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New Years Day came in cold. after about a week of mild weather turned cold last night with some snow flurries. Thermometer was 14 at 11 am today with strong west wind.

Jan 2nd. monday also held as New Years. had John and family up for dinner & supper. heard the Football Game and also about the Rose Tournament in Pasadena which was broadcast from about 50 stations all over the states. Beverley Hills Float won 1st prize

Jan 3rd. weather has been real cold since last Sat. night. about zero each night but hardly any snow.

Jan 4th. Weather about the same. wrote for price on trees from Maloney Bros Dansville N.Y. Heard the great Dodge Bros Victory Programme to-night at 1030 to 1130 P.M. Broadcasted by 47 stations estimated 30 million people heard it. It was announced from Hollywood by Will Rogers also heard whitemans Band in New York. Al Jolson & Fred Stone. Say it cost \$60,000 for the hours broadcast. the new Dodge car out tomorrow. Had Montreal & Ottawa clear and loud on the Radio.

Jan 5th. weather some milder today.

Jan 6th. Fine & mild snow all gone. did not have much this winter so far not more than inch or so at a time.

Jan 7th. Still mild & thawing smith working at hot bed sashes. will have to get some new ones - some of the old ones done.

Jan 8th Sunday. mild & cloudy sat up until 230 this am. listening on the Radio, was extra good last night. Had K.O.A Denver & CKY Winnipeg so loud had to turn them down also had KFI Los Angeles. but the biggest suprise was K.F.S.D of San Diego (only a 500 station) had it for as long as we wanted it. clear & fine.

Jan 9th Have heard from Maloney re trees. prices low plums 25¢ Cherries 35¢ & Pears 37¢ guess we will need a couple of hundred to fill in.

Jan 10th. weather still mild & cloudy, no snow and thawing.

Jan 11th. still mild & thawing but mostly cloudy.

Jan 12th. Ordered 25 new hotbed sashes cost with putty strips about \$1.80 each. Glass is cheap \$3.45 a box weather still mild & cloudy. cost for cash got 5% off. \$60.28 for 25 trees. also order

From Maloney Bros Dansville. N.Y. to be shipped about April 10th. 175 Burnbank 40 Shiro 5 G.Duke, 5 Maloney plums 25¢ 10 pears 37¢ 10 cherries 35

Jan 13th. Went to Hamilton got Chev. License no. 106953. weather still mild and cloudy, people claiming it will be hard on fruit trees & berries.

Jan 14th mild & cloudy some rain. frost all out some people ploughing.

Jan 15th. Fine & clear but some cooler. {Proles or Probs?} claim colder weather coming tonight, drove to Toronto. getting very cold tonight.

Jan 16th. cloudy, some milder, some sleet & rain in the afternoon, roads very icy, boys skating on the cement roads. went to Lodge first time for a long time.

Jan 17th. Fine & mild went down to Hicks for the day.

Jan 18th. Fine & mild just like spring. pruning all day, conditions ideal for it. ground dry & no snow.

Jan 19th. Ordered seeds from Stokes Cabb. 1/2 lb. cov.mkt {covered market} \$1 50 1 oz Viking cov. mkt 70¢ 1 oz Early Snowball Cauliflower \$1.50 2 ozs Green Pack Cukes 20¢ ½ lb. Worldbeater Pepper \$2.25 \$ 1 oz Harris Early Giant pepper 75 1 oz Marglobe tomato 50. Total \$7.40

Jan 20th. Turned cold last night. frozen up solid again and blowing a gale from the west 4 from zero at 5 PM tonight celebrated my birthday by going to Hamilton and getting two teeth filled.

Jan 21st. Cold & windy.

Jan 22nd Sunday not so cold but windy. drove to Hamilton to see Geo. Chapman. had first puncture (a nail).

Jan 23rd. Fine & mild just like spring again, pruning trees again

Jan 24th. Raining nearly all day, fixed sashes in the morning moved Smith back into the house in the afternoon

Jan 25th Cooler and very windy, painting Bedroom.

Jan 26th. Colder. Snowed until noon 4 or 5 inches. Smith fixing sashes clear & cool tonight

Jan 27th. Cold 2 below zero this morning. at 8 o'clock. paper hanging. some job.

Jan 28th. Still cold but bright. Smith fixing sashes.

Jan 29th. Clear & cold drove up to Geo Chapmans for supper

Jan 30th. Very cold 8 below zero this morning. still working upstairs papering and painting.

Jan 31st. not quite so cold 12 above zero

Feb 1st. windy with snow squalls. had to go to Hamilton for more paint.

Feby 2nd Partly cloudy guess the Ground Hog saw his shadow alright. so we have six weeks more winter still at the papering it is some job.

Feby 3rd Getting milder still at the same job

Feby 4th. Milder. thawing & looks like rain. Painting floor today. Snow all gone again.

Feby 5th. Cold again every thing frozen solid. Doris has a bad cold, and the rest of us feeling punk too

Feby 6th. Moderately cold all have colds.

Feby 7th. Raining all afternoon. went to Fruit Growers Meeting. having an argueing match re Fruit Marks Act. Some want to have all open packages graded and ungraded. abolished from apples pears & Tomatoes. but every person wanted some thing else from the other fellow. so it was decided to leave it as it is for another year. Freezing tonight had an awful time getting home. Car turned right around and slid up on the grass sideways in front of the Baptist Church

Feby 8th. Raining this morning but fine this afternoon. Still putting on paper.

Feby 9th. Paper Hanging yet some job.

Feby 10th. Fine & mild finished painting and papering the four up stair rooms

Feby 10th. Got Truck License \$36.00. no. C. 20238. Car {railway car} manure arrived this afternoon.

Feby 11th. Alans 3rd Birthday. a very fine day thawing some unloaded car of manure.

Feby 12th. Sunday. Fine

Feby 13th. Fine & mild

Feby 14th. Raining nearly all day.

Feby 15th. Cloudy & mild thawing all day.

Feby 16th. Weather about the same cloudy & mild

Feby 17th. Some cooler. Made 6 new Hotbed frames and turned pile of manure getting ready for hotbeds.

Feby 18th. Cooler again 4 from zero tonight at 10 p.m.

