

James Cameron (1824 - 1912)

1869

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Mr James Cameron Island December 15 1868

Went to Fort Covington Left my Canoe at Hopkins no Letter stopt at Les's all night Bought Tobacco Mat{ches} Treat A Lyncoc crossed the River from Mr Smarts Left charlies Letter with Mr Streeter a treat at Big hall 3 coppers of crackers at Dreus

6th Came home got Loan of a Book From Mrs Hopk{ins} the Knight of St Johns I got Back my shipwre{cks} and Disasters at Sea

17th Thrashed 40 lb Wheat

18th Thrashing

19th Tanning Ice took across to christies

20th Stormy East Wind

21st Went to try the ice its Bad turned Back Got a Rat

22nd the Ice Broke up

23rd Fine Day commenced to storm

24th Ice took a very cold cold

25 Christmas Day I crossed Got Christmas at John Hamiltons and also at Walter Bakers took Dinner there

26th I crossed got a Ride up and Down from John Hamilton Bought of A J Baker 50 lb of Flour on Credit) ¼ Tea Tobacco 1 plug got the Loan of Hamiltons hand sleigh to take home the Flour

27 Sunday Stormy Day

28th Norman M{c}Donald died took home the hand sleigh {Above it reads: 28 Horses crossed} Brought G Renshaw 16 lb Beef George in Lancaster stopt with George all night papering the Post office with A J Baker

29th came home Our Angus's Birth Day

30th put the Stack in the Barn

31st a Fine Day Chopping Last Day of the Year

1st of January 1869 New Years Day Stormy East wind

2 chopping

3rd Allens Birth Day

4th Drew the Boat up from the River cut a Waterhole Went to the Bush cut a White ash tree

5th cutting

6th Put the Boat up on the Boards in the Barn

7th Went to Williamstown Brought cherries sage {Cut off by the page} away a Treat From Tom Summers Left my cain {Illegible} got a Ride out From Donald F McLennan {Illegible} me he had a D {Illegible}

Mr James Cameron Island 8th January 1869

8th Hugh Anns Birth Day 1866) in Williamston Got some Worm Lozenges from James Burtons

9th in Williamstown James Ferguson Bushs sale Raining

10th came home got a Ride from John Dingwalls son to the Front a Great Bazaar in Williamstown all this week got 2/6 from Dan for Gordon sweets Dan went to Montreal Last night John Angus got the Bag From Pat I left at Mr Harpers

11th chopping some in the Bush

12th writing stormy some

13th choppin Ash in the Bush about a Load

14th crossed to the Post office put a Letter in for Charlie postage -/9 got a paper Lent it to William McLeod Got a Letter from A Summers from Chicago Bought of A J Baker ¼ tea 1 plug of Tobacco 2 papers of Matches 1/9 Great crossing the Road Bushed yesterday ice not very thick about 5 inches promised semo some hay

15th putting the marsh hay to the west side of the Barn Began to cut the Fine hay on the East side Filled 3½ Bags with ashes Gordon and I on the Pitt Point cutting a Load of Wood a very fine Day took home a cedar Broom

16th Horses got in at Jacobs Island

17th Sunday cold hard Frost to night

18th very Frosty East Wind Semo came Drew a Load of Wood Went to Mill 3 bushels of Wheat 5½ of Ashes 1 Rat 1 Calfskin Bought of David Baker ½ lb Tea 1/3 ¼ lb Tea -/9 spool Thread -/3 3 hauls of Black Thread -/6 cash 36 cents a Treat 5 cent 120 cents from Mr Streeter 20 cents to Grange for Fixing Teapot ½ lb crackers from George Drew {Cut off by the page} 2 cents of hoarhound candy at Mr Congdons got 4 almanacks a paper from John Semo Traded his horse Bought of A J Baker Treat -/6 Bottle 1/3 -/1 of sweets went to See Mrs Munroe Gave Semo some hay

19th a Fine Day Making Ley for the soap Weighing the Flour 120 lbs

20th Finished the soap Making a handle for the 3 prong Fork stormy eas{t wind}

Mr James Cameron Island January 22nd 1869

Bushing the road to Francis Island very cold and Frosty Semo come for hay took a Load of Wood a very very cold Frosty night tonight cutting a Load of Firewood on the Pitt Point water froze in the house To night

23rd very stormy Day West wind and snow Blowing and Drifting

Sunday 24th charles Tuppers Birth Day cold Day

25th chopping Stove Wood cold Day

26th Went to Summerstown Brought home A J Bakers Bottle Paid Thomas Summers 1/3 for 4 Glasses I had on the 8th of January Paid A J Baker for 50 lb of Flour I got on the 26th of Dec Bought of A J Baker 1 lb soda -/6 2 plugs of Tob {Tobacco} -/4 matches -/1 paper postage envelopes -/4 got a Letter from John sent 1 to him went over with George Renshaw got the Mare got Box of Matches from him got 2 Papers from Dan

27th an Eclipse chopping a Load in the Bush

28th in the Bush Tried the mare to Draw chopping stove Wood a Fine Day a Great Deal of Hay coming across the ice seen a Fire or a Light Before Daylight Below Lancaster

29th a Soft Day chopping stove Wood

30th Raining hailing snowing

31st Sunday the Marsh hay done in the Barn snowing Fixing papers and almanacks

1st of Feby a Fine Day Cold some Feeding Good hay to the cattle Made Ready to go home with the Mare put some hay on the west side of the Barn from the East side Thomas Munroe's Wife Died Sunday night on the Last Day of January

2nd Peter Baker and Isaac Blondeau came and Gave me word to attend the Funeral to Day I crossed to the Funeral stopt with Thomas all night Heard of Colbourn Grants Dirty doings with Cate Summers Donald McNichols Daughter Buried to Day

