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7 8 Thursday (159-207)

hoening the onion beds -  
 Margaret helped me come towards the end. we got early tea and she & I made ready to go to the Everton Cemetery, we took with us the lawn mower, Spade, rake some water in a jug, and a lot of flowers in Everton pots &c. it took us quite a time to get the plot all and fixed up when we afterwards went down for the small grave Edy Abbott is thought by the doctor to be some better and plots may possibly have got the turn for betterness. we got 16 plants of fine Tomatoes to night from Janet Abbott.

8 9 Friday (160-206)

Willie drawing manure day at Willie's at the drawing out of the manure. I also John Smallhorn has been helping all day at Willie's at the drawing out of the manure. I also John Smallhorn helped them as John could not keep Willie going. The field being convenient to the barn he was not long on being on hand always for the next load. there was a large number of loads taken out and the turnip land covered, and 2 loads to the good for the corn. two travelling sheep shearers shorn Willie's 7 sheep for 35<sup>cts</sup>. Johnny and his Boy have been drawing out their manure to day. as the girls & Willie has concluded to plow in that he has drawn John will now be at liberty to help Johnny tomorrow. the girls and their Mother drove up to McKenzie to day. they are all well.

9 10 Saturday (161-205)

planted Tomatoes -  
 hoening the onion beds -  
 Willie plowing turnip land -  
 John Smallhorn with Johnny

Not so hot as has prevailed for some days. somewhat close for awhile in the forenoon however, and this evening there is thunder and threatenings of a storm. I have been working in the kitchen garden, Maggie & her mother & I have cut out all the weeds in the one block of onion rows. I also wheeled out some barrow loads of ashes on the patch of ground above the garden and gang. I have planted out 16 tomatoe plants we got from Janet Abbott. Willie has been plowing in the dung on the turnip land. Johnny & Rapperty spreading a good deal of it. John Smallhorn has helped Johnny at his manure drawing to day.

10 11 Sunday (162-204)

wrote letter to Alex. to day. visiting at Webb's in the evening. I wrote a letter this afternoon to Alex and sent it down with the girls for mailing.

A very fine growing day after the rain of last night. I was very little out to day. feeling tired. the rain this morning and the threatening appearance of the weather kept the girls at home for some time. Margaret & I took a walk down to Webb's in the evening. I wrote a letter this afternoon to Alex and sent it down with the girls for mailing.

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road work **12 Monday** (163-203) A very fine day. fine Sunshine and  
Johnny warm. Johnny has done his road work to day. his  
did his Boy & himself & team were out, they drew the gravel  
to day from Louis pit and placed it on the road fronting  
Willie Theaters place. Willie intends doing his work  
Willie - tomorrow he is plowing in the manure for his turnips  
hard at to day. I have been hoeing the onions and doing  
the Manure other chores around, after tea Willie & I built a  
plowing new fence behind the barn to form a small yard  
under for leading from the shed doors to the lane. Willie  
the turnips has plowed hard all day at the turnip land.  
having got behind they are both anxious to see  
hoeing the manure plowed under.  
V.C.C.

Willie **13 Tuesday** (164-202) Another beautiful day. the  
and sun shone out hot and it looked thundery.  
barn but did not come on. Willie & his team were  
at the doing the road work to day. I went also so that  
roads to all the work would go in. the place has got off  
day. I with 8 days this year. A piece for the boys. Washy  
also went. Louis has got his own way this time of putting on the  
so as to gravel, he did it well as far as he went, and made  
put in the cure to get good stuff. each team drew six loads in the  
time today and he has hopes he may get a grant from the Council  
to assist in graveling some more. He thinks the Statute  
dinner at labour insufficient to keep up the road as it should.  
Shaw - we have sprinkled old clacked lime over our onion beds this  
evening. we had our dinners at Shaw Looes today.

Started **14 Wednesday** (165-201) Continues Splended growing  
to clear weather. I cleared the fence off and started the job of  
the ground making a hen yard at the South end of pig pen. I did  
for forming not however get working at it very long. As I helped  
a hen yard Johnny awhile to spread manure, he had on Albert Lollo's  
team and was getting behind with the dung spreading  
Johnny has I had also to help Willie awhile at rolling. he is getting  
Albert Lollo's corn plowed in to day. The Boy drops the corn  
team helping in every 3<sup>rd</sup> furrow. Johnny and I shone the sheep  
pime to day after tea this evening. Henry Druffield was there and  
I helped took the place of one of us. Shearing against each of  
awhile to us by turns. There were 8 sheep. they have good  
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**14** 15 Thursday (166-200) A terribly hot day, and very close, the mosquitoes have bitten badly all day. I worked at post hole digging awhile this forenoon and placing the posts for the hen yard. it was so hot that very little head way could be made, after dinner Willie Corn - with his team drew out 4 loads of dung, the ground scrapings of the shed, on to our <sup>own</sup> ground, I helped. Johnny also has started to him, after tea drove they drove down to Heffernan's Corner with their mare down to see Joe Atwell's Stallion "Montana". I went down with Willie, the horse is a Thoroughbred and considered to be a good one although he is lean in flesh. The boys are intending to use him.

**15** 16 Friday (167-199) A very close and hot day again. Casting up clouds, which, however brought no rain. I plowed this forenoon in Willie's turnip land while he went up to fernie fold with her, after coming home Willie plowed in our corn. Johnny Rafferty planted it every third furrow. I do not feel like working to day am long in getting free of my cold and keep wearing my undershirt in consequence which is very burdensome. we used 4 1/2 lbs of corn out of the first purchase and find that not enough. I've got more from Robt. McWilliams. I used 12 lbs of it. <sup>(3) lbs</sup> for feed in low patch. I used about 7 rods of ground. Willie used 42 lbs on 96 rods. and Johnny used 44 of his own + 19 of R. McW's for about 80 rods.

**16** 17 Saturday (168-198) An extremely hot & sultry day, which culminated in a thunder storm and great down-pour of rain. I worked at the hen yard posts this forenoon and put in the 7 posts next the front. the heat was most oppressive. I drove up after dinner Ewart & I hitched up the colt to the cart and drove up to McKenzie. to McKenzie we had no rain of any consequence up there but we could see that down home afterwards they were getting a heavy rain. Mr. McKenzie is down at Mrs. Burns this past week and expects to remain still another. John's crops look fairly well. we left for home at 8 o'clock. Willie has been at Guelph today. he had a bag of potatoes & wool. 18<sup>cts</sup> got Celery for his wool without docking and a dollar for the potatoes. he got his turnip seed & hungarian grass seed and a box of Celery plants for me. Lizzie was with him. Willie had Mr. Caithra's horse. The Boy gang plowed his turnip land with his own team.

**17** 18 Sunday (169-197) Another very warm day. the atmosphere is very close and sultry. I kept the house a great part of the day, reading & resting. The girls went to Everton twice. Ewart also reading in the evening. I took a walk afternoon to Duffield's looking over under the trees crops etc. in the evening took a stroll to the back of the place. The crops are doing finely in this hot, moist weather.

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finished digging to day and caused a tolerable coolness where otherwise it would have been very hot. I was early at work this morning, about 5, and, although assisting to fix up a gate and other chores, I got the balance of the post nearly completed (8) by dinner time. I drove down to Everton with Minnie. She saw the doctor and this afternoon says, she is so much better that, he gave her no medicine but paid him \$2.<sup>40</sup> for 3 bottles Emulsion. I paid him for 2 bottles other 2 before. I got a bag of shorts & 25<sup>cts</sup> worth oatmeal at Hortons, 95<sup>cts</sup>. The boys are working on their turnip land. Bella drove down to day accompanied with her baby & Mrs. Weatherstone. They had a very pleasant visit, everything looks its best at the present time.

19 20 Tuesday (171-195) Continues hot, and to day, as then hot. here has not been so much of a breeze, the heat is more oppressive. I dug round and took out 8 posts out of different places old fence to out of the old back yard and the 2 that has stood posts &c. in front of the horse stable. I planted them in after tea, with Ewart's help, into the fence forming the hen yard, so that the posts are all in now for that yard. I dug a trench and put in about 40 plants of Celery, making them about a foot apart. we are hoeing the onions again. the strawberries have grown to a good size and, although green, the hens bother us by picking them off. we are tormented by them & scratching at the potatoes. Johnny is plowing his turnip land again with Morton is helping him with two teams this afternoon. Willie is harrowing & rolling his land to day.

20 21 Wednesday (172-194) QUEEN'S ACCESSION. Very close and hot until about 3 o'clock P.M., when a heavy 2 hours rain cooled the air. I think last night was about the hottest of the season and, very hard to sleep under its oppressive heat. I have been gathering the stuff & drawing nails for the boarding up of the hen yard. I sowed a quantity of turnips for Willie and he is afraid he will have to do them over again as they are badly washed away with this 2 hours heavy rain. Later on this evening we found the rain has been more severe than at first we thought, the land has been running badly and the growing crops are badly mashed up and covered in places. Margaret & I drove down to Morton's this evening to see Robin, who has come up from Bellville this morning. This is his first visit since leaving home last September and he seems somewhat bewildered and set back over the change. Ewart did not go to school today as he is quite unwell, he seems to have taken the trouble that is so general just now. Maggie is also unwell. The Doctors at present are having a busy time of it.

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21 22 Thursday (173-193) Rather a dark threatening sort of a  
some these days. There was some sunshine forenoon but, on the whole it  
days usually has been lowering, and a breeze keeps the air cool. Ewart  
has not yet gone to school. He is some better to day however.  
putting on he helped me to put on the stretchers on the posts forming  
stretchers the hen yard. I had to go down with the team to  
for hen yard get some cedar poles that I prepared in winter time  
for that purpose. Willie has been hauling out some  
Sick ones manure on the ground he intends covering with hung  
at Everton arian grass seed. he finds his turnip land badly  
& Robertson run together and soaked with yesterday's rain and he  
our own hardly knows how to work it up again. Margaret & I  
folded corn drove down to Everton this evening. Abbotts are some better, so  
plainly also is Maggie Robertson although she is a sick girl yet, she had both  
inflammation of the bowels & lungs. Our Maggie is not ailing.

22 23 Friday (174-192) Very fine day a coolish north  
I drive up to John wind has blown stiffly the most of the day, and the  
McKenzie temperature is made more enjoyable during this heated  
he is laid term. we heard last night at Everton that John McKenzie has  
up again blood poisoning in his arm so I drove up there to day to see him  
with blood I found it was true enough. Dr Dow, of Bellewood, is treating it, they  
poisoning are poulticing it night & day and applying hot fomentations. They think  
in his arms it come better now and hope the disease is checked. I got Jimmy  
come home Jennie mare and, with our colt, drove up the democrat thimble to get some  
by way of pistoning as I returned. Lynnott had none cut however, and, as he had the mill  
Lynnott's mill shut down on account of shoving up his logs from the dam I had to come home  
boys at work without. I ordered 400 feet which I will get for as soon as I can. Willie is cultivating  
with their his turnip land over again, the rain having beat it up. Jimmy is also preparing  
turnip land his turnip land. The late terrible rains make the land unworkable. we  
have been getting much more than our share of rain

23 24 Saturday (175-191) Rather a hot day and thunder clouds  
Luelph Sundrie passing around. Margaret and I were early astir this morning  
purchases. and started off to Luelph just at seven o'clock, the colt drove finely  
Marching and was very little over (if any) the 2 hours in going in. Margaret had 24  
of butter the butter + 19 1/2 dozen eggs. 12¢ for the eggs. 15¢ + 16¢ for the butter. I settled the interest  
and eggs on the 500 to Hobson, getting his receipt. \$27.50. I bought a bird cage & trays 50¢ 200  
Paid cash Cabbage plants. 50 celsy. we had our dinner at Tolton, and they agree to board some  
to Hobson the three days he is trying for entrance to high school. on our returning homeward  
fat Cattie saw a large black cloud ahead of us and judged that rain might be falling here  
ordered out found our currices correct and the ground had got another soaking. Dep. Barber  
not Wednesday ordered out the cattle on Wednesday next. Willie's Steer & Pt. Mc Donald's go from here

24 25 Sunday (176-190) MIDSUMMER DAY. Warm to day and thunder  
Ewart and Clouds again passing around. Ewart and his mother drove up to  
his mother driving up to McKenzie's to day. Willie & Jennie also drove there, we are all glad to find that John's  
arm is some better. they poulticed it night & day up till now and the doctor seeing it to do  
also. hail very they may now quit. at McKenzie they had a terrible hail storm as they were hitched up to start home  
storm up there it frightened the horses, and they had a hard job to keep them from breaking their ties and running  
I am at home all alone. I was at home all day all alone. Jimmy & Jennie went to Co Springs and the girls walked to meet  
Jersey cow Johnny Rafferty went to Mc Dermott's. "Jersey" cow taken again to day. not right. was taken on the 16th

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26 Monday (177-189) A very fine day, moderately cool and very pleasant. Somewhat cloudy & threatening but only a sprinkling in the evening. The women folks picked the first picking of Strawberries to day and filled 26 Boxes hungarian they are mostly large and seem to be well flavoured. Millie has plowed this land for hungarian grass. Janet & I sowed it for him this afternoon. John Webb & Nettie Abbott and Mr Webb paid us a visit this evening. I have been planting choring about and boarding up the hen yard fence which goes along another along there being so many other things on hand. Mr. McTearns & Goulding row of of Chuepsh and Mr. John Everts. <sup>John</sup> came along to see Harry Goulding Celery and visited at Millie's. Janet Abbott & Nettie are visiting here to night. Smart is preparing for going to Chuepsh tomorrow for entrance examination to high school. I planted another row of Celery today.