Feby 19th Sunday one of the winters coldest days strong westerly gales. a few snow flurries and lots of dust blowing

Feby 20th. Cold & blustery with some snow flurries Toronto Grads won the Worlds Hockey Championship with hardly any opposition the scores in the three games were. Toronto 11. Sweden 0. Toronto 14. England 0. Toronto 13. Switzerland 0.

Feb 21st. Cold & clear zero at 8 am today. Got 4000 – 11 qt bsks {baskets} in from Glovers last night & this morning

Feb 22nd Mild again doing some more pruning.

Feb 23rd Put up 24 sashes for the first hotbeds of the season turning colder again

Feb 24th Real winter again today cold with some snow flurries.

Feb 25th. Sowed first Seeds. 8 oz. Copenhagen Cabbages, 1 oz. Viking Copenhagen Cabbages, 1 oz. Snow Ball Cauliflowers, 8 oz. World Beater pepper, 1 oz. Harris Giant pepper the above all Stokes Seeds also 4 sash our own Hot pepper seed. Weather very cold but sunny. 3 below at 8 a.m. some reports as low as 10 below.

Feb 26th Sunday fair and not very cold down to Johns for supper

Feb 27th Fair & cool doing some more pruning & drawing wood out of orchard.

Feb 28th pruning & drawing wood. making a few more hotbeds also put in a load of bsks from Grimsby.

Feb 29th Drawing wood etc. a little colder.

Mar 1st windy, cool & a few snow flurries. finished getting in 11 qts 8000. and about 2000 ones from last year. Started to paint our kitchen

Mar 2nd cool & windy. painting Kitchen.

Mar 3rd. cold only 8 from zero at 8 a.m. Some snow flurries again. Sowed Tomato Seeds 4 ozs John Baer 4 oz First & Best. 1 oz Canadian 1 oz Stokes Marglobe ordered POD Baldwin Bridgman Mich. 2000 Mersereau Blackberry \$40 00 2000 Gibson SBerries \$9 00 Blackberries to be shipped April 10th. SBerries April 23rd. also ordered from H. Emlong & Sons Stevensville Mich. 2000 Gibson 300 per 1000 & 1000 Cooper Sberries at \$6 25.

Mar 4th Sunday Very cold only 10 from zero at Bedtime windy with snow blizzards most of the day.

Mar 5th: Clear cold & windy 8 from zero this a.m. The Big race from Los Angeles to N. York started yesterday it is 3400 miles. 278 started 1st place wins \$25000 next 7 gets 25000 more divided P. Granville of Hamilton Canadian Champion Walker is in it.

Mar 6th Still cold near zero last night, made another hot bed to sow more Cabbages, first lot did not come up good.

Mar 7th Sowed another frame of Copenhagen Cabbages Steele Briggs Seed nearly 4 ozs \$1 50 weather cold & very windy

Mar 7th Kitchener wins Sen. 6 H.A. Final from Toronto Varsity score on the two games 5 to 4.

Mar 8th Finer today. finished building a new closet, and drawing wood & brush Toronto wins Junior 6 H a Finals from new market score on the two games 4 to 3

Mar 9th Port Colborne wins Intermediate 6.H.A. Final from Kitchener Score 2 to 1 on the round of two games. Stormy today. snowing and drifting like real winter the worst storm this winter most snow & wind.

Mar 10th wintery today lots of snow - weeding peppers have a good catch.

Mar 11th Sunday milder and partly cloudy.

Mar 12th Fine & mild went to Dr McFarland to see about my eyes. men fixing hotbed frames.

Mar 13th Cloudy & mild big rain after dinner. Toronto Marlboros beat the Soo. in Junior play off 2 games. score 13 to 3.

Mar 14th:Unloading car of manure roads getting muddy.

Mar 15th Froze hard again this morning finished car of manure. South Porcupine Seniors Beat Port Colborne Intermediates last night 4 to 0 after.

Mar 16th Weather still cold and frozen solid piling up manure & gathering brush. Toronto Marlboros (Juniors) lost in the Semi Finals tonight with Ottawa Juniors score 3 to 2.

Mar 17th cold but bright Jerry around to Borrow another \$10.00. Gathering Brush all day. Kitchener defeats South Porcupine 11 to 3 in the two games in Semi Final Senior Hockey games.

Mar 18th Sunday cold & cloudy frozen solid. went to Hamilton to Mrs Mays for tea.

Mar 19th & 20th Cool & windy finished drawing brush some big job.

Mar 21st Unloading car of manure in the morning and started transplanting Cabbages after dinner windy but a little milder.

Mar 22nd making hot beds all day.

Mar 23rd A little milder transplanting more cabbages also started on tomatoes

Mar 24th. Very warm over 70 in the sun at noon transplanting all day Tomatoes & peppers, had to do some watering too. had a light thunder shower in the evening.

Mar 25th some cooler & raining

Mar 26th Monday transplanting peppers. warm with some light thunder showers in the evening. Regina wins Junior Canadian Championship Hockey from Ottawa after a tie on first two games wins the 3rd by score of 7 to 1.

Mar 27th A change in the weather this morning. Thermometer at 18. and snowing & blowing a blizzard.

Mar 28th Still cold & windy with a few snow flurries burning brush & drawing manure out on the land with the sleigh no snow though

Mar 29th Still cold & cloudy got a few more tomatoes transplanted. Manitoba University won Senior Hockey championship by winning 2 games out of three from Montreal. W. Rossell of 25 Davenport St Hamilton re-grafted Plum trees. they done last year but did not grow very good.

Mar 30th Another blizzard & snow storm from the east all day.

Mar 31st clear & cold, drew manure to the field on the sleigh good sleighing in the morning.

April 1st Sunday. Clear & bright & some warmer still some snow on the ground.

April 2nd Fine & warm unloading another car of manure. very muddy got stuck with the truck.

April 3rd another light thunder shower this morning. Still going to see about my eyes to Dr. McFarlane seem a little better today. Charlotte sick since Sat with Tonsillitis

April 4th Fine & warm transplanting peppers, etc

April 5th Fine & Very warm Finished transplanting. 75 in the shade as hot as summer. 2000 Blackberry plants (Mersereau) arrived. Root cuttings they are very small but look like good roots.

April 6th Good Friday very warm 75 putting in tile at back of Johns. John ploughing for blackberries.

April 7th Planted Blackberries in the morning. raining after dinner & getting cooler tonight.

April 8th Easter Sunday like winter again very heavy gales from the West. with snow flurries. temperature below 30 all day.

