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Diary for 1920.

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March 5th. was out home to Burlington today it is very cold again.

March 6th. Staying in Hamilton yet. went up town to some of the stores. every thing very high in price. especially furniture.

March 7th. Sunday. very cold went down with Draw to see

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March 3rd. Arrived home from California from our trip at 5 o'clock this afternoon. every thing looks cold and dirty every body here says it is mild now. after the extreme cold winter they had here.

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March 5th. was out home to Burlington today. it is very cold again.

March 6th. staying in Hamilton yet. went up town to some of the stores. everything very high in price. especially furniture.

March 7th. Sunday. very cold went down with Dean B. to see his house. it is very nice.

March 8th. went shopping bot a chair and sofa. some dishes and a few odds & ends.

March 9th. Brought a load of things out from Hamilton to our flat. very fine day.

March 10th. Started to work painting the floor of our apartments. the one trouble is that we have no elevator.

March 11th. made two hotbeds out of some manure, that John piled up about two weeks ago. have a car on the road has been shipped since Mar. 2nd and no word of it yet.

March 12th. Put the second coat
of paint on our floors today
expect to move tomorrow.

March 13th. Moved into our apartment
today. it is nice to be alone
even if we have not got
many comforts or furniture.
went down town at night
for some eats. called at
Hicks for a short time.
weather was very cold and
snowing. sowed the
first seeds this afternoon
some Cabbages & Tomatoes.

March 14th Sunday. was down
home for dinner & supper.
Mr & Mrs Fred Bell was there

March 15th Went down town in
the evening to Hicks to see
about some plans of a
bungalow. they got from Coates
saw Charlie Coates there to
we are to get his price for
building in a day or two.

March 16th. fixing up around
the house. we both have
colds.

March 17th. Lillie has very bad
cold. we went over to John's
in the afternoon and she
went to bed there. Chrissie
is very good. nursing her
car of manure arrived today
after being on the road 15
days.

March 18th making hotbeds
and finished car of manure
also started trimming trees

March 19th very cold with north
East winds. sowed balance of
Tomato seed and Peppers
started snowing at noon, quiet

March 20th went down to see
Coates about building house
he wont take contract now,
saw Sam Oakes about digging
well. but nothing doing but
saw Bill Bowerbank who promised
to come on Monday.
was trimming trees in the
afternoon.

March 21st we are at John's yet
but Lillies cold is getting better
they had lots of visitors
Mr & Mrs B. from Hamilton, Will
Bell & Francis & children. also
Mr & Mrs Geo Hammond. met
Mrs Hammond for the first time.
they are to be in the house with
us. she seems very nice.

March 22nd. Bill Bowerbank started
to dig well. saw Coates again
about building house. he
wants to build by day. work,
trimming trees. yet.

March 23rd Fine and warm but
they say it will be cold. saw
the northern lights last night
brightest we ever saw -
Well full of water this
morning. had to put the
old tank in for a crib.

March 24th. Trimming trees yet
was down to Coates. getting
a price for the Carpenter
work from them and
the Cement and brick work
from Harry Cuttriss.

March 25th. Went for a load of
Bricks to the Dominion Sewer
Pipe Co. got 600 all we can
get till next week. they are
\$19.00 per thousand. When I
Got home the man digging the
well had quite. too much

seems to be going wrong.

March 26th Fine and warm
trimming trees yet. Got price
for the Carpenter work for
building bungalow from
Coates \$3400 from Cuttriss
Brick & Cement work, \$1540 and
plastering \$640. very high we
think.

March 27th very cold today
with snow flurries trying
to buy or rent Mrs Benners
place. but she says
nothing doing

March 28th Sunday was fair
and cool.

March 29th. started making
hotbeds for transplanting very
cool and windy with some
showers.

March 30 cool & windy, making
hotbeds. trying to buy
the Filman property were
Ken Bray is now.

March 31st cool & cloudy. started
gathering brush in the orchard.

April 1st. cool. started transplanting
Cabbages. showery at night.

April 2nd. Very changeable weather
in the morning East winds & rain
in the afternoon we had a thunder
shower. and before night heavy
west winds and very cold.
transplanted two beds of Tomatoes
and was at Mr Hammonds
Auction sale in the afternoon
first one I have been to in years

April 3rd Transplanted Cabbages
very cold and blowing a gale
from the West. made Filman

April 4th Easter Sunday. very cold and blowing a gale from the north east with rain & snow in the evening.

April 5th. still blowing from the west and very cold with some snow. great weather for hotbeds. half of the Tomatoes I planted on April 2nd are damped off now and more going yet.

April 6th. very cold with snow flurries, still trying for the Filman property. but can't get much satisfaction out of them

April 7th still cold ground frozen and covered with snow. finished gathering brush

April 8th getting colder lots of snow flurries and the ground frozen. Bray wants \$1,000 to leave the place he has rented. told Filman we would pay half for immediate possession.

April 9th cold yet - fixing wagon and cultivators also started the spray engine. and made a few more hotbeds. have a car of manure shipped on April 5th. went to Hamilton to see about tile for drain can't get any thing only 4 in Cement tile at \$40.00 per 1000.

April 10th John went for 500 tiles Mike started digging for drain. I planted a few more Tomatoes the first this week. also saw Filman again about the property. Bray won't get off now unless he can get another place

April 11th cloudy & cool, and
a drizzle of rain. went down
to see Mrs Hicks for tea. and went
to church after.