27 Tuesday (178-188) A very warm and sultry and hot. A drouge up day. Thunder clouds passing around. I have to Lynnotts been choring and fixing up around. and as Johnny Mill for gave me his team I hitched to the lumber wagon 400 feet after dinner and went up to Lynnotts mill for of picketing the picketing I ordered the other day I was there. I was astonished to find on going up that from the girls - above McTernotts the country had been washed with a heavy rain, it was late before I arrived back home - Smart to with the lumber 140 pickets, he just charged \$4. throwing Chuepsh to in the 20 feet and, only charging 10 dollars per 1000. he spoke of charging 11. the girls drove Smart to town today, and returned all right. They cold the 26 boxes Strawberries to Hugh Walker at 6- per Box.

28 Wednesday (179-187) Continues warm although not so sultry as it sometimes has been. I was up this morning by 4 o'clock helping in with Millie to get away with his Steer. we got our breakfast in a Millie, who were loaded and away by 5 o'clock. The Steer was very took his quiet and behaved well all the way, we dumped him out fat Steer by the side of the road beyond the frog pond. and Millie led to Barber's him into town with the humberg the rest of the way. he weighed to weighed 1400 on the Market Scales 1420. and went 1400 on the other after price # 73.<sup>50</sup> Standing about 2 hours. he brought # 73.<sup>50</sup> I had dinner at David Tolton and saw Smart. I bought a door at Bonds for a dollar bought. and got enough of stuff to make another at Stewart & Bonds for Simdries 66¢ the fixings were extra. <sup>spring</sup> hinges 50¢ and latches & screens besides 1/2 Barrell there was a lot of cattle to ship today. Some talk of there being 18 Car of Sugar. loads. principally among the Barbers. 5 Cream door etc.

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**28 29 Thursday (180-186)** A warm day, although there were thunder clouds around none broke down on us. I scuffled our late potatoes this afternoon, also the raspberry patch. Millie scuffled our early potatoes, and Johnny Rafferty helped at hoeing them. Millie & Johnny have been at Goppee raising the most of the day. we hoed up to tea time when I hitched up and drove over to Ospring & Overton. Margaret went with me, we sold 22 Boxes Strawberries, 7 Boxes 50¢ to Ch. Anderson got 100 7 for 50¢ Joseph Reid. 3. 25¢ John Hawkins, and 5 for 30¢ to Mr. Heffernan of flour got empty Boxes home again. got 100 of flour \$1.50 paid for it. \$1.50 paid the girls picked other 6 Boxes Strawberries after we left for it. this evening.

**29 30 Friday (181-185)** Continues hot and dry, with the exception that some thunder clouds passing round may empty themselves to what no great distance away. This season is rather remarkable to day, for that, local showers prevail and some localities get a good deal more than their share. I hitched up the colt and buggy and drove in Maggie and I drove to Guelph today, we sold 10 Boxes Strawberries to get to Mr. Hoskin, in passing, for 70¢. we took a basket holding about 6 Boxes to Mr. David Tolton. Ewart got free from his entrance examination settled for about noon, although proffered hard. Mr. Tolton would not accept any interest pay for Ewart's board while at his examination, the volunteers arrived by the train while we were there and I saw them going through a number of their exercises. I paid \$4.60 as interest on the Abbott note which falls due next June. Maggie bought some dry goods. I bought a piece of remnant for a pair of pants 2 1/2 yds 75¢. John McKenzie & Bella's baby are here to night.

**July 30 1 Saturday (182-184)** Hot again to day and the land is drying on top and getting dusty notwithstanding all the rain we have had. This forenoon was particularly close and sultry I did not feel able to move round at all hardly this forenoon and last night. Spent the time with the visitors in the house. Millie & Jennie drove off this morning to Monrovia & Hillsburgh to spend their holiday. (Dominion I fix up day). The McKenzies started off home about 3 p.m. Margaret and I drove down to Overton this evening and, took the lawn Movers, rake and other fixings & flowers and, with Marie's help trimmed up the grass-plot. afterwards went down for the mail matter before returning home.

**July 2 Sunday (183-183)** Very warm and sultry. I walked over to Tolton and had dinner with them and afterwards went over to Dunbars. a good many visitors came there while I was there. I suppose on account of hearing that Mr. Dunbar had been very poorly. She is now some better. a rain cloud came along and I walked home before dark and got wet by it. The girls were at one time this forenoon.

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23 Monday (184-182)

A tremendous thunder storm visited us this morning, between 3 & 4 o'clock. there was considerable lightning rain, it has been a fine clear day however throughout and the air is much cooler this evening than usual. Richard McWilliams Barn was struck this morning by the lightning but fortunately did not take fire, there was evidence of some fire over in Erin after the storm. I was over to Tolsons and got the frame of a screen door made, the lightning struck an old tree near by their house, directly on the line between them and Smith Awey, and nearly opposite their house. Ewart gale harrowed our potatoes this evening. there was 21 Boxes Strawberries picked today. Johnny has started and fixed the greater part of his share of the line fence between him & Millie, they are both down this afternoon helping Millie Theaker place the sleepers on his Barn.

34 Tuesday (185-181)

A fine day, the air is cooler since the storm of thunder & lightning. Ewart gale harrowed the early our early potatoes and Millie set them up with the potatoes. Plow and we hoed the soil round them. I got Ewart help and we picketed the lane side of the hen yard. Millie has been working at the line fence getting it straightend up and preparing the stakes for driving pickets. Margaret & I made a ghastly find in the back yard - we looked back there for them and found 5 or 6 13 goslings lying mutilated by some wild animal. Jennie killed. has also one of her smaller ones gone making 13 in all.

35 Wednesday (186-180)

Rain again this morning and we were some time before deciding that I would drive up to Mr. Kenzies for Bella, the appearances getting more and unfavourable I drove up there and John & I drove up to the Martin homestead and gave it an inspection with the view of John of the renting it, John has made up his mind to give up his present Martin place as he finds it hard to make anything on it and Mr. Armstrong gave him liberty to leave before his term was up, which would be yet another year, we found they have a very comfortable homestead, the farm is very light soil however and Bella Campilly at that, John would like a better farm but, he may make a bargain with them, he gets till the 1st of August to decide. we returned to John's about 1 o'clock and after dinner Bella accompanied me home, Ewart & I hoed some potatoes and Millie helped us stretch the wire on top of the hen yard fence. Millie has been building and fixing up the line fence between her & Johnny.



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S.S. Excursion 56 Thursday (187-179) A very fine day, overcast for some  
Everton time but, no rain. The Annual excursion of the S.S. of Everton  
and Rockwood & Rockwood &c came off to day, and a good many of our neighbours  
to Toronto. Ewart & I have been hoeing awhile at the  
potatoes. I also hung the screen door in the front of the  
Ewart and house. we also made the picket gate for the new  
& fixing - yard and set it up so as to let the hens out into the  
around. yard. Ted broke his pota and we had another  
Miss Cook to make. Ewart and Minnie drove down to Everton  
lunch come after tea and got the mail. Miss Cockburn came  
to sew. She sews by day. Bella, Maggie and Jennie have all, by  
turns, been helping her. They consider Miss Cockburn a  
very clever dressmaker, good in her taste & design and very  
fast in her work. She charges \$5.00 per day which is a little  
more than the ordinary charge but she seems to be worth more

Ewart 57 Friday (188-178) A very fine day but rather close  
and sultry. Ewart and I have finished hoeing the  
finished potatoes to day. they were very hard to do. The ground  
hoeing was very hard and foul with weeds making it very  
the potatoes hard work to clean the land and soften it round  
the potatoes. The hens are having the benefit of the  
Mrs Albert yard to day for the first. Mrs Albert Tolton and her  
Tolton and Sister Bessie Thomson paid us a visit to day. Albert  
her sister is working at road jobs these times. Miss Maggie  
visit us Catherson is getting a dress cut and fitted by Miss Cockburn  
to day. who does that extra work after hours

heavy storm 78 Saturday (189-177) A little cooler through the day and much  
Cooler in the evening. there was quite a thunder storm through the night accompan-  
of wind - ied with wind & rain. we had not nearly so much as the Everton vicinity  
thunder, where injury was done to buildings &c. Mr Barber's barn roof again unroofed. Louis  
lightning & old log barn blown down. Joseph Benham's old barn unroofed. Robt. Talbot's  
rain. Hamdriving house blown off its foundation. Ewart & I have been working with the  
done in the team, plowed the wash of land where the rasp berries were planted, gale harrowed  
the neighborhood the potatoes and corn. afterwards spudded thistles. in the evening I drove  
took Miss Cockburn over Miss Cockburn to her home near the old "Horse Inn". called for  
home this evening the mail on returning.

Bella 89 Sunday (190-176) A very fine day. John McKenzie drove  
away home from some this morning and went to Everton Meeting with  
again to Bella & the Baby. afternoon they all returned and were accompanied  
day. Maggie, George, Louie & Mary. John & Bella started off for home after  
away with tea. Maggie went up with them to stay a week or so.  
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9 10 Monday (191-175)

Clearing out the hen yard hung the gate and drew out the posts with the house for their and cleaned it pretty much up of the rubbish it contained. I also dug soil and built it round the bottom boards so as to shut off all the spaces that would allow of the hens getting out. Mr & Mrs Willie gal harrowed his corn to day also skuffled David Stewart's potatoes, he has also drawn off the old fence which formed the little field between the barns. Mr & Mrs Willie's old David Stewart came on us just as we were going to Jersey sit down to dinner and they remained till after Calued a Supper, David was in a happy mood and they both seemed to enjoy their visit. They had their little pony which was the first time I had seen it. Willie's old Jersey calued to day.

10 11 Tuesday (192-174)

Chowing some indications of rain which did not realize. I chow round found considerable to day. among other things. Staked Considerable the top of the posts in the hen yard and nailed up Johnny pointed boards to prevent the hens from lighting there. away a number of hens got out somehow and the endeavour Rockwood must be made to help them in at pleasure. Willie cut + Acton the small piece of grass in the low part of back field yesterday and made it into hay to day. I helped him to take it Margaret to day. Johnny went down to Rockwood + Acton to day, he + myself took the train from Rockwood + return. 25<sup>cts</sup> he was seeing Holmes take a about coming to buy his cattle. Margaret + I drove over to John Nuttin run over this evening and spent a pleasant while with them. Margaret took over to John a few strawberries to Mrs Nuttin, we met Mrs Nuttin Sent + Mrs A. Alexander Nuttin's there. it was nearly twelve o'clock before we got home again.

11 12 Wednesday (193-173)

roeing a little rain in the morning and it looked as if it might continue some time but it cleared up soon again. drive to + I freed quite a while on the onion bed to day the corner I made ready about 3 o'clock and drove Minnie to see the doctor to see the colt. Fred shod all round by Mr Hocking - get the he put 2 new shoes on in front and 2 of the old colt shod ones on behind. he charged me 90<sup>cts</sup> which I paid. Mrs Burns got a Gall. Coal oil. 10<sup>cts</sup> Box Shoe Blacking. 1 lb Paris green had saw = 43<sup>cts</sup> at Casinos, fish 20<sup>cts</sup> in all \$1.59. Mrs Mrs Burns her dog granied yesterday. she is to be buried tomorrow. I saw the purchase dog granie and the rough boy in it when I was walking past paid all to get the mail, or rather on returning, I rode down with the doctor and came back by Marx.

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13 Thursday (194-172) A hot day, and sultry  
looking at the fall I took a walk down to see Millie's fall wheat and I  
wheat and see there is a little rust on it. I have been anxious to  
see the rust. I hope it may not be too late to see it ripen up without getting rusted, as the crop gives  
promise of being good. We finished hoeing the Onions  
and pretty nearly finished hoeing up the ground  
of the young Strawberries. we got dinner a little  
on the early side and the three of us, Minnie and her  
Margaret & Mother & I, went off in the buggy to attend the funeral of Mr  
& drive down to Blacks. on reaching Everton appearances indicated rain  
And Minnie remained in Everton, we reached Hugh Blacks  
before the rain started. 2 o'clock was the hour to lift, but they  
put it off till about 1/2 past 3. it was a large funeral, and  
we waited till they came along, turning at Maude's yard  
we had tea at Abbot's before coming home.  
Mrs. Deary's money from G. Love. #12. in all with what he expended.

14 Friday (195-171) An extremely hot and sultry day  
the heat of the sun has been so great as to make it  
Season almost sickening to move out in it. I have had  
cutting law a lot of tinkering to do today when cutting the lawn  
and fixing the grip on the end of the handle gone way and had given  
up the lawn mower.  
Came Rapidity Willie helped me. Sowed Millie's rape seed, put on about  
seed for 3 lbs broadcast on an acre. Sowed it right & left at about 3 1/2 p.m.  
Willie got Johnny to mould up our potatoes after tea. Johnny is now  
got a bag well. hearing that Mary is continuing unwell I put her  
of shorts up the coll and Margaret and I drove down to see  
for the pigs. I also bought a bag of shorts and paid for it 70¢  
paid for it. the doctor was to see Mary today, he says she must keep  
Mary unwell order to keep from vomiting. She seems quite poorly.

15 Saturday (196-170) Continues very hot, although  
potatoes there is a breeze today which makes the heat more tolerable  
Willie by than yesterday. I hoed and fixed up about the half of  
to thin his potatoes and as Willie needed my hoe as he has started to  
turnips. then his turnips I let him have my hoe and I sharpened  
Johnny the scythe and cut the tops off the thistles in our grain patch.  
Sold his Willie moulded up his potatoes. and Johnny & his boy  
fat cattle are thinning their turnips. Johnny & his boy  
this evening seeing Mary and to lodge. Johnny has  
sold his Cow & Steer for a very low price, 92 dollars with a possibility of  
95 if meeting a good market.

