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## THE CANADIAN POCKET DIARY FOR 1871

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#### January, Sunday, 1. 1871.

A pleasant day and good sleighing about 12 inches of snow on level. Went to S. School this morning Supt pres lesson--Luke II 1 to 20. Mr & Mrs. Tribble drove up and spent the day at J. C. Snell's. Went to Brampton this evening to the W. M. Church and heard Rev. A. L. Russel preach text--Numbers XIV-14th verse.

#### Monday, 2.

Drove up to J. C. Snell's in the sleigh this forenoon and took took New Year's dinner there. Mr. and Mrs. Joness were there also and we had a pleasant time. Drove up to Edmonton to the election of township council - Reeve Thos. Bowles D. Reeves - J. P. Hutton and Henderson Councilor Quin and Lipsett. Rev. James Pearen and his sister Mrs. Beatie took tea at our place and spent the evening

#### January, Tuesday, 3 1871

A cold blustering day, the roads and lanes are fast filling up. Was engaged in picking over potatoes of which one half were rotten Bought a new pair of scales (Fairbank's) \$18.00, they are the smallest size and will weigh 600 lbs.

## Wednesday, 4

Was drawing on the sleigh from the lower bush cordwood for next summers use hauled about 4 cords. Spent the evening pleasantly and profitably at the Annual Meeting of the B.B. Bible Society Rev John Gemley from Toronto gave a very interesting address. Collected one the branch \$145.

# January, Thursday, 5 1871

Was at the same occupation as yesterday. Spent the evening pleasantly at Hope Chapel Social (No 10) realized about \$40, there was a large attendance, suitable readings and short speeches were the order of the evening. M. M. Elliot occupied the chair. Subscribed for the Peel Banner \$1.00 per annum

## Friday, 6

Yesterday and to day was held the Annual meeting of C. P. S. S. Association at Cheltenham. Drove up there this afternoon the convention was largely attended by delegates and visitors from different parts of the county. The public speaking was good. Raised by collections nearly \$50. Took tea at Mr. Crawford's. Arrived home at 1.30-oclock to morrow morning.

## January, Saturday, 7. 1871

The eclipse of the moon last evening was very plain the night being clear and frosty. Was hauling wood again today drew 7 loads (almost 5 cords) Father drove up to John Snell's and sold them a hind quarter of beef weighing 163 lbs @ - 7 cts per lb. Spenig the even'g reading election stories in the "Banner"

## Sunday, 8

Went to S.S. this morning Supt abs. lesson - John III I to 13th Heard Rev A. S. Russel preach at Zion text - I Timothy 7th {illegible} 8th also heard him at Brampton this evening text - Isaiah XXXII Quite a lot of snow from the East and drifing Aunt Catherine is here to night

### January, Monday, 9. 1871

Finished drawing the cordwood from the lower bush have about 17 cords of it. Was hauling black ash and basswood wood rails for the line fence next John Woodhalls farm. Father and mother are spending the evening in Brampton at Mr W. Newhouse's, with John Newhouse and family who are going to move to the Niagara country.

#### Tuesday, 10.

A very stormy day snowing fast from the south. Spent forenoon in driving scholars to day school and in Brampton. Aunt Catherine and mother are going to Toronto tomorrow. Drove up to J. C. Snells this evening and stayed there the evening

## January, Wednesday, 11 1871.

A mild smoky day, snow thawing fast. Received last night a commisson from Capt. J. C. Snell of \$16 to enroll all the militiamen from No10 to 22 across the township. Was enrolling names all day one first and 2nd line and Centre Road. got about 100 names Arrived home after six oclock this evening.

# Thursday, 12

Still thawing very fast. Was at the same occupation as yesterday, travelled the 4th, 5th and 6th lines, west, fed my horse and bought dinner at Norval got home after dark. Aunt Catherine and mother came from Toronto to day they were visiting Dr Fulton J. Learment spent the evening here

### January Friday, 13 1871.

Finished canvassing the west side of township today on which I have about 230 names, the weather is still warm & pleasant. Mr Black from Port Perry spent the evening and staid all night J.C.S and family also were here. Drove to Brampton to night to the weekly singing practice of W. M. choir and enjoyed it well

### Saturday, 14

Commenced operations on the east side of township, canvased the 5th and 6th got home about 4 oclock from thence, It is quite a tedious job, but for the big wages would give it up. It was a very disagreeable day, a fine drizzling rain from the N.E. which froze as it fell. spent the evening reading the weekly news.

### January, Sunday, 15. 1871.

Drove to Brampton this morning with cutter and Rev E. Clement of Streetsville preach anniversary Missionary Sermon - text - Romans 1 - 16th he is an eloquent preacher spent the afternoon at J. C. Snell's in pleasant intercourse with friends Went to Brampton this evening heard Rev John Shaw of Weston text John IV 35 to 38th Rain and sleet all day

### Monday, 16.

Canvassed the 5th and 4th lines enrolled about 70 names. Very stormy and blustering. Drove to Brampton this evening to W.M. Missionary Meeting, a large attendance Rev J. Shaw, Rev

E. Clement and Rev Dr. Evans of Toronto formerly Missionary to the province of British Columbia 9 1/2 years The speaking was very good

#### January, Thursday, 17. 1871.

Finished enrolling the Militia for this company Division about 425 men, it was rather a tedious job. J. C. S. and J. R. Craig drove to Markham this afternoon to George Miller's sale of Shorthorns. Spent the evening at home writing off militia names. It was a sharp freezing day. Took dinner yesterday at Mr Thornton lot 22 3rd line East and today at J.C.S.

#### Wednesday, 18.

Was engaged all day in threshing peas with the flail A great number of rats and mice around the barn and outbuildings. trap a rat nearly every night. Spent the evening at home waiting over in driving twice up to Zion for to hold a missionary meeting but could not find the church key had no meeting

#### January, Thursday, 19 1871.

Drove over with a grist and 30 bush of oats and peas to Norval Mills. waited for the grinding over 3 hours got home at 3.30 o'clock. Drove up to J.C. Snell's with the cutter and spent the evening pleasantly in reading and chat J.C.S is still in Markam at Geo Millers Stock Sale

#### Friday, 20

Drove over to Norval this morning for a load of fence lumber only bought 400 feet it not being properly sized sells it at \$7.50 per thousand feet. Went to Brampton this evening to the Wesleyan choir practice which is lead by Jesse Perry enjoyed the evening well.

#### January, Saturday, 21 1871.

John Learment and I drove our teams to Caledon this morning to buy and haul fence posts bought 100 off Archibald McCannel at \$10.50 per heundred they are good large posts but are a high price, had to drive into the swamp on No 1, pt line west and make our owns roads. Snowing from the east all day and very damp.

### Sunday, 22

Went to S.S. this morning our Supt pres. lesson John III 12 to 21, a very instructive description on the blackboard. Heard Rev A. L. Russel preach in Zion text - Numbers XIV 3rd. Drove to Brampton to night heard Mr James Gooderham preach text Jeremiah XII. latter part 5th The sermon dwelt particularly on death A very cold day

### January, Monday, 23 1871

The coldest day of the season the thermometer 12° below zero a strong N.E. wind. J. Learment and I drove to Caledon for fence posts. Brought home 50 making 100 new cedar posts paid A McConnel \$10.50. Got both my ears frozen and was tired and sleepy when I got home at 4 o clock.

#### Tuesday, 24.

Father drove to Brampton this morning and brought Mrs. J.W. Main and family and Mrs. Trueman to spend the day, Mr. Main came this afternoon. J.C. Snell and family were here this evening had a pleasant evening. Drove the Brampton visitors home about 9 o clock. Considerably milder than yesterday.

### January, Wednesday, 25 1871

The weather is still very cold the mercury 2° or 3° below zero, all day. The extreme cold is prevalent all over the country, 40° below zero at Quebec, the best coal oil freezes. Was threshing peas with the flail. Drove Mrs. J.C.S. home this evening, was helping J.C.S copy the militia names, there are 436 names on the roll. Got home at 11.30 o clock.

#### Thursday, 26.

Was at the same occupation as yesterday this cold weather suiting the job very well, have about 3/4 of them threshed. Drove sister Lavina down to Brampton Grammar School where she has been going since the first of January 1871. Spent the evening reading The Weekly Globe

### January, Friday, 27 1871.

Drove the team over to Ashgrove this morning for a load of shingles for Ambrose Woodhall brought 12 1/2 squares. Took dinner at Ashgrove hotel it was provided by Mr. W, Mr J, Heath and W. Wiggins were also at the bee Spent the evening at the W.M Choir Practice. It was quite mild.

#### Saturday, 28

Was engaged in fanning peas and storing them away in the driving house, put-away about 40 bush. Was threshing peas with the flail this afternoon. Snowing lightly from the East all day. Spent the evening at home reading the New York Weekly.

### January, Sunday, 29 1871

Went to S. School this morning Supt pres lesson 1 Kings XVII 8 to 16th verses, Elijah and the widow of Zarephath was described on the blackboard. Went to Brampton this evening and heard Rev Mr Carson from Streetsville preach. text - Zechariah-III 1st 5 verses is a good preacher, imitates Rev Morley Punshon in style of delivery.

### Monday, 30

Was engaged this forenoon in putting the remains of the straw stack into the barn, for to keep dry bedding the stock. Was threshing peas this afternoon with the flail. Had a severe tooth ache this evening. J.C Snell called here this evening, they have sold a Short-horn heifer at \$600

#### January, TUESDAY, 31. 1871.

Raining very fast nearly all day, snow fast disappearing. Drove to Brampton this morning with 21 bush of barley, received 55 cents per bush. Spent the evening very pleasantly with the W.M. Choir at a teameeting at Norval, had a good sleigh ride, 12 being in one sleigh, had two upsets but no one seriously hurt, got home at 1.30 oclock

## February, WEDNESDAY, 1. 1871

Finished the pea threshing yesterday Was hauling firewood from the "other place" bush. Had a visit from J. Tribble of Amaranth stayed last night here started home today. Have had a

pretty severe winter thus far but good steady sleighing, was mild and cloudy today. Spent the evening in making up farm accounts.

### February, THURSDAY, 2. 1871

Drove to Brampton this morning and had a double tooth pulled by W.K. Graham - Dentist - It was a very painful operation, being but slightly diseased it required considerable strength to extract it. Father and mother drove to Toronto Township this afternoon to visit Alick Campbell. It was a blustering day.

#### FRIDAY, 3.

Quite a cold day. Was engaged in hauling cord wood and white oak stakes from the other place bush. Our folks came home from Alicks, they are all well he has a large school at Matton, he received from the scholars he has left a very nice mahogany writing desk worth \$11.50. Spent the evening at Practice in Brampton pleasantly.

### February, SATURDAY, 4 1871.

Finished cleaning up the peas have about 75 bush stored away. Spent the remainder of the day in picking over the potatoe they are fully one fourth rotten. Father went to Official Quarterly Meeting at 2 P.M. and paid \$3.50 quarterage. A pretty cold day the thermometer sank nearly to zero. Sarah Peacock is spending a day or two here.

### SUNDAY, 5

A very cold morning, thermometer 15 (degrees) below zero but very clear and fine. Went to Brampton to the Quarterly Meeting. Rev Mr Mcfadden preached text - Psalm LXXXVII 3rd Old Mr. Holtby was present who has been preaching 48 years, & Took dinner at Mrs. Truemans {illegible figure} heard the same minister this evening text - Galatians - VI, 14th

### February, MONDAY, 6 1871.

The weather has moderated some but is still below zero. Went to Brampton to Dentist's and got 6 teeth filled which were slightly decayed 2 front ones with gold costing \$1.50 each the rest with silver " {costing} \$0.75 " {each} total \$6.00 paid \$5 on the bill . Edwin Dixon is here from Amaranth overnight J Learment was in and spent the evening in chat.

# TUESDAY, 7

Spent the day in preparing for clover threshing. Renewed the insurance on the house and farm buildings in the Mutual Association of Middlesex, to the amount of \$2000, fees \$15.25 to be paid next winter. Aunt Mary and I spent the evening at J.C. Snells in reading and chat.

# February, WEDNESDAY, 8. 1871.

Commenced threshing clover this morning with Smith and Hunter's machine. The seed comes very slowly from the mill, only getting about 5 1/2 bush. Today have nearly 2 bush of Alsike. Weather very mild thawing fast.

### THURSDAY, 9.

Was at the same work as yesterday, about 5 bush to day. Did not thresh all the clover, it turns out so poorly, it would not pay. Paid the threshers \$12 & Anderson Campbell \$1.00 for 2 dys work also, R. Crawford same for 2 dys. Mrs. Guy Bell spent the day here and Mr. Bell was here this evening.

## February, FRIDAY, 10. 1871

Drove Aunt Mary and Sarah Peacock to Brampton Station this morning. they are going to Toronto Sarah is hired at Dr. Fulton's. Was paring and applying a preparation of bluestone and verdigris to sheep's feet for to cure the disease "Hoofrot" which is very troublesome.

# SATURDAY, 11

Was helping with team J.Learment to thresh clover seed which yielded about the same as ours. The Communion Baptists of Edmonton had a successful teaparty last night realized nearly \$40. J.C. Snell and wife were hear this evening on their way home from Brampton.

## February, SUNDAY, 12 1871.

Drove the sleigh to S. School this morning, Supt present lesson - I Kings XVII 17 to 24 was well described on blackboard Viney and I drove over to Guy Bell's this afternoon, had a pleasant time chatting about old times. they are comfortably situated. Heard Rev. W. L. McFadden preach in Brampton tonight

### MONDAY 13

Drove sister Viney to Brampton G. School this morning. Got the Country Gentleman for last week, it is an excellent paper. Was fanning and sifting the Alsike clover seed, have about 1 bush 3 pecks There fell about six inches of snow yesterday.

## February, TUESDAY, 14 1871.

Drove to Stewarts sawmill. Esquesing and brought for A. Woodhall 950 ft of green lumber. Sold 1 1/2 bush Alsike @ \$6.00 per bush. Went to Mt. Pleasant this evening with the B.W. Choir had a pleasant time. Able addresses were given by Revs. Pringle, Fletcher, Breckinridge and J. R. Burnett jun. Realized \$63. Got home at 11.30 oclock.

# WEDNESDAY, 15

Was engaged today in hauling manure from J. W. Mains horse stable Brampton, drew 4 large loads, it is splendid manure being well rotted, mixed with shavings instead of straw. Spent evening making out lumber bill for board fencing and addition to sheep pen, nearly 4000 feet lumber. Thawing today

## February, THURSDAY, 16. 1871

Was hauling rails from the other place bush and repairing fences, have the bush cleared of cord wood and rails once more. Mr and Mrs Joseph Pearen Mrs. Trueman and Feathstone and old Mrs. T Modeland were here visiting today. Received a note of invitation to a party from Dawson Modeland.

