

James Bowman (1863 - 1944)

1896

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{The book is a bound ledger with 2 columns for money entries (spent and received) on the right side of page.} {Only the diary part has been transcribed, not the numbers in the columns.}

Wednesday Jan 1st 1896 fine

both teams hauling grain in morning and 1 in afternoon I was getting lumber ready Took Kyma ~~Thursday~~ Tweedhill to OAC Bull Lord Aberdeen 2nd, Thursday 2nd fine Two teams hauling grain in morning and One in Afternoon We finished hauling grain today I worked around yard postage for Mina and C 9¢ Friday 3rd cold We worked at yard all day Mr Tuck here ~~all day 1.00~~ since two o'clock, S. Slates came for bal of his wages 2.00 Saturday 4th cold Mc worked at yard all day, Mr Tuck was here 1.00 went to Town in evening sold Butter \$1.36 paid Dr Savages bill \$6.50 Sunday 5th cold Father Mary and I went to Church heard Dr Henderson ~~on~~ preach a New Year sermon Mina & I went to S. S. Monday 6th cold Went to town in morning got harness fixed 25¢ sold sheep skins \$1.90 bgt Flour horses shod polled my vote-a plumper for Hales and the old Reeve and Deputy. exchanged gobblers with Crosby

Tuesday 7th Jan 1896 fair

{written above left most column} Manure I went to Town for stables with R. McRae and started him hauling Manure then I took a load of straw to Keleher & Hurly they owe us now twenty four three loads of manure, we {5 - in margin of page} hauled 5 loads today I went up to Jim's in afternoon for potatoes and turnips got bag potatoes and a load of Turnips, I give Mr McRae 40¢ a day Wednesday 8th fair I went to town in morning with a box of straw to Scroggie got Nell shod on hind feet bgt. harness \$12.25 to be paid next June, trace chains \$1.30 hammer 50¢ got a load of Manure at Scroggie's {5 in margin of page} Mc Hauled 5 loads today from Hurly's. I worked at yard fence in afternoon Thursday 9th fine Mc Rae, Hauling manure {4 in margin of page} four loads from Hurleys and one from Sleemans I went to town bgt old Iron 10¢ np, got Maud shod, 20 np {between lines on right - 12 ft. 6x4} in got a piece of timber for Banks to be paid back out of logs

Friday Jan 10th 1896 fine

Father and Mc went for four loads of Turnips I did the chores and fixed up around barn arranged with Mr Hewer to give him hay for manure 50¢ per load for manure and \$15.50 per ton for hay Saturday 11th fine. Father and Mc went up to other place for four loads of Turnips {written in above Turnips} Mary & I went to town after dinner-bgt book for Mina 75¢ sticking plaster 25 Sunday 12th Stormy Father Mina and Charlie went to Church. We stayed at home the rest of the day. Monday 13th Stormy Father & Mc went for Tur- nips in morning I went to Town sold what we had to spare to M Shultz at 10¢ per bush-If if they rise we

are to get the raise took a a load in 400 40 50 - 1490 Tuesday 14th fair Father & Mc hauling Turnips two loads to Town and two home 49 20 - 14 70. 2nd 5120 - 1340 & fixed nests, in hen house

Wednesday Jan 15th 1896 fine

Father and Mc Hauling Turnips Mr Tuck was out to see about fixing barn he offers to Jack barn up 7 ft clear put on 20 ft of a lean to this side fix D shed and root house put in all the doors that do necessary for \$50 I have to find all material

Friday ~~Thursday 16th~~ {17th is written over 16th} 17th 1896 fine Mr Tuck and I went up to see Mr Reynolds barn near Elora, we have arranged to let Mr Tuck have the Job of raising ~~and pa~~ from 7 to ten ft at the price we have mentioned \$50 paid R Mr Rae {left margin} bgt bull rings 40¢ 1 for Mt Baley {left margin over} .\$.2.00 recd \$24.70 from Mr Shultz for Turnips got 1 load of manure from Hewer paid for 3 {written between the end of this entry and the next day} 1.50/75 also for 9 posts 75 ft Thursday 16th fine Father & Mc finished Turnips in morning in A I finished fixing fence in yard in- afternoon I took a grist of Chop to mill Pa-Mc got two loads of manure from Hewer's Examination paper for Mina 10 {in left column} Chop 80 and flour 1.75 recd 5.00 from Shultz Sat ~~Friday~~ 18th fair put dip on the Cattle in mor-ning went to town at eleven O.Clock bgt apples 90¢, Flax 75¢ pd Taylors account 75¢ pd Stewarts \$5.11 pd L Goetz \$ 1.15¢ pd. his son 65,

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Sat 18th fair

pd Mc Williams 3.00 bgt overshoes for Father, 1.20 for Mina 50¢ Socks for Self 45 Shoes for Charlie \$1.00 stamps 09¢ Sunday 19th fair C, Father and I went to Church heard Dr Lovell preach a missionary sermon to it was very good, Mina C & I went to S.S. Monday 20th fair Father and I chopping for a while in morning W. Tuck, came and he and I marked trees for the Enlar ging of barn, and fixed stairs in cellar ~~and~~ I paid him \$3.00 for helping me with yard. Tuesday 21st McCrae came today Father & he cut wood and I went for rafters down to Bedford's he agrees to give me the six 6 - 20 foot sticks for 30¢ {above line} six 8 10 pd small {illegible} each, 3 - 17 ft sticks 10 at small end for 25¢, 20 - 10 ft @ 15¢ 2.8 ft square 8 in at 15¢ Wednesday 22nd fair in morning Mc and I cut wood and Father hauled in afternoon I went to Dawsons sale,

Wensday Jan 22nd, 1896

bgt, old Implements and small truck, & \$6.09 poultry, 4 1.15 recd 6.00 from Wal Dawson for horse service Thursday 23rd Dull + wet We all worked at wood until about 3 PM. then Mc Went to make an axe handle and some whiffle trees and Father and I did other odd chores fixing cellar, We had a talk about hiring Mc

for a year he wants \$225.00 and board himself or, \$160.00 and board with us, we have agreed to take him if he will let Wilfred help through the summer, hoeing Turnips pulling Mustard and other small jobs that a boy can help at Friday 24th Stormy Father and I chored all day I went up for a few bags of potatoes and had a talk with Jim about paying what he owes me, he wants twenty dollars more than I think he has a right to Saturday 25th hauled up a load of wood in the morning then went to town, Paid R. Shortreed \$3.84 bal of Dawsons account and \$1.42 for lumber I got from him Paid S. Aitcheson for Thrashing. 2.00

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Sunday 26th fair

Father, Mina & Charlie went to Church in morning, Mina. C. & I to Sunday School Monday 27th fine Chored in morning G.B. Hood came along and examined the buildings regarding insuring them seemed satisfied, went up to Jim's in afternoon received \$25 from him in Cash and a note for \$54.25 due on 15th of March Tuesday 28th fine I hauled manure from Hurleys in morning and Mc hauled two in afternoon he has started his year this afternoon he is to receive \$160.00 for his pay at the end the year he got 74 lbs @ 16 = {5}8 last night Wednesday 29th fair Mc & Fred & I hauled home four loads of hay. sold 80 " to him @ \$16 = 64¢ ~~wes~~ Thursday 30th fair we put off hay and made crate for bull in morning in afternoon Mc hauled wood and I went to Town recd \$8.00 from Mr Jackson owing to Insurance being refused

Thursday Friday ~~D~~ Jan 31st

Paid Jas Algie \$1.10 for Blacksmithing thing. paid Metcaff on Harness stamps for Mina 2, Eggs 13 Lantern glass 10¢, candies 02 Saturday Feb 1st 1896 Father Mc & I cutting wood in morning and Then in afternoon I took 17 bags of oats to be chopped 85¢, paid Taxes on Simpson farm for the year 1895, 21.08¢ bgt dry goods \$2.73 Mc got 80 of hay Sunday 2nd fair Father, Mary and I went to Church, heard Dr Henderson on the Sacrament, we stayed to sacrament there was a greater number than usual. Mina. C & I went to SS Monday 3rd Stormy Father Mc and I chopping wood all day in bush Tuesday 4th Stormy Mc Hauling wood in morning Father and I chopping. ~~I went~~ in manure and Father and Mc in afternoon. I went to town got Jim's note discounted recd for it \$53.85, Paid W.G. Smith, \$25.65 for Cement paid Mr Metcaff bal on Harness 7.00. bgt a file 15¢ paid Mc \$2.46 being the bal due him for January paid H.S. Fees for Mina