April 9th drawing manure & fixing drains still cold thermometer 24 at 7 am this morning and just as cold tonight

April 10th & 11th. drawing out manure and fixing big drain putting in sand well some job. drain in bad shape a lot of sand in it.

April 12th spreading manure and started weeding peppers. Aunt Effie died in Wesleyville Pa - this afternoon.

April 13th still cold & windy left here at 310 pm for Wesleyville with Hicks & John. arrived about 10:45 P.M. 173 miles.

April 14th. Raining in Wesleyville nearly all day. Effie was buried at North East - some name for a town. about 11 miles this side of Wesleyville it was pouring rain and a gale blowing when we were at the cemetery. we did not go back. came straight on home. a dandy highway right through to Buffalo about 92 miles made 75 miles from North East to 7 miles from Buffalo in 2 ¼ hours. turned very cold & windy near Buffalo. blew a hurricane all the way home. at Burlington Beach Park at the Canal water blowing right across the highway. I got home before 11 PM. after stopping at Johns & Hicks. Made it in less than seven hours.

April 15th. Sunday. Cold & cloudy windy and a few Snow flurries. Temperature 24 tonight at 7 pm

April 16th. started spraying plums & pears with oil 7 gallons to tank. got one tank on every thing going wrong.

April 17th men planting trees. got 4 tanks of spray on today weather still cold ground covered with snow this morning.

April 18th. Spraying got 5 tanks on. men still planting trees

April 19th. unloaded car of manure. very cold and one of the worst gales of the season.

April 20th. Very cold this morning ground frozen. finished oil spraying 2 tanks 12 tanks in all. 2 blls {barrels} oil.

April 21st. uncovered Buds on Sweet Cherries afraid not many will grow. started snowing & raining about 3 p.m. at 9 pm tonight ground covered with snow & still snowing

April 22nd still cold & cloudy.

April 23rd started uncovering strawberries, teamster in jail for being drunk.

April 24th cold & cloudy have a bad stitch in my back making out income tax papers

April 25th uncovering strawberrys windy and very cool.

April 26th. weeding peppers etc. not quiet so cool but cold at night freezing ice every night

April 27th. Finished uncovering strawberries the new beds look green but rows very light. old bed looks bad, started transplanting tomatoes

April 28th. Planted Cucumbers 8 sashes - also planting some tomatoes in boxes. 4½ & 5 in. think 5 in. are small enough. some slow work. also planted 1st strawberries 12 Rows next. Jerrys shack, Gibson plants from Baldwins.

April 29 Sunday windy but a lot warmer. went for a drive out to Carlisle. took a few snaps by a creek there

April 30th. Cold & showery all day, planted a few more strawberries.

May 1st. Fair but cool planting strawberries

May 2nd. Started planting out Cabbages fine & warm about 80

May 3rd finished planting Cabbages 14500 and 500 Cauliflowers, warm but partly cloudy. they wilted quite a bit but guess they will come up at night.

May 4th Very warm 92 in the sun at noon planting strawberries & transplanting tomatoes.

May 5th turning cold again planting Sberries {Strawberries} & transplanting tomatoes

May 6th Sunday cool & cloudy. went to Chedoke Falls also Dundas with Hicks.

May 7th. cold this morning planted 3 bags Potatoes 20 lbs Beans & 2 lbs Peas. transplanting tomatoes watering, etc.

May 8th & 9th. Planting strawberries & transplanting tomatoes have about 17000 we think weather fine & warm Cut 4 bsks {baskets} grass on May 9th for the first

May 10th & 11th. very warm like summer finished planting strawberries about 9 acres. one patch in cherry orchard very dry. ordered eleven cars of manure, 6 for berry covering, start ship{ment}. 1st of nov All to arrive in Nov. & 5 cars hotbeds Jan 15th & 30th Feby 15th & 25th & Mar 10th.

May 11th. Planted Sweet corn & pumpkins. very dry now. turning cooler tonight with & strong winds.

May 12th. Very cold north wind today. light frost this morning. started hoeing strawberries

Sunday May 13th drove as far as Dundas Park in the afternoon.

May 14th Sowed carrots 2 lbs seed. sowed just past & half way past Onion hole in drill. Trying to get drill set just right without thinning carrots.

May 15th Warm & dry hoeing old strawberry patch. not much good by the looks of it

May 16th Cloudy looks like showers cut 10½ bsks grass. have already shipped 22 bsks sold from \$2 00 to \$2 50. Hoeing old strawberry bed Had Mr Biggar of Upton Coy {Company} around yesterday says he wants our berries again.

May 16th Hoeing strawberries cooler & starting to rain in the evening.

May 17th Showery all day planted Raspberry suckers.

May 18th Cloudy & damp. put Salt on Asparagus 2 sacks Nitrate of Soda on cherry orchard. planted 15 lbs more Beans. others mostly rotten & eaten up with wire worms, as many as five in a bean.

May 19th. Hoeing new Strawberries.

May 20th. Went to Brantford for a picnic a very warm day like summer

May 21st & 22nd. Hoeing Strawberries. weather turning cold.

May 23rd & 24th & 25th Fine but cool. hoeing strawberries etc

May 26th Planted out 1800 tomatoes but turned windy & cold so we stopped and continued hoeing strawberries

May 27th. Sunday. Fine & cool. must have been nearly frost last night. thermometer 44 tonight at 9 oclock.

May 28th. Cold & cloudy planted a few more tomatoes temperature 45 at 6 pm tonight

May 29th. Some Warmer put out 4000 tomatoes

May 30th. had a light shower in the night put out about 7000 tomatoes today. ground in good shape since the showers

May 31st Finished tomatoes and put out 10 000 peppers warmer today.

June 1st. Real warm today Planted cukes & another 5000 peppers.

June 2nd. Cold again. finished planting out peppers. put sashes inside & piled up frames. thermometer down to 40 late tonight some frost they say.

June 3rd still clear & cold west wind.

June 4th Hoeing, cultivating, etc in the morning. cold & cloudy, and raining all the afternoon, temperature 44 this evening

June 5th Cool & showery all day. cleaned up hotbeds part of the time

June 6th Showery again only worked a few hours cleaning up hotbeds.

June 7th. Finished cleaning up hotbeds. started cultivating carrots etc

June 8th. Planted out Cauliflowers. another shower in the night.