## FRIDAY, 17.

Received from Mr. Robert Smith \$7.00 for service of "Clifton" and our ram. Was helping John Campbell to saw wood with the circular belongs to Guy Bell. Our folks spent the day at J.C.S brought home as present a barrel of good apples. Spent the evening very pleasantly at D. Modeland's birthday party of, paid \$1 to the young folks McKenzie {illegible}

# February, SATURDAY, 18. 1871

Very stormy day, had quite a quantity of wet snow last night from the east. Got home last night about 11.30 o'clock. there were over 12 girls present but only 4 boys. Took tea with A. Joness

and wife and spent evening at their place, Mr. A is very sick with the cold. Aunt Mary came from Toronto to night.

### SUNDAY, 19.

Went to S.School this morning Supt pres - lesson - John IV - 16 to 30 Heard Rev Mr. Montgomery from Yonge street South Circuit text Zechariah - - He is a clever young preacher, Heard him again in Brampton tonight text - Timothy I - IV - 8th verse. J.C. Snell and family were here all afternoon and evening.

#### February, MONDAY, 20 1871

Drove over to Esquesing this morning to buy shingles visited 4 shingle factories but could not get any. There is such a demand for them that they keep no stock on hand. Brought home from Stuarts Mill 200 feet of culled lumber costing .60 cts. Left a lumber bill at R. Nobles Norval consisting of - at \$8 per thousand.

45 boards	10 inch wide	14 ft long
45 "	8 " "	14
90 "	6 " "	14
30 "	5 " "	16
3 "	3x5 " "	16
18 "	3x5 " "	11

# TUESDAY, 21

250 ft 2 inch plank 14 ft long. A bright stormy day. Father and mother went to the christening of J.C.S. two children by Rev McFadden.

# FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY 22 1871

Our folks and Mrs G. Woodhall spent the day visiting at Mr Matthew Pearen's on 6 line east. Was at home all day alone making the day very long. Made a wood box for the kitchen. Spent the evening at Baptist Social for the sabbath school held in Siloan chapael Brampton, able speeches by Messrs Beynon, Smith, Herridge and Brooks - Realized \$20.

## THURSDAY, 23

Drove to Caledon this morning for a load of cedar fence stakes brought 164 home. Bought them from A. McColl of sligo 7 ft long to be used with wire, at the rate of \$17 per thousand.

## February, FRIDAY, 24. 1871.

Warm day with a strong S.W. wind and thawing very fast. Went to Brampton this afternoon and settled W.R. Grahams acc. paid him \$1.00. Sister Viney and I drove over to Mt Olivet to night to a social given for benefit of the choir. Speeches by Russel, Oakley and Lent. Realized \$27.

### Saturday, 25

Was sawing wood with Guy Bell's circular saw, cut about 22 cords of wood, and got through shortly after 3 o'c it is pretty hard work handling the wood. Drew the horse power over to Mr Bells this evening. Paid him \$3.50 for the day's sawing.

### February, SUNDAY, 26. 1871.

Drove Aunty Peacock over to the 3rd line East to Isaac Modeland's this morning. to see her daughter Matilda who is living over there. Took dinner there and spent part of afternoon. Took tea at J. C. Snell's, he is just home from a trip in the west of Ontario. Heard Rev A L. Russel preach in Brampton tonight text - Numbers XIV - 5th.

### MONDAY, 27

Had another snowfall yesterday of 2 or 3 inches which has resusitated the sleighing. Drove to Brampton this morning with 5 bush of red clover seeds sold to K. Chisholm @ \$5 per bush. Bought of that firm one ton of white plaster for manuring at \$4 per ton. Spent the evening at home playing the melodeon.

## February, TUESDAY, 28. 1871.

Was picking over our store of winter apples have nearly 2 1/2 barrels. J. C. Snell and wife were here for dinner. Drove to Brampton this afternoon to the mass meeting of the Reformers of Peel to select a candidate for the coming election for Ontario Parliament stirring speeches were made by the leading men of the party and

## March, WEDNESDAY, 1

The greatest enthusiasm prevailed throughout the large audience. Mr Thomas Bowles was selected candidate to oppose J. Coyne. M.P.P. Drove to Brampton this morning and mailed a letter to Uncle John in Missouri. The weather mild strong westerly winds, very little snow, the fields are nearly bare. The stock are in good condition and thriving well.

# March THURSDAY, 2 1871

Drove to Norval Mills this morning with 10 bush wheat and 10 of peas and oats for chopping. Waited for the grinding and got home aft 3 PM. Father and mother drove to Isaac Modeland's, visiting and brought home Aunt Mary. Warm showers prevailed, cutting away the snow very fast. Spent evening at J. C. Snells chatting.

## FRIDAY, 3

Was engaged in splitting wood storing it away in wood shed. for next season's use. Very stormy morning, raining and snowing from the East. R. Crawford and I drove up to J. C. Snell's to a small party of young folks, composed entirely of John Snell's family, evening passed pleasantly with quintettes and steeple chase. Got home at 12 oclock midnight.

### March, SATURDAY, 4. 1871.

Drove to Caledon for stakes. the sleighing being so nearly done could only bring 88 stakes only half a load. The cedar swamps are full of water and nearly impassable. Arrived home about 2.30 PM. Parents drove upt to J.C.S for tea. Mr & Mrs H Joness and Miss Rose her sister were here today for dinner. Beautiful moonlight night.

## SUNDAY, 5.

Drove in the cutter to S.S. this morning. Supt pres. lesson. Luke IV 16 to 30th Drove the buggy to Zion this afternoon as the snow is nearly gone, heard Rev W.L. McFadden preach text Job XXXI 14th. Walked to Brampton this evening, heard the same sermon from same preach. It was quite a warm day.

### March, MONDAY, 6 1871

Was engaged nearly all day in splitting and piling firewood. Father drove to Matthew Cations 1st line west for a beehive containing a swarm of bees (was paid for a year ago). Drove up to Mr John Snell's this evening for mother where she was visiting. It is a very clear night almost as light as day. Freezing pretty keen.

# TUESDAY, 7

Was cutting and hauling from the other place bush {plates} 2 and 2 beams for a new shed outside the sheeppen. Also making some basswood spiles for tapping and directing the maple sap into troughs. Father was sworn in today at Edmonton as fence viewer J.C. Snell was here this evening all the talk is about coming Election and Berkshires.

## March, WEDNESDAY, 8 1871

Commenced operations in the lower bush for sugar making, tapped 40 trees. the sap runs pretty freely. Hauled the furnace kettles and all necessary articles down to creek with team, carried the things across walking on the old ice which is heaved up and will not bear a team. Spent evening at E. Buntings.

## THURSDAY, 9

Was at the same business as yesterday, tapped 10 more trees making 50 all together, boiled down 15 pails of sap to 1/2 pail. The weather is very warm, thawing very fast. the roads are fearful muddy. The Etobicoke has over flowed its banks, completely inundating the flats. John Thistle merchant Brampton shot himself yesterday.

# March, FRIDAY, 10 1871

Was splitting stove wood this forenoon. Went to sugar bush at noon but the sap is not running because of warm weather and no frost. Spent the evening at the Reunion concert held in Haggert Bros large new building in the fourth story the machinery was all in motion and a steam elevator for carrying the

# SATURDAY, 11

People up the whole brilliantly illuminated. The professional singers 3 ladies 2 gentlemen were from Hamilton & Toronto. They sung very well. A drizzling rain all day making the roads very muddy, commenced snowing this evening. Was splitting wood. Gathered some more sap making in all 25 pails.

## March SUNDAY, 12 1871

There fell 5 or 6 inches of snow last night and is storming some yet this morning. Spent the day at home reading and playing the melodeon. Rode horse back to Brampton tonight, heard Rev Mr McFadden preach text Hebrews II: 3rd verse "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation".

## MONDAY,13

Could not do anything at the sap business not suitable weather. Drove the waggon down to Mr J. Neelands tonight to a surprise party. Took 15 in my load there were two other waggon loads. the roads were fearful muddy. Presented Miss Neelands with silver Tea sett worth \$50 for being organist.

## March, TUESDAY, 14 1871

Got home this morning at 3:30 AM from party. Collected 25 pails of sap today. Spent afternoon at Brampton at nomination of the two candidates - Coyne - Bowles - for Local Legislation. There was a great crowd. Mr. Bowles made decidedly better speech than Coyne and we are confident of his election.

# WEDNESDAY, 15

Was in the sugar bush all day boiled down about 24 pails of sap. Had a lunch at noon in the bush and drank syrup. Brought home at night 3 pails of thin molasses and boiled on the stove to 3 or 4 gals of maple molasses. Rained pretty steadily all day from the East making it diagreeable in bush.

# March THURSDAY, 16 1871

Raining and misty, freezing as it falls, all the trees are loaded down with ice 3 inch thick, some large branches broken off the willows and poplars. Spent the afternoon in Brampton, discussing politics, etc, bo't to days Globe also the Christian Guardian by mail from Toronto.

### FRIDAY, 17

Was very sick last night with a cold. Had a severe headache this morning and was not able to do much. Went to E. Bunting's clover threshing this afternoon where Fred House's "Prairie Flower" is doing good work seed not turning out well.

## March, SATURDAY, 18 1871

Was at the same occupation as yesterday also with our team again, finished about 3 o'clock. The roads are now almost impassable the mud being nearly knee deep. The Orangeville stage stuck fast just below our place. the passangers had to get out and foot it through the mud and water.

## SUNDAY, 19

Went to S.S this morning on foot. Supt abs lesson - Matt V - 1 to 12. Heard Rev. A.L. Russel preach - text - Psalms - XCVII - 1st very few out at church because of very bad roads. Walked to Brampton to night, heard the same preacher and same sermon. Read a library book - "The OTooles of Glen Imaal."

### March MONDAY, 20 1871

Was engaged in boiling sap in the bush boiled about 24 pails which made about 2 gallons of molasses. Miss Elizabeth Clow and Miss D. Hemphill were here visiting. Samy Bunting was

here in the evening. Had our first lamb last Wedensday are steadily increasing 8 living 2 dead.

## TUESDAY, 21

The contest between Coyne and Bowles for election to a seat in the Ontario Legislature has taken place today, resulted in the defeat of the latter by a majority of 65 votes. The excitement has been intense and both sides have exerted themselves to their utmost but the Tory party won by bribery and corruption.

### March WEDNESDAY, 22 1871

Boiled 22 pails of sap again today intend to make sugar of it. The Globe has a long discreption of the wedding of Princess Louisa daughter of Queen Victoria to the Marquis of Lorne a Scotch nobleman. Walked up to J.C.S. this evening taking a present of 1/2 gal maple molasses. Was reading "National Stock Journal."

## THURSDAY, 23

Came home this morning from J.C.S. There has fallen a few inches of snow and has snowed nearly all day. Bought at Brampton bushel of Timothy @ \$5.50 per bush. Sowed 1/2 of it together with 95 lbs of red clover 3 1/2 Alsike on 10 acres of fall wheat this afternoon. Had 2 young calves last night the first this year.

#### March, FRIDAY, 24 1871

Was splitting and piling firewood. It freezes, very hard at night, it is too cold for the sap to run freely only gathered 10 pails of it today. Drove the buggy down to Brampton tonight to the W. Choir practice. There was a full attendance. Robert went up to John Snell's this evening on business.

## SATURDAY, 25

Was at the same occupation as yesterday have the wood more than half split. Gathered 12 pails of sap. The census taker called here yesterday and left a schedule to be filled out with full particulars about farm and family. A bright clear day.

## March, SUNDAY, 26 1871

Was at S.S. this morning. Supt abs. Mr J. R. Craig addressed the school in the lesson. I Kings XVIII 41 to 46. Walked to Brampton this evening with sister Lavina and heard Rev A Russel preach text - Isaiah - XL, 1st 2nd verses. Aunt Lizzie Ferguson's children have been spending 2 days here. Snowing tonight from East.

## MONDAY, 27

Drove sister Viney to school in Brampton in the cutter there being 6 or 8 inches of fresh snow. Bought of K.C. & Co. 2 bush crown peas @ \$1.10 per bush J.C. Snell was here tonight and filled out a blank form of farm lease between father and I, so that I can have a vote at next election.

## March TUESDAY, 28 1871

Mr. Wm Black from Port Perry was here all last night. Had a litter of Berkshire from the old sow 9 in number 6 are living and doing well. Spent the day in the bush boiling sap. boiled 30 pails. The sap ran from the trees very fast. Bright days and frosty nights.

### WEDNESDAY, 29

Was busy all day boiling. down 30 pails of sap in the "lower bush". Father rode horseback to J.C. Snell to see little Mary, she has the scarlet fever, not a serious attack. It was a warm day and windy all the snow of the last storm has disappeared.

## March, THURSDAY, 30 1871

It takes a pretty large share of the time to attend to the stock at this season of the year, especially the sheep, have had 18 young lambs of which 5 are dead. Was splitting firewood and gathered 17 pails of sap. Received a letter from Uncle J. Ferguson. They are well and busy at spring seeding.

### FRIDAY, 31

Was boiling sap again all day in the bush reduced 22 pails to one pail. Walked to Brampton this evening was barbered at J. E. Woods, also was at Choir practice. Received a letter from Uncle Adam, they are doing well. Willy Mason is quite low with consumption.

## April, SATURDAY, 1 1871

Soft drizzling snow squalls from the S.E. which melted as fast as it fell. The snow is all gone excepting a few solid snow blanks next the fences the frost is out of the ground Was splitting and piling firewood all day. Robert Crawford commenced work to day for 7 or 8 months @ \$12 per month. Have 14 lambs and 1 young calf.

## SUNDAY, 2

Walked up to S.S this morning. The roads are exceedingly bad just now - Supt pres. Lesson Matt V - 13 to 20 nicely illustrated on blackboard. Mr James Crawford spent the day here Went to Brampton this evening heard Rev Mr McFadden preach text John XVII 33rd verse. A drizzling rain set in from the south.

#### April, MONDAY, 3 1871

Was boiling in the bush this forenoon but commenced raining at noon and had showers all afternoon. Was docking the sheep and year old lambs also docked the tails of twelve young lambs. Spent the evening at home reading the February number of "Ladies" Repository.

## TUESDAY, 4

Boiled down 28 pails sap. Father went to Old John Elliots funeral, he died on Saturday in Brampton aged 76 years. He was one of the oldest settlers being 54 years since he left England. A strong west wind ground drying up fast. Had a calf from Betty.

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## April, WEDNESDAY, 5 1871

Was engaged in pulling down 60 rods of fences and burning up the rotten and broken rails reserving all the sound ones for rebuilding the fence. The women folks are busy house cleaning and white washing. Mr. James Crawford spent the evening here. A bright warm day.