Feb 1896 Wensday 5th fine

Father & I Hauled up wood for to saw. Mc did not come today. Mr Nesbits, T Dyson came and I let a Job to him to cut ~~de~~ all our logs and timber at 4¢ a stick and to cut up the tops into wood at 30¢ per cord and board himself Thursday 6th Stormy I hauled a load of manure from the stables in morning then got ready and went to Daves sale did not buy anything on my way home bot an old sleigh and a box from Mr Baley for \$7.00 Friday 7th fair Father and I made bunks for the long sleigh in morning and I hauled a load of

logs to mill in afternoon got sleigh fixed in afternoon 15¢ Dyson & Gould were cutting logs today Saturday 8th fine Hauled a load of logs to mill in morning bgt truss for Charlie 2.50 Father & Mc hauled two loads to mill in afternoon & 1 load of lumber home, bgt beef in afternoon at \$5.00 per 100 " hind quarter got shoe mended 30¢ mits fixed 35¢ np Mr G. Osborn & Wes Trimble came today

Sunday. Feb, 9th 1896 Stormy

Father, Mina, G. Osborn Wes Trimble & I went to Church heard Dr Henderson on the result of constant Prayer it was very good, we all stayed home the rest of the day. Monday 10th fair I hauled the bal of rafters five fence posts and, one ten foot post, Mack Mc took in 2 loads of logs to mill and brought home 1 load of timber, we hauled up three loads of wood, Tuesday 11th Stormy Mc hauled two loads of logs to mill. I fixed pen for Lambing ewes and chored till noon then father & I cleaned up Siberian oats, a grade Shrop ewe had a pair of lambs tonight Wednesday 12th fair Took a load of logs to mill and brought home a load of timber. then got things ready and shipped the Polled Angus Bull Bonnie Lad, to Herbert Stairs Hillton Nova Scotia. Thursday 13th Stormy I hauled up wood and Mc hauled two loads of logs to mill G. Osborn and Wes Trimble came back today

Friday 14th Feb, 1896

I hauled up wood and Mc hauled three loads of logs to mill. Put Kyma 2nd to Lord Aberdeen 3rd Saturday 15th Mc hauled two loads of logs to mill I hauled two loads of wood to house and skidded the bal of logs that were to go to mill, then ~~hauled~~ hauled home three overlays, 7 flat. Went to town and saw Mr Tuck, and also Mr Aitcheson about sawing and cutting. saw Mr Bedford about cedar, recd a letter from Mr Cochrane about Men. Stamps for McG 03 paid for apples Sunday 16th Cold & Clear Father Mary and Wes @ went to Church, Mina & I went to S S. Monday 17th very cold Mc hauled here loads of logs and 1 load of chop to mill. 12 bags @ 60/5 I hauled two loads of Cedar from Bedfords, 3-20 ft 1-12 ft 12-10 ft 1-8 ft Tuesday 18th cold I went over to W McCrae's in morning to get him to come to cut on ^Thursday. Mc hauled three

Tuesday. Feb 18th 1896

I hauled two loads of wood in morning from bush and a load of cedar from Bed.fords in afternoon paid \$1 fees for Mina pants for Charlie .60 Under clothing for Mina 55 Wensday Feb, 19th stormy I finished hauling cedar from Bedfords and Mc hauled a load of logs to mill, Simon & Andrew Aitcheson came to saw wood this afternoon had T. Dyson and P. Gould was helping us also, 40¢ Thursday 20th cold had W McCrae and S. Aitcheson helping us to put feed also T Dyson, & P. Gould 80¢ np Friday 21st cold Mc hauled two loads of logs to mill & I hauled one we brought home ten sticks of timber, bgt hardware. 85¢ np paid Mc \$1.00 yesterday. Saturday 22nd fine we cut in morning after 9 am. till noon then set machine

and sawed in afternoon I owe Simon Aitcheson 7.00, Dyson and Gould 40¢ np recd \$52.50 from Mr Geo Johnston

Sunday 23rd Soft

Father, Mina & C. went to Church, Mina, C. & I went to S.S., Mary & I went to hear conductor Snyder in the evening at Dublin St he was quite interesting Monday, 24th colder I chored in forenoon took home McCrea's cutting box I owe him \$1.50, Mc hauled two loads Logs to Mill, I drove over to Sharp's got Maud shod, 25¢ ~~Monday 25th~~ Tuesday paid ^McKenzie's bill 75 paid \$10.00 on account to G. B. Morris recd 400 100.00 from Herbert Stairs Nova Scotia Tuesday 25th fair & cold I had a talk with Mr Sarp about the cattle and then started to Burt's had dinner there and got his prices and came home. Wednesday 26th fair Mc took a load of logs to mill and brought home some lumber. I took 10 bags oats to chop, 60¢ bgt curry comb, 15¢, paid Johnston \$1.50. Thursday 27th fair Went to Town in morning paid. F. W. Hodson \$1.00 being member's fee for Cattle Breeders Association for Jas Sharp, paid bal of rent to K. McLean 75.00 paid A.R. Simpson's note \$30.30 paid W. Wakefield \$7.00 stamp 09¢

Thursday 27 Febr, 1896

{illegible initial} Weld came with Mr Collyer to see about polled Angus Cattle, did not make a deal, expect to hear tom-orrow, Mc Hauled 4 loads of logs to mill I hauled one Dyson finished his job today paid Tuck for mending gate " for mercury \$1.00 Friday 28th fair & soft we hauled in two loads of logs in morning and hauled up three sleepers and a load of wood paid. T Dyson \$6.00 on account, bgt slippers for Father, 25¢ went up to old place for two loads of Implements in afternoon. Saturday 29th fine Mc Hauled three loads of manure, Charlie and I hauled two loads of potatoes from old place, I went to town in evening bgt. bread 15¢ Sunday 1st Mrch 1896 Father Mary & I went to Church in morning. heard Miss McDonald preach. she is very earnest, H. Leadley came out and went with us to S. S. he acted as Superintendent Monday 2nd Stormy Mc & I hauled four loads of manure I hauled 4 loads of lumber paid W. McCrae 1.50

Tuesday. 3rd Mch 1896

Father and Mc went up to old place for two loads of potatoes. I chored and went to Station to meet Simon Blight the trains are blocked and he did not arrive. got my mits 35¢, stamps 06, in afternoon I took Kyma Tweedhill to O.A.C. Bull ~~Wednesday 4th~~ Thursday fine went up to old place for bal of potatoes, and some other things got two loads in afternoon I took a load of chop to mill 10 bags. bgt 60 C. Oil. 77. brush, 23. lock. 50 plaster 30, horses shod. 50¢ bgt. 250 " flour from Scroggie \$5.00 I I owe Mr Blight 90¢ ~~Thursday 5th~~ Wensday 4th Mc & I hauled two loads potatoes in morning and he & Father got one in afternoon. I hauled up some wood. Friday 6th Dull & wet Mc and I started for Egremont this morning arrived there about five P.M. got our loads , on, Day was sick and tired. Found all real well.

Saturday, 7th March 1896

Mc & Tom started off with their loads this morning. I followed them to town. bgt a quart of ~~baill~~ raw Linseed oil & some Ginger 28¢ and 25¢ worth of bran in Afternoon P Harper and I took out two loads of Lumber to be ready to start on Monday Morning. Candie ect 10¢ Chain mended, 10¢ Sunday 8th stormy We stayed at home in Mo-rning Mother and I went to woodland in afternoon Col. 05. We spent the Evening at Will's Monday 9th Will and I took stock of his things and I got ready to start for home Tuesday 10th fair Started for home about six am, had dinner at Arthur. 25, whip 10¢ bran at Fergus 15¢ supper at Ennotville .25 got home about ~~W~~ two Oclock Tom got one load home today Tom's expenses \$2.00

March Wensday 11th stormy 1896

I got up about ten this morning Tom started for home about noon paid him for sleigh 3.00 piled lumber in afternoon Thursday 12th cold stormy I went to town in morning got Fathers tools fixed. 30¢ some other tools 50¢ paid my bill at Algies 20¢ got brush at Morris' 10 meat, 57,¢ in afternoon I went to Mr ~~Friday~~ 13th Sandilainds bgt a door. it is to be \$2.00, bgt 30 brick 40¢ 1/2 bu lime, 10¢, two thimbels for pipe 25¢ ~~Friday 13 Saturday~~ Friday 13th I chored all day went to town for plaster Paris and 15 c Mc went to ~~town~~ Cumnock for a load of lumber, Expenses on road, 50¢ Saturday 14th fine Mother & W^{ill} came last night and W & I went to see about selling a horse did not make a deal we had a runaway expenses of mending 75¢ Will Sold Maud in afternoon and I went to see about door Frame, W. went home

Sunday 15th March, 1896 fine

Mr. B. Father, Mother Mary and I went to Church. Heard Rev. Dr Hannan preach on, I was glad when they said unto me let us go up to the house of the Lord. Mina C. and I went to S.S. in afternoon. Monday 16th fine I chored a while and then went to town with a grist 12 bags. 6 {7 is written over 6} 72, bgt germ 56, Bran 56 hardware 22¢, paid S. Aitcheson for sawing & cutting \$7.00 Meat, 65¢ Mr. Paso came to see about papering and painting he offer he agrees to paint the face board and eave trough all around house for 2.00 and front door for \$1.25 & papering and painting room for 5.00 Hales had two cows to bull. {written between lines} Recd \$50 from Mrs. McCrae for Will paper & Envelopes 15¢ Tuesday 17th fine I chored a while in the morning. went to mill for 2 loads of sawdust. Carpenters put in door frame today. Wensday 18th fine I chored in morning went down to brewery stables paid Keleher \$5.00 for 6 loads of manure. bal coming to me 50¢, had Mc in afternoon he hauled two loads of manure bgt wall paper \$2.60