16 Sunday (197-169) The heat has somewhat lessened  
I drove Mother down to but it is yet very warm. I drove Mother down to Mary's this  
Minnie and morning. Johnny brought us word this morning that Mary was very poorly  
to W. George's and we found her very unwell. Ewart & Minnie drove up to W. George's and  
wrote a brought home Maggie with them. I was at home alone and Johnny & his boy  
letter to Abbot's at Millie. I wrote a letter to Alex. Mass. and they took it to Abbot's  
at 5 o'clock this evening

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17 Monday (198-168) Weather still hot and dry. The air is cooler night and morning. The clouds, although Minnie large and thundery looking betimes, seem higher than has to Mary's prevailed and, we hope more settled weather may and brought in so that the haying may be successfully through to home her with. I drove Minnie down to Mary's this morning Mother, and brought home her mother, who was there all last cutting night. Mary is come better this morning. Ewart is thistles or helping Willie to thin his turnips this morning. I in the have about finished cutting the tops off the thistles in grain. our grain patch, also hoeing and harthing up the potato ataks. I fed out fowels in the potato patch so as to lead Ewart started them in among the potato bugs. Johnny has started to cut to work his hay, he says it is terribly heavy. this week

18 Tuesday (199-167) A cooler air although the Sun weather shines hotly. The mowers are driving hard at it all around. the weather it is to be hoped is now more settled and will allow of haying being carried on with vigour. being such a thinned heavy crop it is of much importance to have good weather the most to save it in. Willie got the most of his Swede turnips hoed of the today, I hoed about 3 rows of them this afternoon. Margaret Swedes and I picked the potato bugs today. The hens are very to day. destructive in scratching up the hills of potatoes. we try letter from Coax them to take to the bugs. Johnny has been cutting Holyore his hay. we have got a letter from Alex. Holyore the Alex. is evening. being dated on the 16<sup>th</sup> he and I must have written each confident other on the same day. Alex & his partners seem to be doing well. they and hopeful of good are about opening up a second store. and we speak quite confidently of their success.

19 Wednesday (200-166) Very fine haze weather at last. weather every body seems bent in doing their best now that the rain every weather is right. Willie ploughed up the fence bottom of the body of old fence in the back which formed the little field between the advantage barns. Sowed it in rape & turnip seed mixed so as to rot the sod of it. Margaret & I took a ride down to see Mr Webb this forenoon John Willard were there last night and he was then poorly having been unwell had with his heart for 15 hours. he was not better till 5 this morning Bates Dan having been had 12 hours. he is now come better but very weak. Robertson we also drove down to see David Robertson's little boy. he has been Boy. very ill and yet in a critical condition. we again drove down this evening. he has been easier today. I have been choring about a helping good deal. helping the boys come and hoeing some. So sharp the boys the mowing knife for Willie, and Ewart had it broken while cutting in the back meadow. Willie put up the hay fork this afternoon. Johnny moved the horse power from the gang way and took down in 2 loads of hay.

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19 20 Thursday (201-165) The weather continues dry and hot. Splendid haying every body around is dressing hard at the hay. The weather sound of the Mower is busy every where around, and every it is well it is so, as the weather is very favourable and body hard the hay is getting pretty ripe, and some of it is very heavy. I have been helping the boys unload morning a drive the hay for for Willie, and going over to John's at round by the interval of Willie's loading. Margaret and I went down to Joe Hindley's to Everton this evening, going by way of Joe Hindley's for David Roba a fork that had been left there, and calling at David Robertson's to see their sick pet, Gordie, who was a little better. Dr. McCullough and Bryden have both been attending to him and they have grave fears for his recovery. We then drove to Everton before coming home so as to get the mail. A photograph of the drug store in Holyoke with Alex & McTessant in said came to hand to night.

20 21 Friday (202-164) Very dry & hot, splendid hay weather. haying & turning John got in all the hay he had cut by noon and spent the balance (he and Boy) of the day, at his turnips. I have been helping what I could to help off their loads of hay as drawing they drove them in, I worked the hay for for Willie. in hay. Edward & Willie in the mow and Johnny Rafferty leads out the Mow (the Mow) she is good at the job. I fixed up the lawn mower, by taking it apart. I found the cog wheels were badly filled up. And after putting it together again and oiling it up it Childa very went so much easier it was not like the some orackins sick at all. Maggie & Minnie drove down for Minnie to see <sup>caps of the</sup> Dr. Robertson. Maggie stayed with Mary, and Minnie returned home alone. And Maggie it seems Annie Abbott gave Minnie quite a tongue thrashing because staying (as she contended) she (or some others of the family, I suppose) were neglecting Mary who was not fit to be left alone. I think Annie overstepped her duty a little.

21 22 Saturday (203-163) A very drying day although not so hot as some of the past, there were indications of rain this morning but they past off without result beyond a little sprinkling at Guelph. Mary and I drove Fred & buggy to Guelph. Starting at 7 o'clock and getting there at 9.15. we had a bulky load of market produce. 30 <sup>(12 doz) 18 doz</sup> dozen eggs, a crock of butter and 24 <sup>and 4</sup> poppines. for Joe Fielding 24 lbs. at 18<sup>cts</sup> to be applied on the Sugar. 18 lbs of rolls at 19<sup>cts</sup> a pail of raspberries \$1.00. got the tires & bind what set on buggy. paid a dollar. fixed the top a little, no charge. got 25<sup>cts</sup> out of colt. 25<sup>cts</sup> bird seed & 5 lbs of Pittsboro. pictures framed (Alex & Tessant at store) and Cincinnati & Chicago friends \$1.60 shoes each for Edward \$1.50. Maggie \$1.00 Minnie \$1.25 = \$3.75. returned up to George's for a grand for Mower 25<sup>cts</sup> paid. gave back one that didn't fit. Willie finished his haying excepting from corners. John had been working at his turnips. Maggie has been with Mary for a day or two and we called there on our way home from Guelph.

22 23 Sunday (204-162) A much cooler day than what has prevailed for kept home all day - some time. the effect, probably, of thunder somewhere around. the ground is getting very dry now and the dust deep. Margaret and I have been at home all day excepting that I visited George & Mary & went down to Webb in the evening. Mr. & Mrs. Henry Druffield gave us a call in the evening and we escorted them to the side road homeward, the girls were twice at Everton. Geo. & Mary came up this afternoon. Mary is staying for awhile, not being well. Willie & Jennie at Minnow this afternoon till late. John & Lizzie also away at the same time.

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23 24 Monday (205-161)

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 for rain breezy, a little rain is wanted now to freshen up  
 the potatoes and turnips and indeed all garden  
 Berrying stuff. Ewart drove Maggie & Mother over to Mutrie  
 berry patch, they returned home about 3 o'clock, the  
 berries are not so plentiful as they expected and  
 Corrie. they got out of patience after picking about 2 pails.  
 Mrs John Mary and I picked two thirds of a pail from our  
 Mutrie own garden patch. I hoed among the Corn some  
 very ill. Johnny has been cutting his meadow and quit a  
 have just little early so as to drive Lizzie over to her brother John  
 heard that Mrs Mutrie is quite ill. Margaret & I went down to see little  
 Patsy Blanchard Robertsons this evening, he is very low. Patsy Blanchard  
 from Cleveland came over here on a visit a week or so ago and died yesterday  
 from inflammation of the bowels. Very sad just to have left home and die

24 25 Tuesday (206-160)

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 windy and very windy the most of the day, no rain  
 Ewart yet, although some indications have prevailed they  
 and I have all passed over. Ewart and I hoed some  
 helped among the corn, we both helped Johnny come,  
 Johnny was more than half the day, Ewart raked it  
 at his together for him and helped in with 2 loads, St Ague  
 hay to helped in with 4 loads, it was so windy the boys  
 day. Could not manage the loading very well. Willie has  
 helped Robert Justin to take in hay to day (18 loads) he intended  
 Robert Justin to cut his fall wheat to day but Robert is going to help him  
 Berries any time he wants him. Willie borrowed 4 balls of twine  
 sold to from David Robertsons, blue ribbon @ 3/4 cts per lb. Maggie and  
 Robt McHer Mother picked some more berries to day. 3 pails for sale and  
 William about 2/3 of one for own use. They sold 2 pails to Robt McWilliam each

25 26 Wednesday (207-159)

thunder  
 storm last night and scorching wind prevailing. The wind being so  
 night but dry & hot must have a bad effect on the grain filling and  
 high wind growing crops. There was quite a thunder storm passed over  
 through the night and a little rain fell which was very  
 day again, welcome. we hear the lightning has been doing damage around. one of the  
 damage done by Taylor (near Rockwood) we hear had a valuable span of horses killed. and the Elliot  
 miller started (John Stewart old place) windmill was struck and fixed. I helped Johnny haul in several loads  
 to cut his of hay to day it was hard loading on account of the high wind. Robert Justin  
 fall wheat. Cut round the fall wheat field for Willie with the Cradle and Willie raked & bound  
 after him, Willie afterwards started the binder cutting a few rounds before night  
 they seem to think that although there is considerable rust on  
 the straw the grain is not much affected by it, and as there is a  
 good crop of straw it is to be hoped there will also be a fair yield of  
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26 27 Thursday (208-158) A very fine day. The weather since the thunder storm is not so scorchingly hot, and the air, especially in the morning, is clear and healthful. Maggi and her mother with Ewart and I drove over to the Mutie berry patch this morning, and we all picked up to about 11 o'clock A.M. when Ewart and I drove up to berry patch. John W. Henzies to see about the reaper for our Johny who wants Ewart and it to cut his barley. after dinner we loaded it up on the Wagon and after awhile Ewart & I returned again to the berry patch where we left Maggi & her Mother, they had got along very well, having the 3 pails nearly filled and we remained to fill them up and pick an extra basket. besides on getting home we received a letter from Holyoke and one from Kelly at Clarkburg relative to Ewart accompanying Mr. Kelly to Holyoke. it is opening on us so suddenly we hardly know how to act as to get matters ready. I wrote to Clarkburg this evening. Isaac Anderson came to see us this evening accompanied by John Webb. I escorted them home again.

27 28 Friday (209-157) Another fine day. it became overcast in the afternoon and a little rain fell but just enough to lay the dust. I wrote a letter to Brother Alex. Meaford and Meaford another Card to Clarkburg sending all off by the mail this morning. the time is so short when Kelly expects to be away that we have to act promptly in the matter. Edy Abbott accompanied John McHenry from Everton and spent the day with Ewart. John W. Henzies brought the reaper down this afternoon and he and I drove over together to look at Geo. Smith's farm. it was raining some while we were there but we thought we saw it sufficiently to warrant the conclusion that it was too much it out to rent \$325.<sup>50</sup> part of the plowable clearing, about 25 acres, is only be a "Snap" moderately good land. the balance, <sup>between</sup> about 40750 acres is fairly good. The rest of this 150 acres affords alone a run for <sup>corn</sup> <sup>considerably</sup> <sup>more</sup> <sup>profitably</sup> I certainly cannot see where the value is for \$325.<sup>00</sup> or even less, a year.

28 29 Saturday (210-156) A beautiful day, although balmy and warm not oppressively hot. Ewart and his Mother and I drove to Melph to day. we took to the market 2 pails rasp berries. one sold for 90<sup>cts</sup> to Melph for 80<sup>cts</sup> and 2 for a dollar each to Grant pit point on a cistern pump which in to cost we purchased 4.<sup>50</sup> the balance Cash. sold 5 lbs butter & 20<sup>cts</sup> milk. = \$1.<sup>00</sup>. we got a suit of clothes for a suit of Ewart and other ~~under~~ under clothing, trunk &c costing about twenty dollars in all. I took my overcoat in to get it dyed & pressed which for that costs \$1.<sup>50</sup> Johny finished up haying to day. Thom Mack built his stacks. Willie also helped him. 12 loads in stack back field of all straight from barn. it was very hard to cut, being a very heavy crop of grass in great part clover.

29 30 Sunday (211-155) A very fine day. Some rain now would be very welcome. Ewart drove the girls to Everton this evening. the girls drove themselves in the forenoon. Many also went with them in the evening so they had a good load. Margaret & I made a visit to Rich. McWilliams this evening. John R. McWilliams Neudast & Mr. Sorenth were there and waited till late before driving off.

30 31 Monday (212-154) A very fine harvest day. The ground is very dry & dusty. There were indications of rain with the but they blew over. Johnny cut some barley with the Reaper & reaped but, as it did not work well on account of a broken Casting on the table, he borrowed one of Robert's to McPhilliam's table and at some trouble got on cutting again <sup>after</sup> fix it up before tea time. I went down Mainie down to see the doctor & also drove down this morning and got 60<sup>th</sup> worth shorts Coaxing and 100 of flour, in all \$2.10, not paid. I tried the formula to experiment of coaxing the fowls on to the potatoes by feeding them eat they a little on the potato. They seemed to lay hold in earnest on potato but the bugs, but they would a good deal rather have the got a wheat thrown to them.

100 of flour  
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Bella + August 31 Tuesday (213-153) Continues dry and not over hot. Maggie there has been a cool air although the sun shines a little hot. I put a cover on the front part of my boots to dry. Spent the and sewed them on. Bella and Maggie McMenzie had day here spent the day with us. Noel helped Willie to hoe the turnips and started off between 7 & 8 o'clock with the women. Noel helping Johnny has been pulling some wild oats that he spied among his peas. he also Paris greened his potatoes the second time. I have been anxious to hear from Clark's burg and we heard to our sorrow this evening. A letter from Mr Kelly to Holyoke Kelly the young man's father informs us that his son started for Holyoke last Friday morning. received a letter from Bro. Alex. intimating he will likely be at Erin at 7.33. next Friday P.M. we are dis- managed we are now at our wits end to decide how to get smart to Alex. it has been a badly managed affair.

Aug. 2 Wednesday (214-152) LAMMAS. Scotch Quarter Day. Weather helping. Johnny to get very dry and though a little cool at night. pretty fix up the hot through the day. I helped Johnny to fix up the Reaper reaper to day. Johnny started to cut his barley. Willie went up to John McMenzie's to fix up his binder before starting it to work. John McMenzie came up to John's down to night to be ready to go down to Naasagavea McMenzie to see Allan & Samuel Ransie's farms which we hear are to be rented this fall. he does not take kindly to renting Martin's farm near Belwood as he thinks it is too much John - the same kind of a farm he is now on. hilly & sandy. McMenzie one cannot be too particular in choosing a place on rent. down to the crops are now so risky and the price so low that we might so can hardly expect much surplus after obtaining a as to start living. renters however, in order to do business have to get out to morning their surplus or else they cannot continue to do business in Naasagavea that way.



