

1872  
~~Mr. James Hamilton~~ Dec 7  
Snowing Cold feeling some 27° at the oak  
tree chopping stove wood 10 The Baby Born  
about 1 or 2 O'clock Leander a Fine Day Frosty  
Blowing some 11° cold & frosty chopping stove wood  
Went to the Pitt Point 12° Freezing hard ice  
Took to Christie's Island just for a little while  
then opened out again turned windy and soft  
all broke up 13° a fine morning calm got  
the Boat out Gordon and I to the head of the  
Island so as to take Granny Rose across  
to Hamiltons Island came down and  
got Mrs Rose ready so we put her  
across to Hamiltons Island just had  
time to come back as the wind raised  
high from the west Mrs Rose got a  
fall in the ice as she was going up the hill  
at Hamiltons Island gave her an  
order on V. Ponds for 2 Dollars  
gave her a Book of Sermons a Jim let  
some envelopes 14° a fine Day But Windy  
some full moon a change of high south wind  
set a Trap for a muskrat on the Pitt Point  
shot an owl shot a squirrel scurried  
the House Heyblum and I not much snow  
on the ground Monday 15° a fortunate Day  
Gordon got a muskrat we set for him yesterday  
fine high Wind 16° Basting sawing wood  
17° Went to the Pitt Point took 2 iron  
Bolts home that I found in a paddock a  
Steamboat 18° Pulling up Boards at the  
end of the House fixing up Fat River in  
a heap 19° a fortunate Day Basting 20° a  
fortunate Day Livinia got up drifting snow  
Blowing Windy to night ice making some 21°  
first Day of winter ice making and took across  
the light House and then driving between us and  
Hamiltons Island went to Pitt Point to see the ice  
at taking at Hamiltons

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A fortunate Day Sunday a change in the moon this  
evening cold Windy & frosty a great many air holes  
around here a very large one opposite the House  
22° Took to night or about Day light 23° I  
crossed to Hamiltons Put some small Bushes  
on my Road stop at Hamiltons took Dinner  
got 2 or 3 hooks of Whiskey got 2 pipes  
from John turned stormy and cold 24° frosty  
and cold cutting stove wood 25° Christmas  
Day very frosty this morning and last night  
4 men at the foot of the Island fishing  
26° very frosty cutting stove wood and its  
enough to do to attend to the fires 27° seen a team  
crossing Summers Road I think they are bushing  
the Road St John the Evangelist Day & very  
frosty 28° seen a fox around the air hole frosty  
Began the ellark Hay stack it awful  
what the cattle eat this frosty cold weather  
chopping stove wood 29° our Angus Birth Day  
seen the fox this morning he has been around the  
Barn since we have no dog a Team or cutter  
crossing to Summerstown Gordon and I went down  
around the Lower Point frosty Last night  
shut up this air hole before the door a  
great deal a very fine Day to say no wind  
Sun is hot 30° a fine Day I crossed stop at  
John Hamiltons got 4.5 cents Cash from  
John took Dinner there Bought of V. Ponds  
4 2 lb of Pork Heads and Feet at 4 cents a  
lb 1. 68. 1 lb Tea 1 half oil 1 lb 70¢ 2 cents  
George Bosell left 2 Dollars to my account  
that George left for me (Darning needle and  
sweeps paid this) 2 treats at Summers got a Ride  
down with John Hamilton stop all night at  
Hamiltons the first time I ever slept over  
night got a treat from John M Gregga