Thursday 19th Mch 1896 Stormy

Mc and I hauled two loads of manure in the morning and a load of wood, Mc here 1/2 day. I put dip on cattle & horses in afternoon. Mina paid fees on Tuesday, 2.00. Minas shoe mended 10¢. Foolscap paper, 10 Friday 20th Stormy Trains all blocked, no trains passed today. I went to town in morning bgt hardware \$1.10, Oil Cake 1.00 salt 15¢, shoes mended 30¢ stamps & laces for Mina & C 16¢ Saturday 21st fine & soft Charlie & I did chores and cut sixteen pine saw logs Sunday 22nd fine & cold Mr Blight,

Father Mina C & I went to Church heard Dr Henderson preach in afternoon ~~we~~ M, C & I went to S.S. Monday 23rd fine Mc w Hauled 3 loads of saw logs and Father one & I one, in all 16 logs. I paid left \$8.67¢ at Malom's for T. Bedford paid W Wakefield \$2.00 Meat 50¢ Tuesday 24th fine We cut three baswood trees and took in the logs they came to three dollars, hauled home ~~the~~ two loads of lumber Mc here 1/2 day

Mch 1896 Tuesday 24th fine

Went to Slater's sale in afternoon bgt. small things \$1.65 also wagon \$30 F mill. 9. plow 6 bgt a pup from R. Shortreed \$1.00 Wensday 25th soft W. Tuck was here all day hewing timber for barn. Mc here all day. we did most of sleepers. W. Pass & son here Thursday 26th Dull We hewed a while in morning then I went to town for a load of lumber, went to S. Lovells sale in afternoon bgt chain 50¢ hay fork track \$3.50 and Democrat \$2.00. Calf \$6.75 int off 75. bal I owe \$12.15 Ladder .15 Friday 27th fine killed the calf I bought yesterday and did chores in morning. in afternoon went up to Slater's for wagon set. Mr.J. Sandiland called this evening. Saturday 28th fine Mc hauled stones all day Father and Henry took a grist to mill 10 bags 60¢. I went to market sold hide \$1.15 hind quarter 52" @ 6 = \$3.12 & front quarter to McRae borrowed ~~43.90~~ \$45 out of bank for four months @ 7% recd \$43.90 paid Mr. Slater \$44.40 " {paid} Herbert Wright 4.00 for bull service

March Sunday 29th 1896 fine

Father, Mary & Charlie went to church. Mina, C. & I went to S.S. Mr. Glasford was out to take the review it was very good. Monday 30th fine W. Tuck came this morning and finished the hewing before dinner in Afternoon we split wood & chored Mc here all day. recd \$77 from Will being the balance of intrest due to mc. Tuesday 31st fine I did chores then went to town, paid Wideman and Clemens \$5.00 for fixing door frame, paid note in Bank \$44.15 paid Scroggie \$5.00 paid R Mcrae, \$7.32 recd 3.95 3.95 for music Wensday 1st April R. Mcrae & I went to chop wood he cut his foot about two Oclock, & went home Jas Clark came this morning to try the job for a while I took home Baley's Trucks & brought home our democrat and hay fork, also 6 windows from school for which I have to pay 60¢ Thursday 2nd In morning I went for hay fork Track, & Ladder. paid \$8.65 to Miss Ford for S. Lovell. Split wood in Afternoon

Friday April 3rd 1896 Stormy

Father Mary and I went to Church in the morning at Dublin St. in afternoon Mr Sharp and I looked around stock & farm. had a talk about Bulls Saturday 4th Cold Mr. Sharp went up town in morning and I took a load of logs to mill and & went in afternoon to Oac Mr. S & I took a look around the stock, he offers me a young cow for our young bull calf Sunday 5th fine Mina Father & C went to Church. Mina C. & I went to S.S. Mary and I [^]went to Church in evening. {left margin} R.Mc day 1 Monday 6th dull we finished splitting wood today and fixed floor over cistern. Mc started today @ 50¢ per day. {left margin} 1 day Tuesday 7th

dull we chored in forenoon and in afternoon I took grist of chop to mill. 10 bags @ 6.60 195 " bran @ 60 \$1.17 bal 12 got chain fixed 10¢ postage for Mary fat 20¢ got watch ring .25

Wednesday April 8th 1896 fine

Father Mc & I working at stones all day Mc Hauling rails in morning and stones in afternoon Thursday 9th fair We all worked at stones all day. stamp 03 1 for M 03 03 Friday 10th fair & warm we finished getting stone out of the old house foundation and I went to Mr Hawkins sale in afternoon bgt. rollers 20.00 small things \$3.30 paid 2.00 gave a note for 21.30 2 shirts for Charlie \$1.48 Saturday 11th Dull & damp Boys cleaned Banner Oats in morning Mary and I went to town, bgt shoes for Mina 1.10 2 pair for C \$1.85 4 pr for Mary 95. for self \$1.35 smock for self \$1.24, hardware .40 I rceded \$40.00 from Mr German in winter Sunday 12th fine Father Mary & I went in to Church in the morning heard Conductor Snider preach on Faith, it was very good. Mina @. & I went to S.S. in afternoon Monday 13th fine we started to Cultivate field No 2 today I filled up furrows in 4 and 5. We also plowed some sod

Tuesday 14th April 1896 fine

had a little rain in morning I went to Baley's for scraper then cultivated till noon went over to McRae's and hired Fred for a month at \$6 per month. he was here 1/2 day Mc is sick today Wednesday 15th Mc cultivating I harrowing & sowing siberian oats in no.3 Thursday 16th fine Mc cultivated, I sowed Fred Harrowed. had his horse all day Friday 17th fine A shower this evening with hail, Mc Cultivated. I sowed and Fred harrowed, till 5.20 p.m. almost finished sowing No 5 Saturday 18th fine I went to town in morning took ten bags of oats to mill to chop 60¢, 2 bags 10 clover Timothy seed 7.00 orchard grass \$1.75 R Mc plowing sod all day oil cake Sunday 19th fine cooler Father Mina and Charlie went to Church. Mina, C & I went to S.S. Mary and I went over to Busby's in evening

Monday 20th April 1896 fine

Mc Fred and I worked at seeding all day. Finished sowing at this side of bush. sowed grass seed on 8 acres today hat for Mina \$3.25 Fees for April Tuesday Coat for C .50 Tuesday 21st fair I went for roller to Mr Hawkins R W Cultivated. F. harrowed Father picking up roots I sent Fred to town for grass seed, 57¢ Father went home as Hannah is not well Wednesday 22nd fine Finished sowing oats today Mc plowing sod part of the day sowed some grass seed & rolled for an hour or two in evening S. Book for Mina Thursday 23rd fair R. plowed sod F rolled and I sowed grass seed & chored bgt. bolts, .06 Shipped oats to Will, 4 45 lb peas to Tom 1 10" Barber has got 3 lots of oats, 640 " 695 " and one bad that I don't know about Friday 24th Dull I went to Slang chored a while in morning & Fred sorted root Mc plowing in afternoon & F. Harrowing

Friday April 24th 1896 Dul

Mary and I went to town bgt windo screens & door 3.00 bgt Curtain poles sert, \$2.00 pipe hole stoppers, 25¢ roller Tongue \$1.25 Saturday 25th paid Mc 5.00 Mc and I plowing most of the day we finished the sod, and did a little harrowing. Charlie & Fred piling wood Sunday 26th fine Mary and I went to Church in morning, & Mina and C to S.S. Ms R Briton and Mary Nisbet were here in afternoon. Monday 27th Dull I went to town in morning got things at Penfold's 35¢ hardware 15¢, harness mended 50. pads 75.
~~Wednesday 28~~ Tuesday 28th fine F. harrowing & I sowing & rolling. I sowed peas behind bush. Wednesday 29th fair finished seeding F. rolling & I sowing, went to town in evening. got 13 1/2 bags chopped 80¢ 500 " flour \$10.00, ~~we~~ went to Sabbath observance meeting in evening 05, scribbler for Mary 05

Thursday 30th April 1896

I fixed wagon in morning. F. rolling all day. R. hauling manure in afternoon We have made arrangements with Keleher to take what manure he has at thirteen loads and have it away in one week, we can take any size of load we like to make it easier to haul Friday 1st May 1896 We ~~w~~Hauled five loads of manure from Hales @ \$1 per load & 1 load from a woman near Hales for straw that we took there, Fred finished rolling and started to cultivate root ground Saturday 2nd May We finished hauling pig dung from Hales, six loads today We chored in evening, went to town in evening bgt. meat 60¢ shoes for Mina \$1.15 Ban{ana} .05 Sunday 3rd fine Mary, Mina and Charlie went to Church, Mary, Mina & I went to Sunday School. leaves are coming out on most all of the trees now. Monday 4th fine Team hauling manure from the Brewery five loads I worked around orchard in morning. Charles got tooth pulled 50¢

Tuesday May 5th 1896

R. hauling manure all day. Fred gang plowing in morning & piling wood in afternoon. I went to town, got screen doors and horse shod 50. np bgt collar for prince. \$2.00 R. got 1 1/2 bush oats Wednesday 6th fine R. hauling manure all day from Keleher's and Hurley. I went to Mount Forest for a load of lumber, arrived there about six P.M. found all well Hannah better than I expected. sold ^W box to Tom for 6.50 to be paid any time through the year, paid Tom for his Trip \$4.00, rec'd from Tom 20¢ for bags 2.30 for oats \$1.04 for peas paid Tom \$1.00 on Show account ~~of~~ I got Nells shoes removed 20 chain fixed 10 Fruit 15¢ Thursday 7th fine Father & I came down home today arrived here about 4 a.m. Friday I am to pay Will \$4.00 for fixing Tom's fences and picking stones got wagon fixed 75¢. Friday 8th R. hauling manure in morning & plowing for Mangels in afternoon, F. helping Tuck in m & me in afternoon.