June 9th Planted 6 bus {bushels} potatoes also 2 lbs. Sugar Beets, weather turning cold tonight, down near 40 at Bedtime.

June 10th Sunday fair & cold strong north west wind drove up to Flatts summer resort.

June 11th Started spraying got on 6 tanks. 5½ lbs lead, 3½ Gal Lime Sulphur per tank weather fine & warm men Hoeing & cultivating strawberries.

~~May~~ June 12 still spraying 6 tanks more on. seems to be a fair crop of cherries. quite a few plums but Burbanks look light. and no pears at all.

~~May~~ June 13th. Finished spraying 16 tanks in all. would take about 20 tanks if a crop of pears no pears so only gave them a sprinkle a light thunder shower in the afternoon.

~~May~~ June 14th. cloudy like more rain. Hoeing & cultivating.

~~May~~ June 15th & 16th. Hoeing & cultivating, warm in day time but cool nights nearly frost

~~May~~ June 17th Sunday fair but cool east wind. had supper (picnic) near Ancaster called on F. McMillans on the way home.

~~May~~ June 18th. started to weed carrots. poured rain after dinner and all night.

~~May~~ June 19th. Rained some more this morning. cleaned up truck. and cleaned tiles & drains after dinner every thing flooded.

~~May~~ June 20th Hoeing Corn tomatoes & strawberries pretty wet yet.

June 21st Raining again this morning Hoed raspberries & put nitrate on peppers in the afternoon.

June 22nd picked first Sberries 14 x 36 pints shipped to Toronto sold at 7 @ 23¢ & 7 @ 25¢ pints. more showers and berries very dirty.

June 23rd Sat. more rain both morning & afternoon & night.

June 24th Sunday fine drove to Guelph had picnic supper in the Park.

June 25th more rain in the night. picked 41 more crates Sberries dirtier than ever after so much rain. Received Sales card. netted \$104.09 for the 14 crates (36 pints) shipped on Friday. also 7 asparagus sold at \$2.00.

June 26th. Cultivated & weeded Carrots. some job. been stopped so often by rain but got done this time.

June 27th 41 crates Sberries we shipped Monday to Toronto sold 31 @ 8¢ 5 @ 9¢. 5 @ 10¢. some drop since Sat. 23 & 25¢ pint. Picked 62 x 36 pints SB. today. Sold at 10¢ & 13¢, average about 12½¢ pint.

June 28th Fine & warm hoeing & cultivating.

June 29th. Friday raining again this morning. did not start picking until 930 am. showers off and on all day, big rain about 5p.m. managed to get 91 x 36 pints picked sold 43 at \$5 00 to Scott shipped balance to Toronto 13¢ to 12¢

June 30th. Showery in the morning, picked 35 x 36 SB. shipped to Toronto, sold at {blank}

July 1st Sunday warm, went to La Salle park about 5 PM and had picnic.

July 2nd Very warm must be over 90 in the shade, as it was 113 in the sun beside the barn. Berries soft & nearly cooked taking most of them to Uptons Jam Factory.

July 3rd very warm again picked 66 crates strawberries

July 4th warm yet about 90 in the shade they say only picked 57 crates SB. some crop this year.

July 5th Fine & cool shipped 28 crates Berries to Garden parties north at 16¢ took Balance of 23 crates to Jam Factory

July 6th only 48 crates Berries today sold 18 at 16¢ Balance to factory

July 7th. Very warm again about the hottest this year hoeing all day

July 8th Sunday very warm 94 in the shade they say went to Van Wagner Beach with Hammonds.

July 9th. Very warm yet. picked 68 crates Sberries. had a shower in the evening. Picked first cherries 6 bsks {baskets} Early Richmonds.

July 10th Warm again picked 36 cherries sold at 65¢

July 11th Spraying cherries put 6 tanks on today 5½ lbs Lead and 3½ gals Lime Sulphur.

July 12th. Spraying again sprayer went punk. got 2 tanks on by 3 o'clock picked 55 Richmonds & 22 crates Cabbages.

July 13th Finished picking strawberries. only had 243 x 36 pint crates. and 432 x 27 quarts. Started to shower about 4 p.m.

July 14th. Pulling weeds out of old Strawberry bed. some job.

July 15 Sunday fine stayed home all day

July 16th Picked 80 bsks Richmond cherries at 60¢ also 15 sweets 6 qts at \$100 {he means \$1.00}, expected a lot of them but nearly all rotten. cut 21 crates Cabbages at 75¢ picked first beans 6 bsks 60¢

July 17th & 18th. Picking cherries. etc

July 19th Big rain all night. wet until noon picked 47 cherries all Varieties started on Montmorency

July 20th nothing doing raining & wet all day picked only 10 cherries made some new ladders

July 21 Picked first Rasps 5 crates pints shipped to Toronto. cooler today. 4 Sold @ 20¢ 1 @ 16¢

July 22nd Sunday Rained all night and all morning in torrents every thing flooded. drain by the cistern washed out again

July 23 Our biggest day this season 227 bsks cherries, mostly at 85¢ 37 crates Cabbage @ 65¢ 36 bsks Beans @ 50¢ 6 cukes @ 75¢ 1 pepper (first) \$100 {he means \$1.00} 2 crates Marrows (first) \$150 {\$1.50}

July 24 orders lighter today picked 152 cherries & 6 crates Rasps

July 25th. Picked 181 bsks cherries today. 10 crates Cabbages 10 Beans 10 Cukes 2 Marrows. Fine & very warm

July 26th Picked 225 bsks cherries today also 25 bsks Peppers sent to Toronto. Sold at 90¢ & \$100 {\$1.00} for the 20 bsks sent July 24th.

July 27: Started raining hard about 7:30. only picked 63 cherries between showers that lasted all day.

July 28 another shower at 6 a.m. picked 11 crates Rasps very wet Sold at 9¢ & 11¢ in Toronto.

July 29th. Fine & cool went to Puslinch Lake with Hicks for a picnic

July 30th Picked 211 cherries at 80¢ and 50¢ 6 qts cherries @ 50¢, besides 4 crates marrows \$125 & \$150 {\$1.25 & \$1.50}. 28 Cabbs {Cabbages} at 65¢ 14 cukes 50¢ 5 beans 40¢

July 31st Fine & warm Sold 103 x 6 qts at 50¢ & 154 - 11 qts cherries at 80¢

Aug 1. 212 bsks cherries & 9 crates Rasps warm & looks like rain. Celler drain blocked up again

Aug 2 Very warm picked 105 x 11 cherries 80¢ and 192 x 6 cherries 50¢. picked 4 x 11 qt & 1 x 6 qt tomato sold at \$250 {\$2.50} bskt

Aug 3rd Very warm several showers last night. and several thunder showers went north of us today but looks like rain again tonight only picked 105 cherries today.