April 12th The weather has been
getting worse. snowing from
the north East all day.
saw Filman & Bray about
the property nothing settled yet,
worked nearly all day oiling
up car.

April 13th Cold with 3 or 4 inches
of snow. heard there was a
sleigh drawing lumber from
the station. Unloaded
car of manure for hotbeds.
Mrs Filman called up about land
refuses to pay anything to
Bray. so guess the deal
is all off.

April 14th. Cold. ground frozen
this morning some snow
on the ground. Transplanted
2000 more Cabbages, making
34 sashes all together about
6800 plants. also planted
about 10000 Tomatoe plants.

April 15th Cool and cloudy yet -
transplanted about 5000 more
Tomatoes, John and two
men are putting in tile.
started raining about 5 o'clock.

April 16th Rained and snowed
during the night, frozen up
this morning. Got some
repairs for sprayer also
two barrels of Spray material

April 17th. started men hoeing
grass out of Raspberries.
Closed the deal tonight for
the Filman property paying
\$13000 to Filman and \$900 to get
Mr Bray off the place \$13,900 in all.

April 18th. Sunday about the
finest day this spring
motored up to Hamilton and
went to St Andrews Church.

April 19th. Just started transplanting
Peppers today. very late
this year. also started
putting on the dormant spray
16 gallons lime sulphur to
the tank. Cant get into our
new home till May 8th or 10th.
but can work the ground
right away.

April 20th Cool east winds and
cloudy. Spraying, transplanting
Peppers and hoeing Raspberries.
We went to the fire about 8:20P.M.
R.W. Dingles Barn burnt with
two horses.

April 21st Heavy rain this morning
making out Income Tax Papers
trimmed out a few of the plum
trees on new farm. they are
not much good.

April 22nd Finished transplanting
Peppers and tomatoes
uncovered one Strawberry
patch. started raining
at 7:30 P.M. Rained nearly
all night.

April 23rd unloading car of
manure & making hot beds-
cool with some flying showers

April 24th Unloading manure
and uncovering strawberries
very cold. but fine & clear

April 25th Sunday fair & cool

April 26th. cool and cloudy.
finished rakeing manure off
of strawberries. also spraying
and started hoeing Blackberries

any good, look as if they
were frozen badly. started
raining about 6 oclock-

April 27th Raining off and
on all day. nothing doing
drove car up to Hamilton
to get valves ground and
steering rod fixed. John
Babcock died suddenly last
night. also Oscar Williams
had a young daughter arrive

April 28th sprayed in the
morning stopped at noon
by high wind. drew
manure off Strawberries
in the afternoon. cold
with rain squalls from
the west.

April 29th Finished drawing manure
off strawberries- very cold.
Went to John Babcock's Funeral.

April 30th Started Plowing for
strawberries. and finished with
the dormant spray. and
started transplanting tomatoes
the second time.

May 1st. Cutting down Blackberry
patch all frozen the extreme
cold winter I guess.
weather is very cold with
high wind today.

May 2nd cool and cloudy
was over at Johns
for tea.

May 3rd. Transplanting
Tomatoes, also ploughing
for oats. weather is
still cool and cloudy.

May 4th. Fine and a little
warmer today. transplanting
tomatoes in the morning

today at Johns place.
Mike is plowing for
oats.

May 5th. Got 10 bus of
seed oats from Ed Sherwood,
at \$1.50 a bushel also got
40 lbs Red Clover Seed from
Steele Briggs it was \$43 per
bushel. have a very bad
cold since Sunday. had
to go to bed this afternoon-

May 6th. Had to stay in bed
all day. it seemed about
a week, as Lillie went to
Hamilton to play at a wedding
the men planted out
some more Cabbages also
transplanting tomatoes

May 5th. Lillie and I was
down to Cleaver's and
signed the mortgage on our
property for \$4,000

May 7th. Fine and warm
John sowed Cabbage & Cauliflower
seed also finished planting
Early Cabbages. sowed
the Oats and Clover seed
on May 5th.

May 8th John was finishing
transplanting tomatoes
have over 15000 plants
men all on a drunk but
Mike who is ploughing
old Blackberry patch
for early corn-

May 9th. Married five months
today celebrated with Roast
Beef and Rhubarb Pie. and
John Henry on the way

May 10th. started digging straw-
berry plants. only one man
left. the other two are gone

but we cant work 70 acres
with one man.
went to Toronto in the
afternoon. because we thought
it was going to rain. but it
only rained a shower.
went to see about a stove
but they have daylight saving
in Toronto, and Eatons was closed
also got possession of our
house. it sure looks dirty.
May 11th. started planting
strawbwerries-

May 12th. Finished planting
large patch of strawberries
about two acres. looks
like rain, and a shower
would do good- as it is
pretty dry-

May 13th cool and cloudy
digging Raspberry suckers.

May 14th- shipped 1 basket
asparagus sold at \$4.00 in Toronto
digging & planting raspberries
very dry, no rain yet.

May 15th. Motored to Caledonia
and Hagersville with Jake
Brant after men and berry
pickers, got lots of promises
in Hagersville but all spoke
for in Caledonia, all going
to Clarkson, drove about
90 miles. awful rough
roads around the reserve
sure was tired when I got
home-

May 16th. Sunday fine
and clear. but not very
warm yet.