Saturday 9th fine & warm

R. working at Mangel ground all day. F helping Father with fence & choring. H Leadley & C piling wood. I went to town in morning paid Mr McRae 3.00, bgt hardware {written above line} 13 & 10 {underneath line} 1 pole for Charlie " {paid} for Mangel & Carrot seed 93¢ bgt 5 bags, Burpees & early po-tatoes. @ 2.00/40 np 1 bags oil cake 1.00 np paid for fixing harrow. 30¢ wheat germ 62¢ Sowed Mangels & Carrots and

washed sheep {above line} paid Dyson bal of account 6.00 recd \$8 from Mr Sandiland Sunday 10th fine Father, Mina & I went to Church and Mina C, & I to S.S. Mary C & I to Church in Evening. We heard two grand sermons today by Rev. Johnston of the Epworth League. Monday 11th fine Father & I working at fence all day. R. Hauling Manure. & F. gang plowing and Cultivating. Tuesday 12th fine R. hauling manure all day on to no 3. Wilfred has gang plowing & Harrowing in morning. Father & I fixing fence & Cutting potatoes.

May 1896 Wensday 13th fair

R. Father & Wilfred planting potatoes in morning. I cultivated manured patch near the house & rolled mangel drills covered potatoes & plowed in afternoon. Mana paid fees yesterday 2.00 Thursday 14th fine Father & R. scraping all day. I rolled & plowed & chored. bgt meat 22" @ 5 = \$1.10 paid 1.00. Dooley was here putting up fence this afternoon. Friday 15th fine Father & R scraping all day. I plowed all day on Turnip land W. Tuck finished framing the timber today. Saturday 16th fine Father and R. ~~ele~~ scraping all day. Charlie plowing and I choring Tobacco for R. yesterday 10c Sunday 17th fine Father Mary and C went to Church. Mina C & I went to S.S. Monday 18th fine got horses shod .50 np grist 84¢ np R & I scraping in afternoon, Father plowing all day

May 1896 Tuesday 19th fine

Father and R. scraping all day. I clipped sheep and chored. Fred cultiv-ated turnip and potato ground Wensday 20th fine Father cutting stone. R. F and I Hauling gravel out of foundation all after 9 a.m. we brought 1 load of manure from brewery stables Thursday 21st fine Father cutting stone R. F. & I cleaning out the earth from foundation. Henry & Willie Leadley came out today. Friday 22nd fine ~~P~~ Father, R. and Fred worked at the foundation all day I went to town in afternoon I borrowed \$75.00 from Bank of Commerce for 4 mos. @ 7%, paid Mc 5.00 Fred 6.25 bgt hardware for Mary 60¢ Nails NP. \$1.20 D Morris bgt track for hay fork 45¢ Corn 80 & paid Hewer's bill , 2.50 {\$1.20} Corn 05 Salt, 35 , bananas 10¢ Saturday 23rd fine R, raising drills in morning. F. cultivating and Harrowing. Paid Mina's Ex. fees \$7.00 Henry C & I cutting logs and potatoes we planted potatoes and sowed corn in afternoon. paid H. Leadley \$1.00

Sunday 24th fine

Mary, Father & I went to Church. Mina, C. & I to S.S. Monday 25th fine heavy showers at night We cut potatoes and planted ten rows & did chores Tuesday 26th fine hauled two loads of logs to mill and one load of lumber home. Meat \$1.30 Wensday 27th went to town in morning paid Scroggie \$4.00 that I had borrowed. Went to see Savage about the fence that was burned by the railway. Went out to Jim's and fixed up the things that were out of repair and paid him \$1.00 instead of doing the work ~~eam~~ R, Father & W. planing potatoes in morning & I & W. in afternoon Father & R. started to build Thursday, 28th Dull &

showery Father & R. working at foundation all day. I went to town in morning bgt knife 25¢ feed 10¢ sent \$33.33 to Blake Lash & Cassels, being int from April 1st to June 1st cost of sending 18¢

Friday 29th cool & clear

I was sick all day Father & R. working at foundation all day Saturday 30th fair Father & R working at foundation all day John. Turning manure at Hales. Charlie plowing I chored went to town in morning sent \$8.00 to Will. writing paper 18¢ Sunday 31st fine Father, Mina & C. went to Church in morning Mina, C. & I went to S.S. Monday 1st June 1896 fine I plowed all day. Father & R. worked at foundation John finished turning manure and fixed fence. Tuesday 2nd fine Father, R & I working at foundation. John plowing all day. Wednesday 3rd fine Father R & I working at foundation all day. R. got saw from me for 75¢ John plowing & cultivating Thursday 4th fine Father & R working at foundation, J cultivating. W. Tuck fixing Fork track \$1.00. 2 bgt hrdware 50¢. Meat (1.80) 10. 60. 45) 2.95

Friday June 5th 1896

Father R and I working at foundation all day. I helped W. Tuck to fix moulding in room, his wages for it 50. Mr Leadley came out last night and and we had a long talk about Charlie & his Teacher, and a note which I have received from The Teacher Saturday 6th fine & showery R. Father & I working at foundation set the frames John hauling sand in morning H Leadley & Willie hoeing thistles out of corn & pulling mustard Charlie bathing Nell's leg. John & all the boys pulling mustard in afternoon, they did extra well. H. Leadley pulled 3718 stalks this afternoon R got 1 bag potatoes 20¢ Sunday 7th showery & warm Mary Uncle, R & I stayed home all day except me going to S.S. rest went to Church. Mina, C & I to SS Monday 8th Showery Father, R & I worked at stone work. John mowed grass in morning and pulled mustard in afternoon Uncle, R, went home this morning

Tuesday 9th dull and damp

I took grist of chop to mill 17 bags @ 6= \$1.02 R & Father working at foundation. John mowing garden grounds around house. R. hauling sand in afternoon John labouring to Father & I Wednesday 10th fine & cool Father & I building J. laboring. R. hauling manure. Thursday 11th fine & cool Father J. & I working at foundation R plowing for rape we finished the building today ready for the timber, Father started to point Friday 12th fine Father & John pointing roothouse I chored R plowing rape ground Dooley put up fence by orchard this afternoon Saturday 13th fine Father & I working at foundation. R. plowing for rape. I chored and went to town. Borrowed fifty dollars from Bank of Commerce. 4 mos time paid 2.00 to Mary. 5.00 to R. McRae

Sunday, 14th June 1896

Father Mary & I went to Church & Class. an Armenian preached he is attending Colliege in Canada.
Mina, C & I went to S.S. Monday 15th fair Father & John building horse stable R & I working at rape &
Turnip ground Tuesday 16th fair R plowing all day I went to town in morning bgt meat, 65¢ pd Hales meat
bill, \$2.95, bgt sheers at penfolds .80 Maud shod, 25¢, buggy fixed 50. I scuffled mangels and ~~both~~ &
plowed in afternoon John Father & John working at stone work all day. Wensday 167th Showery & hot R
& I plowing in the morning. Father & John building. W. Tuck working at barn. I helped him in afternoon. J
putting on some sleepers. R. plowing R to get 63 {illegible, ink is smudged} today ~~Thursday~~ Friday 18th
fine Father and John building R. raising drills. I went to town bgt seed, \$2.85 wheat germ, 53¢ paid bill at
Goldies, \$11.82¢ deposited \$121.59 in bank. bgt meat 75¢ recd 136.59 from Mr German less 30¢ for to
collect