3rd A Very Stormy Day {cam}e home East wind and snow

4th Stormy out {Illegible}

5th cleaning away Banks of {Illegible}

Mr James Cameron Island Feby 6th 1869

Saturday cold some

Sunday 7th a Fine Day Srove {Shrove} Sunday water raising

8th Gordons Birth Day a Ball to night at Summers's Cut Down the Winter Tree the Butternut Back of the house

9th I crossed the snow Deep on the ice a Fine Day Bought of A J Baker 1 Quart of oil -/7½ ½ lb Tea 1/9 pins -/3 crim Tarter ¼ lb ½ lb Tobacco -/1 postage on Newspaper to Charlie -/1 paid all this a Treat at Summers's paid this Seen Mr Colquhoun the Seesor and License Inspector at Summers heard Colbourn Grant was taken and sent to Jail offered 3000 dollars to settle about 80 Couple at the Ball

10th Ash Wednesday 1st Day of Lent went to the Pitt Point Gordon and I took home a Broom made a Door for the sheeps place East Wind Kind of soft seen 2 Wild Ducks Flying to the West yesterday Semo here for a Load of Hay Drew out of the Stable the old Mare semo upset snow and Water on the ice

11th fine Day This is the time Whalen was to be Hung {Above it reads: hung to Day} the Trial of Colbourn Grant to Day

12th A Fine Day chopping stove Wood

13th raining snowing soft East Wind

14 St Sunday Valentines Day Stormy east Wind snow hail

15th Seen 2 Foxes passing the Door stormy east Wind snowing Drifting

16th clearing away snow Banks all very Bad with the cold

17th Little Jim McDougall here to see if I had hay to sell Told me Whalen was hung on the 11th) and that Catherine Summers Got the Branch Farm for settling with Colbourn Grant 2200 Dollars the value of the farm his Father Died) Foxes running in abundance started to go to Summerstown and I turned Back snowing East Wind changed to West water on the Ice crust not good

18th Stormy

19th Stormy

20th Stormy

21st Stormy

22nd Washingtons Birth fine stormy

23 Very stormy East Wind

24th {Illegible} as Day stormy

25th crossed to A J B{akers} {Illegible}

Mr. James Cameron Island Feby 26th 1869

Stormy cut Down the Hicory before the Door

27th Stormy cleared up at night

28 cold very hard Frost at night Last Day of February

1st of March The Festival of the Welsh snow Deep a Fine Day came in Like a Lamb Jim and Dan McDougall came to Break a Track for the Loan their Hay told me Robert Jack took his sister Down to be Buried here on the Front

2nd came for the hay took a Ton in 2 Loads Brought me 62 lbs of Flour 4 Bushels of Potatoes the Balance in Cash Lent him the Trace chain to Leave it at Mr Spinks for me no crossing the Summers's Road 1 cutter crossed to Day had a hard time of it as they seem to go very slow {Above it reads: Mr James Dingwall very poorly perhaps Dead at this Date}

3rd A Good many crossed Summers Road to Day a very fine Day went for a Broom to the PPoint {Pitt Point} very unwell in the morning opened the Milkhouse EEI Fishers the Bosells Fishing Below Frashers

4th Blowing

5th cut Down the Basswood at the milk house stormy to day

6th Fine turned cold {Above it reads: Antwine Bosell came to see about the sugar Bush}}

7th Cold Drifting

8th a Great many teams crossing for hay McGillivrays men

9th I crossed to summerstown Bad going on my road Bought of A J Baker 1 Quart of oil ½ lb Tea ½ lb Tobacco 4 yds Calico 1 spool of Thread got a Letter from John 3 Dollars got 2 papers from charlie sent charlie 3 papers sent a Letter to John a treat s went in to see A Summerss wife about andrews Letter

~~9th~~ 11th {Above it reads: 10th stormy sloppy} Cut Down the Elm at the North East end of the old house Grinding the axes

12th On this Day of the Month Donald McMaster First came to the Island Antwine Bosell and his wifes Brother came to make troughfs cleaning away snow from the milkhouse and the Waterholes and the Barn and stables not very well with a pain in my side

13th stormy Semo {Illegible} started to go to Lancaster with him turned Back {Illegible} for hay 70 lb a Fine Day But {Cut off by the page}

Mr James Cameron Island March 14th 1869

Sunday Preaching on the Front Seen Crows for the first time this Winter East wind changed to West then to the East and snowing ~~15th Went over~~ sent the 3 Boys for Hay the wind very high snow Balls made on the snow a sure sign of war

15th Went over to semos to go to Lancaster Henery and I walked Down Semos Horse not able to Keep the Road got the Pot from mr Harper Bought 100 of Flour 15/- 13 lb Pork at 15 cents 1..95 Quart of Mollases 1/- Treat 1/3 starch -/3 cracker -/3 all Paid got a 1/3 from Pat semos horse got as Far as M Dingwalls and then I put the Pot and Flour on Jim Y Camerons & Peter Buchannans sleighs took them to archy McDonalds Gate antwine took the Pot and Flour from the Gate I and Henery carried the Pork and Mollases not very well the Fox Playing with Bruce

16th Lashey here Gave him an order for George Bosel to get the canoe took his vest Knife snoods gave him a plug of Tobacco 1 Bunch of matches took Dinner Antwine came with the Flour and the Pot I Gave him 100 sticks for spoils and the Loan of a Bag to carry the splits of spoils

17th St Patricks Day in the Morning The Festival of the Irish Henery out Before the Door Fishing EEls Bill Nicholson here to see if he could Buy hay cheap got none Antwine chopping for Walter Baker

18th chopping

19th cut Down the Basswood

20th 1st Day of spring Frank Laplants child Died I crossed to the store got some change I Left in the P Office from A J Baker Lent F M 40 cents Bought ½ lb Tea {Above it reads: seen} Ward at the store stopt at the Wake all night