# THURSDAY, 6

Was rebuilding the fence we tore down yesterday. Drew with horses and waggon the ceder stakes for it. Gathered 12 pails of sap last night and 14 tonight making 26 pails on hand, it ran from the trees pretty fast this week on account of hard frosts at night.

# April, FRIDAY, 7 1871

Commenced plowing sod today it is pretty wet on the lowest ground and some frost here and there but the greater part plows very well. "Robert" boiled 30 pails of sap being the last boil of the season. Spent evening at Choir practice, the stores were all closed to day in Brampton. It was very warm the thermometer nearly 75° in the shade.

# SATURDAY, 8

Was sowing plaster on the meado{w} this forenoon. Brought up all the sugar kettles and barrels from the bush the season is over. Went to Brampton this afternoon got measured for a suit of grey tweed, had a chat with Alick. The weather is very warm the grass and fall wheat are getting quite green.

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### April, SUNDAY, 9 1871

Walked up to S. School this mornin the roads are quite dry and dusty. Supt abs. Lesson I Kings XIX 1 to 7 verse. Father and mother are up at J.C. Snells. Their children are quite bad with scarlet fever. Heard Rev W McFadden preach at Brampton tonight text Matt XXVIII, descriptive of our Lord's resurrection.

## MONDAY, 10

Finished sowing the plaster on the meadows and pastures. Was plowing until 4 o'clock, when rain set in from the N.E, is raining heavily all night is a very cold rain. Plucked a full blown wild flower in the woods last Saturday, also killed a mosquito the same evening.

# April, TUESDAY, 11 1871

The heavy rains last night and this morning have re-commenced the Mud! reign. Drove to Brampton this morning and waited until 2 PM, getting my long boots half soled at J. Coyne's. Bought a cane seated stool for the melodeon. Was reading some interesting letters in the Globe from Rev. W.M. Punshon who is travelling on the Union Pacific "R.R." to California and British Columbia.

# WEDNESDAY, 12

Was plowing this forenoon but gave up, it being too wet. Was repairing fence and choring around generally. Lavina had a small party of four young Ladies schoolmates and treated them with maple taffy.

# April, TUESDAY, 13 1871

Was engaged in paring the sheep's feet and putting on Clerestone and verdigris went over the whole flock nearly every sheep is troubled with the disease more or less. Plowed half an acre of sod this afternoon. Had some showers from the West mixed with snow. Just one year since Uncle William was buried.

### FRIDAY, 14

Plowed over an acre of clover sod. Received a copy of Chicago Weekly Tribune from Uncle Adam. it contains a great deal of matter being very fine print. Spent the evening at Choir Practice. Had to pick out new cloth for my suit the first peice being all sold. The weather is cool and dry pretty hard frosts.

### April, SATURDAY, 15 1871

Drove the team to Brampton early this morning and bought home from Haggert Bros a new roller with a cast iron spring seat fastened on the back part of the frame it is very convenient price of roller \$34. Had dealings with J. Learment trading even a ewe and twin lambs for 2 of his store pigs 7 months old.

## SUNDAY, 16

Went to S. School this morning. Supt pres, - lesson - Matt VI, 1-15. Each teacher received a present of 7 different kinds of flower from Mr. Millard. Rev Mr. Russel took tea here tonight young, Eli Crawford was with him. Heard him preach in Brampton tonight text Job XXIX and 6th verse.

## April, MONDAY, 17 1871

Was picking stones off the meadow throwing them into the waggon and hauling them off with 2 yr old colt "Charley." Was rolling the meadow with the new roller. Finished plowing the little orchard hawing round the rows of trees with one horse. Spent the evening at home reading.

## TUESDAY, 18

Was at pretty much the same work as yesterday. Rev W. McFadden was here for dinner to day. Sold the cow "Bob Tail" to old Mr Williams Butcher @ \$30 including her calf 4 weeks old. Had another calf today from 3 yr old red heifer. The weather has been cool and is raining from the E. tonight.

## April, WEDNESDAY, 19 1871

Yesterday was my twentieth birthday. Commenced our spring seeding by sowing oats on fresh plowed sod. came on a heavy east rain with thunder and lightening at noon putting a damper on the sowing for the present. Spent the evening in reading the Fifth School Reader which contains some interesting matter.

# THURSDAY, 20

Was shoveling drains letting the water of the plowed fields. Was hauling black muck from the bush for the flower beds in the front yard, planted 5 young maples and one beech in the front lane in place of ones that have died. Was reading the "Peel Banner".

## April, FRIDAY, 21 1871

Finished sowing oats and harrowing them in. The weather is very dull and cloudy, the ground drys very slowly, it being in a very soft state. Walked to Brampton this evening to the Choir Practice.

# SATURDAY, 22

Was trying to plow sod at the other place but had to give it up on account of the wet. Went to Brampt received my new suit of dark tweed coat and lighter pants and vest \$20 a new {illegible}y hat \$1.30 and other articles 30 cents lce frozen at night 1/4 inch thick.

# April, SUNDAY, 23 1871

Went to S. School this morning. Supt abs - lesson - 1 kings XIX 11 to 13. J.C. Snell and family spent the day here. J.C.S, Viney and I, drove down to Harry Joness's and staid an hour or so. Heard Rev. A Russel preach in Brampton tonight text - I Thessalonians V - Pray without ceasing". A cold chilly day.

## MONDAY 24

Commenced plowing sod today at the other place it has dried very fast since last Saturday, is now in good order. Was served with a notice by the constable to attend the Court of Revision tomorrow week to answer for the Farm Lease got up for voting. Sold 2 cows.

# April, TUESDAY, 25 1871

Was at the same work as yesterday. Sowed an acre of early peas yesterday (the little orchard). The second team was rolling the oat field 1 acres, Planted 3 or 4 apple trees and a rose bush from Leslie Nursery Toronto also some cherry trees a present from J Learment. Spent evening at J.C. Snell's in reading and chat.

## WEDNESDAY 26

Was plowing half the forenoon. Then went to Brampton to the Spring show of the C.P.A. Society. There was quite a crowd of people, it being a very fine day. a large show of good bulls, took "Clifton" down got no prize. He weighs 1970 lbs, there was also a good show of Stallions. Paid Haggerts note of \$16. Receive from father a deed for the 25 acres.

# April, THURSDAY, 27 1871

Rained quite heavily nearly all day from East giving the ground a regular soaking, Was carrying potatoes over from the house cellar to the driving house, have 16 bags "Garnet Chili"

and 5 bags "Early Whites" a few of which are rotten. Paid A. M Caul Caledon for 250 stakes we drew last winter \$4.25.

#### FRIDAY, 28

Father sold in Brampton 2 bags "Early Whites" and bought 1 bag "Gleasons" @ 90 cts per bag also bought peck "Early Rose" @ 50 cts per bag. Was puling down old fences to be put in an improved state. Spent evening at Choir Practice. The weather is cold and windy.

### April, SATURDAY, 29 1871

Was building fence on the North side of the lane this forenoon the old fence was pretty well used up, partly built over 60 rods. Spent the afternoon at Ambrose Woodhall's bee for raising a new barn 280 x 34. it was hard work and very exciting, Slight westerly showers prevailed.

#### SUNDAY, 30

Went to S. School this morning. Supt pres. although he had to drive 78 miles before school time lesson - Matt VI -19-34. Heard Rev. W. McFadden preach at Zion this afternoon text - Prov - VI, 6th verse, received from the minister the Quarterly tickets for May. Walked to Brampton church to night and heard the same sermon.

#### May, MONDAY, 1 1871

Was plowing sod all day at the other place. Fixed up the swin gate at noon across the creek between E. Bunting and us. Commenced sowing barley this afternoon cultivating with the other team. The weather was pretty warm, the grass is growing very fast, 3 inch high, very good sheep pasture.

#### TUESDAY, 2

Finished cultivating and harrowing 11 acres of barley in front of house done my first sowing grain with two hands, The Court of Revision took place today at Edmonton, quite a crowd of people present, father went up but my lease was not called on, it passed off favourably to the Reform party. Had a ewe lamb from the largest ewe in the flock.

# May, WEDNESDAY, 3 1871

Was plowing the head ridges and water furrowing the field of barley, also sowed clover seed 10 lbs and Timothy 3 lbs to acre on it. Plowed 1/2 an acre of sod this afternoon. Planted some Early Gooderich and Early White potatoes in the gardens. spent evening reading S. School Library books.

# THURSDAY, 4

A heavy East storm prevailed throughout the day with a high wind, putting a block to seeding operations for a day or two. Was dressing the sheep's feet, it is a troublesome disease, it is affecting the young lambs. Fanned 60 bush fall wheat it being now ready for market. The storm has abated this evening.

## May, FRIDAY, 5 1871

Was engaged in shovelling drains and letting water off the barley field. Was digging post holes and setting posts for a board fence on the N.E. side of the barnyard from hogpen around to the corner of lane to the creek. Spent the evening at Practice, learning on of Handel's chouruses, it is very difficult.

# SATURDAY, 6

Rode to Brampton for medicine and a bottle of Cooksville wine for father who is very sick on kind of billious attack. Was at pretty much the same work as yesterday, finished up some fencing and sowing clover seed. The weather has cleared up fine once more.

## May, SUNDAY, 7 1871

Went to S. School this morning. Supt, abs lesson - 1 Kings XXII - 1 to 37. Took dinner at J.C. Snell's and spent part of the afternoon there. Heard Rev A. Russel preach in Brampton tonight - text - Mark VI 14th verse. Had shower of hail today.

## MONDAY, 8

E. Bunting was helping me to plow sod with his team and plow all day, turned over rather more than 2 acres, the ground is very soft. A cold north wind all day, Froze ice on the water trough last night.

# May, TUESDAY, 9 1871

Was at the same work as yesterday plowed 1 1/4 acres. Erastus Bunting is plowing for J. Learment today, being through seeding, he is helping his neighbours. Robert was digging post holes for board fence from the road down behind the barn. Spent the evening redading April Ladies Repository.

# WEDNESDAY, 10

Finished plowing the sod for the peas. Sowed 8 acres of peas with 18 bush of our old seed and 2 bush of crown peas. Gave it 2 strokes with the {illegible because of ink stain}ow. Spent the evening {ink blot} practice in Brampton. Practising Hallielujah Choruses with the help of part of P.M Choir.

## May, THURSDAY,11 1871

Was rolling the barley field, it has got very hard and solid with last week's heavy rains. The weather is fine and dry all week getting a little warmer every day. Mr Frank Wolfe died very suddenly in Chicago this morning of appoplexy.

## FRIDAY, 12

Finished harrowing and rolling the pea field 8 acres "other place" it looks well after being finished. Was engaged this afternoon in washing our sheep, 37 in number, in the Etobicoke. The water was {warm}. The weather clear and warm. Spent the evening at Practice.

# May, SATURDAY, 13 1871

Drove to Norval Mills this morning with 10 bush of wheat for a grist, sold 50 lbs to Arche Bunting @ \$1.62 1/2. A new Telegraph Co (Dominion) are putting up their line of posts from Brampton to Georgetown via No 10 side road. J.C. Snell and family were here for dinner to day. tomorrow their 3rd wedding anniversary.

### SUNDAY, 14

Went to the Fourth Quarterly Meeting for the year in Brampton. Rev Dr Wood of Toronto preached text - I John III - 8th verse, a very instructive discourse. Took dinner at Mrs

Trueman's. Heard Rev. Mr. Healey preach tonight - text - I Corinthians - XIII - 13th verse. A fine day but very cool.

#### May, MONDAY, 15 1871

Drove the team to Norval for a load of fence lumber, brought nearly a thousand feet, it is a pretty fair quality of lumber, is green and heavy being fresh from the saw. Was cross plowing the plot of ground on the N. side of little orchard for potatoes.

## TUESDAY, 16

Went to Norval again this morning, brought a larger load than yesterday, had to make two trips up the Credit hill with it. Commenced shearing sheep this afternoon, sheared 9 which averaged about 8 1/2 lbs each. Had a slight westerly shower. Turned the cows on grass for the 1st. also Clifton and the calves.

## May, WEDNESDAY, 17 1871

Finished shearing sheep to day, 36 in number is the flock this season. Shearing is rather nice work, but very tiresome on the back. Spent the evening at the Choir Practice in the W.M. church, had a full attendance. The weather is quite cool and white frosts at night.

### THURSDAY, 18

Drove to Norval again today. brought home a load of fence lumber about 900 feet, which the fill of fence stuff. Bought a new Dung fork price . Spent the evening reading "Charles Dicken's" Nicholas Nickleby. Turned the cattle out to grass on the 16th inst for the first.

### May, FRIDAY, 19 1871

Was drilling up the ground for potatoes and hauling manure for filling up the drills. Was fixing the line fence across the creek next to Wiggins'. Spent the evening at Robert Lowes's residence, was led by Miss B Lowes on the pianoforte.

### SATURDAY, 20

Was planting potatoes finish at noon, planted 5 kinds Early Rose and Gooderich, Garnet Chili, Gleason and Early White in all 1/2 an acre. Spent the afternoon at Benjamin Metsons Raising

of a cow house, had a pleasant time and a good game of ball. Spent the evening reading Nicholas Nickleby.

### May, SUNDAY, 21 1871

Drove Aunt Mary and Viney up to J.C. Snell's this morning. Dawson Modeland drove up there to from Brampton. took dinner and tea there. Yesterday and today were very warm 87° in the shade. Heard Rev A. L. Russel preach at Brampton to night - text - Psalms CXXII "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem."

### MONDAY, 22

Went to Norval and brought home the last of the lumber bill also 4 scantlings 3X4 and 2 do 4X4, which were not included in the bill, it is a very fair quality of lumber all through. Was at Brampton this evening bought box of paper collars, 20 cts, and got my hair barbered.

## May, TUESDAY, 23 1871

Was engaged all day in settin fence posts for a new board fence, the ground is so dry that it is almost impossible to get the posts solid. Drove to Brampton tonight to the Concert practice in the Court house, had a full attendance of all the member. Had a strong horse colt from "Old Fan."

### WEDNESDAY, 24

Was working all forenoon at the board fence. Went to Brampton this afternoon and saw a lively game of Lacrosse between two Toronto clubs "Ontario" and "Tellago" the former were victors. Sang in the choir at the Grand Concert in the Court house. very large crowd. Had several solo singers and a

#### May, THURSDAY, 25 1871

Mr Boscovits Pianist to King of Portugal. he is a splendid performer. Realized after paying expenses \$75. Was hauling manure on turnip ground 22 loads. J.C Snell left by 9 oclock train via Toronto and Quebec for Great Britain. Brought home a young Berkshire from J. Snells of our litter the rest being sold 5 for \$10 each. A thunder shower the first rain for 3 weeks.