{at the top of the page} In wrong place I missed it last night

Thursday 18th June 1896

R & I finished plowing and R. started to raise drills about 10 a.m. I Harrowed and sowed till night.
Saturday 20th fine {written in left margin} R had a horse putting in his Turnips {margin ends} We had a
shower & very warm weather. Henry Leadley here today. I called to see Herbert yesterday and off-ered h
\$10. for the holidays We hoed most of the mangels and Harrowed rape land & finished sowing swede
Turnips Father and John building all day. Sunday 21st Dull & showery Father, Mina & C went to Church
Mina C & I to S.S. Mary Father & I went to No 6 in evening Monday 22 fine Father & John building. R.
raising drills for rape. W. Tuck. preparing to raise barn. I chored Tuesday 23rd fine I finished asking hands
Went for shingles got 22 bunches voted for. Innes at Marden got 4 Jacks from Bruce & 2 from Cowan.
Got 50 bolts for splicing barn posts @ \$3.25 61/2, hangers for hay fork, 40¢ np, & Meat at Wakefields 67¢

Wensday 24th

We all worked at jacking up the barn all day, had about 15 men beside ourselves we got it up about six
feet Thursday 25th fine & calm We were all at same job today got two loads of square wood from
Richardson to block with. Friday 26th We finished Jacking up barn about five oclock today & took home Mr
Broers Jacks, 4 to Geo Bruce - 2 to Captain Bruce. took a load of wood back to Mr Richardson Saturday
27th fine Father went to Chingacousay Tuck & his man at barn. John, H.L. W.L. Charlie & I worked at
root. corn & blue weed. got on very well. took home all of Richardsons wood Sunday 28th fine Mary & I
went to Church in morning. Mina & C. to S.S. Monday 29th fine R. plowed . J.& I chored. we raised the
addition to our barn in evening

Tuesday 30th June 1896 fine

R. J. & I working at Turnip ground. hauled 6 loads of manure from H also paid John 25¢ Dooley \$2.50
Wednesday 1st July 1896 I worked at root ground all day. W. Gay here today Thursday 2nd fine R & I
working at rape ground. Father & Henry at building in sleepers paid R 10.00, paid Keleher for manure
\$12.75 Paid Hales for meat & manure 20.00 recd 1.50 from Hales for poles. paid @ fees 1.00 Friday 3 R.
raising drills for rape Father & Henry building paid R 4.24 I chored paid Mr Flick for shingles 14.85
Saturday 4th showery Mr. Tuck jacked up the sheep pen today. had Sleeman's jacks. Mr. Tuck & his man
helped all day. paid John 12.50 today being his wages in full got a letter from Will Addie has a son and
they are all well. Sunday 5th fine All but me went to Church in morning Mina C & I to S.S. & Father Mary
& I to Church in evening This is our new Ministers first Sunday

Monday 6 July 1896 fine

I worked mowed orchard in morning R. raising drills all day, Father working at stone work, paid Dooley for
fence in full \$12.75 borrowed 7.85 from Mrs. Ford, for a day or two. Tuesday 7th fine & cool Father at
stone work. R. finished raising drills and hauled three loads of manure, I went to town, bgt keg nails 3 in.
3.59 25" 6 in 3.32 = 83¢ paid Mr Ford, 7.75 bgt bread 05, bran 05 boys chored. Mr. Watt was here and
offers to do our evetrough on barn for 8 1/2¢ per foot, bgt meat, 70¢ Wednesday 8th fine I finished cutting
our high land hay. R. hauling Manure & splitting drills. we killed up the hay & got in one load. Father
finished setting frames from root house to stable, boys choring W. T. Thursday 9th fine I Took Father to
station. Fare ect. \$4.75. ~~Cas~~ Meat \$1.00 wheat germ 55¢ P. Green ect. 85¢, np sowed rape & put on p
green in afternoon

Friday 10th showery

R hauling manure and splitting drills, Henry & I putting on paris green in morning bgt 2" 30¢ I took 5 15 ft
lumber to be dressed for doors. took 1.4 bags of chop to Mill. 84 dressing lumber 2.10 bgt pine, for doors.
2.05 Saturday 11th fine R hauling manure and splitting drills Charlie scuffling. Henry & Willie Choring. I
went to town in morning. bgt Hardware at Morris 2.90 np Hinges at Jew's 60¢ shoes & socks for Charlie
\$1.35 bags, 92¢, ordered 500 flour, 250. yrd screenings 500 bran at Goldies \$15.75 paid W. Luck 10 00
on ac N Leadley 05 hauled in our high land hay 4 loads, & sowed about two acres of rape Sunday 12th
fine Mary & I went to Church in morning. heard our new Minister Rev. Scott Mina C & I went to S.S.
Monday 13th R. hauling manure. Henry W & I hoeing potatoes most of day. one of boys scuffling & one
spreading manure

July 1896 Tuesday 14th fine

I went to see about getting cutting done, & pulled wild oats out of no 5 there are scarcely any in no 5. but
quite a few in centre of no. 6. boys hoeing potatoes and scuffling turnips in afternoon Henry & Willie went
to picnic, C. & I spread Manure & sowed Rape & Cutting peas & oats in no 6 R Hauling manure and

splitting drills all day C. McDougall is to do our Cutting use our Team Oil & Levine, and we will change work for pay as much as possible Wednesday 15th fine & cool We finished sowing rape in no 4 today. and. also made drills along Turnip headlands ^finished cutting 8 acres of peas & oats. & kiled up about four acres. Thursday 16th fine R sowed buck wheat and harrowed it in morning boys & I worked at Turnips We all hauled in peas & oats in afternoon four loads W. Tuck two hrs helping me with hay fork Friday 17th fine We finished hauling peas & oats and & worked at Turnips. C McDougall cut oats in no 2. he is to do all our binder work for \$10.00 to be paid in winter

Saturday July 18th 1896 fine

boys hoeing Turnips R Shocking oats in afternoon. C McDougall cutting. I went to town in morning, paid D. McCrea, 80¢ for Chopping bgt Hardware 20¢ np paid Harvey. the saw mill man \$75.00 on account bgt meat from Hales 14½ @ 5. 73¢ np & scantling for barn door 20 paid Mr Barber for road work \$2.25 ~~gave him an order for~~ also told him to collect for the 27 loads of gravel @ 5 1.35 this is to go on twine account Sunday 19th Dull Mina & C. went to Church in morning Mina C & I to S.S. Mary and I to Church at night. Monday 20th Dull We had about four or five hours steady rain this morning, it has made a great change to the look of the roots and corn C McDougall cut for about three hours this afternoon Tuesday 21st fine C Mc cutting oats all day boys & I hoeing Turnip.

Wednesday 22nd July 1896 fine

C. Mc. Cutting today boys & I hoeing Turnips in morn-ing. C Mc R & I cut rough land in afternoon Thursday 23rd fine I was sick all day had Diarrhoea last night R. shocking oats on new land boys hoeing turnips I went to town in evening got fixtures for plow 1.00 stamp for Mina. 10¢ I hired John paul of Egremont from-f now till Dec 1st for 60.00 R left at tea time tonight Friday 24th Dull ~~John~~ C McDougall finis-hed Cutting our oats today boys & I hauled in oats out of no 1 banner 5.5 loads and a half load of Siberian and Chorad. Charlie scuffling in morning & J. mowing beaver grass Saturday 25th fine John mowing swamp grass till teatime C. plowing all day with gang plow Henry & W hoeing & I choring Sunday. 26th fine Mary & I went to Church in morning heard Rev Scott Mina & C went to S.S.

Monday 27th fine wet morning

C plowing Henri W & I Choring. & hoeing Turnips H. scuffling in afternoon I set up the down shocks Went to see I Dyson about helping us. Tuesday 28 Showery Mr Reid of ~~Nee~~, Teacher Letterbreen, Normandy T.P. Called & stayed last night went away this morning I got pea field ready for harvester and hoed Turnips henry & W hoeing & C scuffling all day got meat at Hales 25. Wednesday. 29th Dull We hoed turnips in morning and ~~put~~ cut peas for an hour or two. then rain came on and we chored and hoed turnips till night. Thursday 30th fine We hoed turnips in morning, went finished peas behind bush Friday

31st fine put pars Green on potatoes and hoed turnips I got the no 1 cut around ready for pea harvester. we hauled in swamp hay

Saturday ~~Sept~~ Aug 1st 1896 Dull

Boys put on Paris Green on potatoes and we took off the load of hay then hauled oats until rain came on about 3 p.m. I went to town bgt Hardware \$1.90. Canvas 25¢ ordered. 1000" Bran 1000 wheat screenings, at Goldies ~~6.00/100~~ 5.00 Sunday 2nd fine Mina & C. went to Church in morning. Mina & I went to S S. Mary & I to. C. at night. Monday 3rd fine ~~I went to Town in~~ we hauled in oats most of the day John ~~Osman~~ Ausman came this morning afternoon. G. B. Hood came and I gave him a note for \$15. for Insurance. for 300 additional. Insurance Tuesday 4th, fine We finished hauling oats today. got meat 48¢. Fee Wednesday 5th fine we chored & hauled 3 small loads of peas. rain came last night and kept us a little back in hauling paid Mr Flick \$1.25 on Shingles