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2 3 Thursday (215-151)

John Mc Kenzie & I have been going hard for the horse. John Mc Kenzie started off in the buggy in good time this morning down to see Ramsay about his farm, which we heard would be to rent. The matter of renting however is yet unsettled as the present tenant has not decided to leave, without with either he cannot get the place at a certain price and Ewart - Mr Ramsay to do some fixings to the buildings. we then met an - drove down to see Samuel Ramsay's place. Calling at and accident getting dinner at Samuel Scotts. S. Ramsay is not sure which might yet whether his place will be to rent or not. it depends whether his Cousin decides to go to Manitoba, or not. His place is at \$225.00 and so at \$175.00. we had tea with Bella Webb. and returned home late to find that Ewart had met a serious accident by falling off the coll while running away with him. Willie went for the Dr. to Overton after minutes.

3 4 Friday (216-150)

Continues hot & dry. we are helped much wishing for rain, every thing is being badly parched now. I helped Willie to mow up 2 or 3 loads of fall wheat to day. also helped Johnny in with 2 or 3 loads of loose barley from the reaper. I worked also helped up till 4 o'clock when I quit and made ready to go with some the train a little ahead of me. we staid awhile at the village of Coxa Barley and then had a fine drive home in the cool evening. we drove over had to ford the river both times as the bridge builders stripped to meet Dearweny the old bridge yesterday. we are in good hopes that Ewart has not sustained any serious injury by his fall off the C.P.R. train horse yesterday as he is around this afternoon. it seems almost miraculous how he escaped being killed when looking at the place where he was found. at the foot of a post, his head near a large stone & his back near another smaller one. and unconscious for some time.

4 5 Saturday (217-149)

Hot and dry as usual. indications of rain around but none here. Bella & Maggie Mc Kenzie drove down to see us to day. Mr Henry Dunbar drove over to see about Ewart this morning. Brother Alex. rode over to Lottons with Dunbar kind. I drove Maggie Mc Kenzie down to Usherwoods and went down calls over again for her afternoon. afterwards drove our rig over to Lottons for Bro. to hear about Alex. and went to Overton before unitching. the bridge builders laid the mud sill in centre bent to day and I saw that it was laid on a solid foundation.

5 6 Sunday (218-148)

Dry & hot as ever until every thing is parched, the grain I fear will be light on account of the extreme heat & drought. Bro. Alex & I took a walk down to Jns Wilb's little room awhile to day. and took another stroll up to Jactus evening the girls had their usual turn to Overton

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6 7 Monday (219-147) Bank Holiday.

Brother and I what ~~the~~ <sup>it</sup> has been. A very fine harvest day. Brother drove to Alex. & I drove to Guelph. I had some business in Guelph so and Alex. wished to see his wife's friends. I drove together with him straight to Uncle Peter's and then went down to come to the town. got my overcoat, which was being dyed business pressed, it seems to be a good job. also got an apron done and flannel dyed. 25¢ coat \$1.50. cuffs bound 10¢ = \$1.85. looking See about how to get Quast sent to Holyoke. decided to take advantage of the forthcoming excursion to the falls. Guelph Civic holiday to the falls 14<sup>th</sup> good to return on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Quast drove Minnie to the corner to called at See Dr. Bryden this afternoon with Willie "Belle". and called at the the hospital to enquire about Mrs. Matie. Saw Mrs. Matie and he seems to see about to be somewhat hopeful about Mrs. Matie.

7 8 Tuesday (220-146)

Brother Alex. and very much of this awfully parching weather. Brother & I call Alex. & I went down to Everton this afternoon calling at Albert Tolton's and walking in to the woods to see the big tree Tolton - which is 22 feet round the trunk. we also spent quite a while and visit walking through and inspecting the Cemetery. we then the big went to Mary's where we had our tea and spent a ~~clear~~ a very pleasant while, returning home before it was afterward very late. Alex. intends going over to Tolton's to spend visit the the day tomorrow. and next day he intends taking Cemetery the train from Hillsburg for home. and Everton

8 9 Wednesday (221-145)

Uncle Alex of Measord ~~hot~~ & dry weather this has been a very hot day. ~~qualred over~~ Brother Alex. walked over to Tolton's this morning to Tolton's calling at Henry Duffield's for an hour. The bridge builders have been drawing stones &c at each end of the bridge and expect to have it so that teams can cross this evening. They have builders been a long time in getting it advanced to that stage. people have Chaving the been out of patience for having the road obstructed for a week. to road open Margaret & I drove over to Tolton's this evening. Bella had to night. not been home very long and Thomas had been away and not returned when we left. so that Brother Alex. Margaret & had rather a dull day after all over there. drove over to Tolton's this evening

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terribly  
hot & dry weather appears to be fit to burn up everything and the present  
state of all green vegetation causes general concern. Grasshoppers  
Johnny & I are more general this summer than for many years past  
in the last and in some places are doing a great deal of harm to  
of his barley growing crops & turnips. Johnny took in the last of  
his barley to day. Willie was helping him. I drew  
drawing a load of rails and prepared the stakes for fencing  
Staves & in the Caly in the little orchard. Ewart is having a  
rails to soft lime just now in anticipation of his early leaving.  
Make a us. he wants to see some of the folks before he bid  
some gain good bye to Canada for awhile.  
the calf in  
the orchard

at Guelph  
to day moneter, I hear, stood from 95 to 100 in the shade to day. it was  
with 2 really sickening, the terrible heat. Ewart & the girls & I drove to Guelph  
Buggies to day. they sat at Burgess for their photographs, and I paid  
Ewart him \$2.<sup>50</sup> for them, also paid him 50¢ for another 1/2 doz. of little  
drome on Willie McHenry's photo. I changed Ewart's trunk for a valise as the trunk  
and I the trunk taking would not work well on the excursion. we think  
the other. we will have to go by the Grand Trunk as we could not be sure of  
quite & getting back to Toronto by the Boat on the 15<sup>th</sup>. quite a nice show  
heavy rain in Guelph about 2 or 3 o'clock, with thunder. on returning home we  
at home found that much more rain had fallen in our neighborhood which  
this evening was a very welcome circumstance. the air is much cooler and things  
not much are greatly freshened up. near Guelph the dust was little more than laid  
at Guelph while out nears home the puddles were general on the road. Maggie and  
were at the hospital and up to see Mrs. Matric in her room. She seems cheerful

fall  
of much the air is cool and the ground free from the burning dust, and all  
breeded - vegetation freshened up. what a transformation is brought about by the  
Rain. welcome rain. the roots were greatly in need of the moisture especially  
a card the potatoes & turnips. Willie fixed in false girds in the barn so as to lower  
from Bro. the Scaffold, Johnny helped him, I built the fence in the little orchard  
Alex. informed wired the stakes. I drove down to Everton in time to meet the  
as of his safe stage and get a loaf of bread for our travelling lunch. got a card from  
arrival home Bro. Alex. announcing his safe arrival home. renewal receipt for insurance  
insurance on  
favor of home  
on Mrs. Peavoy's house, which I shall have to pay, \$3.<sup>00</sup>.

John McHenry  
and Bella Bella drove down this morning. The Baby is thriving nicely  
over to day and is very peacable and contented. I have got from John all  
info to the information necessary to find out the Campbells at Niagara  
falls. the girls went to Everton the forenoon, and Walter McWilliams  
drove them up to Menasa this evening. quite a few callers to bid Ewart good bye

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13 14 Monday (226-140)

A very fine morning. Cool and pleasant. We were up early (about 4) and got ready for Guelph

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This morning  
Grand Canal  
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The train is due to start from Guelph at 10.20. and Stewart and his Mother and I started from here about 1/2 after 7. we called up to see Mr. Miller in going by, and were on hand in good time. I left the horse (Fred) at the American in charge of William Marshall who is hostler there. The agent granted the ticket for Stewart and our own 2 cents to \$4.40. we were delayed so long in Hamilton that we had no more time than to make connections with the train for Stewart on the other side the confusion and turmoil of so many trains through one somewhat long my guard and accepted a ticket for Stewart necessitating him to go to Buffalo and change on to the New York Central. where by the "West Shore" there would have been no such change, however he went off on the "West Shore Central" for Buffalo, where he would then change for the Albany train and get home to pass his safe arrival at 4.40. after getting caught away Margaret and I left the Railway Station and made for the Street Cars and after boarding these the confusion left us at a street and pointed the way to Alderman William Campbell's. we were not long in finding him out, he was from home but Mr. Campbell was very kind and invited us to stay, but if we did not wish to stay he provided an escort (a little girl) to show us the cars that would take us to Malcolm Campbell house, which we did and met Mr. Campbell there. we had our tea and a very pleasant time in the evening. Mr. Campbell seemed glad to see us and made every effort to make us comfortable. they seem to be very comfortably situated, the farm which they work and on which they live is just outside the bustling part of the town, or rather City, and the Street Cars run past the door. there are 240 acres in it, 70% of which is in bush &c. the balance under the plow. they are milking about 15 cows and have a large stock of fowls. they speak well of the place for getting better prices, at present they speak of 29¢ for butter. 1.00 a pair for chickens and other things in proportion. their family consists of 2 little boys, and they have 2 husband men. the place is large & comfortable and there was no trouble in finding rooms for us. if we only knew of our day being all right and arriving safely at his destination we have nothing more to be desired here to complete our contentment and enjoyment. The Street Cars & R. R. Cars in front of the Campbell Residence & the calm Niagara beyond

14 15 Tuesday (227-139)

We are this morning located about a mile & half above

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the account  
of our  
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and sight  
seeing of  
Niagara  
falls and  
surrounding  
land also  
of our  
return trip  
home.

it has settled down to fine smooth water, (we found, on getting up, after a fine night's rest, a very beautiful morning. The Sun shone brightly and the Niagara river lay like a large Mirror on one side of the beautiful and level landscape around, away to the east lies all the town and terminal of the town of Niagara falls & Suspension Bridge with the roar of the great Cataract and the busy noise of the different Rail Stations and screaming locomotives. Mr. Malcolm Campbell surprised his intention of hitching up his horses and driving us round to see the sights and called up his rig for doing so, but just when about ready his brother John came along, wishing his help to get up his haul by binder and thwarted all his good intentions. Mr. Campbell then stepped into the breach and escorted us all over from about nine o'clock up to between one & 2 P.M. when they left us at the G. S. R. Station waiting for the G. S. R. train to cross the Bridge. Mr. Campbell paid our day (30¢) to get a ride down and back on the Sleep incline to the river below, where we visited the Wharf of the little steamer "Maid of the Mist" - and the rocks around the foot of the American falls where we were baptized with the water ran of the rim of my hat, and my clothes well saturated in the beautiful rainbow, shining in the Sun above, after leaving his interesting spot we shot up again on the incline railway, and took in some of the sights from Prospect Park. we then engaged a rig for 15¢ each on their local line of Carriage taking us to boat Island, and all the Islands in connection, Lundy and the Islands, our remaining tickets giving us a ride back again. These Islands and the surrounding formed one of the most enchanting features of our delightful trip. upon arriving back to Prospect Park we had a number of Societies of the "Ancient Order of Hibernians", we then took the Electric Street Cars for the G. S. R. at the Bridge. upon arriving at about 1 o'clock, we found we had yet about an hour and a half to spare before our train started across the bridge for home, after which our friend Mr. Campbell who had escorted us all over, parted with us, and after resting & partaking of lunch our thoughts did not so much revert to the many and grand sights we had just witnessed, as to the parting of our dear boy the night before on the set work of rails lying before us, and in heartfelt solicitude hoping & wondering whether he had safely arrived at his destination. Making frequent inquiries at the telegraph operator if there were any message for us, none however came, after crossing the bridge and having some delay on this side we started for home at about 3 o'clock P.M. and changed Cars at Harpersburg arriving at Guelph about 7. found our horse all right. paid 50¢ for horse hire at American and gave 25¢ to hostler Mr. Marshall and called to say to Mr. Miller bye. we found much the same as on yesterday, and arrived home about 9

15 16 Wednesday (228-138)

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It most beautiful rain last night. Continues dry and hot although, of course, the shower of a few days ago freshened up things so that we can stand some more of this dry weather again without famishing. we have had, to day, a visit from David Mitchell and his party, consisting of himself & wife, daughter, two baby boys and sister in law Miss Ketta Smith. we had them to dinner & tea and we had a pleasant time with them, they appeared to enjoy their visit very much. all of us for a spell engaged in Croquet playing, music &c. John M. Kenzie & Bella came down this afternoon also and contributed to the amusement. we are all anxious however in regard to Stewart's safety and this evening's mail has not yet brought us the intelligence we are all so earnestly looking for. our visitors all scattered for home, the Mitchells have started for their temporary one at Everton, after tea. John has been drawing indications of oncoming rain spurring them on in increased energy. Willie got in 2 loads of peas when John got through

17 Thursday (229-137) A splendid rain last night, no thunder & lightning dash, but a fine, steady and moderate rain fall. It being very much needed it must do incalculable good. Mr. Wells of Everton was telling me that it barely went to the very bottom of the potatoes, but very nearly so. I drove down to Everton in time so as to have our Colt looked to, as he has been more or less lame on one of his hind legs for some time. Willie Lore put on a new shoe and thinks there is nothing wrong with his foot. on the stage reaching Everton we received the welcome intelligence by card that being started Ewart had arrived at Holyoke in the best of spirits, and we hurried home to set at rest the unpleasant suspense of the folks at home. "hope deferred makes the heart sick" but we had not long to wait.

18 Friday (230-136) A very fine day. had quite a shower this afternoon which will do good to the roots that were so long famishing. the grass will improve under it, it was getting terribly dried up with the long continued hot & dry weather. I hitched up the colt (Fred) and drove down to Everton calling to see Dr. Dryden with Minnie who complains badly of a pain in back of her head. I got a letter by the mail from Ewart's own hand giving us the particulars of his ride to Holyoke after leaving us at the bridge. Alex was to Springfield to meet him according to arrangement but Ewart was let off at Westfield the station before reaching Springfield and Ewart had to go on to Holyoke alone. he hired a bus to take him to the store a very sensible act.