21st came home John Angus Brought Gordon a pair of Boots

22nd Livinia Birth Day Went to {Illegible} town got a Ride from Walter B{aker}

Mr James Cameron Island March 23rd 1869

Got a Ride from Walter Colquhoun to Summerstown {Above it reads: Ellen a young Daughter} Gave my note to D Baker got my Boots mended by Davison 10 cents Bought 5 cents worth of crackers Brought a Letter over to the P.O for D Baker a Treat at Summer'ss 10 cents Got a Letter from John with 2 in it Bought of A J Baker 1½ Dozen of Herrings 1/10½ 2 lb Soap -/8 Worm Lozenges -/6 got the Loan of 1/3 from A J Baker ½ lb Tea I Bought Saturday got the Loan of a Basket from T Summers sent a Letter to John postage and Paper -/4 Got a Ride Down from Archy McDonald to Francis Island Semos got hay here to Day Henerys Boys got hicory for Axe halves to make Good crossing to Salmon River the Best this Winter Heard Mag Hopkins Died Took Dinner at Hopkins the Boys working gathering wood for to Be Ready for Sugar making

24th Jim McDougall Drew Archy McDonalds hay cheated me out of 4 Dollars

25th annunciation of the Virgin Mary I crossed to A J Bakers got the 10 Dollars that Archy left Bought 117 lb of Flour 4 Bushel of Salt 1 lb Tea 10 yds of Wincey 5 yds of Cotton and Lining Thread ½ lb Powder 2 lb Shot Treat 5/- cash Table cloth 1 yds for Towels salts Seen Mr Isaac Vipond wanted to Buy ½ Ton to come tomorrow and take Down my Flour and salt and 2 Bushels of

Potatoes took home Tom Summerss Basket got a Ride Down from John Nicholson John Angus
Came at night

26 Good Friday Mr Vipond came for the Hay gave him ½ ton 2 Bushel of Potatoes 3/5 cash 5¼
Dollars John Angus and I took Bossy to Williams{town} Raining heard William Lavelletes Girl Buried
yesterday

27th Bought of Burton ½ lb Tea 1/3 Sugar -/9 soda -/4 2 lb Barley -/8 Tobacco ½ castor oil -/7½
Lozenges -/6 got a Ride home from Walter Baker took Dinner at Walters treated Bought of A J
Baker Treat and sweety 16 cents got a Ride from Little Jim McDougall spoke to Frank Laplant
about the Day Hay Got a Paper from {Char}lie Tapt to Day

28th a Fine Day

Sunday 29th Semo Got Hay Gathering {Illegible} the Bush got 1 Gallon of Mollasses sent the oil
{Illegible} Jim Buchanan H {Illegible}

Mr James Cameron Island April 1st 1869

All Fools day 1st crust this winter Gordon and {I to} the Bush Grouss Birds came seen cranes
tracks on the {Illegible} George Renshaw here Antwine took over the oil and crossed Summerss
Road trimmed some of the apple tr{ees} Drew some wood with hand sleigh

2nd Drew some Wood from the Bush Semo got 2 Loads of hay to Day Antwine Gathering sap and
Tapping some

3rd Stormy snowing Henerys Boy got the 2 adz{es} to make a canoe

4th Sunday Antwines wife and George Bosell here antwine Boy the Fits made syrup 2½ Gallons a
piece got the Bag in the sugar Bush

5th Made sugar at the h {Cut off by the page} about 8 lb a Feast for the children Henery came to
Get the Bush antwine got tired of it

6th We{nt} to the P.O got a Letter in it at T Monroes Crossing the Summers's Road yet Henery
ma{de} 3 cakes 2 cakes with 15 lb 1 cake with 7 lb and Bought of A J Baker 4 lb Pork 4 Dozen of
Herr{ings} 1 Haddock ¼ lb Ginger 4 pipes Treat {Illegible}

7th Writing a Letter to John Henery Grinding his Axe Gave him {Illegible} handsaw a Present

8th Henery Boiling in the B{ush} 33 lb got ½ Bought {of A J} Baker {½} lb of Wincey -/5 1 spool of
Thread 2 {lb} of Oatmeal -/6 2 combs 1 Fine -/7½ went to {Illegible} Walter Baker crossed 2 times
once for hay and again with 2 Passengers Woods 1 of them snowing Thawing The Weather Dead

9th skinned the Weather

10th Crossed to Summerstown cl {Cut off by the page} Good Bought of A J Baker 1 pair of Boots
2..50 cents Hook {Cut off by the page} Ey's -/3 oatmeal 10 lb 4½ cents 45 cents 1 slate pencil -/½
James Grant Got his hand cut with the sawing machine very Bad came home Henery Boiling in the

Bush Made about 47 lbs took 2 Big cakes 9 lb coming to me yet the small cake are for the children
tapt 2 Butternut Trees for sap

11 Semo for Hay with 2 sleighs seen 2 Men up at the airhole I think it is Jim Hopkins very unwell to
D{ay} pewits or Phebe's came a Fine Day took castor oil to {Cut off by the page}

12th the ice opening at McLeans up the Front Good {Illegible}

Mr James Cameron Island April 13th 1869

Ice Opened at Francis Island 2 Boys crossed to the {su}gar Bush Jessima and Carpenter But
Henery sent them Back Quick, as the ice is Bad sugared 24 lb to Day one of Munroes sheep a
Lamb Hunters shooting at the airhole Taking my small canoe from under the snow a Man crossed
Summers's Road crossing with Teams the Lancaster Road

14th sugared 24 lb 14th 15th took the Canoe to the head of the Island Henery Made 24 Troughfs
Trying for Eels got 3,,,