May 17th. Fine and warm
ploughed out old Asparagus
patch on Filman place and
replanted it again. Cut

\$1.50 and \$1.75 in Toronto. also drew
old Blackberry roots off. getting
ready to plant corn.

May 18th Planted Early Corn
& Pumpkins. Patch on old
Blackberry patch. side next
highway is Early Corn
upper side is Golden Bantam.
and patch in Johns Pear
orchard is Hickox.
Fine and warm no rain yet

May 19th. started hoeing
strawberries. it will be
a big job about 13 or 14
acres.

May 20th. Hoeing strawberries
fine and warm. had to
draw water for hot-beds

May 21st Fine and warm
hoed strawberries, cut 11
baskets asparagus. left
hotbeds open for the first
time at night.

May 22nd Finished hoeing one
patch of strawberries (3 acres)
Fine and warm

May 23rd Sunday. had Harry
B and Family for tea
had a nice rain in the
evening will do a lot of
good.

May 24th. cool and cloudy
planted Raspberry suckers
the second time. all died
(nearly) the first time. closed
hot beds up between 9 oclock
and ten, some holiday.

May 25th. Planted Raspberries
in the morning and Corn
in the afternoon on new place
next road is Hickox, and

May 26th Started putting
out tomato plants, got
about 6000 out today
weather is pretty warm

May 27th Planting Tomatoes
again today, very warm
and dry-

May 28th. Planted nearly
two pounds of Musk Melon
seed. out in the ground
for trial. some say they
will be no good. planted
tomatoes in the afternoon.
very warm and dry and
no signs of any rain.

May 29th. Finished planting
Tomatoes this morning 15000 plants
they look pretty bad. ground
dry and weather warm.
Planted Cucumber seed this
morning and started putting
out Peppers.

May 30th Sunday. Warm
& fine. went down to the
beach for tea.

May 31st. Moved Jake Brant
out from Hamilton very
warm.

June 1st. Finished planting
peppers. very warm and
dry. every thing burning
up.

June 2nd. Weeding out Cabbage
& Cauliflower plants and
hoeing strawberries. very
warm. had a little shower
for about 5 minutes. have
inside of house nearly all
painted & papered will
soon be able to move in.

June 3rd a little cooler today

not growing very good
need more rain.
Cemented cistern at night.

June 4th. Cooler today. Hoeing
strawberries, got our telephone
in new house-

June 5th. Started spraying
this morning. put in 5 lbs
of Powdered Arsenic and
3½ Gals Lime Sulphur per
tank. only got two tanks
on and stopped by rain-
but we sure need the rain.
got our new stove and also
sewing machine today.

June 6th. Sunday. was fine
went for a little drive
in the afternoon

June 7th. Fine & warm
Spraying put on seven
tanks today. have
four men hoeing SBerries.

June 8th Fine. spraying
and hoeing strawberries yet.
planted out a few Cabbages.

June 9th. Finished the
second spraying today
it took 20 tanks of
mixture to go over them.

June 10th. Very warm. Trying
to cement around the cellar
moved tonight into our own
house.

June 11th. Very warm, strawberries
burning up no rain

June 12th. Hoeing & Cultivating
cutting Asparagus yet.
Last shipment to Toronto
sold at \$2.75 a basket

June 13th Our first Sunday in

of visitors Bells, Bonifaces &
McMillans.

June 15th. Hoeing corn had
a nice shower about 10 oclock
started putting out Cauliflower
plants at noon. had a -
nother heavy shower at 4 oclock
which soaked every thing
had about 10,000 plants
out by night.

June 14th Very warm. hoeing
Corn. it did not come up very good

June 16th. Showery all
day. put up the tent
and fixing for Berry
pickers.

June 17th. Planted Late
Cabbages and went to
Hamilton and bought
6 bags of Potatoes, for
planting on old strawberry
patch that winter killed
Paid \$37.00 for the 6 bags.
planting potatoes in the
afternoon. also picked
first Strawberries 11 crate
sold 3 crates to Ross Hart
at 30¢ and shipped 8
crates to Toronto sold there
at 20¢ to 30¢ P.S. arrived late. Ex. Co
did not load, till noon next day.

June 18th showery. picked
12 crates strawberries
sold at - 22 to 30 cts.

June 19th. Warm today shipped
13 crates of strawberries on
noon train, will likely be
cheap as there was a lot
going. sold at 20¢ a box

June 20th Sunday Cool and
looks like more rain.

June 21st. Rained nearly all

too much rain now. and
very cold. picked 48 crates
strawberries in the afternoon

June 22nd Picked about 85
crates of strawberries
sold as low as 12 cts in
Toronto.

June 23rd Picked only 30 crates
today. sold at 13 to 15¢

June 24th Picked 50 crates
today. going up in price
sold some here at \$6.00
and had some sold in
Toronto at from 24 to 28¢

June 25th. getting pretty warm
again picked 72 crates
strawberries sold at
25¢ in Toronto-

June 26th. Saturday picked
36 crates this morning
shipped half to Toronto
and sold the rest to Ross
Hart at 15¢

June 27th. Sunday - fine & warm

June 28th. Biggest picking
of strawberries picked
151 crates. sold up north at
16¢ and to Ross Hart -

June 29th. picked 124 crates
strawberries stopped by
heavy rain at 5 oclock.