19 Saturday (231-135) A very fine day. warm and pleasant. I was early up this morning and got the horses ready for Guelph. John & Jerry & the colt put to the Democrat. Margaret & I accompanied by Lizzie & Minnie went in. we had a lot of Butter & eggs. some butter from Bella's & got a barrel and panin. our own & Lizzie! got 22<sup>cts</sup> per lb and 11 for eggs. I brought home a Barrel of salt. and a lot of Sundries. got the box of Democrat fixed at Peggold. when ready to come home we had quite a change in a shower at Guelph but after coming home found it had missed us. we called to see Mr. Nutrie on our way home. She is on our condition the same way.

20 Sunday (232-134) A fine day. kept the house very close & letter writing tired. wrote a long letter to Ewart. and made good progress in one for Bro. Ab. Meaford. Margaret & I paid Mabel a visit this evening. The girls have been twice at Everton and took down the letter I wrote to Ewart, for Abbot's to mail.

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20 21 Monday (233-133) A very fine day, cool and pleasant  
 Margaret & I drove up to John McKenzie getting there  
 about noon or a little before. I had seen Allan  
 Ramsay last Saturday at Guelph and he expressed  
 a desire to deal with John McKenzie, as he had heard  
 well of him by one of his neighbours (Sam Mason) so I thought  
 I had better see and tell John of it. I engaged with John  
 last and to day to try and see Ramsay for him and see on what  
 terms he will rent on. John is busy cutting his oats  
 of which there is the most part ripe, his peas are also  
 ready to be pulled. John at home has finished cutting his  
 oats on the hill field and Willie commenced his field by the  
 house here and, by night, had a great part of it cut, it is a fine  
 crop. We returned home in the evening from McKenzie. David  
 Mitchell & party left there yesterday morning after staying all night

21 22 Tuesday (234-132) Weather continues fine, heavy  
 dew at night. This forenoon I hoed all the South  
 bed of onion bed and weeded it, also some of the Strawberries  
 Onions Afternoon I was working in the snow for Willie. He  
 had John & Robert Jestin and Man helping him, he finished  
 hauling in his peas and mixed stuff in the bottom of  
 second field behind, on left hand. Annie Sunter from Magnet  
 came over to day along with her Aunt Bella. She has come  
 to commence her studies at her school in Guelph next Monday  
 Margaret accompanied Aunt Bella down to see Mary, Albert  
 wife, who has been unwell for awhile, on coming back Margaret  
 went up to see Mrs Jestin, who also, has been unwell from  
 grippe. She is a little better. Annie returned with her Aunt  
 this evening but intends coming here tomorrow.

22 23 Wednesday (235-131) A very warm day. Dry & hot  
 the land is again showing signs of needing rain, the  
 heat being, at times, so excessive, is the cause of it drying  
 up so soon again. I helped Willie this forenoon to finish  
 shocking up his front field of oats. it is a fine crop.  
 John is away over to Murrice's threshing. I half soled  
 John's Coburgs this afternoon, he had to wear my  
 shoes to day because of that and they hurt his feet  
 badly. Annie Sunter did not return from Colton's till about  
 5 o'clock this evening. She then drove down with the girls  
 to Querton. I sent a letter to Toronto with a dollar for  
 Relief Society, a special assist for this month. I wrote a  
 card to John Turrey acknowledging his communication  
 re his family's absence. Sent a letter also to Bro. Abt. Manpa

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of the buggy.  
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28 Monday (240-126) Continues dry and hot although there are indications of rain. There is some going round in thunder clouds. I drove Minnie down to see Dr. Dryden this afternoon. He says Minnie has improved I got a letter from Ewart this evening. He says he likes the business so far, and the people also. I called to see Mary, who has been poorly for some days. She is still very sick and is in need of help. Mary's mother is quite poorly to day and yesterday she has taken pills however and we have hope that will help her. Minnie also being wearily. Maggie has her own line at home. Johnny has taken in quite a lot of oats to day. also Robt. W. Williams. Willie was helping them and expected to get in his too. he got in 2 loads but the rain made them rather damp and they quit. Sent away 2 dollars A. D. U. W.

29 Tuesday (241-125) Quite a little rain last night and everything seemed pretty wet this morning. The air is much cooler now and early this morning looked as if it was very much like a wet day. It cleared up fine however, and it got quite pleasant and airy. Johnny and Lizzie were to have gone to Guelph to day on account of the operation on Mrs. Nutrie. Lizzie went alone however and was home early with very bad news. The Drs. made the incision only to find that her case was hopeless, and did no more. They concluded her trouble is a fast growing Cancer, and it only a question of a little time when the end will come. This is a very sad affair. Margaret is some better to day and Willie sold her down as he took a grist to Oreston. She came back again however to Henry as Maggie Robertson was there. Willie sold ten bushel odds of fall wheat to Henry Duffield for seed.

30 Wednesday (242-124) A very fine day, although quite cool. The late rain seems to have broken up the long hot dry spell. I drove Mother down to Mary's this morning. Mary was very poorly last night, vomiting quite a bit. I was with her through the night. I got a letter from Meaford this morning. They are all well. He tells me I said nothing in my last card & letter about Mrs. Nutrie. I wonder that I overlooked it. I meant to do it. Willie & Jennie were at Guelph to day. Mrs. Nutrie is as well as could be expected. She passed a bad night and, indeed nearly all the time after coming out of the effects of the Chloroform. Mr. Grant put in our cistern pump this evening. I paid him \$2.50 being the balance of its cost, the berries paying the other 2 dollars. I half sold & sewed tips on a pair of Boots for Willie Theaker's hired Boy - 65<sup>cts</sup> worth. also sewed a Boot for Mrs. Mac. 10<sup>cts</sup> this afternoon.

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30 31 Thursday (243-123)

A fine harvest day. very cool at night and heavy dews. The boys have hauled in a lot of oats. and Millie has cut our piece of grain. I didn't get time to shock it up excepting once round. I prepared the democrat for going off early tomorrow morning with the excursionists and drove down to Everton for Mother who has been with Mary yesterday and to day. John McKenzie & Bella were here when we arrived home from Everton. John & Lizzie drove to Guelph this evening leaving here about seven o'clock. They are away in to see how Mrs. Mubie is keeping.

September 1 Friday (244-122)

Continues very fine harvest weather. I set up the stuff in our field to day. Millie was helping Robert McWilliams to draw in and this afternoon came to help Millie to draw in 3 or 4 loads of mixed stuff. I helped them in the mow for Johnny who, after helping others fixed up for finishing up cutting if possible at the Beaver meadow. he hardly finished I think however. I got away about 6 o'clock this evening with the span and democrat to meet the excursionists. taking Fred & John McKenzie horse. the latter for want of a hind shoe got so lame that I got a shoe on him at Hoskins. Met the Company about 8.30. highly delighted with their fine trip.

Sept. 2 Saturday (245-121)

Weather continues dry & hot. what is written as having transpired yesterday should have been credited for to day. and vice versa. yesterday morning I drove down our Company to Rockwood. John McKenzie & wife Bella McKenzie. our Maggie & Minnie. the train left about 6 a.m. I drove the Colt and John McKenzie horse.

23 Sunday (246-120)

Continues fine and as dry as ever. The girls drove the colt to Everton this forenoon the lame hind leg of the colt seems not to be improving any, as he limps considerably. I think I shall have him examined.

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3 4 Monday (247-119)

Cool at night but hot and dry through the day. The Boys are from home Millie helping Tommy Webb to thresh. Johnny has his Boy helping at the threshing while he himself is helping Robert McWilliams to draw in his oats. I drove over the colt to Erin this afternoon and showed him to Mr Ashley. He says the joint has received a severe sprain all through and, although there are clear indications of a sprain forming yet he would not at all advise to blister or fire the part if any treatment should be made apply only cold water libations and continue them as much and as long as possible. He also told me to get the heel of his shoe raised.

4 5 Tuesday (248-118)

Weather much as usual excepting that this evening the temperature fell quite perceptibly. lively thunder & rain has prevailed in some locality not very far distant. The Boys have been drawing in some oats to day. I drove down this evening and got the heels of Fred's shoe raised according to advice from Ashley. while at Overton I received a telegram from Alex. Holyoke. telling me to meet him tomorrow noon at Guilph we can not conjecture what is the cause of his coming so unexpectedly at this time

5 6 Wednesday (249-117)

Cool last night and this morning I drove John's Mare (Jennie) to our buggy to Guilph. accompanied by Lizzie who is going to see Mr. Matrie. as I am getting the front tires self and the 2 rattling spokes renewed. I got off pretty early leaving Lizzie at the Hospital. I was on hand at the Station at 12 o'clock but Alex did not come on it. but sent a telegram that he had failed to connect and to wait till 6.20 P.M. which I did and met him with his little Boy. he has brought him over to leave him here on account of domestic trouble. I bought 2 baskets plums \$1.10. we arrived home after a pretty cool drive at about 9 o'clock. I called up to see Mr. Matrie who is, considering her hopeless condition, wonderfully cheerful and resigned.

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6 7 Thursday (250-116)

Continues very fine weather. we had a nice little rain this morning its only fault being that it was too little. the ground is now extremely dry and rain is needed badly for the pastures and the ferns. we have all been keeping round Alex. today as he intends starting home again tomorrow. Willie drove him up to Mr. Menzies this afternoon and the baby was very uneasy and fretful while Alex was away. I drove Alex. down to Everton to see Mary taking little Willie with us he was in fine humor while down there at Marys, playing with George and Mr. Bates.

7 8 Friday (251-115)

Another very fine day. finished up all Alex. Changed his mind relative to going home the harvest day. he sent a telegram to Tessant to day, of to day. got it away at 9.30 A.M. he got an answer back in the afternoon advising him to take the baby back again to Holyoke. I waited out till noon for the answer but as none came to hand I came back home to feed the horse and myself. Minnie drove down afternoon I helped Willie now away some of his stuff this afternoon, Alex pitched on a couple of loads for me while I loaded. we also hauled in our stuff in 3 loads. Johnny also drew in all his today so that we all finished up to day.

8 9 Saturday (252-114)

No particular change in the weather, only that there was frost last night, and the temperature has been cooler to day. we were up early this morning, and I drove Alex & his boy to Guelph, his mother also went along. we started off about 7.30 or later. and got Alex off at 10.20. he took along his baby carriage. John McMenzie & Bella happened to get there in time to see him off. Robt Joslin also saw him off. Margaret & I after returning from Guelph drove over to Bolton. Auntie Bella has been poorly again & not very much better yet.

9 Sunday (253-113)

A beautiful day. Sunshine & warm we would enjoy some rain now very much. as everything is parched up. the girls drove to Everton forenoon & afternoon Margaret & I paid Mrs. Wells a visit. we went down forenoon & had our dinner with them staying till about 4 o'clock. had a visit of Archie Stevens & Hannah. Robt & Mr. Morton were also in at Millie's.

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10/11 Monday (254-112) Continuous dry & hot with cool nights. The wind has blown from the east all day and it feels as if an east storm of some kind was brewing. I have been cleaning up the rubbish lately cut and burning it up. I also dug up our early potatoes and Maggie picked them into a pile on the ground. I covered them with straw and earth. Johnny is making up a stone boat and I helped him awhile at it this evening. I took a board and hauled it over the onions to break them over so that they may ripen up sooner. Willie cut his hungarian grass today. we think he has some notion of giving up the place. I told him today he could have it for another year if he liked. Jennie is somewhat discontented. it is hard to make some people otherwise than that.

11/12 Tuesday (255-111) A very heavy mist was spread over the land this morning and it was some time before it cleared up. The day however broke out afterwards clear and bright and dry and warm as has been prevailing so long. Margaret and I banked up the Celery this forenoon. While engaged at it. Mrs Andrew and Mrs David Colton with Miss Bessie and 2 children drove up the road this forenoon. They waved their handkerchiefs and I ran down to see them. They told me they were going to call tomorrow at dinner time. They were on their way <sup>partly</sup> over to Erin and going to Thomas for dinner. Johnny is busy cleaning up the rough field at the corner. he is getting rid of stumps & stones.

12/13 Wednesday (256-110) Another dry and hot day although there has been considerable threatening. The Colton pig came along with the occupants as stated yesterday. they had quite a load of other stuff with them. fruit &c. Bella had come down in the morning so we had quite a company. as the appearances indicated the possibility of rain the Coltons became uneasy and although they seemed to enjoy their visit still they had a desire to start for home for fear of rain. Bella and the girls drove down to Everston expecting to get word from Alex. but none came to hand. they paid Mary a visit.

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14 Thursday (257-109) Weather dry & warm although yet threatening. Willie had a notion to draw in his hungarian grass which has been covered up for some time but found it too damp on examination. I drove down Bella's rig to Everton and got some wheat for her to feed the chickens and went in time so that I could leave Everton as soon as the mail was distributed. Bella wanted to hear about Alex. Should there be any word from him, a long letter did come to hand informing us that he had a very tedious time in getting home and the baby sick besides he did not arrive home till Monday. I sent away a letter to Alex. McGregor.

15 Friday (258-108) Quite a heavy thunder storm through the night, or rather early this morning, there was very little rain accompanying it however, which we very much regretted as rain at this time is very much needed. We had a call from Thomas Colton and he had dinner with us, he was looking at the building roof and giving some advice. He went on to Albert's place to thresh there afternoon which they did not. I drove the colt & buggy over to Patton's, near by Allan's, and bought a square of 2<sup>nd</sup> class shingles for patching roof of shed. paid a dollar for them and brought them out the hind part of buggy. Robert Morton threshed this afternoon.