Aug 4th Cut 2 loads Cabbages for Scott at \$11 00 per ton price no good. and Cabbage crop no good very small. also picked 9 crates Rasps and sold Hart 107 cherries & 16 cukes.

Aug 5th Sunday rained last evening and nearly all night. and more showers this morning

Aug 6th. Cloudy and a few light showers. did not get much done. only picked 38 bskt cherries.

Aug 7th Picked 128 cherries 80¢ 31 cukes 23¢ & 25¢ 11 toms @ \$1.00. 5 bags Cabbages 1¢ lb 10 Shiro plums 60¢ 6 apples 42¢.

Aug 8th. Very warm picked 148 cherries at 75¢ & 80¢

Aug 9th. cherry orders slowing up. picked 50 bsks tomatoes 75¢ Just about finished up Cabbages took a load to Scott at \$11.00 per ton

Aug 10th Very warm yet picked 50 x 6 qts cherries & 58 x 11 qts and a few tomatoes 60¢.

Aug 11th. Sat. not much doing picked 30 toms at 55¢. cooler today

Aug 12th Sunday Picnicked at Guelph with Johns & Hammonds 25 there in all.

Aug 13th A Very busy day. and of course Bill Smith off drunk again. Picked 86 toms at 50¢ 145 plums 50¢ 16 cukes 25¢ 43 peppers {50¢} 119 cherries 75¢ total 409 bsks & 7 crates. Weather fine & warm.

Aug 14 weather fine Picked 64 plums at 40¢ 78 toms at 40¢ 35 cukes 25¢ 15 apples 30¢ 27 cherries 75¢} 7 cabbages 65¢ total 219 baskets & 7 crates.

Aug 15 Fine & warm orders not very plentiful. Sold Hart 25 plums. shipped 50 peppers & 28 plums to Toronto. and 167 bsks & 23 crates cabbages etc

Aug 16 Picked 128 toms 30¢ 128 Red Junes for Hart at 30¢, and shipped about 40 bsks very warm weather.

Aug 17th. shipped 200 bsks today. also 100 doz Corn at 30¢

Aug 18 Sat not much doing picked 25 cukes 20 toms 15 plums 10 doz corn.

Aug 19 Sunday fine drove to Eden Mills

Aug 20th busy today 267 bsks tomatoes 95 plums 50 cukes 7 peppers 93 doz Corn.

Aug Busy again about 400 baskets Tomatoes & plums 30 cukes 15¢.

Aug 22nd Busy again picked 189 plums at 27, 28 & 30¢ (Red Junes). 215 toms 30¢ 64 cukes 17¢, 100 doz corn 21¢, 6 cherries 75¢. weather fine.

Aug 23rd not so busy today 235 bsks and 110 doz corn (all up north)

Aug 24th. not so many orders 175 bsks (north) had a shower from about 930 to noon.

Aug 25 Sat. picked 302 bsks Burbank plums for Hart & Scott at 27¢ & 28¢. Shipped 27 bsks 3 crates north

Aug 27th Orders heavy again & Smith drunk again. Short about 100 bsks tomatoes, but shipped 288 toms & 186 plums & 11 peppers & 72 doz corn & 82 cherries

Aug 28th Finished up today on cherries (2 bsks) have been practically done since Aug 15th. but have been picking a few bsks daily since. Had 386 x 11 of Richmonds 2459 x 11 of Montmorency 445 x 6 Montmorency 82 x 6 Sweets. Had a big Storm this afternoon very heavy thunder high winds lots of trees broken down also a regular downpour of rain. shipped 180 tomatoes and 85 plums today

Aug 29th. Picked 160 Burbank plums for Hart at 30¢ shipped about 50 at 35¢ & 40 for Blues.

Aug 30th another showery night. stopped about 7 this morning. our telephone out of order until this evening, did not get all orders filled received 4 wires at 4 P.M. Some Tomatoes over ripe now took 27 bushels Ripe ones to the Canning Factory, 45¢ bus {bushel}

Aug 31st Quiet a few orders for Friday weather fair & cool quite a change will soon be fall.

Sept 1st no orders today. Madge and I went to Toronto Ex. got home about 10 o'clock the girls stayed at Uncle Johns' it was a lovely day.

Sept 2nd Sunday fine did not go any place, tired, after the fair. Mr. & Mrs. Cuttress called.

Sept 3rd Labor Day not so many orders. had a few showers but managed to get our orders out

Sept 4th. Picked 162 plums but only 75 tomatoes also 16 Clapps Favorite Pears at 75¢ finished corn had 843 doz. sold for highest 30¢ lowest 15¢ about \$150 00 for the lot.

Sept 5th. Picked 155 plums price 30¢ to 40¢ 110 tomatoes 30¢ 27 pears at 75¢

Sept 6th. not many orders. today 80 plums 60 tomatoes, took 55 bushels to Canners. also shipped 42 Red peppers to Toronto sold at. Sweets 75¢ to \$1.00 Hots \$1.00 to \$1.50 bsks.

Sept 7th. Finished on Burbank plums total 1202 bsks. not so many orders. only 65 toms, 10 peppers, 100 plums, 6 pears, 1 caul.

Sept 8th Sat. pulled 27 bags Carrots for Hart. At 90¢.

Sept 9th. Sunday went with Cuttresses to Brantford & Caledonia.

Sept 10th. not very many orders picked 115 plums & about 100 tomatoes.

Sept 11. pretty busy again today sold Hart 20 bags carrots at 90¢ shipped 24 bskt Red Peppers to Toronto. sent North 79 plums 23 pears 5 peppers 2 Caul and about 80 tomatoes 35¢.

Sept 12 A big rain & thunder shower in the night, not so many orders 56 plums 66 toms and picked another 50 bskt Red peppers for Toronto another shower & thunderstorm this evening.

Sept 13 Our lightest day for some time only picked 105 bskts.

Sept 14th not many orders 26 toms 24 plums. 15 peppers.