## FRIDAY, 26

Drove the horses and waggon up to J.C. Snells this morning and brought the Jane and the two children with a load of necessary articles down to our place where she is going to reside until J.C.S. return. Was cross plowing the turnip ground and finished up the new board fence beyond the calf pasture.

## May, SATURDAY, 27 1871

Mr. William Broddy called and left 2 subpoenas to attend Revision Count before judge Scott, 31st inst. also \$1.10 each for expenses. Had the buggy repaired at Edmonton, all the tires se{?}t and a new shaft charges - to come in Credit Bill. Christopher Fox is here all night.

### SUNDAY, 28

Drove up to S. School this morning Supt pres - lesson Matt VII 13th to 24th. Mr George Graham preach at Zion this afternoon. Heard Rev W. McFadden preach to night in Brampton - text Romans VI - 22nd. A very warm day 88° in the shade. C. Fox left here to night.

### May, MONDAY, 29 1871

Was engaged in pulling by hand the cockle and redroot out of the fall wheat, there was not a great deal of it. The wheat looks very well on the average and is just ready to come out in head. Finished plowing and cultivating the turnip ground.

## TUESDAY, 30

Commenced hauling manure on the fallow drew 13 loads. it is a long distance to haul it to the backside of the farm, so that it will be slow work. Was over at Guy Bell's this evening, they are getting along nicely. It is swelting hot weather the thermometer over 90° deg.

## May, WEDNESDAY, 31 1871

Went to Brampton this morning to the Court of Revision it being an appeal from the decision Court of Revis. at Edmonton. There are over seventy to be tried nearly all Reformers only 7 cases tried today all successful but one. There were two lawyers from Toronto and with Mr. Fleming took charge of affairs.

# June, THURSDAY, 1 1871

Was hauling manure on the fallow with 2 waggons and one team drew 18 loads. There were 12 cases tried in Brampton to day the reformers loosing about half. Sold a fat ewe to Crawforth for \$40. Took a 2 year old colt into pasture for summer belonging to J.W. Main

## June, FRIDAY 2 1871

Received the sad intelligence yesterday through the "Banner" of Willy Mason's death in Missouri on the 24th of May aged 19 yrs died of consumption. Was at the same work as yesterday hauling 20 loads. Spent the evening at Mrs Davids Smith's Social for the Vestry fund. Realized \$25. The brass band was present.

# SATURDAY, 3

Finished drawing manure on the fallow having put 75 loads on 6 1/2 acres, they were very large loads 12 ft long. The weather has been exceedingly warm all this week averaging 90°. Drove sister Jennie up to her house for to get some things, spent a few minutes pleasantly at Wiltons Lodge.

### June, SUNDAY, 4 1871

Went to S. School this morning Supt. pres. Lesson II Kings II 1 to 8 verses, an interesting one. Drove to Brampton this evening and heard Rev James Pearen preach, text Isaiah LVIII - 13 and 14th verses, A very good sermon on the importance and seriousness of keeping the Sabbath day holy.

## MONDAY, 5

Yesterday "Lady Harrington" of a bull calf. Walked to Brampton this morning to the Ajourned Revision Court, but gave up our case with a dozen more, being entered on the Assessment roll too late. Hon. J.H. Cameron was there fromt Toronto. Commenced the road work to day put 3 1/2 days having the teams on

## June, TUESDAY, 6 1871

Put in 3 more days work on the road today. It is very hard work the clay is so dry and hard. Have 1 1/2 days yet to put in the work is nearly done excepting some to be done on the gravel road. Commenced raining about dark excepting two very light showers we have had no rain since the 4th May.

#### WEDNESDAY, 7

Clear and cool this morning not a great deal of rain last night, Went to Norval with 38 bush of Diehl wheat sold at \$1.25 per bush paid lumber bill \$28.68 had \$19 remaining from the load of wheat. Bought at Cooks Saw mill Esquesing 6 squares shingle at 50 cts each.

#### June, THURSDAY, 8 1871

Commenced plowing the summer follows for the first time it is very hard and dry but does not turn up in large lumps but crumbles down. Went to Brampton with 52 bush wheat sold to K. Chisholm @ \$1.23 per bush, bought a barrel Goderich salt \$1.10.

#### FRIDAY, 9

Was at the plowing all day plowed 1 1/3 acres. Took sister Elsie down to Cole's Gallery for to get her photograph. Sold 2 pieces of cured bacon for \$3.33. Bought 38 lbs of cut nails @ 3 1/2 cts. paid K. Chisholms Acc \$20.00. Spent the evening at Practice, nothing special going on now attendance rather slim.

#### June, SATURDAY, 10 1871

Mailed a letter yesterday to Uncle Adam Missouri. Was working at the building of an addition to the sheep pen. Had two or three heavy thunder showers this afternoon, it was badly needed. Drove Jennie up to Mr. John Snell's to night on a visit.

#### SUNDAY, 11

Went to S. School this morning Supt pres. lesson - Matt XIII 24 to 30 verses. Went to Brampton at 2 P.M. to P.M. Church and heard addresses to S. School scholars from their minister. Mr and Mrs John R. Craig took tea here this evening. he starts for England next Thursday. Heard Rev Mr Willis preach in Brampton text Psalm XLIII 5th.

## June, MONDAY, 12 1871

Was plowing fallow all day with one team. Mr and Mrs H.T. Modeland, Aunt Betsy and Mrs J. Raine were here this afternoon on a visit, also Old Mr Joness and Mr Mrs Jack Joness, a good many for one day's visiting. spent evening reading "David Copperfield by "Dickens."

# TUESDAY, 13

The team and one hand working on the roads this forenoon, which finishes our statute labour (8 dys) for this year. Father and mother went to Brampton to hear Rev. S. Antliff from England preach, he is a P. Methodist and a useful and able preacher Very cold weather for the season.

### June, WEDNESDAY, 14 1871

Was plowing in the 3 acre field next the woods across the Etobicoke, it is a stiff sod with a good deal of grass which is hard to cover. Was moving the cedar fence behind the barn, dividing the 15 acre field into 2 equal parts. Spent evening reading David Copperfield.

# THURSDAY, 15

Was at the same occupation as yesterday. The weather keeps very cool slight frosts at night. Wild and tame strawberries are ripe. A reform meeting in Brampton raised \$170 for expenses of the party, gave \$3 towards it. Mrs John Snell is here all night.

### June, FRIDAY, 18 1871

Went to Brampton with this year's clip of wool 275 lbs sold & K.C & Co @ 34 cts per lb had 15 lbs matted wool price for that reduced one third received for whole lot \$91.90. Spent evening at practice. This is strawberry season. Aunt Lizzie has a great quantity and is realizing considerable out of the sales 12 1/2 cts per 'qut.

# SATURDAY, 17

Was plowing all day and finished up the summer fallow the side hill plowing is tiresome work, the hill being so steep that we have to plow around it throwing the furrow down hill. Sold a 2 yr old steer to Williamson drover, for \$50, was very large for his age and in good trim.

### June, SUNDAY, 18 1871

Went to S.S. this morning Supt abs. lesson VI Kings 2: 9 - 18 a small attendance and dull. Mr. T.B. Grimshaw is very sick with dropsy and heart disease the doctors have given him up for lost. Heard Rev Mr Stonehouse preach in Brampton, was one of the P.M. ministers, but has joined W.M. Conference - text - Numbers XIV 24th.

### MONDAY, 19

Was engaged in drilling up the turnip ground and sowing with Swede turnip seed about 2 3/4 acres sowed 6 lb of seed on it. Had a fine red and a little white heifer calf from Roan

#### June, TUESDAY, 20 1871

Was working at the new sheep pen. Put a new plank floor in the horse stable laying crossways on top of the old floor Jane received a letter from J.C. Snell written from Londonderry Ireland shortly after he arrived, he was just 10 days crossing the Atlantic had calm weather all the time. Had a westerly shower. Planted 65 cabbage plants.

### WEDNESDAY 21

Finished shingling the new sheep pen. Jane walked up to Mr John Snell's and Sarah drove her down this evening. The Peel Battalion (36)th Volunteer returned from Niagara, where there has been 5000 of them drilling for 2 weeks.

## June, THURSDAY, 22 1871

Was doctoring the sheep's feet went over the whole flock dipping each foot into a solution of bluestone. Spent the afternoon at Robert Carter's barn raising, had a nice lively time. Father took a grist of 10 bush wheat to Maine's new steam grist mill in Brampton.

## FRIDAY, 23

Commenced haying this morning by cutting 4 acres of clover it is short and thin will not be over a load to the acre. Bought of E. Humphrey's Edmonton a new waggon hay rack \$5.00 a new horse rake \$4.50 and a new washing machine \$4.50. A social to night at W. Broddy, realized \$57.00 in aid of the Vestry.

# June, SATURDAY, 24 1871

Rain from the East commenced in the night continued till noon. Rev Jas Pearen was here all last night, went to Brampton this morning. Was hauling sand and gravel from the creek for to put a cement floor in the cellar. Drove Jane and her two children up to John Snells this evening for an hour or so.

# SUNDAY, 25

Went to S. School this morning. Supt pres. lesson Mark VIII 31 to 58. Rev A L Russel preached his farewell sermon in Brampton this morning. Rev W. McFadden preach his last sermon this evening - text - VI Timothy IV 7th and 8th verses, a large audience. Spent the afternoon and took tea Viney and I at Guy Bell's.

## June, MONDAY, 26 1871

Finished cutting with the mower 9 acres of clover. Raked and cocked up 1/3 of it this afternoon. Went to Benefit Concert this evening for Sandy Taylor a blind man? in the Court House. The songs were principally Scotch sang by Jeanie Watson and Miss Maggie Barr, the former having a very powerful voice.

## TUESDAY, 27

Got home the first grist to the new steam mill Brampton it runs well and does good work. Deposited in the Merchants Bank \$125.00 which will draw interest @ 4 per cent after 3 months. Bought 3 barrels of water lime @ \$2.00 each. Was putting it on the cellar floor as a cement.

### June, WEDNESDAY, 28 1871

Was drawing in hay all day hauled 8 loads, stripping the 9 acre clover field, except one small load it is slow work pitching, it being so short but of a very good quality. Mrs W. Joness and brother Mr Rose called here this evening. Jane got a long interesting letter from J.C.S.

# THURSDAY, 29

Has safely landed in Old England and is enjoying him self thoroughly. Mowed 6 acres of mixed clover and Timothy in the old orchard field. The half yearly examination of Brampton

High School took place to day seven of the neighbours and Bramptoni{an}s started for England today.

#### June, FRIDAY, 30 1871

Was plastering the cellar floor under the house with water lime. Raked and cocked up 6 acres of hay this afternoon. The weather is cool and dry. The bailey is fully shot out and oats just coming. Ant Mary and Viney went to Toronto on the cars.

### July, SATURDAY, 1 1871

A warm clear day. Went to Toronto on the 9 o'clock train this morning with 2 or 3 companions. Visited the Osgoode Hall and other public buildings. Witnessed a lacrosse game between Montreal Indians and Toronto Club the latter were victors. Had a mile race one of the Indians was the fastest.

#### July, SUNDAY, 2 1871

Went to S. School this morning Supt pres. lesson I Samuel XVI 1 to 17. Did not get home from Toronto untill 1:30 o'clock this morning having missed last nights train. Drove Jennie and family up to John Snell's this afternoon for an hour or so.

#### MONDAY, 3

Hauled in 6 loads of hay out of the orchard field. Tried one load to take it off with the horse fork but it would not work well the hay being too short, so that we must give up the use of it for this season. It was a fine hay day. Was at John Campbell's this morning.

#### July, TUESDAY, 4 1871

Commenced raining this morn at 5 A.M. from SE. lasted 3 or 4 hours, also a thunder shower this evening. finished water liming the cellars. {large ink blot} Received a letter from J.C.S. England, lengthy and well written, took it up to John Snell's to night for their perusal, enjoyed the evening well.

# WEDNESDAY, 5

Mrs J.C.S and Johnny ∓ went went to Oakville on Monday to Uncle Taylor's. Received yesterday from J.C. a copy of Irish Daily Times printed in Dublin. Mailed the Globe and C. Gentleman to him. Finished mowing the orchard field and drew in 3 more loads making 20.

# July, THURSDAY, 6 1871.

Had a South Rain this afternoon and in the evening a heavy thunder shower the first heavy rain for 2 months. Was fanning a load of wheat for mark{ink blot} sold 41 bush at \$1.15.

## FRIDAY, 7

Commenced cutting our last field of hay of 7 1/2 acres {illegible} it more than half. Went to Brampton this afternoon mailed a Weekly Globe to J.C. Snell. Jane and Viney came home from Oakville where they have been all week brought 22 qts of strawberries, it is the stapl fruit there.

## July, SATURDAY, 8 1871

Drew in 7 loads of hay to day of excellent quality nearly all Timothy. Mr. Robt Smith spent last evening here. A meeting of Reform delegates in Brampton decided on K. Chisholm to run against J.H. Cameron.

## SUNDAY, 9

Went to S. School this morning Supt pres. lesson Mark IX 30- 47. Heard Rev John Hunt preach at Zion at 2 1/2 P.M. text Matt XVI 28. He is nearly 90 years of age. Heard Rev W.W. Carson preach in Brampton text II Kings V 12th. he is stationed on this circuit for a year. A very warm day.

## July, MONDAY, 10 1871.

Finished cutting hay this forenoon. Drew in 4 loads of hay, clearing the orchard field. Father went to Brampton this morning and mailed two letters for England, one from Jennie and the other from me to J.C. Snell. The weather dull and cloudy. Have 7 loads of splendid Timothy hay, fine and sweet.

# TUESDAY, 11

Finished up the hay harvest drew in 3 loads, making a total of 35 loads from 32 acres. Commenced cross plowing the summer fallow. Mr. John Hunter brought a letter up from Brampton from J.C.S. to Jennie, he writes very long and interesting letters, Mr. T.B. Grimshaw is dying he has suffered very severely. Died at 10:45 P.M.

# July, WEDNESDAY, 12 1871.

Spent the forenoon on a fishing and berrying excursion to John Snell's Lake, caught only 8 sun fish, it being so very hot we had to give apt at noon. raspberries are rather scarce. Spent evening in Brampton, bought a new S.C. Music Book "The Organ" 50 cts. Jennie and Viney were down getting some fixings for the funeral.

# THURSDAY, 13

Went to Mr. T.B. Grimshaw's funeral at 1 P.M. buried at the new cemetry Brampton. Rev. W.W. Carson preached a powerful summon from Revelations. ... It is a sad loss to his wife and family and she feels very lonely indeed. Was helping Robert Smith to raise a new shed and cowstable.

### July, FRIDAY, 14 1871.

Finished cross plowing the largest field of fallow. The weather during the past week has been very warm and dry, the wheat harvest started yesterday. Spent the evening at Mrs. King's social, Main sheet Brampton, a very pleasant night and brass band in attendance, not a great many present, realized \$23.