16 Saturday (259-107) A very disagreeable day. the wind has been very high and it has rained in showers less or more all day. Drove down "Jemie" in the buggy to Guelph. Margaret went with her, they had butter & eggs. ours was 17 lbs butter and some eggs, 22<sup>c</sup> full for all the butter. 14 for eggs. I intended being at the roof fixing but it was too wet. Mr. Willie was brought home to day in the ambulance and stood the journey very well indeed. Lizzie & Mother went to the hospital to see her before she started for home.

17 Sunday (260-106) The wind fell from the hurricane of yesterday to be a tolerably calm <sup>one</sup> to day. it also kept dry and pleasant. the girls drove to Everton this forenoon. Mr. Webb walked up this morning to let me know there was to be a Workman's funeral to day in evening. Could not drive myself conveniently and neither R. McWilliam nor Robt. Fisher were disposed to go so I also had to remain at home.

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18 Monday (261-105) Quite a rain this forenoon, Willie Hungarian pass is all out in cock yet. I was thinking it was unfortunate he did not take it in sooner but he tells me the wet has gone but a very little distance in Willie started the plow in our front field, I told him a few days since that I would pay him to do some plowing for us. James Clark brought along a true furrow plow which I agreed to take at the same terms upon which Willie was to take it, namely, 3 cords of wood delivered at their yard in Guelph, by March next, and the old gang plow. Willie used it in the field behind the orchard after it came to hand, it worked well but the point of one of the shares broke off short.

19 Tuesday (262-104) A very fine day, extremely hot & white. I worked pretty hard today, dug up between 2 rows of the Strawberries and otherwise working round this forenoon. Afternoon I was working on the shed roof, and after awhile left that to help Willie in with his Hungarian hay. I turned out the cocks to the sun and Johnny & his boy and Robt. fasting helped us in with it. Willie took up about 8 bags potatoes, from 3 rows of his patch. They are very fine and large. Johnny has been working at his corner field he is plowing it up and tifting the stones the while.

20 Wednesday (263-103) Very fine day, warm and balmy. Willie drove to Guelph today with the Democrat taking 8 bags potatoes and other farm produce. Jennie accompanied him, he visited the Show in the afternoon which started yesterday, there was a large attendance today. They have also some attractions in the evening. Willie got 60<sup>cts</sup> for some of his potatoes and 70 for some. I have been fixing up the roof of the shed today - laying shingles on the part over the drinking trough and patching other portions. Johnny Kasperly helped carry the shingles &c and otherwise as usual as he had nothing particular to do.

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20 21 Thursday (264-102)

Another very fine day. I spent quite a time getting a pole to make a trough for the barn (one over the drinking) - brought in shed, also fixing at shed roof - Henry Duffield is threshing with Joseph Dunbars Steamer. Johnny & Willie are both helping him. at night they complained of having been overrought. they cleaned out the barn, which usually took about double the time and did not provide any additional help. I drove down to Everton for the mail this evening, got a letter from Ewart and one from Alex<sup>r</sup> McGregor.

21 22 Friday (265-101)

Continues beautiful weather. I am chronicling the business of a few days past and have made an error in stating that Duffield threshed yesterday, if I should have been credited for this day. I have had to turn in to the gang plow, Willie left Johnny Rafferty to plow and he only started when the plow rode over a small stone and in the concussion of righting itself again an important part of its make up got broken, the clogged part for raising & lowering. we then hitched to Johnny's plow, and as Johnny Rafferty did not seem to be doing good work, I staid till past four.

22 23 Saturday (266-100)

Beautiful weather, but cooler than has usually prevailed. I finished up all the new shingles patching and also laid a good many old ones over the ragged part of the roof. Willie plowed in our South front field to day. Henry Duffield helped Willie kill a sheep for the threshing on Monday. I sharpened a saw for John Webb this evening, and Margaret & I drove over to see Mrs John Matriel after tea. Mrs Matriel is comparatively cheerful although she must be cognizant of her impending doom.

23 24 Sunday (267-99)

Hard frost last night. a good many of the tender flowers are cut. The girls were twice at Everton to day, it has been cold though fine. I walked over to see Sister Bella and after getting dinner called at Dunbars on my way home. John McGeorge & Bella visited Mr Cutcheon and called for tea on their way home. Johnny & Lizzie drove over to John Matriel's this afternoon.

Sister Bella not well at all this last week

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Willie  
Threshing

24 25 Monday (268-98) A very fine day, although for a time it was rather threatening looking. The threshers were on hand early this morning and had the machine on at work between 7 & 8 o'clock. They had the machine here on Saturday night. I helped all day at the threshing, tramping and forking the straw, it kept them going till nearly dark and the stuff came to top off very well. Some think there is about 250 bushels of oats in the corner of barn floor and all the granary bins full. There must be close on 700 bushels of grain with the wheat they threshed before.

25 26 Tuesday (269-97) Splendid weather for threshing. Albert finished up at Willie's last night and he got a fair start at John's this morning, they had John's peas through about 10 o'clock and they think there is about 125 bushels of them. John seemed to have plenty of hands on and I did not feel like spoiling for a job, so let them alone and fire away. I made the eve trough and barned it that we intend for the barn, above the sprinkling place in shed. John McKenzie called on his way home, he has decided to leave Allan Ramsay's place, at \$240. I wrote a letter to night for Alex. McGregor, and one for Robt. Wood, with remittance for 2 desmts, A.O.W.W. one for John McKenzie and one for self. I wrote a card to Allan Ramsay telling him that John will take his place.

Sent 6 dollars  
to A. McGregor  
interest on  
note.  
2 dollars. 2  
assessable  
A.O.W.W.

26 27 Wednesday (270-96) Weather dry, cool and pleasant. I drove to Everton this morning and mailed the money letters. I found no card for Ramsay and had to write another to him. I took down a bag of stuff to Chop, and paid for it. Robert Jestin and Willie brought it home at night. John McKenzie came down here this afternoon and got away our old Gowdy plow. He intends plowing with 2 teams as he gets a chance to use another horse harvesting the onions these times. Miss Goodburn has come along this evening to do some sewing.



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27 28 Thursday (271-95)

Weather continues as it has been for some time, we would be glad to get some rain but, a very dry spell reigns supreme.

Miss Coomburn has been here to day sewing and fitting anew a dress for Maggie, the dyes in Lye, she dyed it black. I finished putting on all the shingles and also set up and bracketed the eye trough. Willie plowed in our front field it is very hard plowing, the land being very dry and baked. I drove down to Everton for the mail this evening

28 29 Friday (272-94)

Cool to day and dry as usual the Sun shines hot through the day but there is frost at night. The weather is simply magnificent all that we could now desire is a fall of rain as all grass and vegetation is suffering from the drought. Willie finished up the plowing of the front field (mixed crop part) I cut 3 rows of corn and made it into sheaves this afternoon.

29 30 Saturday (273-93)

MICHAELMAS DAY

Frost at nights, but through the day more beautiful could not be. Miss Coomburn finished up Maggie's dress early this forenoon. paid her a dollar & 75<sup>cts</sup> for 2 days & 1/4. Willie is helping Robert McMillan to thresh to day, and when Johnny Rafferty finished up the gang plowing this forenoon we borrowed Dunfield's harrows and he harrowed the greater part of the ganging of this upper field (red part) I had to look after him. Minnie drove to Everton this evening and Margaret and I afterwards drove up to McKenzie's, arriving up there between 8 & 9 o'clock.

Oct 30 / Sunday (274-92)

A continuation of this very fine weather John McKenzie and I had a walk around this forenoon seeing their work. they calculate in having nearly 20 acres plowed but he is very anxious to have it all done so as to get down to the Ramsay place to plow. we left there for home about 4 o'clock P.M. the girls & Colin McMillan drove the Colt & buggy to Everton afterwards.

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2 Monday (275-91) Continues dry and very pleasant <sup>Published the day this diary for 1888 Sold by all Bookellers and Stationers</sup> beautiful ~~Sunshine~~ and warm through the day. Cool at night, the frost is very hard. Some of these nights. Yesterday morning it was very hard. Willie attended Robt. W. Williams threshing this forenoon and Rich<sup>d</sup> afternoon. I looked after Johnny Rapperty while he harrowed the remainder of the gang plowing. he took the harrows home to Duffield after dinner, Jennie took Bessie away driving over to Coltons. I cut other 2 rows of the corn, and I helped Johnny Rapperty draw some water to the pigs and he helped me dig in the pumpkins, about 50 of them big & little. There are between 40 & 50 useable ones, some a good size.

3 Tuesday (276-90) Rather dull to day. looks considerably like rain. although it kept dry all day. I took Willie's place at the threshing to day and Willie plowed in the field behind the orchard. I am anxious to get the plowing done, as Willie is giving up the place and I don't want to buy a team till nearer Spring. Rich<sup>d</sup> W. Williams' crop turned well out, there is thought to be considerably over a thousand bushels. There is a large proportion of it Oats. it seems like all good stuff. Robert W. Williams has been helping Johnny to day to clean out the drain from his cellar, they dug it a foot lower than before and laid the tile and partly filled it in.

3 4 Wednesday (277-89) A grand rain last night, wish it had only continued, it was dull and threatening the most of the forenoon but it cleared up fine afternoon. Acton Show is being held to day (2<sup>d</sup> day) and no doubt the fine afternoon will be very welcome. I sent away a letter to Alex this morning and a card ordering the Mercury to them for a year. After dinner I drove up to Patons for another bunch of shingles, the roof patching is not yet complete without some more fixing. after coming home I plowed for Willie while he made up a place in the stable for his little pigs. Johnny drove down to Overton a load of choppa he did not get it home as they can't work for want of water.

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4 5 Thursday (278-88)

A very beautiful day. The Sun has shone out most splendidly and the temperature is warm and balmy. I tied up the feed corn this afternoon and worked in the garden some. Margaret has been working among the onions. Willie cleaned up a load of stuff for chop and for flour. Johnny has helped Robert McWilliams to open out a long drain. He plows first and then softens up the under part with his Ruddell implement before shovelling. Mrs. Morton and Mrs. McShavers paid our folks a visit this afternoon. We received a letter from Alex. Holyoke to night.

5 6 Friday (279-87)

Cloudy and threatening this morning. The clouds thickened

this afternoon and rain fell moderately for some time. The wind was high from the south before it rained. Willie attended Coffey's threshing today. Johnny also. Harry Goulding has been plowing for Johnny. Our plowing stands as Jennie has used. Billie this afternoon. We bagged up 6 bags onions for Guelph tomorrow. Mrs. & Mrs. John Webb paid us a visit this evening. We have much sympathy in common owing to similarity of domestic trouble pending. I intend driving into Guelph tomorrow with the democrat. Taking Lizzie & Mother with the produce to the market.

6 7 Saturday (280-86)

A very threatening looking morning.

and it continued so all forenoon but little or no rain fell. Cleared up fine afternoon. We left for Guelph about 7:30 and went in air about 2 hours. Sold the onions almost immediately at a dollar a bag to Peniston. Sold the pickles, 50 lbs at 3<sup>cts</sup> per lb = \$1.50. 17 lbs butter at 23<sup>cts</sup> = \$3.91. 2 dozen <sup>1/2</sup> eggs at 17<sup>cts</sup> = 43<sup>cts</sup>. Lizzie sold her chickens 6 dozen. 3 pair \$1.25. the rest at 50<sup>cts</sup> per pair. Bought some sundries. 2 <sup>woolens & shirts</sup> ~~condemners~~ for me \$1.00. necktie 25<sup>cts</sup>. drawers 60<sup>cts</sup>. We met John McKenji & Bella who were to the market with potatoes & butter the latter 22<sup>cts</sup> per lb. the potatoes 50<sup>cts</sup> per bag. Willie finished a Coffey's threshing at noon. plowing at upper front field afternoon.

7 8 Sunday (281-85)

A very fine day. Warmer than for some time past.

I walked over this forenoon to Sister Bella. She is a little better than she was some days ago that she had a bad turn. John McKenji & Bella drove down in expectation of getting Mary up with them but George objected and she did not go. We thought McKenji might have gone but she also objected. So they had to return as they came. John is going to the Ramsay farm to plow tomorrow and Bella will be alone for awhile.

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89 Monday (282-84)

Very high wind today. I had intended to go on to the roof to dry and finish up the patching by putting on the last bunch I bought at Paton's, but the wind was so high I did not venture. I then put in a few panes of glass in the stables and nailed on protection to save them from being broken again. I afterwards helped to fix up the onions which are being harvested in this fine weather. Willie has been helping at Robert's threshing. Johnny also he chives out the plowing for Harry Goulding. Margaret and I went to see the Show stuff that Webb's have prepared for the Show tomorrow, the parsnips and beets are as good, I think, as I ever saw.

910 Tuesday (283-83)

A very fine day and not so windy as yesterday. Robert's threshing is again to day and the boys are again helping him. I finished up the patching of the roofs to day. put on some ore our house roof. I took 2 bags grain to the mill and got them chopped for the pigs. This makes 3 bags for them now. Willie is also taking down some Chop, and getting some flour also. He left a bag of flour for us.

finished patching the roofs  
2 bags Chop at mill  
pig feed  
our own milled Chop  
Willie gave us a bag of flour.

1011 Wednesday (284-82)

A most beautiful day. The Sun shone out brightly and it was very warm. I pitched up Fredy & Johnny, Nettie to the democrat, and the girls & their mother and Harry Goulding & Webb's girls all rode with me. There was a great crowd of people there and thought the quantity of exhibits seemed to be behind former years. The quality seemed real good. The cattle seemed to foot up better than the horses. Currie obtained the prize for the herd. his Bull is a magnificent animal. Elliott had a good herd. James Black took the prize for Collection of Apples. his Uncle Hugh generally took that prize. The judges got through in good time and the Show broke up. It thought, earlier than usual. We got home before it was very dark. The weather was the most favorable for Rockwood that I ever remember of. Bella & Miss Nichart drove down to see the Show, they left for home early. Little Willie was with them.