June 30 . had 111 crates
picked at 2 oclock - sold
mostly up north at 17¢

July 1st. Picked 130 crates
sold north at 18¢ box

July 2nd Had heavy shower
about 7 30 this morning

July 3rd. Sold 67 crates Berries today to Davidson they went to the Burlington Canning factory.

July 4th Sunday. cool north west wind today. will help the berries as they were getting soft-

July 5th. Cut 13 doz Cabbag for the first sold to Ross Hart at \$1.50 doz picked 134 crates Berries today. getting warm, berries soft sold 67 crates of them to Ross Hart at 18 cents.

July 6th. Picked 145 crates today weather cool. sold about 100 crates up north at 20¢.

July 7th. Rained all morning picked about 50 crates in the afternoon.

July 8th. Picked 114 crates StrawBerries they will soon be done. cutting quite a few Cabbage sold Ross Hart 25 dozen and shipped 20 dozen up north at \$1.50 dozen shipped 4 crates to Toronto with a dozen in a crate 3 sold at \$2.00 1 at \$1.75

July 9th Sprayed cherries this morning put in 5 lbs Powdered Lead and 3 lbs Soluble Sulphur. per tank only got 34 crates straw berries today. rained again about 1 oclock-

July 10th. Sprayed apples today, seems to be lots of apples except Spys which are light.

also cut 42 dozen
Cabbages sold at \$1.50
a dozen to Ross Hart -

July 11th. Sunday fine
and moderately warm
was down home all day.
raining again this evening

July 12th. Berry pickers scarce
today, went on strike for
more pay (4¢ box) picked
30 crates picked 2 baskets
green peppers. showers again
today.

July 13th. Picked the last of the
strawberries 21 crates today
they lasted a long time
since June 17th. was not
a very good crop - had
only 1544 crates off 12 acres
picked 21 bsks Richmond
cherries sold north at \$1.25
stopped at 3 o'clock by
very heavy rain.

July 14th. Picking a few cherries
stopped by heavy rain.

July 15 Picked first Raspberries
sold at 33¢ (4 crates)
in Toronto.

July 16. Picked Montmorency
cherries very cool this
morning, nearly frost.

July 17th. cleaning some
of old strawberry patch.
will never get done I
guess only one man
as Mike stopped July 1st

July 18th Sunday. heavy rain
again today. stayed
home all day and had
a good rest-

July 19th Rain again this

Montmorency cherries after
the rain sold at \$1.40 a
bskt up north.

July 20 Picked 50 bskt cherries
this morning and 14
crates Raspberries in the
afternoon. have not half
enough pickers dont know
what we will do.

July 21st. picking cherries and
Rasps. had a heavy
thunder storm at noon
stopped picking for a
couple of hours.

July 22nd. Pickers still scarce
put an advertisement
in the Hamilton papers for
pickers.

July 23rd. Had about fifty
come from Hamilton
to pick fruit. started
raining about 10 oclock
for a couple of hours
had about 140 baskets
of cherries then. and
picked Rasps after it
dried a little. and about
5:30 in the afternoon, we
had the worst storm
I ever saw around here
thunder & lightning, wind,
and rain and a little
hail. lasted about two
hours. had about a
dozen Berry pickers
stranded at our house
had to give them a
lunch. and Donald &
Chrissie drove them to
the Radial. but found
out there was no
cars running. so she
brought some of the
boys back to her house
for the night. while the

down on the highway
to try and get a ride.
I said to Lillie it was
the end of a perfect day
of peaceful country life.

July 24th. Very wet this
morning. can't do very
much. had a call
from the Hamilton Jail
three of our cherry pickers
Jack Duncan, Dave Brant,
Nelson Markle, arrested
for being drunk, and fined
\$11.00 each or 14 days in
Jail. I guess they had
better stay there - in the
afternoon two of the
Hamilton pickers that were
picking yesterday, came
for their money, one tried
to cash a ticket for
12 baskets that another
girl (Lillian) lost. (I believe
he stole it) also he
forged a ticket and made
it read 10 baskets instead
of one. but I had the
copys and he was glad
to get pay for 4 baskets
instead of 25 baskets
which he tried to
collect for. Have been
trying to farm a little
this afternoon. I was
ploughing around the
trees in the old strawberry
bed. I sure am some Expert
Plougher. this was
24th Lillies Birthday
so we had a nice box of
chocolates -

July 25. Sunday, cool and
cloudy. went up to
Hamilton for tea.

July 26th. Fine and cool
had a big bunch of

picked 150 baskets cherries
sold north at \$1.25 bskt.
also 52 crates Raspberries
sold 30 to Smith at
26¢ shipped Balance to
Toronto. picked 9 bskts
Green Peppers \$1.00 bskt also first
Tomatoes 4 bskts sold at \$2.75
per basket-

July 27. Picking cherries and
Raspberries . fine & cool .

July 28 . Picked about 180 baskets
cherries and some rasps-

July 29. Picking cherries and
Rasps. stopped by rain
at 3 P.M. cut Cabbages
cheap now. sold at 60¢ and 75¢
a crate . up north

July 30th. Warm today . picked
90 bskt cherries sold at
\$1.25 up north. also 25 crates
Rasps sold at 27¢ to Ross
Hart.