15th Trying for Eels got 11 to Day Sugared 30 lbs Henery took 12 lb home to Day Henery and
Semos boy crossed Edward stopt

16th Sugared 26 36 lb Basin and all got 2 cakes of 12 lb each a Mistake) thats 3 cakes of 12 lb he
got

17th no one in the Bush

18th Our Duncans Birth Day Boiling 16 pails in Mollasses 4 of them ice Jamming Got the 2 adzes

{1}9th Raining Freezing seen a canoe at the head of Alexis Island East Wind our nannie a Lamb 2 of
Munroes sheep yesterday dead Lambs

20th Going around the Island

21st Watching the Water Logs

22 Water {c}ommenced coming in the cellar

23rd St Georges Day Fired a Good many vollies Gave Henerys Wife 4 lb of Sugar for the use of
Archy McDonalds {Illegible} a Peice of Pork {Illegible} wife Boiling Mollasses {Illegible} Lambs 1
more of the sheep Lamb Dead

{24th} Went to the Bush sap Running Well Thomas Munroe and Pete Baker here to Give me Word
that Granny was not expected to Live crossed with them Wrote a Letter to John A Treat at David's
Paid for the Postage of the Letter and the Paper I sent to charlie Got a Globe from William McLeod
Esq. Granny Departed about 10 o Clock aged 91 on the 3rd of August Went to Williamstown

25th in Williamstown

26th paid William J Gray the Bellman 5/- for tolling the Bell Took Grannys {re}mains to the Front a Treat at Davids a Treat at store Bought Whiskey Bottle to Be Returned came to Henerys got a canoe {Cut off by the page} supper Got a Letter from John {Illegible} in {Illegible}

27th {Illegible}

Mr James Cameron Island April 28th 1869

{2}8th Making soap

29th making neats foot oil

30th Mr George Renshaw here took home his harness Painted my Boat and oars t{he} osprey went Down

1st of May I crossed over to A J B{aker} Bought 3 yards of Calico 1/3 1/2 lb Tea 1/10 1/2 2 yds of Cotton 1/ {Cut off by the page} Treat -/6 Spoke to T Munroe to take over the Parcel

Sunday 2nd Raining

3 Mr William Rose Departed some snow about 10 inches on the Mountains

4th Throwing stones in the old cellar

5th Mr Vipond here for h{ay} Gave me 5/- I am to Give him 1/3 Back Went across to the Funeral took the Brush hook to Kenneth William Rose Buried Got 2 Letters from John 1 from F {Fort} Covington with a Dollar in it 1 at Summerstown Got the 1 Parcel Settled with Thomas Munroe all clear a Treat 5 cents a Great many Boats went Down to Day The L Renaud made her first Trip up a Propeller aground the america {Above it reads: - or Calvin} Taking her off set 5 Traps Broke my EEI spear

6th at Tom Kennedys Getting a spear made for EEIs Gave Tom Iron for pay

7th Fish{ed for} EEIs Got 27 2 Ducks 22 Duck eggs F{ound} a Knife on the Kit Kit {Île Kit-Kat}

8th Sa{turday} to the sturgeon Is{land} {Illegible}

9th Sunday Went around to the Island went to the {Illegible} side Gordon Rowed with 1 oar home

10th Mr Vipond {Cut off by the page} Gave me a Dollar I paid him his 1/3 Back all clear now Planted Potatoes in the Back Garden Emmanuel here I crossed sold my Rats at 20 cents 4 {Illegible} Cash Bought of P Baker 2 Bowls -/10 2 papers of seeds 1 Melon 1 Cucumber -10 cents 1 yds of Tape 1 1/2 1 yds of Cotton Hat -10 cents Treats George Renshaw sent Raisins and P Baker to the children

11th George Renshaw came Down and we went to Lancaster with Mr Harpers Pot 1 Cake of sugar 8 lbs for the sise of the Pot High West Wind stopt a{ll} Day in Lancaster Bought of Mr Harper sundries 2/6 Went to the Depot took Dinner at Angus Tobins 1/3 Bou{ght} of McPhersons 2 Quarts of Top Onions 1/6 1/4 of Tea -/9 he{re} after Dark came home George Landed me on the P {Illegible}

{Illegible}

James Cameron Island May 13th 1869

East Wind Mr Dunn here

14th The wind slacked some Mr Dunn {Illegible} off Gave the children each 5 cents the Ottawa aground about 10 {o'clock} to night at the Lower end of the Island Dug the Garden went to Fish Eels Gordon and I got 10 went over to the Ottawa they were here for matches Gave them 3 Bunches came again for Hooks and Baits the Highlander came within a 100 yards and Backed out Mr Rousseaus Steamer came up From Lancaster with the Wheel in the Stern the first I ever seen that Way

16th Whit Sunday the B {British} America Working at the Ottawa got her off Mr Rousseau Steam{er} went up to Day a Raft came Down anchored Before the Door sheep came home salted them East Wind and Rain

17th Jim Parcels Daughter Drowned Mr Vipond here high Wind Gordon and I around the Island

18th crossed to Summerstown at the Coroners Inquest By Mr Duncan Mr {Givrier?} and Dr Ross from New Lancaster I was ordered to get up a Jury of 12 Robert Jack Thomas Kennedy Isaac Vipond James Grant John S Summers {Above it reads: George Renshaw} {The page is folded and some names are illegible} Walter Baker Peter Baker {Illegible} Rose John James McDonnell {Illegible} Ronald Angus McDonell P Grant {Illegible} Island John Carey Bought of A J Baker 50 lb Flour 7/6 1/2 lb Tea Quart of oil -/9 1 plug Tobacco Sweetys -/1 to Jack Kennedy got the Tongs at Toms Went to Renshaws Island for coals