# SATURDAY, 15

Was helping J. Learment cut wheat this afternoon, he has a new self raker. (There has been an unusual number of deaths and accidents this summer. A son of Mr. Lowe's got both arms cut off with a mower. Mr. John Hindle was nearly killed by a bull.)

# July, SUNDAY, 16 1871.

Miss Jessie Thompson died this morn at 3 o'clock after 10 days illness of liver complaint. Was at S. School this morning Supt abs. lesson - 1st Sam XVI 48 to 52. Spent afternoon at Mr.
John Snells in social chat with the Misses Snell. Heard Rev W.W. Carson preach to night text - John III - 16th verse, he is an earnest, eloquent preacher.

### MONDAY, 17

Finished one of J. Learment's wheat fields and commenced our ten acre field. There are only four of us to bind after the reaper making it pretty hard work to keep up to it. The sheaves are tolerably well delivered, but the straw is stiff and hard, sore work for the hands.

## July, TUESDAY, 18 1871.

Finished reaping our fall wheat and shocked part of it up. It is a very good crop, very plump grain and the straw bright, and free from rust. There is considerable waste in shelling out while handling it, being real ripe. Strong, cool north wind and no signs of rain. Spent evening reading, July Repository.

## WEDNESDAY, 19

Was setting up the remainder of the wheat and helping John Learment finish his wheat cutting. Was hauling away the good and bad rails from before the new board fences, picking out a few of the best of the pieces for fine wood, piling the remainder around old stumps in the fallow. The weather is very cool.

## July, TUESDAY, 20 1871.

Was hauling 10 loads of manure on the 3 acre fallow field, only the high ground needing any as the ground is quite new. Misses Sarah & K.F. Snell were here on a visit this afternoon. Jennie received another letter from J.C.S. written from York, he is getting weary of so much travelling. Father was at Bailey & Co's Show of Wild Animals.

### FRIDAY, 21

Drew in five loads of wheat in in fine order and will thresh easily. Started cross plowing the smaller fallow, the old sods through it, makes the plowing disagreeable. Went to Choir practice this evening. The first meeting for nearly two months.

## July, SATURDAY, 22 1871.

Hauled in 5 more loads of wheat today. Had a light shower at noon from N.W. Drove Jennie up to John Snells on Thursday, where she is spending a few days. The weather keeps very cool and dry.

# SUNDAY, 23

Went to S. School this morning Supt pres. lesson Matt XVIII 21 to 35th. Mr. Millard delivered a short address to the scholars about Miss Jessie Thompson's death "She died trusting in Jesus as Saviour". Heard Rev. John Shaw preach at Zion - text - II Timothy {illegible} - 13th. He preached the same sermon in Brampton tonight.

## July, MONDAY, 24 1871.

Was up at sunrise this morning raking wheat stubble with the swath rake, drawn by hand sweeping about six feet. Finished drawing in the wheat, 13 loads of sheaves and 1 load of rakings. A very warm day.

# TUESDAY, 25

Was hauling old rails and building a temporary fence beside the pea field on the "other place" for a lane to pasture the back field. Mr. Fletcher Dyer from Michigan came here at noon after an absence of 3 years. he looks well his cheerful face reminds us of old times.

# July, WEDNESDAY, 26 1871.

Was hoeing turnips this forenoon they are a nice average crop. Commenced cutting barley this afternoon. Spent the evening very pleasantly at Mr. John Snell's, Mr. J.F. Dyer was there, with singing and lively conversation, it brought to remembrance old times and associations.

# THURSDAY, 27

Had a fine shower last night reviving somewhat the face and aspect of Nature. Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Campbell came here this evening to spend a day on two, it is nearly a year since they were here before, so that they are very welcome visitors. Mr. Dyer left here this morning for home again.

## July, FRIDAY, 28 1871.

Still engaged at thinning out and hoeing turnips, not doing any harvesting on account of dull weather. Jennie got another letter from J.C. Snell he was to sail yesterday from England. Alick and I drove up to Mr. Craigs tonight for Jennie where she has been staying a while.

# SATURDAY, 29

Spent the day reaping and cocking up barley. Mrs. and Mrs. A.F. Campbell started for home which is Mt. Charles Toronto township. The weather is dull and cloudy, looking very much like rain but it does not come. An interesting tale in "Peel Banner" for last two months called "The Brave boys Peril"

### July, SUNDAY, 30 1871.

A dull, warm and oppresive day. Drove Jennie, Aunt Mary and Jennie Peacock over to the 3rd line east to Mr. Isaac Modeland's and was there untill evening. It is not a good way to spend the Sabbath in visiting friends and especially those that are not professing Christians.

## MONDAY, 31

Finished cutting the barley. Cradled a swath around the oat field. Drew in the early peas out of the young orchard; 12 loads. Drove Vinie and Jennie and the babies down to A.F. Campbells this evening sat up late and enjoyed ourselves with social chat and converse. Ordered 2 pairs of long boots at Coyne's.

## August, TUESDAY, 1 1871.

Was up early, took breakfast at 6 o'clock, reached home at 8 o'clock. Paid for weaving a new rag carpet at Atkinsons" Brampton \$2.90. Saw a copy of "London Weekly Advertiser". it is the neatest and cheapest paper published in Ontario (\$1.00 a year). Was hauling in barley, brought in 5 loads in good condition.

## WEDNESDAY, 2

Took the lambs away from the ewes yesterday and put them on the clover and started feeding trim peas. Finished drawing in barley, it is about half a crop. Jennie received another letter

from J.C.S. written from London, he is getting homesick, is seeing many wonderful sights. A very hot day, 90°.

### August, THURSDAY, 3 1871.

Started reaping the oats yesterday and commenced binding them to day, rather a light crop, pretty short and none too ripe, cut and bound 4 acres. It was a very sultry day, thermometer 95° in the shade. The harvest apples are ripe, have only a few this year, a great many apples have worms in the core.

### FRIDAY, 4

Two of us and the team were at E. Bunting's threshing all day, J. Cation's machine, the fall wheat turned out well and a splendid sample. Spent evening reading newspapers. Another hot and dry day.

## August SATURDAY, 5 1871.

Finished cutting and binding the oats, and set them up. Uncle Taylor, wife and family came here from Oakville, with a livery team and spring waggon, are going to stay until Monday. they come after Jimie. They have five children 3 girls and 2 boys. Was at John Snell's early this morning.

## SUNDAY, 6

Drove Uncle Taylors fine team of Indian ponies to S. School this morning, Supt present. lesson - Luke - IX 51 to 62. Mr T. Jordan examined the school on the lesson. Went to Mr. B. Watson's creek at 5 P.M. to the baptism by immersion of J. Cation and R. Thompon a large crowd present.

### August, MONDAY, 7 1871.

Was cutting peas all day. They are a very good crop considering the dryness of the season, but have not ripened evenly, so that the highest ground has to be cut first. Uncl Taylor started for home at 4 P.M. It was so smoky that one could not see plainly across the fields.

# TUESDAY, 8

Was at the same work as yesterday, about half the field pulled to night. Drove Jennie and Viney down to Brampton to night to see Howe's English Circus and Menagerie, there was a great crowded present, but it was not as good as the advertisement and the people were disappointed.

## August, WEDNESDAY, 9 1871.

Had to draw water from the Etobicoke for washing purposes the cistern being dry, Drew in the oats to day, 7 loads, a splendid quality of straw. Very smoky weather so much so that it affects one's eyes. Aunt Mrs. Trueman is here all t night. Another letter from J.C.S.

## THURSDAY, 10

Sent the team and one hand to A. Woodhall's threshing. Was pulling peas all day. Mrs. John Snell spent the afternoon here - they have received another letter from J.C.S. He sailed from Liverpool on 4th August on the "Germany".

## August, FRIDAY, 11 1871.

Mr Arch. Bunting was here pulling peas all day. Was drawing in peas, hauled 10 loads, will have over 3 loads to the acre. Sold 3 lambs 1 ewe and 2 bucks to John Snell for \$40. Spent the evenig at Choir Practice, Brampton. A warm close day. A.B. finished the peas at noon.

## SATURDAY, 12

Finished the pea pulling at noon to day. Hauled in 9 loads of peas, had J. Learments hired boy helping us in the mow. When J.C.S. wrote his last letter he was visiting in Devonshire, his father's native place. The weather continues dry and smoky.

## August, SUNDAY, 13 1871.

Drove to Brampton this morning. Heard Rev J. Shaw - text - Malachi III, 9 and 10. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered at the close of preaching service. Drove Jennie and family around to visit her own house on the 1st line. Rev J. Brooks baptized William Snell by immersion in creek. Heard J. P. Craig preach in Brampton at 6 P.M., text Luke IX 13th verse.

# MONDAY, 14

Commenced marking out the summer fallow into ridges 22 ft wide, using 3 cedar poles 11 ft long, neatly smoother and rounded, nearly 2 inches in diameter made from a cedar rail. Drew in 5 more loads of peas this afternoon. Received from Mr. Jordan, Agent the book I subscribed for in April, "The History of Prussia and the late war."

# August, TUESDAY, 15 1871.

Finished harvest for this year this morning by bringing in the two last loads of peas, making 26 loads off the 8 acres. Had a heavy thunder shower at 2 PM which was very acceptable. Finished marking out the fallow. Jennie received another letter from J.C.S. giving a most interesting account of his travels in Devonshire his fathers native place. the letter is 12 pages of closely written note paper.

# WEDNESDAY, 16

Started cross plowing the pea land with two teams, it works well on the knolls but At the low places where it was plowed wet in the spring; it is now very hard and lumpy. Miss Sarah Peacock came from Toronto she is sick with a kind of dyspepsia.

## August, THURSDAY, 17 1871.

Was at the same work as yesterday and with the same force, considerable trouble with bumble bees having their nests under the old sod. Mailed two letters one to Uncle Adam and Uncle Thomas, H - Carthage-. Sister Viney had two front teeth filled with gold by W.K. Graham price. \$3.0O.

## FRIDAY, 13

At the same work as yesterday. Father went to Brampton and received the news by telegraph of J.C. Snell's & J.R. Craigs arrival yesterday at Quebec by steam ship "Germany". Went to practice this evening. Received my pair of fine boots from J. Coyne - price - \$5.25, not yet paid.

## August, SATURDAY, 19 1871.

Finished the crossplowing at noon to day. Was horse hoing the turnips this afternoon, they are growing slowly. The weather is dry, and cool at nights. Miss Jennie Peacock is here all night. A telegram from J.C.S. stating that they had reached Cornwall and would be to Brampton on Monday.

## SUNDAY, 20

Went to S.S. this morning. Supt abs (on account of the illness of his daughter who liv in Toronto) - lesson Luke XIX 25-31. Rev W Shaw preached at Zion at 2 1/2 o'clock. Preached in Brampton this evening - text - I Kings XX - 21st verse. Had a good heavy rain this afternoon.

## August, MONDAY, 21 1871.

Was rolling and harrowing the pea ground, the lumps are very hard to crush. J.C. Snell arrived this morning at 2 A.M. very much fatigued but looking well and hearty. The stock arrived safe, except one sheep which died on the Atlantic. He has 15 sheep, 12 Berkshires and one Short Horn Yearling Bull all of first quality and in good order.

## TUESDAY, 22

J.C.S was here all last night. He brought some nice presents for his little family. Was to Brampton this morning and brought Aunt Lizzie up on a visit. Was hauling manur in the pea ground.

## August WEDNESDAY, 23 1871.

Finished drawing manure on the pea land. Commenced ridging up the summer fallow it is in fine order. Father, mother and sister Rilly started for Scarboro with the buggy to visit Uncle George Burke and family. J.C. Snell moved away his things and they are starting house keeping again.

# THURSDAY, 24

Was at the same work as yesterday but have only one team at work. Sent one man to John Woodhall's threshing Mr G. Crawford spent the day here, he is good company having travelled a great deal, is well informed. Very warm yesterday and today.

# August, FRIDAY, 25 1871.

Continued the ridging until tea time, then went to Brampton to the Practice. Visited J.E. Wood's Barber shop and had my hair docked off once more. Bought a pair of coarse boots price \$4.50. Our folks came home from Scarboro, and left the folks down there in good health and spirits.

## SATURDAY, 26

Was up at Mr. John Snell's farm House this forenoon inspecting the late importation and valuable additions to their flocks and herds. Had a nice rain from the East this afternoon. Miss Jane Dixon came here from Amaranth yesterday, she is starting out in the world to make her own living at 15.

## August, SUNDAY, 27 1871.

Rain continued all (night) (last). Went to S. School this morning. Supt pres. - lesson 1 Samuel XXIV 16 to 22. J.C. Snell and J.R. Craig were there, for the first time since their arrival home. Took dinner at J.C.S. and spent the afternoon there. Was engaged this evening in filling up the S. School Class Books for next two months.

## MONDAY, 28

Was using the plow and road scraper in making the old ditch across the pea land wider and deeper. Marked it out into ridges 22 ft wide. An extensive fire in Brampton last night on North side of Queen St. burning several sheds and stores.

## AUGUST, TUESDAY, 29 1871.

Was ridging with two teams. Had a shower last night and some more rain to day putting the ground in a good state of cultivation and freshening the grass. spent evenig reading Hist of Prussia.

# WEDNESDAY, 30

Was at the same work as yesterday and nearly finished the field. Had a sunshower this evening and a fine double rainbow. Spent the evening reading the same as last night.

## August, THURSDAY, 31 1871.

Went to E. Buntings by sunrise this morning for 10 bush of Soules Wheat for seed. Sowed the 8 acre pea field with 15 bush of evenly mixed Soules and Diehl wheat. The ground is in good order. Very cool all day, bright moonlight tonight.

### September, FRIDAY 1871

Finished the harrowing, furrowing, shovelling of the 8 acre field of wheat on the "other place." Spent the evening at Choir practice. The scholars of the W.M. S. School, Brampton were practicing in the early part of the evening for their anniversary. Bought 50 lbs of Timothy seed of K.C. & Co @ \$4.00.

## September, SATURDAY, 2 1871.

Was sowing the summer fallow with Diehls wheat except 2 bush of Soules, which was sowed pure altogether sowed 11 1/2 bush on the larger field. Sowed the Timothy with some white clover mixed on the fallow at the rate of 6 lbs to an acre.

## SUNDAY, 3

Went to S. School this morning. Rev Jas Brooks present in Supt absence - lesson - Luke X - 38 to 42 Heard. Rev W.W. Carson preach at Zion at 2 1/2 PM - text - John XV - 7. A larger audience than usual. Heard same preacher in Brampton tonight - text - Matt IV - 3 & 4th. J.C. Snell and family were here for tea.