Sept 15th Sat. picked 48 cukes. 56 plums & 40 tomatoes

Sept 16th Sunday motored to Niagara Falls with Hicks, was a lovely day

Sept 17th. Monday and not many orders only shipped 61 plums 33 tomatoes 4 peppers 2 cukes.

Sept 18th Cooler today picked 47 plums 31 tomatoes 7 peppers & 5 caul. shipped 20 peppers to Toronto. Sold 100 sweet peppers to Italians for 25¢ bskt. without bskts, to call tomorrow am have half of them picked tonight.

Sept 19th Cold & cloudy with strong North East winds not many orders only shipped 40 plums & 5 tomatoes Ross Hart died suddenly at nine P.M last night with heart trouble was at the station the day before shipping fruit.

Sept 20th Nothing much doing rained nearly all last night and today. Cut 9 crates Cauliflowers.

Sept 21 Fine again but no orders only sent 10 plums 6 toms 3 Caul. North. Went to Ross Harts funeral.

Sept 22nd Saturday. nothing doing in orders. had Ross Harts cheque returned from the bank. he gave me it the day before he died and we did not get it cashed it kind of worries you as it is for \$480 and owes us another \$300 besides.

Sept 23rd Cold went to Chapmans for supper.

Sept 24th not very many orders today Started to pick peppers very cold.

Sept 25th. had a big order from Nils Ireland for Mrs Hart but he cancelled it guess the people would not trust them any more because Ross Hart owed every body.

Sept 26th Sold 135 bskts peppers at 25¢ & 27¢ picked more all day again. some frost last night but no damage done here.

Sept 27. Cold & cloudy have furnace going tonight & last night picking peppers. Sold Italians 100 bskts peppers 25¢ & 38 crates 90¢. Madge and I have bad colds.

Sept 28th. About finished picking peppers sold another 25 crates. cut 18 crates Cauliflowers sold 8 at \$1.00 { \$1.00 } Shipped 10 to Toronto sold at \$1.75 & \$2.00 crate also finished picking plums shipped the last 100 to Toronto sold at 50¢.

Total plums for the season

Shiros	bskts {baskets}	317
Red Junes	"	693
Abundance	"	44
Early Blues		64
Burbanks		1202
Gages		234
Bradshaws.		84
Lombards		38
Reine Claude		358
Monarchs		168
Grand Dukes		<u>114</u>
	Total Baskets.	3316

Sept 29th. Cool & cloudy still have a cold. not doing very much.

Sept 30 Sunday a little milder but have our furnace going. had Stan Blair & Harry Simmons over in the evening also Mr & Mrs Hicks. Olive is to be married on Oct 6th.

Oct 1st warmer Smith sick with a cold today myself not very good. Cut 5 crates Cauliflowers 4 bskts plums, and 12 bskts tomatoes for the last of them I guess

Oct 2nd. warmer nothing doing my cold worse again Smith sick yet too he has a bad one. John hoeing Strawberries & Jerry ploughing laid off the teamster Saturday he got too slow for anything.

Oct 3rd. warm with very heavy fogs every night and morning. nothing much doing. Jerry John & Smith hoeing strawberries guess will soon have to go to market. dont seem to be able to sell any carrots or pumpkins any place.

Oct 4th Still warm & foggy. cut 12 crates Cauliflowers, also Sold 30 more boxes peppers to Italians at 75 and 80¢ box. we are having some job keeping the rats away from them had to move the peppers out of the barn and put them in berry shed, now they are there too have over 100 crates of them yet.

Oct 5th. Cut 12 crates Cauliflowers and shipped a few more Red peppers. and sold 30 crates more to the Italians.

Oct 6, Sat. Shipped 27 baskets cukes last night to Toronto for the last, doing a lot of small jobs and started pulling weeds & peppers out of Raspberry patch.

Oct 7th Sunday fine and warm have a cold do not feel very good. and did not drive far only up to the mountain

Oct 8th. pulling weeds & peppers. got the big patch done but had to work all day four of us at it.

Oct 9th. Took out a \$4000 Mortgage on Harry Ferrey's house in Roseland. to run 4 years at 6½ % interest. Italians got 26 more boxes peppers yesterday and we shipped 73 baskets Red peppers and 13 crates Cauliflowers to Toronto last shipment sold at peppers 60¢ and cauliflowers \$2.25 and \$2.50 a box wished we had lots at that.

Oct 10th. Fine but light white frosts yesterday morning and today, but no harm much, our Dahlias not frozen yet.

Oct 11th. Very warm like summer men drawing up dirt for hotbeds.

Oct 12th. Still warm about 80 in the shade drew in 4 loads pumpkins and a load of Vegetable marrows. suppose I will have to go to market. and I don't like the job

Oct 14 Sunday a little cooler but fine drove up to the mountain for an hour or so.

Oct 15th Fine & milder again started putting in tile got 360 (6 inch) in today. also Bill Smith off drunk again always does it when there is something special on.

Oct 16th. Showery this morning got a few more peppers ready (30 baskets) & 10 crates Cauliflowers. last shipment 50 baskets Red peppers sold @ 55 to 60¢ and Caul \$1.60 {\$1.60} crate got another load of tile (360). got about 200 in this afternoon.

Oct 17th Rained nearly all last night again still draining got another 360 – 6 inch tiles. weather hot and showery, raining again this evening.

Oct 18th Rained all night & most of this morning shipped 12 crates Cauliflowers and picked our apples about 9 bushels. had to stop draining too much rain ground flooded.

Oct 19th. pulling carrots got 90 bushels out but have none sold yet seems to be no sale for them. another shower tonight at 4:30. in fact a thunder shower. Bill Smith still off yet.

Oct 20th. Went into the city to try & sell some carrots not much Success only sold 50 bushels @ 35¢

Oct 21st Sunday motored down the middle road to the 12 mile creek. it was a lovely day.

Oct 22nd Getting out carrots and took one load to Hamilton and getting a load ready for market. but it looks like rain tonight

Oct 23rd went to market in the rain. showered until 7 or 8 o'clock Sold out by nine o'clock by giving the stuff away. Pie Pumpkins 40 to 50¢ doz Marrows 40 to 50¢ Cauliflowers \$100 {\$1.00} box. Carrots 40 to 50¢ box. Large pumpkins sold lot of 128 at 5 cts. each. did not get another offer

Oct 24th. delivered 200 pumpkins at 5¢ and 5 bus {bushels} carrots 50¢ sold them yesterday. some more rain again today.