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12 Thursday (285-81) Very fine day. Sunshine & warm

Started Willie started to plow out his potatoes to day. and this - Johnny also. I helped Willie to pick his and he morning plowed out 10 rows of ours. leaving other 9 rows to take still to take up. Maggie and her mother and I up our picked them after dinner and we made potatoes. 4 piles which I covered with straw and a thin coating of earth. in the forenoon we pulled all three of us. a good crop of the onions that are rather late of ripening up. the weather at the present time is good for harvesting them.

13 Friday (286-80) Dull and threatening like to day.

although warm and pleasant. I have been busy up the potatoes. I helped Willie this forenoon to pick, he has Johnny Rafferty and young Willie Mack picking after him. they have gathered all three and taken up the greater part of theirs to day. Willie plowed up the remainder of ours (9 rows) before dinner. Maggie & her mother picked them this afternoon while I carried them to the cellar. 25 bushels in all. I carried 4 pails, weighing a bushel at a time. I harrowed the ground after we were done and we got again about a bag. Johnny got through with the taking up of his to day also. it has been splendid weather for the job. I wrote a letter to Brother Alex. Meaford, and intend to send it off in the morning tomorrow.

14 Saturday (287-79) Rain last night and this morning

quite a number of people went to Guelph Market but it has been a miserably uncomfortable day for them. no out door work could be done as the rain was falling very constant. I did some little shoe mending and also fixed up our old plow so as to do some work with it. took down the letter for Meaford and mailed it this morning

15 Sunday (288-78) Dull and unpleasant to be out

side, it has been showery. the girls drove to Overton this morning, and they went again in the evening in the company of Walter McWilliams. I kept at home the most of the day. wrote a letter to Brother Alex. Meaford

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15/16 Monday (289-77) A very fine day. Willie finished up taking up his potatoes to day. I helped him until it was time to start over to John Nutrie's where we have laid out to visit this evening for some time back, on getting out on sharp time we started over and found Mrs Nutrie, under the circumstances surprisingly well, it is really wonderful to see her so well as she is, people are beginning to think that surely the doctors are mistaken in thinking her case so hopeless as they have reported. We would all like very much to hear that they have been mistaken. She is quite cheerful.

16/17 Tuesday (290-76) Beautiful weather. Cool a little but very pleasant and clear Sunshine the Mr Dermott called for me at 1/2 past seven this morning and was in the Court house the greater part of the afternoon and quite awhile in the forenoon. a breach of promise case, and a cattle purchasing case, of the Barbers and a Mr Craft, took up a long time, and afterwards about 3 or 4 o'clock Mr Dermott's case came on, which kept the Court busy till nine o'clock. the plaintiffs witnesses were tedious and took long to work up, while Mr Dermott were soon over with. John Mc Kinnon, Dan Talbot & I respectively attested to the previous good character of the accused and a verdict of "Not guilty" was in a few minutes returned by the jury to the joy of all his friends

17/18 Wednesday (291-75) A very pleasant and beautiful day. bright Sunshine and clear sky. a little mist has been prevailing lately in the morning. Willie has plowed in the upper front field. I shovelled out the furrows in the corn patch piece that Willie plowed

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18 19 Thursday (292-74)

A very fine day, although not so pleasant as some of the weather that has past, indeed much as there was lack of sunshine, very misty this morning but it cleared off early. our girls are off with the Mc Williams to day, the Erie Show. They have our democrat. Willie & Jennie also went after dinner. Willie plowed up till between ten & eleven o'clock in the upper front field. I hitched up Frank & the Morton man to our old Gowdy plow and started to plow in the south back field but one. the flies are bad to day and the horses are uneasy in consequence. Johnny is drawing out his manure some to the South Corner field and some to the lower front one. Johnny drove Fred for the mail to night. They got home about 8 o'clock. they saw their Uncle Joe at the Show.

19 20 Friday (293-73)

Another beautiful day. I had quite a job rigging up things to start the Colt to plow along with Frank. I got a pair of whiffle trees from Robert Morton to plow with and with the exception of tomorrow can have them for next week without stop. Johnny is drawing stones into his pig pen in order to raise he came and held the plow a couple of rounds for me, before dinner, while I drove the Colt & Frank. the Colt goes finely. I plowed alone with him all afternoon. I never saw a young Colt come in to the work faster or kindlier. we just have heard that James Lowrie is found to be afflicted with an inward growth which is likely to prove fatal in a few months. although he is getting to be an old man. Still this is sad.

20 21 Saturday (294-72)

Quite misty this morning and remained so until we reached Guelph. I drove the democrat there to day taking Margaret & Lizzie. we had 3 full bags onions, and a bushel. also 60 lbs of pickles. got a dollar a <sup>bag</sup> bushel for them at W. Elders. and 3<sup>cts</sup> per lb for the half of the pickles & 2<sup>cts</sup> for the balance. Lizzie got 20<sup>cts</sup> for her butter & butter. and for our rolls 24<sup>cts</sup>. Eggs 74<sup>cts</sup> per doz. I sent 50 dollars to Alex to day. borrowed from Post W. Williams for 6 months at 8 per cent. per annum.

21 22 Sunday (295-71)

A very beautiful day. The girls went to Everton Meeting to day. Mein Mother and I drove over to Coltons where we had dinner. and afterwards went to Dunbars where we had a pleasant visit and our tea. Mrs Dunbar is very poorly and Auntie Bella is also in rather a poor state of health. She spits up considerable blood at present.

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22 23 Monday (296-70) Very beautiful weather. Clear -  
Sunshine and balmy & warm for being so late in the season  
I have plowed all day with Frank and the colt. it is  
surprising how tractable and good to plow the colt  
has got in a day or so. I made rather a short  
forenoon but in the afternoon the loss was mostly  
made up. I think the two can plow about an  
acre a day and not hurt themselves although  
Frank is very thin. Johnny now thinks it is his teeth  
that causes the trouble, at one time he thought it might be  
worms. the boys have both helped Robert Jester to saw  
with the circular this forenoon. Willie plowed in the afternoon  
in the field behind the orchard. Uncle Thomas Tilton  
and Auntie Bella paid us a visit to day. Bella is not  
at all well these times, although she is better than in the past.

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from  
Alex.  
Holyoke  
gave note  
to Robert  
McWilliams  
on Alex.  
account.  
\$10.<sup>00</sup>  
Self.

23 24 Tuesday (297-69) Another beautiful day. about 4  
o'clock P.M. it became somewhat overcast and a very  
cold west wind sprung up. I have plowed all day  
from about 9 in the morning. Willie plowed in same  
field as yesterday till 4 o'clock when he hitched up Nettie  
to go and meet a man who thinks of dealing for her.  
I then changed Fred for the old mare and Winnie drove  
McWilliams to Everton for the mail. A letter received from Alex tells us to  
meet his wife at Guelph. Thursday at noon. am getting  
along nicely with the plowing. I gave Robt. McWilliams  
a note for sixty dollars on Alex account, payable in six  
months from last Saturday (28) I sent 50 to Alex and kept 10  
for myself for present use. it is at 8 per cent. Johnny is busy raising  
spruce and cedar trees and planting.

24 25 Wednesday (298-68) Fine day, although cooler  
than has generally prevailed this corny time back.  
I have plowed a good part of the day, although  
there was fully two hours. (between 2 & 4 o'clock  
P.M. that I helped in with the potatoes to the  
cellar from the pits. Margaret carried in the contents  
of 2 pits. and 2 carriages in the 3 large ones. we think  
there are about 50 bushels of Elephants, and about  
7 bushels of the Ohio. the colt and Frank get along  
fairly well with the plow. Willie has started to take  
up his turnips. he pulls and tops and roots them  
for the market.



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25 26 Thursday (299-67) Dull and lowering this morning and the weather was quite threatening up to about ten o'clock when it began to rain a little it did not rain much of any account however until after dinner, when, after that, we had a rainy and unpleasant afternoon. we started for Guelph to meet Annie (dax wife) getting in there a little before 11. She did not come on the 12 o'clock, but after waiting till the 3 o'clock. I got word of her being at the junction, so drove up for her, on coming back we had our tea at David Tolton's, having had dinner before that, and we immediately after started for home, Lottie Jestin returning with us. She rode in with us, having 2 baskets of fowls. Sold her chickens at 45<sup>cts</sup> per pair, Ducks 65<sup>cts</sup> per pair 2 pairs — \$ 3.10. to Weston. 2 pr to Filding 90<sup>cts</sup>.

26 27 Friday (300-66) Still threatening some this morning and cooler; it cleared up however to be a tolerably fine day and, as it was the day for Thomas Webb's Auction Sale, was much desired and appreciated by them. I went down after dinner, and got my Books ready before the Auctioneer (Thos. Ingram) commenced the sale. There was a large crowd and the bidding on the whole was good and spirited. I had quite a diligent job, and engaged my attention to the full. at night there was quite a trouble in making out the accounts as there were so many articles belonging other parties that had to be separated from Webb's business. I think, however, that all the business was done up satisfactorily.

27 28 Saturday (301-65) Weather cooler and in the afternoon frequent snow showers gave it a wintry appearance. I hitched up Frank & Fred to day with the plow harness and though late in starting got quite a piece of plowing done. There was some rain in the morning which prevented any work being done in the fields. Johnny & Willie were both at their turnips in the afternoon however.

28 29 Sunday (302-64) Weather somewhat wintry in appearance to day. it has been cold and the snow-clouds have been passing over us. the girls drove to Evertons this forenoon but they did not go down at night. Annie wrote to Alex to day. I also sent him a few lines. Johnny takes it or sends in the morning

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plowing  
John  
W. Kenzie  
& Bella  
2 Bags  
mixed  
stuff for  
chop  
for pigs

29 30 Monday (303-63) Hard frost last night the ground was quite hard this morning. I started the plow about nine o'clock this morning and plowed steady until about five o'clock when, on account of John W. Kenzie & Bella being here, I untraced the team and came up to supper. I broke my sole plate of the plow and had to get Willie's plow to go on with. Johnny has been drawing in his turnips, he tells me he has nineteen loads in to night. Willie & his boy helped him this forenoon John W. Kenzie took down 2 bags of stuff to chop for our pigs and he got it back with him again he had some flour for himself. They tell us that Mr. Carter's Sister is being married this morning up at Carter's house. They are soon going off to Philadelphia.

30 31 Tuesday (304-62) Frost again last night which made the ground quite hard this morning. The day opened out fine however and it lasted throughout. I started to plow about 9 o'clock and, as I found I had an acre to turn over to finish the field I went at it in earnest, and before I completed the head lands it was almost too dark to see the work. The Colt has stood the job of plowing that stiff field remarkably well. I have been afraid but the steady hard pulling would be bad for his leg. But so far, there is no bad effects visible. Willie has been taking up his turnips and dressing them for market. Johnny has been drawing in his from the Corner field and Willie has been helping of and on, he has 19 loads in to night I understand.

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31 Wednesday (305-61) Very fine day. I plowed this forenoon having started the piece on the north back field. the gang plowed parts very soft and does not work pleasantly. I did not plow this afternoon but went to Johnny's turnip hauling in, we finished his hauling at about 5 P.M. and took one load for Willie. Digger helped Johnny in with the turnips. Willie & his Boy & team also helped this afternoon Johnny took "S'da Queen" down to Charles after dark. we hear of quite a lot of "Hallowe'en" tricks having been done last night. more than usual the girls drove to Everton this evening they got a letter from Holyoke also one from Uncle Alfred Meason. Tommy Webb and wife and son left the paternal home this evening for Eden.

"S'da Queen"  
taken to  
Charles this  
evening

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1 Thursday (306-60) A very fine day. Sunshine and very pleasant. Millie has been tanning in his turnips with two wagons. Johnny & his Boy & team have been helping and I have quit the plow to help also. Johnny & Millie and I go ahead with knives dressing them and hauling to the pit with our team, while the Boys follow up with their team and haul to the turnip house what we leave. The girls drove to Everton this evening for the mail and had their drive for nothing. They made a mistake at the office and sent the Everton mail to Ospringe and kept the Ospringe mail at Everton. So we will have to wait till things are made right again. We have just heard of the death of Mr. Darling of Milton. or near Milton.

2 3 Friday (307-59) Heavy rain last night, but clear and frosty in the morning, we resumed work at the turnips same as yesterday, but it was not so pleasant on account of the rain through the night. we finished up the drawing and Millie Copints on having in some 52 loads altogether of Swedes. our mail came to hand to day. <sup>the Druffells</sup> brought it. the Globe gives a detailed account and the likeness of the Mayor of Chicago, and his intended wife Miss Annie Howard, the New Orleans Millionard also the Assassin. Trendergast. it is a sad winding up of the great "World's Fair".

3 4 Saturday (308-58) A very fine and beautiful day. fine clear Sunshine and warm. I plowed all day and got along fairly well. pretty nearly done with the stubble part. the low wet part of the field near to Jester's line. Fred was pretty well done out when night came, he is now very thin which makes him weak. the Colt stands it well. Millie covered his turnip pit to day. and Johnny is fixing up his hog pen. he has quit a job with it. breaking out a dock in the well and filling up the bottom with stones and earth.

4 5 Sunday (309-57) Weather very fine and balmy. The girls drove to Everton this forenoon with Fred and buggy. they also went at night. Walter McWilliams drove them down in the evening I got the loan of Billy and drove up to see James Drue who is now very low. he has sunk very rapidly since it became known that he had a malady likely to carry him off. 2 weeks ago. I believe was the first time he was apprized of the nature of his disease.

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got 80 lbs  
of oats this  
morning for  
Willie. the  
other weights  
were 75.7.  
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56 Monday (310-56)

Beautiful weather, this has been warmer than the average for some time. And clear Sunshine I fixed Willie's shoe this morning before going out to work and before going out again afternoon. I hauled in the Cabbage to the turnip house window. I plowed the balance of the time and got along fairly well. Willie bagged up some twenty bags of potatoes this afternoon which he intends Cook taking to Guelph Market. he took down a quilt of Chop this forenoon and got it home with him. Jobby is working away at his hog pen.