## September, MONDAY, 4 1871.

Was ridging up the smaller fallow of 3 acres with two teams, did not quite finish it. Went to Brampton this evening and recieved a letter from Uncle T. J. Harrington, they are well and in receipt of our letter of August. Bought a pocket pen holder and anti corrosive pens.

# TUESDAY, 5

Finished up the fall seeding by sowing the 3 acre field, seeded it also with timothy. there is a great deal of dry grassy sods through the field giving it a rough aspect. Yesterday and today have been very warm at 85° in the shade.

# September, WEDNESDAY, 6 1871.

Was cutting the 9 acre field of second crop of clover, next to Mr. Wiggins farm, with the mower and platform, raking it off in by hand in bunches at regular intervals, it is only a light crop, but is filled with good seed. Spent the evening and staid all night at J.C. Snells.

## THURSDAY, 7

Took away from their dams the only 6 ewe lambs of this year and put them in a field by themselves and will feed them grain. Was fanning wheat and preparing a grist and some chopping. Very cool tonight. Receive{blot or tear} from J.C.S. yesterday \$16 for my services in enrolling the Militia last winter.

## September, FRIDAY, 8 1871.

Took a grist of 14 1/2 bush wheat and 6 bags of peas and chess, to J.W. Maine's Grist Mill. Was engaged in burning up and clearing the flats of old logs and rubbish. Bought a new cast arm and boxing for the waggon axle the old one being broken right around, price \$1.25.

# SATURDAY, 9

Was making and hanging a thrible door on the back side of the new sheep pen. Was drawing the second crop of clover in to barn, had only one large load. The weather is warm and dry. A great cloud of smoke came from the N.W. at 5 oclock this evening making quite dark and severe on the eyes.

## September, SUNDAY, 10 1871.

Went to S. School this morning Supt pres, lesson - 1Sam XXX 1st to end of chap. We sang some peices out of the S. School Organ. Took tea this evening at Mrs. Trueman's. Dawson Modeland is going to live in New York in the course of a month. Heard Rev W.W. Carson preach at 6 PM text - Luke XVII, 41 & 42. He is an eloquent preacher.

# MONDAY, 11

Was hauling manure on the oat stubble for turnip crop next year drew 78 loads. It was a very warm day. The Union Camp Meeting commences at Norval, Brampton, Georgetown, and Steetsville, Circuits.

# September, TUESDAY, 12 1871.

Was threshing peas with 2 span of horses treading the peas out on the barn floor. It is a great deal speedier way than threshing with the flail, and not half as hard work. Spent evening reading Hist of France-Prussian War.

## WEDNESDAY, 13

Was winnowing the peas we threshed yesterday, 38 bush, weighing 65 lbs per bush. Father and mother started for the Camp Meeting at Norval, but the horse kicked and broke the shafts and dashboard of the buggy. They came home and took the waggon, the accident happened 2 miles from home.

## September, THURSDAY, 14 1871.

Was engaged yesterday afternoon and today in helping Mr. J. Heath to thresh. Our folks were at Camp Meeting all day came home this evening. It is held in Mr Foster's Pine woods, south of Norval. Had a sharp frost last night and was very cool today.

# FRIDAY, 15

Rain from the East for 12 hours, it was very much needed for the success of the fall wheat and pasturage. Drove to Brampton this afternoon and settled J. Coyne's shoe Bill \$11.00. Received a letter from Uncle Adam. Winnowed 22 bush of peas making 60 bush threshed.

## September, SATURDAY, 16 1871.

Sold a load of wheat 47 bush to K. Chisholm & Co @ \$1.26 per bush. Received cash \$59.60. Rev T. Jeffers died at the Camp Meeting at Norval on Thursday of appoplexy.

# SUNDAY, 17

Drove a span of horses and buggy containing five of us to Norval to the Camp Meeting. Heard 3 good practical sermons from Rev's Jones, Carson, and Shaw. There was a large crowd of people present. It is a nice close pine woods making it comfortable today as there was a cold North wind.

## September, MONDAY, 18 1871.

Drew 72 bush of Diehl wheat of last year's growth to Brampton sold to K. Chisholm & Co @ \$1.25 also 15 bush of spring wheat inferior quality @ \$1.13 per bush received cash for the whole \$108.10 total amount received for all old wheat on hand \$167.80. Had a very severe white frost last night very cool all day.

# TUESDAY, 19

Went to the camp meeting again to bring our folks home. The meeting broke up about 2 o'clock all the people dispersing to their homes. The whole morning's exercises were a public love feast and prayer meeting which were very interesting and profitable, there was a large number of converts.

## September, WEDNESDAY, 20 1871.

Finished hauling the manure from barnyard, it being now entirely clear, drew 7 or 8 loads of the finest and scattered over the timothy meadow. Sold 2 ewe lambs to Mr Chambers of Caledon @ \$10 each. Bought 50 lbs of timothy seed @ \$4.00. Gathered the ripe fall apples.

## THURSDAY, 21

Cross plowed the little orchard about one acre. Sowed 40 lbs of timothy seed on 9 acre clover field of last year's seeding. the clover is pretty thin so that there will be room for the timothy. Father, mother, Viney and I drove down this evening to Brampton W.M. S. School Anniversary, not a very large attendance.

# September, FRIDAY, 22 1871.

Heard Revs A. Sutherland and W.W. Ross of Toronto deliver good addresses at last nights meeting. Was threshing at J. Learments all day. J.C. Snell and J.G Snell with their men and stock started for Kingston Exhibition this morning. Bought of John Snell their 5 yr old ram "Champion" (Cotswold) @ \$75.

# SATURDAY, 23

Commenced threshing at noon at our place with J. Cation's machin{ink blot}. threshed the barley and part of the oats, have considerably more than 100 bush of barley. Put both straw and chaff in the mow together. A warm pleasant day.

### September, SUNDAY, 24 1871.

Spent the forenoon at S. School. Supt pres. lesson - II Samuel VI 1 to 17th. A very interesting subject. Received from Mr. Millar the circular of 8th Prov. Convention of S. School Workers to be held in London 10th 11th 12th of October. Heard Rev John Shaw preach at 6 P.M. text - Deuteronomy XXIX - 9th verse.

## MONDAY, 25

Finished our threshing of grain for this year in less than 1 1/2 dys, the grain has yielded a pretty fair return of heavy plump bright grain, paid the threshers \$8.50.

## September, TUESDAY, 26 1871.

Was winnowing a load of barley for market. Drove up to Mr. John Snell's this afternoon and bought home the \$75 ram. Miss Kezia Snell came down here this evening for to go to Mrs. W. Elliott's social which was quite a success, realized \$25. Had a large quantity of rain last night.

## WEDNESDAY, 27

Commenced the Fall plowing in the oat stubble ground intended for turnips and barley next year, it works up fine and damp. Westerly showers prevailed throughout the day, cold dismal weather for the season.

# September, THURSDAY, 28 1871.

Was plowing all day with two teams. A large quantity of grain going to market. K. Chisholm & Co bought 7000 bushels of wheat and barley today @ \$1.20 and 57 cts per bush. John Snell & Sons were very successful at Kingston this week taking over \$800 in prizes.

# FRIDAY, 29

Was engaged in washing the ram lambs and fixing them up for the Country Show. Our 6 yr old Cotswold ram "Billy" died today from some disease in the head. Spent the evening at Choir Practice singing from the S. School Organ. A splendid moonlight night.

## September, SATURDAY, 30 1871.

Finished plowing the oat stubble and shovelled the cross drains through it. Sold a ram lamb to Mr Henderson of 2nd line west Chinguacousey at \$9.00. A fine warm day. The weather during the present month has been immensely cold for the season and severe frosts. The woods present a very gay appearance of variety of colors.

## October, SUNDAY, 1 1871.

Spent the forenoon at S. School. Supt pres. lesson - Luke XXI 13 to 22. J.C. Snell arrived here this morning at 2 A.M. from Kingston in good health and spirits starts tomorrow for Hamilton. Heard Rev W.W. Carson preach at Zion - text - Deut. XXX - 24th Heard the same at Brampton - text - Issiah LII 14th and 15th.

## October, MONDAY, 2 1871.

First day of the County's Agric. Society's show in Brampton. the ground is greatly enlarged and improved, a fine new horse ring enclosed with a picket fence. There is a good show especially in grain and vegetables. Had a gentleman visitor from McGillvary to see ourl live stock. A very warm day.

# TUESDAY, 3

Showery morning but a fine afternoon. Spent the day at the County Fair. There was a large crowd of people in attendance. The show of live stock especially hogs was very good, there

bring a lively competition in all the classes. We took 2nd prize for ram lamb and 3rd prize for aged ram. The demand for sheep was very limited, only sold one lamb to Mr Coony @ \$10.

### October, WEDNESDAY, 4 1871.

Harvested the potato crop today, have about 27 bush of Garnet Chilis' and 8 bush of Gleason's, Early Rose, Early Goodwich and the White Potatoes, 35 bush in all a slim turn out indeed for 1/2 acre are all fine. large sound potatoes so far, good. Was to 2 letters to Missouri one to Carthage and to Streetsville.

## THURSDAY, 5

Sold 56 bush of Diehls and Soules wheat @ \$1.28 per bush to K. C. & Co, received for sheepskin and calfskin \$1.60. Mr. Thomas Graham of Brampton was buried today, died of typhoid fever. Spent part of the evening at Willow Lodge. A warm close day, thunder and lightning this evening.

## October, FRIDAY, 6 1871.

Sold 54 bush of same kind of wheat as yesterday at same price. Settled K. Chisholm's Store bill of \$50. Mr James Thompson spent the afternoon here, he is going to Missouri next week. J.G. Snell borrowed 4 bush of peas. Housed in two barrow pigs for to fatten for the knife.

## SATURDAY, 7

Father went to Toronto this morning to buy the tickets for Missouri, which cost \$44 for two tickets, also bought \$100 worth of greenbacks \$114.00 also \$100 gold, taking \$200 of Canadian money altogether. Bo't in Toronto a trunk @ \$2.75. Was engaged in digging post holes.

### October, SUNDAY, 8 1871.

J.C. Snell arrived here at 6 A.M. from Guelph much wearied. Dawson Modeland spent the forenoon and took dinner here. Him and I walked down to W.M. S. School in Brampton at 2 P.M., there is a large attendance, over 150 and an interesting school. Took tea at J.W. Main's residence. Rev W.W. Carson preached at 6 P.M. text - Romans XIV 21st. A temperance sermon.

# MONDAY, 9

Sold 2 ram lambs to J.C. Snell at \$15 and \$10 each. Took the best one down to Brampton at 7 o'clock A.M. for to ship to Guelph to the Central Fair. Was repairing the yard pump putting in new valves. also building board fence. The weather is very warm.

# October, TUESDAY, 10 1871.

Drove father and mother down to the depot at 8 A.M. to start on their journey to Missouri. Was harvesting the apple crop have only three barrels of hand picked <del>of</del> winter apples and two barrels of soft apples, total 5 barrels, a small lot indeed. Bought a pump from Brown of Glen William's at \$8.40.

## WEDNESDAY, 11

Viney and I went to Guelph this morning via G.T. Railway to the Central Fair held there on the 10th 11th and 12th inst, it was nearly equal in magnitude to the Provincial Fairs, and the quantity of live stock, implmnt and Arts was surprising, there was 15,000 persons at the show today. Came home on the evening train.

## October, THURSDAY, 12 1871.

Went to blacksmith's to get some harness repaired and and to get the piston rod of the pump by lengthened. A fearful fire took place in Chicago on Monday last, destroying all the finest and largest buildings and some hundreds of people perished in the flames. A great many fires occurring on account of the dry weather.

## FRIDAY, 13

J. Learment and I measured the size of every field on the 200 acres with a 4 rod tape line, finding that most of them were contained less acres than we thought for before measuring. Commenced plowing the fall wheat stubble. Spent the evening at Choir Practice. Cold frosty night.

# October, SATURDAY, 14 1871.

Went to J.W. Main's Grist Mill with 8 bags of barley, peas and oats for chopping. Bought 1/2 pint of spirits of turpentine, to use some of it for my right arm which is sprained. Slight westerly showers prevailed all day

# SUNDAY, 15

Went to S. School this morning Supt pres. {Superintendant present} lesson - Luke XVI 35 to 45. Miss K.F. Snell presided at melodeon. Heard Rev John Shaw preach at Zion text - Isaiah XXXIII 21st, it was the Missionary Anniversary sermon Mr Thomas Holtby preached in Brampton to night Luke X - 20th verse. A very windy day

# October, MONDAY, 16 1871

Was helping Erastus Bunting thresh with team and two hands. There are serious fires in several places in the township in the woods, every thing is so dry that fire spreads rapidly. Spent the evening writing a letter to father and mother in Missouri.

# TUESDAY, 17

Was ridging the little orchard ground into lands 11 ft wide. Mr & Mrs J.C. Snell called here this morning on their way to Toronto for two days. Went to Choir practice this evening only a slim attendance the leader being absent.

# October, WEDNESDAY, 18 1871.

Was at the same work as yesterday and finished it. Drove Mrs J. C. S. {Snell} and family up to her home this evening. The weather is dry and cool

# THURSDAY, 19

Was plowing all day with two teams in the fall wheat stubble ground, Pretty warm weather with a high wind to night. Spent evenig reading the weekly papers

# October, FRIDAY, 20 1871

Finished plowing the fall wheat stubble ground of 9 1/2 ar {acres} Received a letter from father, Stewartsville Missouri stating that they had arrived safe in two days and nights travel and are rather disappointed in the appearance of the country. Spent the evening at Choir Practice.

# SATURDAY, 21

Had a call from a gentleman living near Ottawa wanting to buy improved stock, priced some things to him but made no sales. Received from Mr A. Woodhall \$7.50 for value received by - "Clifton". Had a visit this evening from Misses Campbell and Westervelt A fine warm day.

## October, SUNDAY, 22 1871

Spent the morning at S. School Supt. pres. lesson II Samuel XII 1 to 14th. Was at Mr John Snell's this afternoon practising some familiar tunes for the Missionary Meeting at Zion Took tea at J.C Snell's. Heard Rev A. Sutherland preach in Brampton, text Ezekiel XXXVII 7 to 10. A very able sermon

# MONDAY, 23

The smoke is so dense that any object more than 100 yards distant is invisible. Spent the afternoon at A Woodhall's threshing. Went to Brampton to the Annual Missionary Meeting excellent addresses by Revs. A Sutherland, Joel Briggs and John {Brooks?}. The Choir received great praise for their services.

# October, TUESDAY, 24 1871

Was picking stones off the meadows, have gone over 22 acres getting a considerable quantity thereof. Paid R. Quin's blacksmith's bill \$4.50. Spent the evening and staid all night at J.C. Snell's, he has gone to Quebec to "Cochrane's" Sale of Stock. Was repairing their melodeon.