Oct 25. went to market again things slow pumpkins hard to sell. did not get home until 4:30. prices about the same

Oct 26th delivered 40 bus of carrots in Hamilton have a bad cold

Oct 27th in Bed all day with a cold

Oct 28th Sunday cool Hicks called to see us.

Oct 27th Bot 300 Berry crates at Uptons for 15¢ each

Oct 29th. not feeling very good yet. got another load of 6 in tile (360) - getting ready for market

Oct 30 Very cold this A.M. temperature 20 when I left for market. got home about 3:30 PM

Oct 31st. Charlotte had her Birthday party today. still putting in tile.

Nov 1st. got another load of tile 300 - 6 inch & 100 - 4 inch. weather milder and looks like rain.

Nov 2nd still draining ground nice & dry now

Nov 3rd Rained in the night and nearly all day not much doing.

Nov 4th Sunday Fine & mild did not go any place.

Nov 5th. putting in more drains. and loading up for market.

Nov 6th. Fine went to market. took mostly carrots 30 bus. sold at 30 to 50¢ a bushel. a few pumpkins & marrows both hard to sell.

Nov 6th & 7th. Draining yet. weather fine.

Nov 8th. Raining not much doing.

Nov 9th & 10th doing more draining ~~took 30~~ put in 300 feet of big drain raising it a foot at the mouth.

Nov 11 Sunday. Armistice Day. Stayed home all day.

Nov 12th Thanksgiving day. showery in the morning. more draining after dinner.

Nov 13th. went to market again Carrots 35 to 50¢ Cauliflowers \$1 25 crate

Nov 14th. More draining finished big drain. got ready for market.

Nov 15th. Market poor today sold carrots 33 bus at 30¢ bus. Cauliflowers \$125 {\$1.25}.

Nov 16th. Finished draining for the season. Cost us for

300 - 8 inch at 10¢: 30 00

1740 - 6 inch at 6¢ 104.40

1210 - 4 inch at 28 per 100^d 34 60

Total cost for tile: \$169 00

also took up some old ones to clean out.

Nov 17th. started digging trees & sorting carrots

Nov 18th Sunday cloudy & mild. drove around for a drive through (Country homes) below Port Nelson while the children were at Sunday School.

Nov 19th. delivered 50 bus carrots to Stevens & Solomon at 40¢ and brought home a load of 32 qt crates from Uptons \$24.00 rained hard nearly all day got a load ready for market. turning cold tonight

Nov 20 Went to market again sold carrots at 30 to 40 cts a bushel. weather fine got home at noon. & unstarted loading 1st car of manure this fall.

Nov 21st Finished car of manure. shipped 6 crates Cauliflowers to Bracebridge, and delivered 40 bus carrots in Hamilton. raining & snowing nearly all afternoon

Nov 22 some snow on the ground this morning. went to market for the last time weather cleared up fine. was home at 1130 am. Carrots at 30 & 40¢ bus. Caul 80¢ to \$100 {\$1.00} Crate

Nov 23rd. Doris sent home from school with chicken pox. {Virtue?} brought a Mercury Radio over but it wont work.

Nov 24th. Sat. weather fine. not doing much today having a holiday.

Nov 25th Sunday cooler today freezing hard down to 18 this evening

Nov 26th. Ground frozen hard covering strawberries

Nov 27th Unloaded another car manure the second put it right on to the strawberries. getting milder tonight

Nov 28 Had to stop covering strawberries frost all out again

Nov 29th. Digging out old plum orchard at the back of Johns.

Nov 30th. Finished drawing up the wood. and burning the brush at the back of Johns.

Sat Dec 1st Started to build a kitchen for Smith. got it all covered in today.

Dec 2nd. Still have the Mercury Radio, would not go. Mr Hoffman came up and put a new tube in & it goes OK

Dec 3rd unloaded another car of manure wet & muddy and showers all morning.

Dec 4th started another car manure at noon.

Dec 5th finished car manure, getting colder at noon, freezing hard tonight & some snow flurries.

Dec 6th. cold & frosty today. but the sun is shineing about the first day for two weeks

Dec 7th. Finished covering strawberries took nearly four cars then we left a couple of acres old patch uncovered

Dec 8th. Cold today down to 12 ~~frez~~ from Zero. not doing much now.

Dec 9th. Sunday cool. all day alone, trying out a Mercury Radio does not seem to work seems to be on account of the power it goes up and down all the time put all the lights and a toaster on and it stopped Charlotte & Alan have chicken pox now.

Dec 10th. Cold & frosty not much doing.

Dec 11th. took Mercury Radio back to Toronto. they say the battery ones the best. and Wentworth Motors say Spartan Electric the best of all.

Dec 12th Fair & mild doing odd jobs around the place.

Dec 13th Mild & cloudy foggy at nights; smith started pruning.

Dec 14th mild light showers started unloading 5th car of manure.

Dec 15th mild & cloudy drawing manure

Dec 16. Weather same mild & cloudy. went for a short drive in the afternoon.

Dec 17 Monday mild and raining. another car of manure arrived.

Dec. 18 still mild but a little frost.

Dec 19th unloaded 6th and last car of manure, colder with the ground frozen some

Dec 20th. Cold this morning thermometer at 10 above at 8 am.

Dec 21st at Hamilton buying Xmas presents. cold and some snow.

Dec 22nd. Very cold Thermometer at 8 oclock only 5 above zero. Smith has been digging out dead pear trees must be over 50 of the grafted ones dead.

Dec 23rd Sunday not quite so cold.

Dec 24th. Mild & fine doing odd jobs & getting Xmas Tree ready.

Dec 25th. Christmas Day. mild & fine. not much snow left only a few spots here & there. Children all had a good time and all went down to Uncle Johns for Dinner & supper and all had a good time

Dec 26. Wed. still mild every body around and all over Canada & W. States has an Epidemic of Flu. Smiths have it.

Dec 27th. still mild settled up our seasons business have \$640.00 out yet half of it (Ross Harts) got \$1200 00 each. (John & I) for years work. and nothing on our investment

Dec 28th. still mild & thawing had a holiday today.