19th Planted Potatoes Mr Vipond here for Hay

20th Planted some Potatoes Livinia Bad with the Toothache Cut George Renshaw's Potatoes Oars) took home some pine caught the first Perch yesterday took the Box out of the River

21st Fishing Perch

22nd Fishing

23 Tim Hopkins here home with the Ram

24th {Illegible} Birth Day Went to Summerstown Bought {Cut off by the page} Tobacco got 2 Papers from John paid 4 {Illegible} stormy

{25}th Got {Illegible} stormy

26th Went to Christies and {Illegible}

Mr James Cameron Island 28th June {May}

Fishing Perch

29th Sheared the 2 Rams

30th Henery and his Wife here Went to the Kitt Kit Island all {Illegible} Gordon Mary Hugh Ann Randolph Livinia Rowena and Livinia and myself Found 3 staves

31st Shearing the sheep Marked Munroes Lambs 1 of the sheep could not catch

1st of June Glorious 1st of June) set Fire to Brush heaps

2nd sheared 1 sheep Weighing the Wool 20 lb Dirt and all for Thomas and the same for myself

3rd Went to Summerstown Brought George Renshaw his {Cut off by the page} oars Mr McLeod catching his sheep Bought A J Baker 50 lb Flour 1 lb Tea ½ lb Tobacco Matches a Lure for Gordon Treat Borrowed a (¼ from Pete paid this) Kenneth paid me 2/2

4th old George 3rd Birth Day I crossed with the calve Thomas and I Killed it got this Reg {Cut off by the page} taken out of my Boots James Hopkins came to Plough him and Paro and old Rankin Fishing at night Got 3 sturgeon and EEIs Gave me a sturgeon {Illegible} Camerons Wife Died this Evening

5th Raining Paro went home to night

6th {Illegible}

7th Paro came to Plough James Grant {Illegible} Hay 12 Dollars a Ton Got a Bushel of Wheat 7/6 10½ Dollars cash George Renshaw Willie Roy Lewis Blondeau along with him Planting Potatoes and squashes Paro and I crossed Paid A J Baker for what I got on the 3rd 2-40 cents Bought 1 Bushel of Barley 5/- soda ½ lb -/4 Treat -/4 John Hamilton Down with us Got 5/- From Thomas Munroe

8th sowed 1 Bushel of Wheat and about 3 pecks of Barley {Equal to ¾ of a bushel} Planted 60 hills of Potatoes Jim came and Took the horses

9th our Marys Birth Day

10th Planted Potatoes at the B{ack} Part of the old House

11th Taking up stones at south and east end of the of the old h{ouse}

{Illegible}

Mr James Cameron Island June 16th 1869

{Illegible} the Fence on the Pitt Point

17th at the Fence

{18}th The Ever Memorable Battle of Waterloo {18 June 1815} {C}aught 2 Maskin onge {Muskie; Lunge} 1 28 {lb} at the Lower End of Sturgeon Island the other 32 lb at the south West End of Ross's or snake Island

19th Went to summerstown sold 1 Lunge to J Cameron 5/- Got 2/6 from T Munroe got 5/- From Mr Vipond Bought of A J Baker ½ Quire of Paper {Illegible} yds of Calico Hooks & Eys got a Lot of Papers from Dan and Charlie Christy Munroe Went to Cornwall on the B America

20th Sunday

21st Gordon Mary and I to the Lighthouse Trowing {trolling} took our Dinner on the Lighthouse John Cameron John McMillan {Illegible} Martin here put up their Tent

{22}nd Our Dans Birth Day Spencer Tuthill Smallman Buchannan stopt here Hoole and Parker stopt in the Tent

23rd a Windy day {Above it reads: at Lancaster}

2{4th} Fishing Perch John Cam{eron} {Illegible}

{Illegible} {J}ohn Cameron and I to the Hog Island

{26}th Trowing They went off to night

27th Sunday Tyler Lincoln and R Briggs came stopt all Day on the Boshure

28th They went off

29th Trowing Fishing Perch Got a Pike Pickerel Chub 2 Rock Bass 10 Perch cut Grass for the calf a Great Many Trowing on the River Weeding the Garden (On 23rd Went to Lancaster Bought {illegible} 2/- ½ lb Tea Lamp 2/6 Tobacco 60 lb of Flour Loaf Bread Bought of George Semos Musket 41 cents Matches -/3

{Illegible} Departed

{Two lines are illegible}

{Illegible} high Gave them {Illegible} Go home

2nd Fixing a Window in the cook house Hamilton home with the Boat

3rd Last day of the {Illegible} in Lancaster Gordon and I to christies Fishing {Illegible} warm Day

4th Sunday American Indepen{dence} {O}ur Johns Birth Day Went to Summ{erstown} {Bo}ught of A J Baker ¼ of Tea 0/½ of Ribbon 2 plugs of Tobacco 2 pipes Got Papers from John and Dan and Charlie Johns Hughinas Death in the Paper Departed on Friday the 25th of June)

6th {Illegible}

7th Mary and I to Williamston seen Francis Piloting a Raft Mary got very sick Kind of sea sick went to Mr Harpers with But {Cut off by the page} Bark for Mrs Harper Brought some Wild {illegible} to Mr Faulkner Bought of Mr Harper Bottle of Licquor -/7½ crackers sweetys -/1 a Treat -/5 Marys very unwell going up the Black River slept the way up mostly at Helens at night ta{king} care of children as her and Burton was at the Concert

8th in Williamstown Raining James Gwint Brought his 2 Horses to Pasture Brought salt to salt them

9th Came home {Above it reads: – sacrament in Lancaster} Allen and {I} stopt in Lancaster Bought of Mr Harper 100 lb of Flour 13/9 ¼ of Tea -/9 Treat -/5 cents got home to the Foot of the Island as the storm commenced all night at home But very unwell myself