July 31st . Picking Rasps sold
to Ross Hart at 26¢
had to raise the price of
picking to 5 cts a box today.
only got 17 crates picked
account of rain , had a
shower in the morning and
another about noon.
have picked 224 crates Rasps up
till tonight, and 1165
bskts cherries ,

Aug 1st Sunday , cloudy
and very cool. did
not go out all day -

Aug 2nd . Hamilton Civic
Holiday . Lillie spent the
day at the beach. picked
rasps & cherries . also
29 bskt Tomatoes sold

Aug 3rd A Little warmer
today picking Rasps
and cherries yet -

Aug 4th. Fine and warm
finished picking Montmorency
cherries. 40 bsks also picked 15
bsks Astrachan apples
sold at 50¢. and 52 bsks
tomatoes at \$1.25. and 27
crates Rasps at 26¢
Had the fire insurance agent
around today, Cost \$58.35
to insure, the house and contents
for \$5000 Barn & contents \$1550 and
Indian shanty \$250. \$6800 in
all.

Aug 5th Picked 40 bsks
Morello cherries and 35
crates Rasps.

Aug 6th. Warm today
finished picking cherries
had 1425 baskets all together
Picked 25 crates Rasps. which
make 119 crates this week. total
now to date 343 crates.
picked about 75 bsks tomatoes
shipped north at 75¢, but
buyers are only paying 40¢
at station

Aug 7th. Not doing much today
picked Black Currants
only had 5 baskets worth
\$3.00 per basket -

Aug 8th Sunday - very warm
had Effie & Dad also Mr & Mrs B.
up for the day.

Aug. 9th - Raining nearly
all day - nothing doing.

Aug 10th. Picking toms
apples & Rasps etc -
getting 50¢ now for

Aug 11th Started Picking
plums. Williards shipped
north at 75¢. Red June's
shipped to Toronto Sold at .
still picking Raspberries
sold to Davidson at 26¢

Aug 12th. Picking Astrachan
Apples at 40¢. Tomatoes
at 50¢, also 120 bsks Red
June plums . and also
22 baskets shiro plums .
cutting Cabbages, and
picking Cukes at 50¢

Aug 13th Picking tomatoes
and plums, plums
a big crop. likely be
very cheap. raining
in the afternoon .

Aug 14th . Not picking any
thing today - got report
of sales for plums and
apples in Toronto . apples
sold at 25¢ plums 40¢
to 50¢ for Red Junes .

Aug 15 Sunday fine and warm
went for a drive and
had a lunch up near
Waterdown .

Aug 16th . Showery again
this morning , Picked
about 200 bsks tomatoes
sold at 50¢ and 83 plums
sold at 50¢ and some
apples 35¢ Finished
picking Raspberries total
390 crates -

Aug 17th. cut first crate
of Cauliflowers at \$2.10
am afraid there is going
to be a scaricity of 11 qt baskets
could not get any this
morning . but have a
few thousand in for

Aug 18th - Picking plums
shipping north at 40¢
shipped 100 to Toronto
sold at 40¢ there only -

Aug 19th . very warm .
picking tomatoes & plums
tomatoes at 50¢ north
not a very good crop .

Aug 20th. Picked about
200 bskt tomatoes today
selling at 40¢ plums
the same , shipped 140
baskets north today -

Aug 21st - no orders today
Saturday. picking a
few plums and tomatoes
for Monday morning .
had 8 men working today
but not much in it -
everything so cheap -
had some apples 40 bskt sold
in Toronto as low as
20¢ and 100 bsks Plums
at 40¢ and tomatoes 40¢
very warm today . trying
to get some body to cut
our oats .

Aug 22nd Cool today had a
shower last night, went
up to Carmie Bells for
dinner & tea , Lillie & myself
Dave. Effie. & the Governor
no farm for me -

Aug 24th. Picking plums
& tomatoes. started
cutting Cauliflowers also
pulling Green Corn at 17¢
per dozen - finished
Astrachan apples very
cheap this year.

Aug 25 . Got Mr Moore to
cut our oats - cost \$10.00

4 acres . but they are good
crop - Picking lots of
Abundance plums only 35¢

Aug 26th . very busy sending
John Saso 150 plums
and 180 tomatos today
besides all our other orders
pulling some corn now
at 15¢ dozen, Golden
Bantam and White Cory
Cory has twice as many
ears on -

Aug 27th . shipping plums
(Abundance) yet . had
a big crop of them -
picked 26 baskets Crab
apples sold Ross Hart
at 40¢ .

Aug 28th . Showery this
morning. starting to
pick Burbank plums -

Aug 29th Sunday Fine
and warm . was down
to the beach for tea .

Aug 30th . started picking
Clapps Favorite pears
shipping north at 90¢
had a big day picked
550 baskets of fruit
besides 120 dozen corn and
5 crate Cauliflowers at \$1.50

Aug 31st . Picked Bradshaws
and Blue plums another
big day shipping nearly
all up north.

Sept 1st very cool. very busy
shipping up north . Plums
Pears . tomatoes. Corn. &
Cauliflowers

Sept 2nd Did not have so many
orders today only picked

drawing in a few of the
oats this afternoon .

Sept 3rd orders light again
today . Burbank plums
starting to spoil . should
have been picked before
now . but it is impossible
to sell them only 30 & 32½¢
in Toronto . pay 5 cts to
get them picked and man
to cover baskets . etc. they
might as well spoil
nothing in it at all .