Thursday 6th ~~J~~-Aug 1896 fine

We hauled peas all day about twenty one loads Friday 7th fine We finished hauling ~~weed~~ peas today about noon Went to Town in afternoon Met Mrs Woods and Polly bgt stamps ect 10¢ we ~~raf~~ raked pea stubble and. hoed turnips rest of the day Saturday 8th fine John Mowing grass I went with 10 bags of oats to Chop, 60. PT borrowed \$75.00 from Bank of Commerce for four months. Tobacco for J. got Harness fixed 50¢ {written in left margin} Paid 25¢ for John I got 5/8 cord of wood @ 3.00 per cord pd Mrs Armstrong 7.00 being bal of Mr Rar'd wages {margin finished} Sunday 9th fine Shower at night Mary, Polly & I went to Church and Class, & Sacrament Mina, Polly & C went to S. S. Monday 10th Dull John Mowing grass, C scuffling Henry, W & I hoeing weeds out of Rape, they have hauled about 85 loads. of gravel. Tuesday. 11th fine John finished mowing & started to Cultivate pea land. boys & I hoeing rape & mangles. C scuffling & gang plowing

~~sh~~ Wednesday. ~~J~~Aug 12, 1896 fine showr last night

J & I went to town in morning got horses shod. \$1.50 np. hardware 38¢ got two teeth filled. 1.50 np came home & John & I got overlays ready for barn, C plowing H. scuffling. Thursday 13th fine John & I getting overlays & putting them up in barn & C. Cultivating and Henry scuffling. Mr & Mrs G Osborn were here last night & till afternoon today. Friday 14th fine We Thrashed today. our grain turned out very well. oats are about standard. Saturday 15th fine We cleaned up ~~around~~ stack & hauled in what hay was out, paid J. 50¢ Sunday 16th fine Besie, Polly, Mina & Charlie all went to Church, Mary & I kept house. Bessie, Mina & I went to S.S. Mary & I to Church in evening. Monday 17th fine John & C plowing & Cult-ivating. He & W. hoeing in morning I washed cattle & fixed blankets

Tuesday 18th 1896

J & C plowing. Henry & I finished washing the Cattle and hoed some turnips 2nd time. I went to Mill with grist of peas & oats, 60 4P. 10 @ 60/6 paid Mr pass for painting 8.25 Mr Wardell for Lime 9.75 bgt snaps 25 & rope 45¢ at Morris sold a load of gravel 10¢ Wensday. 19th fine J & C. plowing H & W Hoeing Turnips second time Mina & Bessie hoeing. & I Choring I went to town after dinner bgt hinges, ect, 56¢ screws & bolts 28 at Morris pails at Rudd's, 50¢, Barrow fixed 1.00 oil cake. 1.00 plow wheel fixed 10¢ Thursday. 20th fine John & C. plowing. Girls, H, W & I working at Turnips & rape Friday 21st fine J & Henry. went to Mitchell's thrashing and I chored C plowing & W hoeing. Mr tuck here today Saturday 22. fine J & C plowing. rest of us hoeing rape. I went to town in mor-ning. bgt. hardware 03. pt lumber dressed 25. ordered Car. for Toronto saw Montreal prize list. Tobacco for John. 25

Sunday, Aug 23rd. 1896 fine

Mary & I went to Church All the rest went to S.S. we had a service at home in evening Monday 24th fine J & C. plowing. Henry Mina Bessie W & I working at Turnips and rape. Tuesday 25 fine J at Barbers Thrashing Henry in afternoon. C plowing W & Mina hoeing turnips I choring. W. Tuck made a show box for us today. got 2 sheres at penfolds, 50 np Hardware at Morris. 80 np Wensday. 26th Showery Henry & I working on wheat grounds. J at frien-dships Thrashing. W. Tuck finished box. I went to town with grist of chop 11½ bags. 79 wheat germ 55 Thursday 27th Showery J. Cultivating. C Harrowing H. Scuffling. I hoed in morning also W & Mina all day. I went to town in afternoon bgt shoes, 1.50. saw about getting hay pressed. bgt 10 bush wheat @ 70 6 bush rye. @ 45, to be paid in Oct at Jas Hewers, saw about Harvey account.

Friday. Aug 28, 1896 fine

J. Sowing rye. C rolling & plowing W. hoeing. rape I recd Saturday. 29th fine J. Harrowing Cultivating and plowing. I went to town in morning, bgt wheat 11½ bush @ 65. = \$7.47 Dawson's golden Chaff. Hardware 06, wick 10. Had Mr Tuck helping us this afternoon with car. got bulls feet pared this evening, 1.00. T. Walker came. to see us Tonight Sunday 30th M & C. went to church in the morning, and T Walker Mina & I to S.S. Monday 31st {No Entry} {different writing, although could just be written in pencil instead of pen} Tuesday 1st. Sept Took cattle to station to start for Toronto. Jno. sowed fall-wheat near the track & plowed some of the buckwheat down. Ch. hoeing rape. Wed. 2nd Sept Jno plowing in buckwheat field all day. M. & C. started to school. 3¢ post. for Mina

Thursday Sept 3rd 1896.

John finished plowing buckwheat ground. Friday Sept. 4th. Jno. finished sowing fall-wheat in field behind the bush. Hewer sent out 9 bush. Rye. Sat. Sept. 5th. Jno. finished sowing rye 1½ bags left over. Charlie working at rape. Sunday Sept. 6th. Mina & I went to church in morning. Heard Mr Scott. M. & C. to S.S. Monday Sept 7th Jno. finished field above the rape & started in field next Ford's. C. finished rape. 10 lbs.

boiling meat from Wakefield. Tuesday Sept. 8th. Jno. went to town in morning with 8 bags oats for chop & wood for Burton's and returned 221 lbs. Rye to Hewer's. Was plowing in field next Ford's in afternoon. Wednesday Sept. 9th Jno. plowing all day in field next Ford's. Mr. Busby died Thursday Sept. 10th Jno. finished stubble-field, fixed fence at road & started to stump in back-field. Closed sheep in to-night.

Friday Sept 11th 1896

John pulling out stumps all day. Mr Busby buried this afternoon Mr Scroggie got his delivery rig, full of straw. Sat Sept. 12th 1896. Jno. gathering up stumps & burning some brush. Charlie cultivating in field next Barber's. Sunday Sept. 13th. M. & C walked to church & Sunday School. Mr Scott preaching. Monday Sept 14th John plowing in stumpy land. Got 7½ lbs flank from Wakefield's. Douglas lame. Tuesday Sept. 15th. Jno. plowing in forenoon & pulling out stumps in afternoon. J. Friendship hauled some gravel away. Wednesday Sept 16th. Jno. plowing in forenoon & Charlie helping him to pile brush in afternoon. Thursday Sept 17th Jno. plowing all day. Friday Sept. 18th. Jno. working in stumpy field all day. Tobacco for John 25¢

Sat. Sept. 19th. 1896.

Jno. & Charlie working around barn in forenoon, & Jno. plowing & Charlie cultivating part of the afternoon. Willie Leadley was out for the day. Sunday Sept. 20th. I went to church in morning. Heard Rev. Mr Van Whyte. M & C. to S.S. in afternoon & to church in evening to hear Rev. Dr Potts. Monday Sept. 21st. Jno working in stumpy land all day. Tuesday Sept. 22nd John working in stumpy field in afternoon. Went to town with ¾ cord wood for Burton's, in forenoon. Wednesday Sept 23rd Jno. working in stumpy field. Thursday Sept. 24th Jno working in forenoon & sick in afternoon. Rev. Mr Scott & Mr Hawkins called to-day. Friday Sept. 25th. Jno working in stumpy field in forenoon & cultivating in afternoon. Sat. Sept. 26th Jno working in stumpy field & Ch. cultivating.

Sept 1896 Sunday. 27th fine Showery

{back to James B.'s writing} We. Arrived at Guelph from Ottawa about 4 am this morning. Henry went out to let them know at home then John, Charlie & H. came and we got the stock home about day light and ~~after we~~ found things in good shape and all well We were real pleased to get home. Mina & C went to Church & H C & I to S. S. Mary & I to Church at night Monday. 28th fine +☉ J & I went to the Car & took out the stalls ect then. J. went to plow & I Chored & looked around Crops ect till noon & got grist ready & picked roots & stumps till Chore time J at same Job, paid him \$12.00 today. 25 for tobacco, 25¢ cash Tuesday, 29th Dull J. Plowing all day I went to town with grist paid Goldies bill \$30.30, paid McDonald & Drew Harvey's account. 19.70, Hewers \$4.95 Metcaff's, 4.05 bgt brush 25¢ Smith's account, \$2.60 - 33 \$2.267 for Mina & C paid fees 4.00 for M & C & 50¢ for date book penfolds account. \$3.60 G. D. Hood got a load of sand 20

{top left of page beneath page number - 111-1, 11, 11-11, 111-1x1} **Wednesday Sept 30th 1896 Drizzling**

We are having fine weather for roots. J. plowing all day & I picking roots & piling stumps. & Choring Thursday, Oct 1st 1896 fair I cleaned up rubbish around barn in morning & plowed in afternoon John at porters thrashing. in afternoon Friday. 2nd fine J. plowing all day. I went to town in morning. got plow fixed at penfolds about 1.00 np hardware, 47¢, dry goods, 35, sent \$20 to W. R. Stewart Lucasville also \$10 to Aunt Maggie recd. \$119.75¢ from Montreal as part payment of Bull's Saturday 3rd fair J. plowing and stumping in morning. boys & I working. at potatoes and all worked at getting in corn in afternoon paid W. Leadley recd Silver medal from Toronto yesterday Sunday 4th fine Mary & I went to Church in morning and Mina & C. to S.S. Mr Scott preached this morning on Christ's Kingdom and how to enter it. it was a good sermon.