10th Raining allen and Gordon around the Island took home a canoe Load of Wood Fishing at the Little Island

Sunday 11th allen here very Windy very unwell myself all the horses at the head of the Island Found 3 Staves at the {Illegible}

{Two lines are illegible}

{Illegible} Day

2nd Marys Birth Day {Illegible} to Day Mowing some cocking some cut a cock of Marsh hay for the straw tick high Wind a Big Fire up the way of Paul Joe's Raining some his Barn took Fire

3rd Jim Hopkins came to Mow Lashey here to night Mag Bosell Married on Monday the 2nd to Jessima. Jim and Paro Mowing

4th Fred and charlie came

5th Mowing Fishing at night

6th Randolphs Birth Day 2 years old to Day {Above it reads: made the shed} cocking and Gathering

7th cocking and Finished all in cocks 174 I went to A J Bakers Bought on credit ½ lb Tea 1/9 ¼ lb Ginger -/6 {Illegible} the stone -/4) Matches -/3 paid Bought axe-handle From Lewis Christie -/3 Got a paddle From him 1 of the halves. Bought for J Hopkins ½ lb Tob ¼ of cash Kind Box of common caps very unwell Seen Semo Promised to come Monday Jim Hopkins went home Left a scythe with me

Sunday the 8th Caught the sheep Gordon not well

9th Jim came with the Horses high Wind Fixed at the North Door Logs to come in the Barn Drew my share with the Barn 82 and 36 cocks of what I cut myself all on the East side

10th commenced the stack Finished Jim Went Home Left the horses and Harness with me his Barley Ripe at home Old Mrs Hopkins poorly took my 3 prung Fork to Fix

11th Mowing the Back Garden Hazelnuts Getting Good (tried the {Below it reads: potatoes} on the 5th) Fishing got a Dozen Raining Fine Black Birds Getting Bad

12th Seen a Large Fire about Dark up at Hopkins {Above it reads: Lewis Bosell a Daughter}

13th Making cocks cutting some in the upper Feild Got a {Illegible} of oak 16½ Long 11 inches thick 2 staves

14th {Illegible} a Pleasure Trip making {Illegible}

{Illegible} East Wind High

{One line is illegible}

16th Jim Hoplins here for the scow Gave him {Illegible} canoe Gordon and I started for to to Semos turned Back Mowed some Buck of the old Garden caught the Ram

17th Went to Semos Semos Boy came home from the Bark Bush stopt at Henerys Killed the Ram

18th Went with the Wool to Henerys 9½ lb Bag and all 8 lbs of Wool say Gordon got a Top at Henerys

19th Mowing

20th Making cocks Shooting commenced

21st Went with 10 lb Tallow 1 sheep Pelt to A J Baker got 11 cents for Tallow a lb 1/10½ for the Pelt Paid 2/8 I owed Before Bought ½ lb Tobacco 1 lb soda ½ lb Tea Matches pipe ½ lb Powder paid this) got 60 lb Flour not paid on credit 1-85 c{ents} Went to George Renshaws got the Drawing Knife put off a Load with George seen Henery in the Bush Lashey crossed down to Lancaster with a Woman Passenger

Sunday 22nd Went to Little Island {Above it reads: A J Bakers Wife a son on 22} Gordon Hugh Ann Randolph Semos 2 Boys and Henerys Boy came went to Fish at night

23 Mowing put in some Captain Frasher here Fishing Christee here Broke the sleigh

24th the Boys went home came Back put in some hay Fixed the Runner in the sleigh Let Henerys Boy go home

25th Mowing

26th Putting in {Above it reads: cut the Barley on 25th} Jimmy Semo here for the scythe Johnny went home with him Gave him a Waistcut

27th Mowing Gathering cut some Marsh hay put in the Barley some hay not very well

28th put in some Marsh hay Gave Jo the Bun to pay me in Work Jo went home Raining Gathered a Basket of Hazelnuts Drew some Wood split some ash for oars

29th Jo Brou{ght} over a Kitten Gave him 2 old scythes to cut Re {Cut off by the page}

{3}0 Began to thrash the Barley

{Two lines are illegible}

{Illegible} Duncan McDonnell Gave {Illegible} Last crossing to christies Island the {Illegible} Fired Brought them to know where they {Illegible}

1st of September Mowing in the Back Marsh Mr Spencer here for Worms

2nd Mowing and Making cocks Went to Alexis Island Gordon and I Shot 3 Ducks Seen Mr Kimball and Family camping out Treated Me to a Glass of Brandy {Illegible} sugar Runner and Rintoul on Christees Island

3rd D McMasters Birth Day Making cocks

4th cutting some in Front Marsh gathered 2 Baskets of Hazaelnuts

5th John Angus Birth Day Gordon and I Fishing got a Basket of nuts Mag Henery and her Man and Edward here heard A J Bakers wife had a young son Last Week

6th Mowing Red Hugh McGillis archy Grants son and Frapp and Grears Boy here in a Boat Going to Buy a canoe Treated me caught some Perch and Chubb

7th Mowing took up the Potatoes onions Butternuts Getting good Hazaelnuts ripe

8th Made some cocks

9th Mowing above the Marsh Fence Tomatoes Getting Ripe

10th crossed to Summerstown bought A J Baker Matches -/1½ 2 spools of Thread -/2 tobacco -/3 pipe ~~Bœu~~ (Paid this) Bought of Peter ½ lb Tea not Paid Summers came home Last night Looks Well heard Big Lewis Christee was Drowned stopt at George Renshaws all night Seen Ames Hugh and Allen Thomas McDonald and Duncan McLennan came to Fish Took their Horses from Rosss Island Duncan McLennan Jailor Removed from {Illegible} Henery and Lashey to Cornwall to Fish {Illegible} from charlie and 2 from Dan