Sept 4th Picked 21Pt6qt
bskts Burbanks going to
try them in Toronto Monday
morning . the men are
cutting out Raspberry
canes. weather is fine
all week .

Sept 5. Cool and cloudy
with a few light showers
was home all day .

Sept 6. Very busy. loading
320 bskt on a car for John
Saso . picked all together
675 bskts plums pears &
tomatos and 12 crates
Cabbage & Cauliflowers-

Sept 7 . Very busy yet .
filling orders for north
picked 7 barrels Calvert
apples sold at \$3.50 bbl.

Sept 8th. Shipped 300 baskets
tomatoe to S. Russ Collingwood
tonight. besides our other
orders.

Sept 9th . shipped a car
tonight to John Saso
100 tomatoes 280 plums
12 crates Cauliflowers
started raining about 4 oclock,

orders filled . will have
a double dose tomorrow

Sept 10th - Finished Burbank
plums today started yesterday
at Lombards & Cabots.
making a fortune out of
them at 30¢.

Sept 11th . Picked a few pears
plums & crab apples to
hold over till Monday
also picked 12 bbls. Holland
pippin & Calvert apples -
heavy thunder storm
after dinner . went in
to the barn and repaired
barrels -

Sept 12th - Fine and warm

Sept 13th . The storm Saturday
the 11th done lots of damage
at St Catherines & Niagara
Falls. Hail. wind & rain
nearly ruined the crops .
picking plums tomatoes
yet.

Sept 14th Fine but very heavy
dew. just like rain -
still picking fruit -
very cheap and getting
harder to sell.

Wed Sept 15th. Orders slackening
down only picked about
200 baskets today , started
cutting early sweet corn
no money in it this year
did not sell half of it.

Sept 16th Had quite a few
orders today about 325
baskets shipped north -
weather has been fine & cool

Sept 17th . Marchment started
unloading our manure
today. cutting corn.

also some Tomatoes, sold
Ross Hart 16 doz Pumpkins
at \$1.00 doz -

Sept 18th. Picked 12 barrels
Cranberry pippin apples
sold to Hutchison Bros at
\$4.00 per barrel - started
ploughing for the first this fall

Sept 19th Sunday. did
not get up till 11 oclock-
weather is fine & cool-

Sept 20th. Had quiet a few
orders today . up north.
very cold-

Sept 21st had a few orders
also started picking more
Cranberry pippin apples
sold a load of Cukes
& Tomatoes to Ross Hart

Sept 22 the first day for
months that we have
not shipped any thing
up north. sold Ross
Hart 100 bskt Howell
pears at 60¢ . and toms
Caul - etc . two good loads
in all -

Sept 23 picked 115 bskts
Red & Green peppers
shipped to Toronto sold
at

Sept 24. Finished picking
Cranberry pippins also
picked Snow apple tree
22 bus on it . very warm
again . sold a car of
apples today to D.S Litster
Burks Falls at \$4.25 bbl

Sept 25th Picked Anjou and
Flemish Beauty pears .
also started picking

are fine this year .

Sept 26 Sunday . weather
is very warm . had dad
also Mr & Mrs B. out
for dinner.

Sept 27 Very warm. like thunder
shower this evening have
been picking Wagner and
Greening apples - with one
crowd . other crowd hoeing
strawberries - they say it
was nearly 90 in the shade
today

Sept 28th. Picking Greening
apples all day. other
crowd hoeing strawberries

Sept 29th . showery this
morning and getting
cooler .
picked 141 bskt tomatoes at
35¢ 104 bskt pears at 60¢
15 doz Pumpkins at 75¢
doz - 10 bskt Red Peppers
at 50¢ 19 bskt Green
Peppers at 35¢ for
Ross Hart .

Sept 30th . Finished picking
pears (45 bsks) cutting
cabbages & Cauliflowers
tomatoes . peaches etc -
shipping north . also
shipped 40 bbls Cran -
berry pippin apples at
\$4.00 per bbl . very
cold today. and like
rain.

Oct 1st. Very cold raining
all day. with some
soft snow mixed in for
a change. repaired
bbls all day in the barn.

Oct 2 still very cold

drawing out manure
and packing a few apples
the storm yesterday was
pretty bad, in Simcoe
and other western counties
done damage to apple
crops etc. wind rain and
snow, they say there was
two inches of snow back
at Waterdown and Campbell-
ville . also heavy rains &
wind at Quebec and Montreal

Oct 3. Cool and cloudy . and
windy . John's birthday
having them all up for
tea.

Oct 4th. Picking apples
Greenings and packed
a few barrels for Sudbury.

Oct 5th- picking apples
and pulled 55 doz corn
for Ross Hart -

Oct 6th. Packed 41 bbls
apples for E.D. Ord -
weather fine and warm -

Oct 7th - Picking Baldwin
apples and pulled
160 doz Corn for Ross Hart-

Oct 8 picking apples .
other gang finished
hoeing old Strawberry
beds. sold Ross Hart
15 doz pumpkins & 11
crates Cauliflowers.
very warm -

Oct 9th Picking apples
other gang digging
Potatos they are a
fair crop - sold Hart
another 15 doz pumpkins
and getting 80 barrels
from J W Milligan Orillia

\$1.50 there and 12¢ freight.

Oct 10th. Sunday fine & warm.
like summer.