Monday, Oct 5, 1896 fine

J. & I pulled stumps this morning & he plowed in afternoon & I cut corn D McRae brought Mr. Harding this afternoon to buy Dorset horned Sheep. he is to let me know this week if he will take our ewes at \$10 each. Tuesday, 6th Dull wet at night J. & I pulling stumps in morning. I chored & bound corn and we hauled one load. W. Tuck came out today and nailed up some boards around the barn. Wednesday, 7th Dull J. plowing all day. I piled stumps in morning cut corn & picked apples in afternoon. Thursday 8th Dull & dry J. plowed in morning Mr. Flick went to Bye's thrashing I went to town bgt flour \$9.25 Oatmeal, 73¢, bean 45¢ paid \$3.75 to Blake, Lash 7 Cassels for Insurance. Chains set Friday, 9th fine John & I pulling mangels & hauling in corn. finished corn

Saturday 10th Oct, 1896. fine

we hauled in & finished pull-ing mangels. also put for sheep an rake fixed fence etc. Sunday, 11th fine Mina & Charlie went to Church & S.S. Mary & I ~~went to~~ stayed at home all day. Monday 12th Dull Jn. plowing all day. I went to Lindsay to see about Ram this morning we may trade, went to Cleghorn's did not buy any bgt six from Mr. Shell for \$20 to be delivered ~~soon~~ in two weeks. Went to Bruders saw their Bull he has done very well Came home by Thompsons they are paying 3 1/4 per lb for lambs this year 1 scribbler & postage for M & C 12 Tuesday, 13th fine I chored all day fixing fence & piling and burning off stumps. sent entry away for our bull calf 2.50 Wednesday 14th fine Chored in morning and went to O.A.C. sale this afternoon. bgt a polled Angus heifer calf for \$36.00 on twelve month's time paid McRae for Gazette

Thursday 15th Oct. 1896 fine

J. plowing all day I chored & burned stumps Friday 16th fine & cool J. plowing in morning I picking up & burning stumps. I plowed in afternoon and J. cut brush S. Slater called tonight to see if he could get a job in winter Saturday 17th Dull first snow {in left margin} paid J. 2.10 J. plowing all day Mina C & I taking up

potatoes paid John \$2.10 Sunday 18th Dull Mary & I went to Church in morning heard Rev Scott preach Mina & Charlie went to Church in evening Monday 19th fair I took a load of wood to Burtons in morning & plowed till noon. M. & I picked apples in afternoon. Dr. Reed came out to see the bull's foot but could not pass it as all right yet. Tuesday 20th Oct 1896 fair J. plowing all day. John Mathews, Jonnie Dawson & I pulled apples we finished. Two young men promised to come and pull turnips in morning

Wensday, Oct. 21st 1896 snow flurries

J. plowing all day. J. M. pulling turnips all day & I after 3 p.m. I pulled six rows after 3 p.m I went to town with 15 bags of oats to chop, got harness fixed, 10¢. stamp 03. went to Lords Day Alliance meeting, tonight it was very good. Mr Charlton M.P. was the speaker of the evening viewed the subject from a Religious and Civil stand-point Dr Torrance spoke of a few very stirring & inspiring words Thursday 22nd fine both John's were shovelling dirt out of root house, in morning & pulling turnips in afternoon paid J. Mathews 75 sent \$2.50 to T. McFarlane Illinois Entry fee for Kyma 4th fees for M & C 4.00 Friday 23rd fine J. A. & J. M. pulled Turnips all day. I pulled a while in morning and. went to Mill for grist. Chopping 90 C Oil. 60¢. Tobacco for J 25 hauled two loads turnips Saturday 24th blustry J. A & J. M. pulling Turnips L. Goetz at Parsons Thrashing ~~got~~ Shell delivered his lambs today & german boot I paid him \$20.00 for six paper for M 80¢

October 1896 Sunday 25th fine

Mina & C went to Church in morning. & also to S.S. Mary & I to Church in the evening. Monday 26th fine John. A. & J. M. ~~both~~ pulling turnips all day. L Goetz pulling after 10 a.m. J. A. pulling in afternoon & I hauling hauled five loads Tuesday. 27th fine J. A & J. M. pulling all day. G & I pulled till turnips were dry & then I hauled. sent 24¢ to Bedding field. Ottawa 15¢ to Holterman Brantford 05¢ to S. C. Stevenson Montreal received entry certificates and transfers for. Kyma's Laddie Vol 8.24533 & Lord Aberdeen 3rd vol 6 20824 & certificate for Kyma 4th 24534 Wensday 28th fair & Dull J. A. pulling turnips in morning J. M. all day paid him 25 Lawrence all day. we hauled 4 loads in received fifty dollars from Mr. German stamps 04, laces of 05 Thursday 29th fair Lawrence here all day J. M. & J. A. both off I hired W. Benningfield this afternoon for 20¢, & he is coming tomorrow Paid W. Tuck \$25.00 Paid J. Ansman \$2.00

Friday

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Friday, Oct 30th 1896 wet morning fine warm afternoon

3 ½ day three half days I stayed in house and wrote letters most of morning in afternoon we pulled twenty rows of turnips and hauled in five loads had J.M. Lawrence & W.B. in afternoon Paid J.Mathew \$3.00 Saturday, 31st fair We hauled in turnips till about two p.m. then pulled Aberdeens. L J. Mathews pulled all

day. 13 rows^ here all day Paid ~~Paid~~ W. Bening here all day Paid him 50c pd. Lawrence^ here all day 20 Sunday 1st Nov 1896 Mina & I went to Church in the it was Sacrament today M & C. went to S.S. Monday 2nd fine J.M. pulling all day W. Benning all day Lawrence ½ day we hauled turnips in afternoon 10¢ for C for football 12¢ for stamps Tuesday 3rd fine We finished the turnips today about 3 p.m. and then all hands picked stones J.M. L.G. & W.B. Wensday 4th Dull & drizzly J.M.& L.G. W.B. here all day “ ‘ “ picking stones W.B. cultivating. I went to town seed \$1. from Mr. Gilles.

Nov.4th, 1896 Dull & drizzly

paid J. Mathews \$3.50 pd. J. Ausman \$4.00 Nov.5th Dull & damp Lawrence & Willie plowing till 3 p.m. came in out of rain & L. went home. I chored all day. paid Lawrence 1.00 Friday 6th drizzly Willie & I plowing all day in no. 4. (?) postage 9¢ Saturday 7th Dull We finished plowing no.4 & started at no 2, I went to town after dinner with 15 bags of oats & 1 of peas to chop 80¢ bran 20¢. bgt clothes for Charlie \$6.59 shoes for Mina Sunday 8th fair Mary & I stayed home and Mina & C went to Church & S.S. Monday 9th fair & cold Mr. {large smudge} H. Wright & I went to Sharp's he bgt two heifers for \$135.00. I arranged to get a steer I also bgt. 9 lambs for \$25.00 he paid \$10 for me Mr Flick & Willie plowing. Tuesady 10 fair Willie & I plowing all day Mr Snider brgt lambs pd him \$15.00

rain last night Wensday 11th Nov. 1896 fair

Mr. F. & W. Mr. Flick & I plowing in afternoon. Willie choring killed lamb in morning I bgt drugs last night for cow 60¢ Thursday 12th fine Flick & I plowing all day Willie & I choring. Mr. Sharp came with cow & calf I bgt calf for ten dollars Cow is to be bred to Lord Aberdeen 3rd I paid Mr. Flick 5.00 Friday, 13th Dull ^with snow Mr. F. plowing all day. I plowed about 2/3 of day. Mr. S. here yet Books ect for Mina Saturday 14th fair there was too much frost to plow this morning the boys & I cleared up rubbish around the barn. Mr. Sharp had Maud away this afternoon got settled with Mr. Wright. I paid Mr S \$5 on steer and 5.00 also paid him ten dollars I borrowed from Mr. Wright. W.B. & ~~Mr~~ here all day paid him 2.00 Sunday 15th fine Mina & I went to Church in morning. Mina & C to S.S. Monday 16th fine Mr. Flick & I plowing all day Willie choring & getting in wood