{One line is illegible}

{Illegible} put 5 Bushels of Potatoes in the {Illegible} Put the Potato onions in the Box seen a Wild Goose going Down he must have strayed as its the earliest I ever seen coming

Sunday 12 a Fine Day Day

13th Went to Semos for Jo Went to Dundee 5 Bushels of Ashes 5/- 1 Bushel of Barley 3/5 4 Doz of Eggs 2/4 Bought calico Linsey shirting Thread oil starch needles Thuts of ¼ cash got my coat at Emmanuel

14th Mowing

15th Mowing and Gathering

16th went for Johnny Semo him and I to Cornwall 20 lb of Wool 1/6 per lb Bought of Madden 2 Loaves of Bread -7½ Bought at Macks 100 of Flour 15/- Left a Basket of Potatoes at George Renshaws

17th Put in from the Back Marsh 25 cocks of hay Began to Rain

18 cutting the Wheat

19 Sunday Wind high Johny here

20th putting in hay 1 Load of Wheat

21st peeling apples

22nd Gordon Johny and I crossed to Semos

23rd turning the Wheat Lashey here for Ash

24th made 6 cocks of Wheat took in 8 Bushels of Potatoes 13 Bushels in the cellar now got from Mr Dunns 7 Potatoes yeilds 131 Good Large sound Potatoes about 1 Bushel our Potatoes Rotting very Bad none of Mr Dunns Rotten

25th I crossed to A J Bakers Bought ½ lb Tea 1 plug and ¼ lb cut Tobacco 1 pair of calfskin Boots 7/6 Matches paid for the Postages to Day of what was Due Before 1 Doz Buttons 15 cents sent some sweets out to Williamstown with George Renshaw to Mary Sacrament in Williamstown Seen George Renshaws Boat 21 Dollars sails oars and all

26th Jo Semo here for a Gun got it a Great many American on pleasure Trips on the Islands

27th put up the single stove old

28th Taking up the Potatoes Cranberries Ripe Wild Geese Plenty Butternuts Falling

{The following two pages are much darker and more damaged than previous pages in the diary. Mold and weathering has made many parts of these pages difficult to read}

{Three lines are illegible}

{Illegible} a very high Wind all {Illegible} 1 Boat Rowing with 4 in it

1{st of} October Gathered 8 cocks of Marsh {hay} went to Henerys and Semos Johny {Illegible} with me put in the Wheat and {Illegible}

2nd Finished all the hay I have cut Drew {Illegible} Wood Jo Semo came for Johny D{rew} {Illegible} Black Canoe

3rd Sunday Raining {Illegible}

4th Raining Stormy Frank Semo Married in {Illegible} Gordon and I

5th Killed the Nedder Took in {Illegible} Butternuts Water very high Looking at my {Illegible} to night

6th took in some nuts

7th Putting in the onions

8th Crossed to Summerstown got paper from charlie a Letter and 2 papers from Dan a Letter Directed to me Belongs to John Cameron took Dinner at Walter Bakers got a Present of a Bag of Apples {Below it reads: Green} Bought of A J Baker 1 plug Tob -/2 pipe ½ ½ lb Tea from Pete for the) Prince Arthur went Down on the steamer Magnet

9th crossed the Prescott Pilots 13 of them owes me a Dollar Mclver kept me of the Raftmen till the Raftmen would come

10th Hugh Ann Birth Day James Hopkins and Mr Austin here The Raftmen off gave me 8 cents for their Board 4 men and a Little Girl here

11th Went to Sturgeon Island

12th Went to Thomas Munroes with a sheep took Walter Bag to A J Bakers heard Mr Donald Cameron Carpenter Departed on Saturday the 9th archy McDonells Wife has the Priest to Day Henery here with 1 pair of My Mits

13th 14th 15th Went to {Illegible} Island

16th came home from charlies {Illegible}

17th Went to charlies and {Illegible}

{Two lines are illegible}

{Illegible} and I went to the Fair in Dun{dee} {Illegible} to Whitney to Fix 26 cen{ts} Bought of G A Streeter pair of shoes {for} Little Livinia 35 cents came to Thomas Munroes then to George Renshaws stopt all night with George

21st came home

22 Killed the old Weather crossed to summerst{own} Bought of A J Baker ½ lb Tea ½ lb salts Bushel of salt ½ lb soda

23rd Livinia Birth Day one year old to Day salted the Mutton Raining

24th Our Hugh's Birth Day some snow

25th My Birth Day Went to head of the Island for nuts with Gordon and I

26th Taking up the Tomato {Above it reads: got 3 {Illegible?}} Berries carrots cucumbers out of the Garden Frost

27th snowing

28' snowing Raining Henery and Antwine here for spear pole Heard of John hamilton Being Poorly the Horses run away with him taking Rotten Potatoes out of the cellar salted the Eggs 4 Doz and 8 to Day

29th Stormy East Wind {Illegible} snow Ducks Flocking in the channel 5 Dozen of Eggs

30th choppin stove Wood

31st Holy Eve Sunday cracking nuts and the Halloenn {Halloween} supper for myself

1st of November all Saints Day

2nd all Souls Day I crossed at Summerstown 1 Bushel of Onions 5½ to Mrs D Summers To ½ lb Tallow to A J Baker Bought of of 8 yds of Calico ½ lb Pepper ½ lb Tobacco 3 Bunches of Matches pipe 1 spool of Thread 3 Quarts of oil 30 feet of Rope Stopt all night Lent George Bosell the Boat to go to the {Illegible} George Renshaw in {Illegible} Taking up their Potatoes {Illegible}

{Eight lines are illegible}

7th our Ellens Birth {Day} {Illegible} and snowing a Steamer {Illegible} near charlies Island {Illegible} Corinthian very Windy

8th {s}tormy snowing Drifting L Renaud and {Big ottawa?} Down plastering some in the stable {Illegible} thrash the Wheat

9th Fanning 4 {Illegible} in a Boat I think to the {Illegible} to see if there was a Fox on the Island {Illegible} come to the House

10th went to see their Tracks

11th chopping got a Rat

12th {Illegible} Drags

13th Drawing Drags

14th Sunday Tim Hopkins took away the Horses Heard of old Mr Lincoln Being Dead and Buried on The 9th ...