Oct 11th. Jack Duncan & Nelson
Maracle who was picking
apples also Jake Maracle
never showed up to work -
have left. picked apples
alone this morning.
Rained in the afternoon
had some thunder, packed
apples in the barn.

Oct 12th Fine and warm
only one man now. will
be working till Xmas now,
picked and packed 43
bbls spy apples today

Oct 13th Picked and
packed 42 blls wagner apples

Oct 14th Fine and warm
picking & packing
Wagner & Baldwin
apples -

Oct 15. shipped car load
of apples to Hutchinson
Bros. 160 barrels and
15 bus Kreffer pears -
got two loads egg
Coal 1 load for ourselves
and 1 load for dad
was nearly three tons
on each load cost
\$17.00 per ton also
Frank Sheppard finished
putting in our furnace
today. don't seem
much like a furnace
weather as warm as
August today -

Oct 16th. Picking and
packing Spy apples
had a shower in the

or so. weather has
been fine and warm
no frost yet - flowers
all out yet - and
tomatoes not frozen yet

Oct 17th Sunday. had
a quiet day all alone
all day. looking like
rain.

Oct 18th Raining a little
this morning. This is
Thanksgiving Day also
Burlington Fair was today
packed apples in barn
this morning and out -
side this afternoon -

Oct 19th. George Hammond
started work helping
us picking apples.
weather very warm
with heavy fog this
morning.

Oct 20th - Finished
picking Spy apples
today. weather foggy
this morning and
very warm this afternoon.

Oct 21st. Had a little
girl arrive at our
house this after
noon at 2:15 o'clock.
both doing fine -
weather was just
like summer, bright
sunshine and very
warm. Picking and
packing apples yet.

Oct 22nd Finished
picking apples all but
a couple small trees
of Greenings at Johns
Started loading car
of apples for Burks

fine and warm.

Oct 23rd - Finished loading
car of apples for Burks Falls
164 bbls to Litster and
64 " to Troyer at \$4.25 a bbl
this makes 515 bbls so far
shipped this season -

Oct 24th . Sunday fine and
warm this morning .
had visitors galore to
see our girl.

Oct 25th . Finished picking
peppers 20 baskets also
shipped 23 crate Cauliflowers
and sold a load of pumpkins
3400 lbs at \$5 per ton \$8.50
for load-

Oct 26th First big rain
of season nothing
doing. sold our Cabbages
to John Saso at \$7 per ton
also apples to P.J. Mann -

Oct 27th . Rained nearly
all last night, also
this morning . Loaded
Cabbage for Saso this
afternoon had about
three tons. getting cold
tonight. had a few
scattered showers in
the afternoon -

Oct 28. Trimming out
Raspberry bushes and
ploughing. this has been
a wonderful fall
no frost yet . but
is a little colder
today They claim that
Thos Fothergill of Appleby
has a large orchard
of Reine Claude plums
in full bloom. (some
freak eh)

Oct 29th. Cooler today
drew in about 4 tons
of pumpkins in the barn
don't believe we will be
able to sell them

Oct 30th Had a light
frost last night. first
night, that it has even
frozen the flowers.
motored up to Hamilton
to try & sell some Turnips
not much prospects.

Oct 31st Sunday cool
and cloudy. Had
all Lillies people from
Hamilton to see the
(two) girls. also Mr & Mrs
Ormie Bush. and Roy and
Bessie Bell.

Nov 1st - Raining from the
north East and very cold.
was going to market
with Turnips but could
not get ready on account
of the rain. started our
new Furnace for the first
time. the house is very warm
tonight

Nov 2nd. Raining again all
morning. packed a
few apples in the after-
noon .

Nov 3rd cool today went
to Hamilton with a
load of turnips. shipped
a load of apples at
night. and got another
load on for market -

Nov 4th went to market
first time, With Turnips
& Pumpkins turnips
not very good had to
sell from 30 to 40 cts

and windy. Sold four more loads of turnips if they except them as they are very wormy.

Nov 5th Took two loads of Turnips 100 bushel to Hamilton sold @ $32\frac{1}{2}$ ct bushel-

Nov 6th cool and cloudy some frost last night went to Hamilton with another load of Turnips . this has been a remarkable fall. no frost to speak off till last night. Saw them picking Tomatoes along the highway yester day. also there were loads of water-melons also lots of Tomatoes on the market today.

Nov 7th cloudy. started raining a little in the evening had Lillies folks out for tea.

Nov 8 Fine again this morning went to the city with another load of turnips.

Nov 9th. was going to market but was raining in the morning . went in the afternoon with a one horse load that was ordered. Turning very cold tonight also took Jake Brants furniture to 371 McNab Nth

Nov 10th. Ploughing and other farm work today- cool with frost this morning .

Nov 11th (Armistice day)
signed on Nov 11th 1918
went to market for
the last time was
home at noon. finished
drawing in corn stalks.
turning cold tonight -

Nov 12th Ground covered
with snow this morning
very cold . cleaning
up and burning Black-
berry bushes - very cold
this afternoon and evening
with snow squalls -

Nov 13th Cold with snow
flurries . packed the
last of our apples in
the barn don't know
when we will be able to
ship not till weather
gets milder. Batteries
in the old car went
out of business. can't
go down town now unless
I walk. Hurt my hip
and back getting off
the wagon it is pretty
sore.

