50

14 Threshers here puts out the straw all day. Cloudy cool 33 38

15 Thresher finishes at noon & the goes to Benjy. I don't know the yield Total Rye about 190 B. Wheat {illegible}. Bush some snow this morning{?} 28 38

16 Hector at Benjy's threshing in forenoon at J Cowe's in afternoon pulling Pig's Alick at Benjy's in afternoon Cloudy cool 30 40

F 17 Mnn Ploughing Jean at J. Cows Killing Turkeys. forenoon 30 40

Sa 18. Men Ploughing Mr. & Mrs. John Malcolm here cool 34 46

Su 19 All at church but Lilly Mr. Crystal preaches at 3 PM 38 48

20 Men Ploughing A Liddesdale drove all day dull 34 44

21 Men Ploughing A Liddesdale again all day This the 4th day of it 34 42

22 Men finished Island field & takes the Plough potatoeland in the 16 acre field. Puts Ram to Ewes 34 42

23 Hector Jean & Alick at Galt with wheat & Turkey & get Bran 32 35

24 Men cutting stuff &c choring &c Cloudy cool 30 36

Sa 25 Men Patching a begrent in kitchen stocks{?} growing of snow 30 34

Su 26 ground covered with snow this morning all at Church but May + Tilly Mr Campbell comes back and preaches, It is expected he will continue to be our Minister again, I voted against him coming back. he went away in such a strange I would have him stay away but the majority wants him & here he{illegible} 30 34

27 In afternoon Hector is at the Funeral of the Jameson's Daughter aged 22: Snowing a good deal, Roads bad sleighing{?} 30 37

28 A good deal of snow now but too soft for Sleighing Mr. Campbel here. 28 35 making up the peace we must let by gones be by gones

Nov 1876

W 29 Kills our Pigs – 3 only Wm Cowe helps us Got a Letter last night from John Elliot dated 15 Nov 26 34

Th 30 Hector & Jean at Guelph with 12 bags of Peas In going to stop at Damian{?} Gilchrists all night very cold. Glanas at 14 mar{illegible} 14

Decr

F 1 Very cold. Hector brings from Plough from Gilchrists and some herring. Gets # 4 from May Smith as part Payment of #7 adam owed above 6 18

Sa 2 Still cold snow not thawing but no sleighing Roads very rough May get a pair of over shoes, very {illegible} #41.3 20 26

Su 3 All at Church but Alick Mr. Campbell preaches very able 23–28

M 4 Men choring I not doing much, clear & sunny 26 28

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Dumfriesshire Population 48.241

Annan 4631 Canobie 3055 Dumfries 14341

Eskdalemuir 551 Ewes 338 Langholm 3735 Lochmaben 3085

Moffat 2543 Westerkirk 540

Illegitimate Births Banff Bannshire highest 19 percent

Kirkcudbrightshire 15.6 Aberdeen & Wigton equal 14.2

Dumfriesshire 13.7 Ross & Cromarty lowest 4.8

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