15th Thrashing the Wheat

16th Thrashing

17th Thrashing Fanning 3½ Bushels

18th chopping stove Wood

19th High East Wind

20th High Wind and Rain Boat house came Down with the Wind

(21st On this Day of the month D McMaster Departed 46) a Fine Day

22nd Windy The {Illegible} in place of the Highlander

23rd Archy {Illegible} Departed

24th Went to Summerstown {Illegible} Hamilton and T Davis told me {Illegible} Wifes {Illegible} and Henery {Illegible}

{Four lines are illegible}

{Illegible} Archy McDonalds Wife and {Illegible} Boats running yet the {Illegible} and another Lashed together went {Illegible} with a Tow

26th chopping took up the Traps

27th The Clyde went up to {Illegible} Fishing EEIs got 27 East Wind

Sunday 29th Went to Antwine Bosells Francis paid Jo's son-in-Law here

30th St Andrews Let out the Rain yesterday {Above it reads: the osprey went up} Firing storm

1st of Dec ~~old~~ stormy Fixing the stable Door Fixing the staves 18 Large ones and 70 small ones took the Butternuts out of the Canoe

2nd crossed to summerstown 2 Rats 20 cen{ts} Bought of A J Baker 2/5L Worm Lozenges 15 cents 3 Bunches of Matches 3 cents Tobacco Pipe 1 Bottle of ink -/2 Went to John Cameron for the first time I ever was there to sighn the papers concerning Elizabeth Purcell gave my Oath to that effect Jim Hopkins Fixing at George Renshaws Wharf High East Wind and snow

3rd Stormy and fine

4th chopping stove Wood

5th Sunday

6th Cold cut a sawlog

7th chopp{ing} stove Wood making the sleigh

8th cut Down the West Hicory in the Grove a Mark out for Perch out opposite it

9th Killed the cow a Fine Day all alone at it

10th cutting and salting the meat a Fine Day set 2 Traps in the Back Marsh

11th a Fine Day set some Traps in the Front Marsh 2 Men Fishing EEIs

12 Sunday stormy East Wind high sleet Rain and snow

{Three lines are illegible}

{Illegible} high Wind I have {Illegible}

16th Went up around the Island {Illegible} some Firewood and chopping

17th Went to Summerstown with 33 lb of Barley {Illegible} Tallow 2 MusKats Bought of A J Baker 6 lb of Barley /4 a pound 2/- ½ lb Tea 1/6 ½ lb Tobacco pipe -/½ 3 cents of spice Cotton Batting 2 {Illegible} 1/- spool of Thread -/4 2 yds of Cotton 1/3 ¼ lb Powder -/5 1 Bunch of Matches -/1 1 Doz of Lozenges Worm -/8 2 cents on a paper from John Harpers Weekly William McLeod Thomas Munroe William Spink George Renshaw all went to Lancaster Depot or to Mr Harpers Drawing the Telegraph Poles away of the Front Lashey here for a Dish to Bail his Canoe Fishing EEs him and Henery

18th Tried to Go to Lancaster went as Far as Suses Island the ice taken from there to shore Turned Back from there East Wind Shipped about a Pail of Water change in the Moon to night Turned stormy with snow wind changed to the West Through the night

19th Sunday Drifting windy

20th Raining ice Breaking along shore

21st crossed with 4 Bushels of Wheat Left it with John Hamilton to take to Mill took the Hide to A J Baker 55 lbs took a Few onions to Walter Baker a Fine Day wind Raised from the East came home Burying old John McPherson to Day Heard Walter William Died and heard Jo Fisher Died {Above it reads: not so} Sent a Letter and paper to Charlie 56 Market Street Birken head Cheshire

22nd wind changed to the West to night a terrible Gales {Illegible} Down the Big Elm tree up in the swamp made {Illegible} of Wood

23rd piling the Big Elm Gordon

{Two lines are illegible}

{Illegible} Summerstown Get the {Illegible} George Renshaw a peice of Meat for his Dinner Bought of A J Baker 6 yds of {Illegible} for under skirts at 30 cents a yds /u 80 2 yds Cotton {Illegible} 1 spoll of Thread ½ lb Tea ½ lb soda paid the Postage of the Letter and paper did not get the File Examination on the Front Semo Living in Walter Pakers Shanty got a Letter from Charlie hurted my Boat in the ice seen old Mr Kennedy from the Branch

25 Christmas Day Jim Hopkins and his Boy here for his Whippetrees and chains Lent him my 2 cluvises {clevises} Brought me some Tracts from Mrs Norman McDonald and compliments

Sunday the 26th Gordon and I to the head of the Island a fine Day

27th Chopping stove Wood

28th chopping

29th Our Anguss Birth Day Raining crossed to Hamiltons with the Bag Bought of A J Baker 1 Bottle of R R R on credit got the File sharpen at the saw

30th sawing stove Wood

31st sawing Wood Windy a Ball at Mrs David Summers to night a fine Evening

1st of January 1870 East Wind Firing in the new year Saturday

Sunday 2nd Windy from the East

3rd Allans Birth Day very windy Found Perch that was Blew up on the shore with the wind

4 Went to the head of the Island sawing stove Wood seen a Boat crossing to Hopkins a fine Day snowing hailing and fine Raising the oak Log up from the Ground took the Little canoe up on Land

5th Banking the West end of the house with Hay sawing stove Wood

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