Nov 14th. Sunday . Cool and
clear but ground is
frozen a little -

Nov 15th. Cool - yet. my
back and hip is pretty
sore. having holidays.
can't hardly walk - the
men were ploughing
out old Raspberry patch -

Nov 16th . Back sore yet
went to Dr Peart says
it is sciatica. very
cold starting snowing
from the North East tonight

Nov 17th nothing doing

all this morning looks
like winter out.

Nov 18th clear and cold
lots of snow on the
ground. men cleaning
up hotbeds -

Nov 19th. Milder today
rained a little . but there
is snow on the ground
yet -

Nov 20th. cloudy & cold
rained a little again .

Nov 21st Sunday everything
covered with ice & snow
raining and freezing all
day . had no visitors
Charlotte was one month
old today .

Nov 22nd Raining all day
not very hard but
enough to get wet

Nov 23rd Raining nearly
all day again but is
warmer and the snow
is all gone -

Nov 24th . Raining yet this
morning. the sun has
not been shining for a
long time - Have not been
to work yet. but am
feeling better - Got new
battery in the car
took Charlotte for first
auto ride to Burlington.
Raining all day.

Nov 25th Ground white
with snow again this
morning. at 10 a m
still snowing
raining in the afternoon-

went to the city to get
the old car fixed cost
\$19.09 -

Nov 27th - Cold and cloudy
but no frost has been
cloudy and showery
for the last two weeks -

Nov 28th Motored to Ham-
for dinner and tea.
looked like a storm
but did not get here -

Nov 29th. Had George
helping me take down
old fence along the
road. some job.

Nov 30th. Mowing weeds
along ditch and -
digging Elderberry bushes
out. hardly see all
day for fog -

Dec 1st. Raining this
morning . and raining
yet tonight (all day) .
nothing doing . Fred
Allen changed some of
our electric lights

Dec 2nd Fine and mild
started covering straw-
berries this afternoon .

Dec 3rd Weather fine
covering strawberries

Dec 4th. mild with squalls
of rain covered straw -
berries in the morning
Discing in orchard in the
afternoon.

Dec 5th north west & west
winds a little cooler with
rain squalls , looks as
if it would get cooler -

Dec 6th. cloudy & mild
no frost. discing in
orchard -

Dec 7th . cooler this
morning, ground frozen
a little. but soon thawed
out- ploughing all day -
and cleaning up old
fence -

Dec 8th. Ground frozen
filling up mud holes
with sod from the old
fence bottom .

Dec 9th - still drawing
sod. Lillie went to
Hamilton, one year
married today weather
was fine and clear
but a little frosty
tonight.

Dec 10th. working around
yet. Light snow all
morning but mild
last year we were in
Chicago and it was
awful cold. 4 below
zero they said.

Dec 11th Cloudy and
mild, not freezing
any. worked at the
old chicken house
all day.

Dec 12th Sunday was fine
& mild went up to the
city to Lillies sister's for
tea. wheel of the car
went out of business
coming home cost \$20.32

Dec 13th - mild and cloudy
looks like rain, was
discing the small cherry
orchard - not a bit of

Dec 14th - had a thunder
shower before daylight
this morning.
started drawing out
manure from the hotbeds
Blowing a gale from
the south west all day
and is a little colder
tonight .

Dec 15th A little cooler
this morning, drawing
manure out of old hot
beds -

Dec 16th. cold west winds
with some frost - drawing
dirt for hot beds

Dec 17th. Digging dead
pear trees. Killed by
blight weather fine frost
all out in the middle of
day -

Dec 18th Digging Clapps
Favorite pear trees out -
the whole orchard ruined
with the blight. have a
hundred out now, and
there is about 15 more
to dig, that makes one
half as there was only
200 to start with, and
the balance that are left
looks as if they would
be all gone by another
year . it makes you
feel discouraged, as
we thought we would
surely get one crop of
them at least -
weather is cold tonight
feels like winter coming
now for sure

Dec 19th (Sunday) weather
fine but a little cooler

Dec 20th. Finished digging
out pear trees . ground
frozen

Dec 21st. drawing the dead
trees out of the orchard
and started repairing
packing shanty -

Dec 22nd. Raining and
snowing all day
painting and repairing
storm doors .

Dec 23rd. Very heavy west
gales last night and
today, working around
the yard -

Dec 24th. Cold today
heavy west winds
went up to the city
in the afternoon to buy
some Xmas presents -

Dec 25th. Cold this morning
snowing a little. Just
enough snow to say
it is a white Xmas .
Motored to Hamilton
and had dinner and
tea at Lillie fathers .
quiet a change from
last Xmas we were in
Los Angeles; and was
at an Open Air Band
Concert in the Park. and
it was so warm.

Dec 26th Sunday Cool and
cloudy started snowing
in the afternoon .

Dec 27th Lots of snow
on the ground this morning
sleighs out. looks like
real winter. oh for a
look at the flowers in

San Diego this morning.

Dec 28th Cold today. pretty
good sleighing now.
not doing very much
put on front storm
door.

Dec 29th - Cool yet but
not extreme cold was
working in the cellar
trying to clean it up
a little there still is
a little water in one
corner.

Dec 30th . milder today
with some soft snow
and some rain
walked down town
some walk from here -

Dec 31st . a little cooler
frozen up again, and
is cloudy and
looks like more snow
put on back storm
door it was some
job, as it did not
fit.