## WEDNESDAY, 25

Commenced topping the turnips with the hand hoe, beheaded 1/4th of them and drew the leaves off to feed to the cattle. Rainy looking all day, a cold east wind, had a slight shower this evening. Had another litter of Berkshires {pigs} 8 in number.

# October, THURSDAY, 26 1871.

Drew in 6 loads of turnips and stowed them away in the driving house cellar. They are small, but solid and heavy. Had a heavy thunder shower at 4 P.M. which was quite a treat to see after so much dry weather. Sold 2 ewes to J. Learment @ \$5.50 ea

# FRIDAY, 27

Was at the same work as yesterday and have in 10 loads of Turnips. Revs. Shaw, and Philips of Orangeville took tea here this evening and were the speakers at the Zion Missionary Meeting to night, there were about 30 people present. raised about \$27 at the Meeting

## October, SATURDAY, 28 1871.

Drew in 5 or 6 more loads of turnips, also hauling the tops for the cattle which are very fond of them. Was at Brampton this afternoon and had a chat with A. F. Campbell they have an addition to their family of a young daughter. Received from Co. Peel Agric Society \$3.00 prizes on Cotswold sheep

## SUNDAY, 29

Was at S. School this morning Supt. pres and his daughter Mrs Will to introduce some new music for the anniversary. Heard Rev Mr Carson preach at Zion text Zechariah - III 1st 5 verses. The Rev gentleman took tea at our place this evening and heard him preach same sermon in Brampton.

## October, MONDAY, 30 1871.

Finished topping the turnips with the hoes and drew off the leaves for the cattle. Spent the evening at Ebenezer practising music for the anniversary out of a new book "Pure Gold" published in New York, it contains all new music prepared expressly for the "book". Fair warm weather.

## TUESDAY, 31

Drew in 7 loads of turnips making 22 in all, harvested. Cold East wind and raining this evening steadily, The weather during the past month has been very fine for the season little rain and frost. Spent the evening at home filling up the S. Scholl Class books.

## November, WEDNESDAY, 1 1871.

Spent the day at the Tp Chinguacousy Plowing Match on Lot 19 Centre Road on the farm of John Giffen in which there were 30 teams plowing, nearly all doing first-class work although the ground was dry and hard. J. Featherstone took the first prize. Spent evening at S. School practice

## THURSDAY, 2

Received last night a letter from father dated Carthage Oct 24th. Finished up the turnip harvest, have about 850 bush. Killed a ewe lamb and dressed it for meat, repaid E. Bunting with 24 lb of it for value received 3 mo's ago. Spent evening practising at home the S. School tunes.

### November, FRIDAY, 3 1871.

Was clearing the door yard of old rails and sticks and converting them into stove wood. Mr. G Crawford spent the day and evening here. Drove to Brampton expecting to meet the folks from Missouri but they did not arrive. Spent evening at Ebenezer practice.

### SATURDAY, 4

Commenced plowing the turnip ground into 33 ft ridges, it is fine and dry. Was at Brampton again this evening. Quite a cold day.

#### November, SUNDAY, 5 1871.

Went to S. School this morning - Supt. pres - lesson II Sam. XV, 19 to 30 - Supt read an address by Ralph Wells of New York on S. School teachers' duties and importance of prayer and preparing the lesson. Heard Rev W. W. Carson in Brampton to night, text, Haggai II 4 & 5th verses. A very cold night.

#### MONDAY, 6

The sharp frost of last night nearly stopped the plough, making it work rather flakey. Spent the evening at practice at Ebenezer. Kept a flock of sheep over night blonging to Ohio men numbering 150.

## November, TUESDAY, 7 1871.

Sold one pair of ewe lambs and 3 ram lambs to the Ohio men @ \$10 each and \$16 for last 3 making \$36, also \$1.00 for 2 bush oats. Spent the forenoon in decorating Zion Church with evergreens for the party this evening, Had a large crowd at the tea meeting and enjoyed the evening well

# WEDNESDAY, 8

Address were delivered by Revs Carson, Thompson and Brooke. Realized {faded text, \$43.?}. Spent the forenoon in cleaning out the churches and putting things in order withe assistance of some other gents. Messrs R.J. Nichols, S. Bunting and Miss G. Westervelt spent the evening here in chat and fun

## November, THURSDAY, 9 1871.

Father and mother came home this morning at 6'oclock from Missouri, tired and sleepy having travelled 2 days and 3 nights, have seen a great many wonderful sights, and think it a very fine country brought home some presents and curiosities sweet potatoes and several kinds of nuts

## FRIDAY, 10

A drizzling rain and sleet from the East cold and wintry. Sold yesterday 3 ewes 5 yr old to William Keyworth @ \$5.33 1/3 each and took his note for amount due in eleven months. Was engaged today in making a gate for barn yard.

## November, SATURDAY, 11 1871.

Dressed a 4 yr old ewe for mutton and took 1/4 to 22 lbs to W. Campbell of No 10 and settled the blacksmith's bill of \$4.35. Went to Brampton and bought 25 lbs of 3 inch cut nails @ 4 cts, some window glass and a buggy whip @ 50cts. Mr John Mason arrived here from North Missouri in good health and spirits

## SUNDAY, 12

Spent the forenoon at S. School Rev Jas Brooks present - lesson - John X - 1 to 18th -Mrs Wills of Toronto presided at the melodeon. Heard Rev John Shaw at Zion at 2 1/2 PM. text

Prov XIII 7&8. J.C. Snell and family spent the day here also Misses Sarah and Jennie Peacock. Heard same sermon in Brampton to night

#### November, MONDAY, 13 1871.

Completed the close board fence enclosing the sheep yard. Making a sett of 11 ft bars for convenience in hauling manure. Went to Brampton to night and became a member of Safeguard Temple of I. O. G. {Independent Order of the Good} Templars. there 70 members. Commenced feeding and stabling the cattle on the 10 inst. have 16 head

## TUESDAY, 14

Steady rain all day from the East. Was engaged in making eavestroughs out of 4 X 4 scantling (pine) with the axe, gouging it out in a triangular shape, put them on the sheep pen eaves conducting the water in to the well. Commenced feeding Clifton on the 11 inst for beef

## November, WEDNESDAY, 15 1871.

About midnight the rain turned to snow and to day the ground is white with 3 or 4 inches of snow, cold and blustering and freezing hard towards night. Went to Brampton and ordered a new suit of grey tweed @ \$17.00. Spent evening reading the "Soprano" a Yankee Story which came from Carthage Missouri.

## THURSDAY, 16

A public holiday set apart by law specially for Thanksgiving and praise to God for the bountiful harvest. There was service in all the Churches in Brampton. Spent the day at J.C. Snell's in chat and select reading. Very cold north wind all day and freezing, there is very fair sleighing.

### November, FRIDAY, 17 1871.

Our folks drove to Brampton in a sleigh, but it was tough going as it is thawing quite fast. Went to John R Craig's to repair Mrs Grimshaw{s} melodeon there were several reeds stopped. Spent evening at Choir practice. Mr Mason and father spent afternoon at James Thompson's on lot 14 4th line East

### Saturday, 18

Dressed a Berkshir hog weighing 254 lbs, very fat. Was engaged in digging post holes. Was at Mr John Snell's a short time this afternoon. Spent evening making preparations for Sunday.

#### November, SUNDAY, 19 1871.

Went to S. School this morning Supt pres. lesson, II Sam, XVIII, Took dinner and spent the afternoon at J.C. Snell's in social chat and music with the Misses Snell. Heard Rev John Shaw preach in Brampton, text, Proverbs X. 9th.

#### MONDAY, 20

Drove Aunt Mary Peacock to G. T. R. depot at Brampton on the way to Toronto. Was engaged in setting fence posts. Spent the evening at teacher's Meeting at Ebenezer. Mr Mason is here all night.

#### November, TUESDAY, 21 1871.

Finished constructing a board fence, along the lane back of the lower shed, cleared away the old rails and banked up the new fence. A slight mizzle all day from the West

### WEDNESDAY, 22

Was engaged in turnpiking the lane leading down to the Etobicoke, rounding it nicely and leaving a ditch on either side to carry off the surplus water. J.C. Snell and family took dinner and tea here, they gave us a present of a barrel of nice apples. Father took a chopping grist of 9 bags to J. W. Mains Mill, peas oats and barley

### November, THURSDAY, 23 1871.

Purchased for market 10 turkeys and 7 ducks, sold to K. C. & Co, @ 7cts per lb. turkeys weighing 94 lbs - and @ 25 cts each. Rebuilt the "Carter line fence". Drew 3 loads of forest leaves for bedding the stock from the lower bush. A cold frosty day, the ground frozen so hard that the plow is stopped

## FRIDAY, 24

Was chopping cord wood in the lower bush for fuel. Had quite a brisk snow storm this morning but it turned to rain and melted the most of it. Spent the evening at Choir Practice, one of the old members was present Robert Morton who has been absent for 5 months, he is a good musician.

## November, SATURDAY, 25 1871

Received yesterday a letter from Uncle Adam Ferguson. Drove Aunt Mary over to 3rd line East to Isaac Modeland. Took dinner there, drove to Brampton this evening and bought a new suit of grey tweed at \$17.00. Paid \$1.00 to W.A. Mitchell for cleaning my watch. Spent the evening at J.C. Snell's.

## SUNDAY, 26

Walked down from J.C.S. this morning and wrote a letter to Thomas Mason, the first time I have ever written him. Heard Rev W.W. Carson at Zion at 2 1/2 P.M. text -Romans VIII 29th and 30th, a right good sermon. Heard the same in Brampton to night.

## November, MONDAY, 27 1871

Was engaged in splitting basswood rails, manufactured 77 rails. Spent the evening at the I.O.G. Templar's Lodge "Safeguard Temple" about 70 members present had a fine lively meeting. Bro W.W. Carson gave an account of his trip to Grand Lodge at Belleville. Aunt Mrs. Taylor came here this evening from Oakville.

# TUESDAY, 28

A very sharp frost, thermometer sank to Zero. Mr. John Mason and Aunt Mrs. Peacock were married at our place @ 1 o'clock by Rev John Shaw. J.C. Snell and Mrs. J.C.S. stood up with them during the ceremonies. Drove them to G.T.R. Depot at 5 P.M. going to Toronto for a trip. Very cold weather.

# November, WEDNESDAY, 29 1871

Mrs Taylor left here for Oakville via Railway. Was chopping cord wood all day, spent the evening at the protracted meeting in Hope Chapael. Rev Mr Thompson P. Methodist preached, text - Acts, Paul's sermon to Felix. Mr and Mrs Mason are here from Toronto.

# TUESDAY, 30

Was at the same work as yesterday. The weather continues frosty and very cold, the mercury keeping down to zero. Took a span of horses to Edmonton and had them sharp shod on fore feet. Mr and Mrs Robert Nichols spent the evening here.

## December, FRIDAY, 1 1871

Was engaged in sawing a dry beach about 2 1/2 ft across the stump with J. Learment's cross cut saw, spent the evening at Choir Practice. Bought a new suit of grey tweed of K. Chisholm & Co. @ \$17.00 a close fitting sack coat.

### Saturday, 2

Was sawing a large hemlock tree over 3 ft into 2 ft lengths. Took a grist of 12 bush of wheat to J. W. Main Mill. The weather has turned milder again.

## December, SUNDAY, 3 1871

Went to S. School this morning Supt. pres. lesson I Chronicles XXVII 1 to 16. Sang from the New S. School Organ's for the first time in the School. Father and mother & Mr and Mrs Peacock spent the afternoon at J.C. Snell's. Heard Rev C. Clement from Streetsville preach in Brampton tonight - text - Luke XVIII 13th.

## MONDAY, 4

Dressed for pork an 8 months old Berkshire weighing 156 lbs, making with the one killed 2 weeks ago 410 lbs. Settled R. Crawford's acc on wages \$37.00. Mr and Mrs Mason are busy packing up for the West. Rev W. Millard and J.C. Snell took tea here to night. Spent the evening at the Teacher's Meeting at No 15.

# December, TUESDAY, 5 1871

Father drove the folks starting for Missouri to G.T.R. Depot and their baggage, 3 boxes weighing 363 lbs, all over 200 lbs they will have to pay for as extra luggage. They took Matilda Peacock along with them. Bought a barrel of Goderich salt @ \$1.70. A very cold day.

## WEDNESDAY, 6

Finished chopping cord wood in the lower bush have some 12 cords chopped Had a visit from Mrs Guy Bell. The evening closed in with a South West snow storm.

## December, THURSDAY, 7 1871

Spent the afternoon in Brampton. Had a short chat with Dawson Modeland who has just returned from New York, has seen a great many fine sights. Ordered the manufacture of an overcoat at K. Chisholm's to cost \$12.50 of brown beaver. Have hardly enough snow to make sleighing.

## FRIDAY, 8

Took the first sleigh ride I have had this season, but there has been some sleighing for two weeks. Was engaged in chopping firewood at the other place bush. spent evening at Choir Practice. Bought a copy of "Pure Gold" a new note book also a pocket Diary for 1872, price of both articles 80 cents.

# December, SATURDAY, 9 1871.

Was at the same work as yesterday. Sold the cow "Lady Harrington" and calf for \$150 to John Snell. Sister Viney and Susie Campbell were collecting for the Bible Society. The cold weather continues not enough snow to make good sleighing, but splendid waggoning the roads are hard and smooth

## SUNDAY, 10

Spent the morning at S School Rev Jas Brooks present lesson John XVII. Heard Rev John Shaw preach at Zion - text - II Peter III last verse. Heard same minister in Brampton to night - text - Psalm XC, 14th verse, it was a funeral sermon on account of the death of several children with the scarlet fever

## December, MONDAY, 11 1871.

Deposited \$150.00 in the Merchants' Bank in Brampton which will draw interest at 4 per cent if not withdrawn before 3 months. Mr H. Joness brought home our straw cutter. Spent the evening at the meeting of the "Safeguard Lodge" there were two more members initiated

# TUESDAY, 12

Was engaged in splitting oak stakes at the "other place" out of an old log that has laid in the bush for many years but proved to be sound and made 100 good stakes. Mrs J. C. Snell and little Mary and Johnnie are spending 2 or 3 days here. Spent the evening at home in reading.

## December, WEDNESDAY, 13 1871.

Have some 4 or 5 inches of snow this morning making the ringing of the many sleigh bells lively and frequent along the Centre road. Drove sister Emma in the cutter to day school. Was measuring and winnowing the oats and find we have about 190 bush. Spent evening at the melodeon.