Tuesday Nov. 17, 1896 fine wet at night

Flick & I plowing in the morning I took Dorset ram to Wright in afternoon & six turkeys to be sold at Nova Scotia. bgt syrup 62¢ other groceries Nails 20¢ Wensday 18th ~~ead~~ Dull I finished plowing W cultivating. Thursday 19th cold W & I cleaned out the cistern in morning & W picking stones in afternoon I went to town. bgt hardware 50¢ oilcake & conditioner powder \$1.25 Tom and Emana Norris came today. Friday 20th fair & Frosty W choring around barn I went to Thompsons for some lambs got 13 to be exchanged. Saturday 21st stormy I took back 14 lambs to Thompsons this morning there was a difference of 190.00

in his favor I paid him 8.00 Came home Louis Bruders & his wife came over and stayed all afternoon. he has offered me his bull for mine Prince of Thorndale if I give him \$25 to boot and wait until next Saturday

Sunday 22nd Nov. 1896 fair

Tom & Emana, Mina & C went to Church in morning W & C to S.S. and Emana, Tom & I to Church in evening. Monday 23rd Dull Tom & I went to Bruders to see the bull in the morning went to town to sell horse & get grist of chop in Afternoon blacksmithing 5¢ Tuesday 24th Dull J.A. started ~~W. B. finished~~ John Ausman came about 9 a.m, Tom and Emma Norris. started for home about 9.30 J. W & I worked around sheep pen ~~all day~~. most of the day 7 plowed a little. Wensday 25th wet J & W worked around sheep pen all day. I went to town in afternoon paid entry fees \$10.00 Insurance, \$8.80, Hardware \$1.30, Cap, 75¢, shoes & rubbers for Mina \$1.12 paid Willie \$ 1 00 rec'd 30¢ for nails rip saw .65 shoes mended .10 Thursday 26th fine & warm This is Thanksgiving day and has been very fine John worked at sheep pen all day. I exchanged some timothy for clover with Whitelaws about 300 10 and plowed some sod for corn beside barn & did chores

Friday 27th Nov 1896 fair & mild

I chored & plowed + picked stones. John working at sheep pen. Saturday 28th cold J working at sheep pen. Flick helping us today. I went to town in morning paid W Benningfield account in full, 3.50, L. Goetz 3.30 paid Mina's & C's fees paid J. Ausman 1.00 saw Bruders and agreed to trade bulls with him I give him \$25. in March envelopes 05. Sunday, 29th cold & rough Mina & I went to Church in morning M & C to S.S. Monday, 30th cold Mr Flick here today I chored all day Mr F went with Bull to Bruders & brought home our new one. J. Ausman has been here 3 mos. @ 121/2 @ month = \$37.50 wood 11.00 Cash 22.85 bal due John \$3.65 stud for Charlie .05 Tuesday, 1 Dec/ 1896 I chored most of the day went to town in morning. got Bran .90 & Oatmeal .85 1.75 paid Wakefield \$5.65

Wensday Dec 2 1896 fair

{left margin} S. came today I chored in morning & went to cider mill & did chores in afternoon. S. Slater came this afternoon I hired him for half a month @ \$8 per month. bgt oilcake & Turkey food \$1.30 at Hewers np Thursday 3rd fair I chored trimmed two shrubs & went to cider mill. Paid for cider ect \$1.73 Saw cutting and hauling of wood. Friday 4th soft I trimmed sheep & did the chores. Sam chopped wood. Jennie and two of the children came today Saturday 5th soft I cleaned up cattle today & a lamb. Sam hauling up wood. Jennie & I went to town after dinner bgt dry goods. I bgt shoes & coat for Mary \$2.00 overshoes for myself. 98¢ paid G.B. Hood Insurance Sunday 6th fair Father, Mina & Charlie went to Church. Mary Jenny children and I kept house M & C went to S.S.

Monday Dec 7, 1896

Mrs. Nesbit came and we killed poultry & prepared for show all day. pd J Ausman Tuesday 8th Dull I've took the stock to the show, paid bal of entry fees, \$11.25 pd J Ausman \$1.00 bgt drugs ect 50¢ Wensday 9th We showed the cattle today. got 1st for Mysie & Kyma 4th 2nd for Dinah 3rd for No 1 & Belle two 2nds & 1 3rd on poultry 1 third on Dorset sheep in cattle & sheep \$74. in poultry about \$4. Sold ~~other~~ Dick for 2 1/4 per lb. ~~he was~~ Thursday, 10th fair We showed lambs today got 1 commended prize got the stock out tonight at 10 p.m. Shipped Ingrid to Waller she weighed 1500 rec'd Dick 1380 recd \$72.45 ~~bgt~~ Friday, 11th I went to rink for bal of stock and the feed delivered the show poultry 122" Turkeys & 53" Chickens also delivered steer & paid a note at Bank of Commerce bgt beef \$4.08

Saturday Dec 12th 1896 fine & warm

Tom & I went to town in morning. sold poultry Turkeys @ 7 1/2 Chicks 6 total \$31.75 paid Scroggies bill paid Tom for heifer \$4 4 00 " Lindsay for saw sent bull up to Will on a year's term for \$60.00 Sunday 13th fine Father, Mina & Charlie went to Church, I stayed home all day was not feeling well.

Mina, C. & Sam went to Church in evening Monday 14th chilly Father & Sam levelling around the barn I did very little Kyma finally had heifer calf today Tuesday 15th Chilly We chored around barn all day. put in a window in cow stable ect. Wensday 16th fine we took in lambs to Barber in morning and had to bring them back ^& keep them till Friday weighing 30¢ 10¢ to Maddock they weighed 1950 at fair ground scales 1925 went to O.A.C. saw the calf it is doing fairly well. paid Lamb 25¢, sent 6.00 to Illinois to register bull order .08 rec'd ~~put \$78~~ 74 from Mr. Hodson we chored in afternoon got grist chop .90

Thursday Dec. 17th 1896 fine

Father Sam & I worked around barn all day Friday 18th Soft snow I took lambs in in morning ~~bgt they~~ weighed 192005 lbs losing 20 lbs since wensday on full feed and good care this shows how much loss comes from a trip of ^about three miles on 16 lambs. W Barber paid me for wensday weight 1925 and gave me 1.00 for my trouble, 1925 @ \$3.87 1/2¢ = 74.50 sent \$10 as a loan to Tom paid \$14.30 for 69.29 " oats @ 20 1/2 Sam & Father ~~working~~ taking earth out of sheep pen Saturday 19th Dull Sam Father & C cleaned out the bal of dirt under sheep pen. I went to town in aftern-oon. bgt hardware 62¢ dry goods \$1.00 Iron for screen, 25 28 fasteners 12 1/2 Jars for me 4.00 postage for M 08 clothes for M 75 making C's shirts 40 waterproof cloak for M 3.00 paid Mrs Nisbet \$1.25 bal due to her \$1.15 Colt made, 55, buttons 05, Yarn 40

Sunday Dec 20th

Father & I went to Church Mina & C to S.S. {left margin} Sam off today for a week Monday 21st Sam went to visit. I went to O.A.C. for College Bloom in afternoon we did the chores Tuesday 22nd Father choring. I went to town in morning took Leadley's 5 bags turnips aunt Jane 1/2 bag. paid Hales account \$1.95 Wensday 23 Father & C choring I went to town. bgt things for house 1.80 hardware for barn 90 shoes

~~suet~~ Thursday 24 I went to town Father & C choring & I worked at sheep pen. Henry Willis & M Leadley were out paid \$15.00 Henry Heather Belle had heifer calf today Friday 25th Father C & I worked around barn all day. Saturday 26th fair Father & C cutting under brush along the creek I went to town in morning paid G. B. Morris' account \$23.50 & D. E. Rudd's \$19.50 ~~dry goods for Mary ect, \$1.80 hardware 2 for barn, 90¢ shoes 5~~ J Ausman hauling his wood today

December 1896 Sunday Dec. 27th fine

Father Mina & I went to Church. M & C went to S.S. I went to Church at night heard a very impressive Sermon on the Greatness of "God" by Rev Mr Scott. Monday 28th fine {left margin} Sam back today Sam got horses shod \$1.00 np I chored. went to see Baley about cutting and saw R Shortred stock I hauled manure in afternoon Tuesday 29th Dull we hauled manure all day with both teams. 25 for Mina for present 10¢ for foolscap for Mina, stamp .03 10¢ for C toward Mr B present Wensday 30th fair & Dull Sam, C & I hauled manure all day to no 5. 13 loads Thursday 31st fine Sam hauled two loads of manure from town we took a box of straw to exchange for two half loads of manure at Hendleys and Kenneys. I chored in afternoon C & Father hauling brush ect off the grounds around house I went to town in morning paid W. Tuck \$31.00 and \$35.00 before making a total of \$66.00 that I have paid him for fixing the barn. bgt shoes for Father \$1.75 Presents for German's children 80¢ dates 10

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