Dec 29th Went to market bot a goose 17 ¼ lbs at 33¢ lb total \$5.70 hope it won't be too fat. weather windy & turning colder going down to Aunt Ida's for supper.

Dec 30th. Sunday fair & not very cold.

Dec 31st. Mild & windy the end of another year.

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Total Sales

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2	2057.28	
3	1288.14	
4	1451.29	
5	1068.21	
6	648.91	
7	<u>1073.80</u>	
	\$9231.82	
Nov 3	D Scaletta Huntsville	16.50

Nov 10	Hare Bros Bracebridge	250 00
Dec 1	Manser Welb Toronto	3 06
13	Hutchison Bros Bracebridge	3 75
17	Dominion Cannery	94 82
Jan 10	CW Sharpe Burks Falls	18 95
17	Ap Wonod Tottenham	91 80
Feb 28	Ross Hart Estate	153 24
Sept 6	up to cash sales	31 53
Oct	Peppers cash sales	209 65
Oct & Nov	Hamilton Market	<u>200 50</u>
		1073 80

Oct 8	WJ Broley Cookstown	4 00
9	Manser Welb Toronto	45 62
10	Stronach {& Son} "	4 35
+13	PJ Marin Bracebridge	8 90
16	Williamson Tottenham	3.90
	Manser Welb Toronto	38 45
	Stronach {& Son} Toronto	12 66
+	J W Troyer Magnetawan	63 35

+	H. Rinn Tottenham	67 10
20	A E Johnston Sundridge	12 35
	Shaw & Shea Trout Creek	16 55
+	F D Cancilla Barrie	37 05
	S L Anderson Crossland	4 00
	Stronach Toronto	7.45
	Manser Welb "	8 23
	Wm Peck Burks Falls	9120
	Fraser & McArthur South River	2110
	D.S. Litster Burks Falls	10710
	JR {Corse?} Cookstown	5945
+8	R Trading Co S. River	<u>3610</u>
		64891
Sept 22	RL Scott Aldershot	56 10
22	JF Cullingham Cookstown	4 80
22	Fraser & McArthur	19.00
25	Brown & Co Barrie	7 20
26	Hutchison Bros Bracebridge	126 65
26	Stronach & Son Toronto	20 89

26	Manser Welb Toronto	24 80
27	Geo Sinclair Orillia.	50.80
Oct 1st	John Saro Barrie	110 46
1"	Manser Welb Toronto	32 32
1	Edgar & Co Sundridge	42 85
Oct 1	AE Johnston Sundridge	151 65
Paid by Draft.		
	R.T. Armstrong Burks Falls	79 60
	WV Fry Thornton	46 60
	SR Trading Co South River	144 65
	JD Steward Thornton	53 70
	JD Wisdom Allandale	8.00
	R.A Cooper Elmvale	61 50
+	GW Nichol Beeton	<u>6 50</u>
		1068 21
Sept 10	Williamson Tottenham	70
11	G.W. Nichol Beeton	174 35
11	Burlington Co Op.	7 50

11	Manser Welb Toronto	21 08
12	Wm Peck Burk{s} Falls	123.05
12	Stronach Toronto	15.42
13	BR Stewart Hockley	16.75
Oct 16	Ron Hart Burl{ington}	480.18
17	SL Anderson Crossland..	41 25
17	DS Litster Burks Falls	114.25
18	Shaw & Shea Trout Creek	53 55
18	CW Sharpe Burks Falls	253 85
18	F.E. Monkman Cookstown	14 20
18	Manser Welb Toronto	16 94
19	Williamson Tottenham	{blotted out} 35
x 19	Stronach Toronto	119 25
19	Simpson Tottenham Draft	47 90
x 19	Tremouth Powassan Draft	<u>58 05</u>
		1451 29

Aug 16	F D Cancilla Barrie	50.55
Aug 17	D. S Litster Burks Falls	60.15
" 21	Manser Welb Toronto	12 40
" 22	Hare Bros Bracebridge	181 70
" 21	R L Scott Aldershot	128 78
" 22	Stronach & Son Toronto	13 84
23	D Scaletta Huntsville	117 50
X 24	I Williamson Tollerton	3 00
25	J W Troyer Burks Falls	50 00
25	P J Marin Bracebridge	43 80
	R L Scott Aldershot	47 79
	Burlington Co Operative	86 00
By Draft	W S Manning Elmvale	32.75
{By Draft}	S R Trading Co South River	63 00
{By Draft}	Shaw & Shea Trout Creek	57 60
{By Draft}	J Simpson & Son Tottenham	74 33
x{By Draft}	Hanna & Co Port Carling	175.15
Aug 31	Shaw & Shea Trout Creek	42 15
Sept 6	Edgar & Co Sundridge	43 00
x 7	Cudmore & Co Sundridge	4 65
		1288 14

July 31	Manser Welb Toronto	19 85
31	R. E. Baycroft Stayner	13.75
Aug 1	Stronach & Son Toronto	57 06
3	G. W Nichol Beeton	62 70
4	L Robinson Elmvale	24 75
6	Ross Hart Burlington	271 45
7.	Upton Jam Coy. Hamilton	1194.48
7	Mary Gollop Cookstown	59 84
7	R. E. Baycroft Stayner	8 65
8	Stronach & Son Toronto	35 22
8	Manser Welb Toronto	30 71
9	{Burn?} & Co Barrie	62 55
9	Wm Peck Burks Falls	68 97
10	Harry Fisher Cookstown	26 15
11	Burlington Co Operative	25.00
13	Hutchison Bros Bracebridge	61.05
14	Manser Welb Toronto	8 21
15	Stronach Toronto	<u>26 89</u>
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May 16th	Manser Welb Toronto	24.66
23	" " "	30.68

30	“ “ “	18.96
June 6th	“ “ “	55.84
13th	“ “ “	24.66
20th	“ “ “	28.58
26th	“ “ “	\$ 129.55
July 4	“ “ “	“ 380.35
10	“ “ “	“ 51.82
4	Stronach & Sons	“ 260.95
5	Cash Sales	3.50
6	Cash Sales	77.75
10	Wm Cunningham Thornton	60.48
14	R L. Scott Aldershot	170.00
24	Manser Welb Toronto	8.40
25	Stronach & Son Toronto	29.34
“ 19	G. W Nichol Beeton	273.72
	Cash Sales To July 16th	7.50
27	L Robinson Elmvale	7.45
		1644.19

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