## THURSDAY, 14

Sold Clifton the 4 yr old Short Horn bull to Crawforth the butcher @ \$80. Drove Mrs J.C. Snell and children home this afternoon. Spent the evening at the special Meeting in Hope Chapael

## December, FRIDAY, 16 1871.

Was engaged in hauling from the lower bush, firewood drew six loads. Spent the evening at Choir Practice Bought of K. Chisholm & Co a brown beaver overcoat with silk velvet collar @ \$12.50 also a fur cap @ \$1.50 Sold 12 1/2 lbs of fresh butter @ 18 cts per lb = \$2.25

# SATURDAY, 16

Was at the same work as yesterday, have about {8 - ink blot} cords drawn up. J.C. Snell, wife and children and Miss K.F. Snell took tea here this evening. Rev W. W. Carson took dinner on his way to Orangeville on a Missionary Tour

## December, SUNDAY, 17 1871.

Went to S. School this morning. Supt pres. lesson Matt, XXV 1 to 13. Was a large attendance had several visitors. Drove the sleigh to Brampton this evening and heard Rev John Shaw preach, text John XXI, 20 to 22 A nice mild day.

## MONDAY, 18

Spent the day at Edmonton at the nominations for councillmen for this township. Mr T. Bowles was appointed Reeve by acclamation, there are four candidates for each of the two offices of deputy Reeves and Councillors. Spent the evening at the I.O.G. Temple, sister Viney joined to night

# December, TUESDAY, 19 1871

Was drawing firewood from lower bush, drew 7 loads. Received an addition of some more light snow last night which is by the action of the west winds forming into huge drifts. Spent evening reading "Timothy Titcombs" Advice to Young Men.

# WEDNESDAY, 20

Drew up two loads of cord wood this morning but had to stop work then because of the high wind which was drifting the snow in clouds. Winnowed 9 bush of peas for to feed the Berkshires which are consuming over a bushel of peas per day

# December, THURSDAY, 21 1871.

Last night and this morning was intensely cold the thermometer going down to 18° below zero, and in some parts of Canada to 30° and 40° below zero. Mr Westervelt's school examination in our S. Section took place to day, the scholars presented him with a valuable writing desk, and a nice work box for his wife.

## FRIDAY, 22

Have been housed up the last day or two with a very sore throat. Was hauling hemlock two ft stuff from lower bush for stove wood. Received cash from Crawforth for "Clifton" \$79, he dressed 1420 lbs. The weather has moderated and is snowing from the East.

# December, SATURDAY, 24 1871.

A very heavy shower with very sharp lightening and heavy thunder, the snow is fast disappearing. Went to Brampton this evening and purchased some Christmas presents for the little folks.

# SUNDAY, 24

Went to S. School this morning Supt. pres abs lesson - Matt XXV 14 to 30th. Heard Rev W. W. Carson preach at Zion at 2 1/2 o'clock, text, Zechariah III 1st 5 verses. Heard him preach in Brampton, text, Revelations III 20th verse. Was at the burning of the Old Steam Mill in Brampton to night.

## December, MONDAY, 25 1871.

Dull and cloudy with a keen frosty air, the fields are bare but there are some large snow drifts along the fences, the roads are very icy, the gravel road is bare and no sleighing in Brampton. J.C. Snell and family took Christmas dinner here. Spent the evening at the Temperance lodge.

# TUESDAY, 26

Spent the entire day at Quin's Blacksmiths Shop at Edmonton getting a span of horses sharp shod all around, one of them "Charlie" a 2 yr old colt, that was never shod before, he behaved himself pretty well during the operation.

# December, WEDNESDAY, 27 1871.

A cold blustering day, had an additional inch or two of fresh snow last night, which is flying in clouds before a driving west wind. Spent the day in splitting a few oak stakes and threshing peas. Spent the evening reading the Daily Globe and examining a book printed in the year 1771.

# THURSDAY, 82 [sic]

Another very cold day. Was grinding and whetting the straw cutter knifes preparatory to cutting straw for fodder. Mr Frederick House's Clover Mill came here this evening, we intend threshing our clover with it to morrow. J. Learment spent the evening. Splendid moonlight night.

## December, FRIDAY, 29 1871.

Threshed all the clover this forenoon, will have about 4 bush of good ripe seed, put some of it through the Mill 3 times, before it was threshed clean. Dressed a yearling steer for beef for home use, will weigh fully 500 lbs of beef beside hide and tallow. Spent evening at Choir Practice

# SATURDAY, 30

Yesterday was very fine and warm, a cold East wind prevails to day. Mrs R. Gardener and Walter were here all last night on a visit. Went to Brampton this forenoon and sold the hide weighing 72 lbs @ 7 cts per lb \$5.00 bought a New Years Gift for sister Viney a book called "Children's Hour Annual" \$1.12 1/2. Father and mother spent the day at J.C. Snell's

## December, SUNDAY, 31 1871.

Drove to S. School this morning in the sleigh. Supt pres from Toronto - lesson - Matt XXV, 31 to 42. Received a long address and charge from our Supt. on the close of the year. Had all my sisters up to S. School and drove them across to J.C. Snells for a New Year's dinner to day instead of tomorrow Spent part of the afternoon there and then started for home. The weather to day was very warm and thawing very fast, a heavy fog hung over the earth for some time but to night set in a rough rain storm from the N.E. Set up rather late because of its bering watch night, retire to night at the close of the year 1871

CASH ACCOUNT, JANUARY.					
	Received.	Ρ	aid.		
Sold and gristed this year up to Sept 18th 325 bush of wheat Sold 110 bush of wheat, Oct 5th Dec 3rd A grist of	325 110 12 bush {divided by} 447 bush of wheat				
CASH ACCOUNT	, JANUARY.				
			Rec	eived	Paid.
			\$	С	\$ C
4th: Paid for New   Fairbanks scales	pair of				18.00
7th: Sold to J. Sne of beef 160 lbs @					
8: Subscribe to the Fund \$4.00 Paid	e College End				2.00
20th: Paid R. Nobl 400 feet lumber Sub to Peel Banne	-				3.25 1.00
23rd: Paid A McCa cedar posts	annel for 100				10.50

31st: Sold to K Chrisholm 27 bush barley at 55 cents per bush	14.85	
19th: Grist to Norval 9 bush 34 bush of oats and peas mixed		
": 34 bush of oats and peas mixed		
	14.85	34.75 14.85
Dr to	\$	19.50

CASH ACCOUNT, FEBRUARY						
		Received \$	cts	Paid \$	cts	
2nd	Paid W. R. Graham Dentist for extracting a tooth				50	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Paid W. R Graham for filling 6 teeth charge \$6.00 pd on acc			5	00	

7th	Paid insurance fees			1	50
9th	" threshers			12	00
"	" to hired men			2	00
14th	Received for Alsike Clover @ \$6 per bush	9	00		
"	Paid K.C. & Co fee			4	00
17 <sup>th</sup>	Received from Robert Smith for bull service	7	00		
"	Paid to the McKenzie fund			1	00
20th	Paid for cull lumber				60
24th	" W. K.			1	00

	Graham Acc				
25 <sup>th</sup>	" Guy Bell for 1 dy's sawing with circular			3	50
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sold 5 bush clover	25	00		
"	Bought ton plastr			7	00
{Totals}	Cr to \$2.90	41	00	38	10

#### CASH ACCOUNT MARCH

		Received \$	cts	Paid \$	cts
1st	Paid for Sundries			<del>50</del>	50
2 <sup>nd</sup>	" chopping grain				50

5th	" to Superannalist Minsters Fund			1	00
23rd	Paid to K.C. & Co for I bush of Timothy seed @			5	50
27 <sup>th</sup>	Paid for 2 bush crown peas			2	20
"	Sundries				50
31st	Do			2	00
{totals}	Dr			12	20
	February Acc Cr \$2.90				
CASH ACCOUNT, APRIL					

		Received		Paid	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Received from J. Hindle for use of ram last fall	8	00		
11 <sup>th</sup>	Received for 11 lbs of butter @ 15 cents	1	65		
"	Bought music stool @ \$1.05 and sundries			4	00
14 <sup>th</sup>	Gave Haggard Bros a promisory Note for 3 months \$1.50 on price of land roller had a due bill valve	17	50	<del>-16</del>	<del>50</del> 5
18	Received from W. Learment for 10 bush barley	6	00		
22	Paid for suit of clothes and hat			22	00
24	Received from Williamson for 2 cows & 2 calves	75	00		
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26	Paid out \$30			30	00
"	" Haggerts note	<del>16</del>	<del>00</del>	16	00
"	" McCaul stake	4	<del>25</del>	4	25
	" Sundries			2	00
{totals}		\$108	15	\$78	25

## CASH ACCOUNT, MAY

		Received		Paid	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Received from E. Bunting for 2 bush barley	1	20		
12	Received from A. Bunting for 5 lbs flour	1	62		

<del>10</del> 11	Paid for sundries			4	00	
24 <sup>th</sup>	" " Do			4	00	
27th	Received from W. Broddy	2	20			
		5	02	8	00	
				5	02	
	Dr			\$2	98	
	April Acc	108	15	78	25	
		78	25			
	Cr	\$29	80			
CASH AC	CASH ACCOUNT, JUNE					

		Received		Paid	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Received for fat ewe	4	00		
7th	Do for 38 bush Wheat @ \$1.25	47	30		
"	Paid lumber bill			28	68
"	<ul><li>for shingle</li><li>6 squares @</li><li>50 cts</li></ul>			3	00
8	Received for 52 bush wheat @ \$1.23	62	73		
"	Paid for barl salt			1	70
9	" K.C. & Co Acc			20	00
"	Received for bacon	3	33		

15	Paid to Reform fund			3	00
16	Received for wool and sheepskins	94	20		
ű	Paid for pair coarse boots and sundries			5	00
<del>17</del>	Received for 2 yr steer	50	00		
23	Paid for hay rack				
"	Horse rakes wash machine			14	00
27	For 3 barls water lime			6	00
"	Sundries			4	00
29	For valise (new)			1	00

[totals]	\$261	16	86	38

CASH ACCOUNT, JULY

		Received		Paid	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Spent on trip to Toronto			2	00
4 <sup>th</sup>	For barrel ferment			2	00
7	" 41 bush wheat @ \$1.15 per bush	47	45		
"	" Sundries			5	00
12	" Do			2	00
20	" Do			5	00
31				8	00
		47	45	34	00
		34	00		

Cr	\$13	45		
June acc.	261	16	86	88
	86	88		
Cr	\$174	78		

## CASH ACCOUNT, AUGUST

		Received	Paid	
1 <sup>st</sup>	For manufacturing 29 yds of rag carpet		2	90
8	E expenses to Menagerie and Sundries		4	00
12	To A. Bunting for 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> dys work		2	00
14	For Hist. of Prussia		2	00

15	From B. Watson for 8 cows, served, by Clif	12	00		
"	For sundries			4	00
17	" do			3	00
23	" New whip and sundries			4	00
		12	00	21	90
				12	00
	Dr			\$9	90
CAS	SH ACCOUNT, SEPTE	MBER			
		Received		Paid	
1 <sup>st</sup>	For 50 lbs timothy			4	00
"	" 1 pr of shoes			1	50
"	"2" "childrens			4	00

"	fine shoes				
"	" Sundries			2	00
8	" Axle arm and door hinges			1	15
"	" Other Articles			3	00
6	" Enrolling militia	16	00		
15	" Coynes Bill			11	00
"	" Buggy Shaft				50
"	" Groceries			1	30
16	" 47 bush wheat	59	60		
"	" Boots and Cotton			9	00
18	" 87 bush wheat	108	10		
20	" timothy seed			4	00
	" Groceries			2	00
21	" Admission to			1	00

	Teameeting				
20	" Pr Ewe lambs	20	00		
26	" threshing			8	50
"	" Sundries			1	00
30	" Ram lambs	9	00		
		212	70	53	95
		53	95		
		\$158	75	Cr	
CAS	SH ACCOUNT, OCTOB	BER			
		Received		Paid	
2	For 4 cows served	6	00		
3	" one lamb	10	00		
"	" Co Show			5	00

	Expenses				
5	" 56 bush wheat	72	70		
"	" 54 " "	69	19		
"	" K.C. & Co Acc.			50	18
"	" Mr Norris for a lamb	10	00		
"	" Mr. Keyworth " "	5	00		
"	"Hardware, Trunk, etc			5	00
9	" Linen front, paper collers				45
10	" Wooden pump			8	40
13	" Spring snaps, matches				75
12	" Guelph Fair			2	00
20	" Sugar and sundries			2	00

21	" Mr. A Woodhall for 5 cows served	7	50		
22	" Quarterage			3	00
24	" Quin's bill			4	50
"	" Sundries			1	00
28	" Do			1	00
"	" for prizes, Co show	3	00		
		183	39	83	28
		83	28		
	Cr	100	11		
CASH ACCOUNT, NOVEMBER					
		Received		Paid	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Cash for Taxes school tax			27	49

	inclusive				
3 <sup>rd</sup>	" Sundries			1	00
4	" do				50
7	<ul><li>for 5 lambs and</li><li>2 bush oats</li></ul>	37	00		
"	" Sundries			1	00
9	" Groceries			2	00
11	" Blacksmith's bill			4	35
"	" Quarter of Mutton	1	35		
"	" Nails and glass, whip			1	65
13	" Templers' fees				70
15	" Groceries Ec Ec			1	50
17	" Timothy & Sundries			10	00

23	" Turkeys and ducks	8	43		
"	<ul><li>Groceries and</li><li>dress goods and</li><li>to Mrs. Peacock</li></ul>			25	00
25 <sup>th</sup>	" Clothing and Watch			18	00
		46	78	93	19
				46	78
	Dr			\$46	41
CASI	H ACCOUNT, DECEN	<b>/</b> BER			
		Received		Paid	
1 <sup>st</sup>	For suit of tweed	<del>17</del> \$	cts	\$ <del>17</del>	<del>00</del>
4 <sup>th</sup>	" R. Crawford's acc/ on wages			37	00

5 <sup>th</sup>	" barrel of Goderich " Salt			1	70
8 <sup>th</sup>	" Pocket Diary and Pure Gold 				80
9 <sup>th</sup>	For "Lady Harrington" and calf	150	00		
11 <sup>th</sup>	Deposited in Bank	Do	Do		
15 <sup>th</sup>	Received for 12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> lbs butter @ 18 cts	2 {smudged}	25		
"	" Sundries			5	00
22	" For Clifton	79	00		
"	" Cash from, farmer Campbell	7	00		
"	" Overcoat and 2 Fur caps			15	50

30	" Hide	5	00		
"	" Book			1	12
		241	25	61	12
		61	12		
		\$180	13	Cr	

## Recapitulation

	Received	Paid
Jan	\$ 14.85	\$ 34.75
Feb	41.00	38.10
Mar		12.20
Apr	108.15	78.25
Мау	5.02	8.00
June	261.16	86.38
July	47.45	34.00
Aug	12.00	21.90
Sept	212.70	53.95
Oct	183.39	83.28

Nov	46.78	93.19
Dec	241.25	61.12
	\$ 1173.75	605.12
		150.00
		755.12

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