57 Tuesday (311-55)

The weather continues fine and beautiful Sunshine, warm and balmy strange that such exceptionally fine weather should prevail here, while in Manitoba they are having severe winter weather. we hear they have had sleighing for some time. I have been plowing and really enjoy the work. the gang plowed part is very soft and as it was plowed deep on account of being so hard. the plow swims through the land rather loosely. I will <sup>now</sup> have all to do on the sod that Willie broke up which will finer and easier for both myself and team.

58 Wednesday (312-54)

Continues the same magnificent weather. I hear many saying they never saw such a long unbroken term of grand weather so late in the season. it comes very acceptably to us this fall. that the place is falling into our own hands again. Willie took to Guelph today 32 bags of potatoes he sold a quantity at 45 cents per bag, and the remainder at 40 <sup>cts</sup>. it is rather singular that objection is made to them being too large. I have had pleasure plowing to day on the old sod broken up this summer. we are having a sick horse on hand of Henry Duffield. he got so sick they sent for Mr. Ashley. he is staying all night. he says he is a very sick horse. James Lowrie died this forenoon at eleven o'clock. poor man he came very rapidly after learning of the nature of his Malady.

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89 Thursday (313-53)

Another beautiful day. I finished up the plowing of the back field on the north. Willie plowed some on the next field, and gave me his team to finish up with, he drove to Overton with his new horse (Pete) to get him shod. I got done a little early and started the piece alongside of our garden before unthatching. Old Frank is extremely thin just now and a hard days work does him up badly. The Colt works well and stands it out better than Frank.

910 Friday (314-52)

A change in the weather. This has been rather a dull day, and very chilly. I plowed in the front field until about eleven o'clock when I unthatched and prepared to go to the funeral of James Morie. Margaret and I started at one o'clock with Fred and buggie, we were there about 3/4 of an hour before they lifted (the past two) and we then drove back to the town line and drove up to Bella instead of going to Dublin with the funeral. There was a very large funeral being, I believe, about 120 or more rigs there. We found Bella & baby well. She has only the boy (Noel) with her. John has been at Eden since Tuesday. We left for home after tea and were home again before it was quite dark.

10 11 Saturday (315-51)

An extremely misty day. The wind being from the east and rather chilly. Margaret and I started for Georgetown a little before 11 o'clock, and arrived in Georgetown about 2 P.M. we had rather an unpleasant drive on account of the fog which prevailed, but the Colt travelled down very nicely in a little more than 3 hours. The friends were glad to see us and welcomed us. I drove Margaret & Kate down town to do some shopping at the darkening. Joe arrived home shortly after and we spent a very pleasant evening. Joe brought home a turkey which is intended for tomorrow's eating.

11 12 Sunday (316-50)

MARTINMAS Scotch Quarter Day.

The mist has cleared away and this has been a very pleasant day. We spent a very pleasant forenoon among the friends and after doing justice to the turkey we started for home at about 2 P.M. and arrived home about 6. The roads were good and Ted stood the drive well. We found the folks at home all well.

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12 13 Monday (317-49) Raining this morning which continued the greater part of the forenoon, we were helping Johny a while in the early part of the forenoon to fix up the spits in his pig pen. and afterwards got ready to plow but the rain again coming on we did not commence until after dinner, when we had early. I then finished up the front field and started in the field behind the Barn on Willie's Corn patch. but did not get much done, being a little showery it was not very pleasant working on the land this afternoon. Willie plowed this afternoon he is nearly done with the field behind the orchard.

13 14 Tuesday (318-48) A very fine day, the frost made the ground a little hard in the morning and it was a little late before I hitched up in consequence Willie took a grist to the mill this forenoon and finished up this field plowing after returning home I am plowing at the last piece to day and expect I can have it so that it will be done early tomorrow I skinned a sheep for Willie this morning that died. Willie brought home the terrible news of Mrs Sutton having been drowned in the cistern yesterday while they were all away to Robertson's Sale, poor Mark heard her scream about 2 o'clock P.M. but of course was not able to get out of bed to help her. She had been working at the cistern getting water, likely there is no pump for it and the water has to be lifted out.

14 15 Wednesday (319-47) A very rough day, heavy snow showers and frosty & cold. I made out to finish up my plowing and the folks thought it was foolish to work out in such a storm. I got done to the turnip and potatoe land however and I feel better pleased to have it done. Willie is away down by Georgetown to see about the sale of some of his horses he took the new horse with him. Johny is now alone, his Boy is away to day. we have just heard to day that Mrs Sutton had been washing on Monday and had the trap door open tarning out water, one pail was on the floor above and another one was in the cistern with her. it is a terribly sad ending to a long laborious and useful life. and what is now to become of her poor afflicted husband, really it is awful to contemplate.

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16 Thursday (320-46) Cold and something more of a wintry appearance and feel than has usually preceded. I was fixing up around home this forenoon making our stock comfortable and hurrying to get ready for the funeral of Mrs Sutton which was set for one o'clock. Margaret & I attended and though it was after the hour set before we reached there still we were there in plenty of time as they did not lift till about 3 o'clock. There was a large funeral but we did not go along but returned the way of Everton to get the mail, I we called on Mary and had our tea. Willie expected to attend the funeral on his way home from Stewartown but did not make it out.

17 Friday (321-45) There was quite a covering of snow on the ground this morning but the day having been a little warm the snow left with great speed, and towards evening it was about all gone. Johnny went to Guelph to day with a load of cedar wood to the Carriage builders Reid & Matthews. He brought home with him one Barrel Waterlime and a Barrel Portland Cement, also some lumber (dressed) for a door for his pig house. He was very late before he arrived home and Lizzie was quite uneasy about him. I was over at night and waited till he came home between 9 & 10.

18 Saturday (322-44) A little colder and the frost has hardened the ground a little this morning. Johnny was a little late in starting the plow this morning but Willie was soon after on to help him and the two finished up the plowing of the beaver meadow that completes his plowing excepting a part of his turnip land that he is not particular about. I carried home Robert Morton's double trees and helped Johnny come. Lizzie drove over to Murbies and brought her mother over with her. Barrie also came from Guelph with Robert McWilliams this evening.

19 Sunday (323-43) The frost last night hardened up the ground. The girls went to meeting with Fred & buggy as it was dry I let the horse go but he is now very bad with the scratches in one hind foot. Johnny McKenzie & Bella drove down to day to see us. They stayed over till latish and escaped a heavy snow shower that fell early in the afternoon.

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20 Monday (324-42) A finer day than we have had for some time. I have begun this forenoon to split up our round wood, but as the weather seemed mild and pleasant we decided to hitch up the Colt to the buggy and Annie & Willie with Mother and I drove over to Toltons to visit in the afternoon, we left shortly after 2 and came home again about 8. Barrie & Mubie paid the girls a visit this afternoon and I drove him over to Johns on our return from Toltons. Auntie Bella is a little better. Willie has been driving round with Jim Harrison who has come up to look after horses to buy.

20 21 Tuesday (325-41) Continues moderately fine, although there are signs of change. I have been splitting up some of the tanhara ready for the stove, and I drew it in this evening with the old mare and stone boat. The girls drove up Fred to the buggy to McKenzie this afternoon, they intend to stay all night. Mr. Harrison bought the Pete house from Willie to day and paid him 90 dollars cash, he paid \$100. Bill and Willie gave him 5 dollars back.

21 22 Wednesday (326-40) Very stormy to day. Considerable snow has fallen from passing snow showers. Willie drove to the mill this forenoon with Chopping grist. The girls drove home from McKenzie this afternoon. Willie trenched up his coal colt to day in order to break it in and it soon drove along very nicely, it is surprising how soon these animals turn in to work and so tractable.



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**22** 23 Thursday (327-39) Rather cold to day. I hitched the Colt to the Cutter and drove down to Hugh Blacks after dinner, Margaret and Annie (Aly's wife) accompanied me to Everton and they staid at Mary's until I returned. I spent all the afternoon at Blacks he assisted me to draft a Will (Webb) and had it done just as tea was ready. Judson Black was there and I was introduced to him. There were two young friends from Toronto, a niece and her husband. Mr Black would not accept of any pay for his trouble. I called for the visitors on my way home and we got along very well although the Colt is very clippy. Mr Jestin visited here to day and Margaret away

**23** 24 Friday (328-38) Continues raw and cold although the frost is not very severe. I was rather delayed from getting away as early as I wanted this morning and also I attended a meeting of the Board of Health at 12.30 or a reform meeting for appointing delegates to the reform Convention soon to be held in Guelph. I could not get the Colt sharpened but took off his front shoes. Willie Abbott is very busy. The roads at the present time are extremely clippy and almost impassable for unsharped teams. Sent over the money paid \$4.<sup>00</sup> for payment of A.O. W.W. Assint No 14 and \$4.<sup>00</sup> Relief No 14. = \$2.<sup>00</sup> each. Self & John McKenzie.

**24** 25 Saturday (329-37) Weather very moderate. The snow does not melt but very little. I went to Webb's this forenoon and got the Will all signed. Willie Bryden and I signed as witnesses. Afternoon I drove down to Willie Abbott and he sharpened the Colt all round for which I paid him the cash 40.<sup>00</sup>. Willie & Robert Jestin drove Billie to Guelph to day in the Cart. Willie wanted to sell Billie, and Robert wanted to assist him. I had tea at Abbotts this evening while waiting to get the Colt sharpened. Willie has got word to take his turnips to Kocunwood Monday.

**25** 26 Sunday (330-36) Weather continues much the same a little dull and threatening this afternoon. My girls drove Fred & Cutter to meeting this forenoon. They did not go down in the evening. Jestin is very sick to day and Mother is milking for her. Johny drove his folks down to Blarabji. wrote a letter to Bro. Meaford, also to Holyoke

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Willie has  
 a Bee house  
 drawing  
 turkeys  
 to Rockwood

26 2 Monday (331-35) Rather wet this forenoon but a Bee house was set in the afternoon. Willie had a bee today drawing turkeys to Rockwood. Some came early and turkeys had their loads disposed of and went to dinner. Willie got home to dinner and took a second load. There were quite a number, Henry Duffield, Robert Gentry, Robert Morton, George McWilliams, Robert McWilliam, John McDermott, R. J. Kerr, our Johnny & Willie twice. Willie was very wet and late in getting home the last time.

27 28 Tuesday (332-34) A very disagreeable day, it has rained almost constantly all day. Willie bagged up 15 Bags of potatoes this forenoon and I helped him, it did not rain hard when we were at it, but the wind was high and it was cold & stormy and we got a bad start, the rain coming on us after dinner Willie made up his mind not to go to Ballinacree with the potatoes but rather wait till tomorrow and go all the way to Stewartstown, if need be, of course Mr. Harrigan may come up to day and have to return. I went up to Henry Duffield's to see a lamb & thought of butchering for our use but he was from home. Mr. Duffield accompanied me down to pay our folks a visit. She has been up at Hannah's for a week or two. Henry came down and spent the evening.

28 29 Wednesday (333-33) A heavy snow storm today it began to fall this morning between 6 & 7 o'clock and fell steadily all day, until to night there may be about 8 inches deep of snow. Willie went away after dinner with his 15 Bags of potatoes and did not return yet this evening, the likely hood being that he drove through to Stewartstown. Johnny drove over to Mr. Mettrie's this morning to lay blocks in Mr. Mettrie's stable. Mr. Mettrie their late tenant allowed his pigs to run in the stables and they rooted the blocks all up. I bought a lamb (a weather) from Willie for \$3.<sup>50</sup>. I thought of buying one from Henry Duffield for \$3.<sup>00</sup> but this one pleased me better. I killed it and it weighed 60 lbs. dressed.

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got 120 lbs peas from Millie for the pigs

29 30 Thursday (334-32)

Moderate weather, just enough cold to keep the snow nicely, although Ed. Howell, who was in Guelph to day, said the snow was getting pretty well mixed with the soil near the town. Willie took down other 3 loads of turnips to Rockwood to day. he had Robert, Jessie, Wm. Shearer, the young Man Coulson, Joseph Hindley, and Willie had John's team. Millie came home this morning from McMillan's on the 5<sup>th</sup> line, where he stayed all night, having driven from Stewartown to there last night, fearful that the rain which was then falling freely would take away the snow, and bother him to get home with 15 bags of apples on the sleigh.

Dec. 30 / Friday (335-31)

Quite a little addition to the snow again to day, it is also cold enough to keep all that falls. The sleighing is now very good. Johnny is drawing a few slow saw logs up to the portable saw mill at McMinion's Bush. Peter Dunbar came for Mother this morning to go to their place as his mother seemed to be near her last. She had taken very ill last night. I drove over afterwards and had my dinner at Colton's, and went to Dunbar's before returning home. The doctor had just been there and said he could hold out no hope that she would recover, he thought she might live a few days, he thinks it is a clot of blood on the brain. Maggie drove down Minnie to see Dr. Dryden at the corner. he says the fever in the mean time is her chief trouble, but lungs are not nearly so bad as they were in spring.

Dec. 1 2 Saturday (336-30)

A fine winter day. There is plenty of snow to make good sleighing now. Lizzie & I drove over to Dunbar's this forenoon and called at Colton's on our way home where we had dinner before leaving for home. Mrs Dunbar remains in an unconscious state and does not look as there is much chance for her recovery. I split up a quantity of stone wood after coming home, and did up the mill outside helping Johnny Paputh, as Willie & Jennie are away to Guelph to day with apples & potatoes. he had a hard job selling his apples for 75<sup>cts</sup> per bag. for cleaning my watch. he got 1<sup>00</sup> for my lamb skin. Willie got 1<sup>00</sup> month of sugar for no. also paid 1<sup>00</sup> to Colton's for 1<sup>00</sup> for my lamb skin.

2 3 Sunday (337-29)

Quite a fall of snow to day and it was very stormy last night the snow drifting into all the crevices. The girls drove to meeting this forenoon, and I drove over to Dunbar's afternoon. There is not much change in Mrs Dunbar's condition. Margaret came home with me this evening. The roads are very heavy from the newly fallen snow. There were quite a number of visitors at Dunbar. Mr. Forster, Mr. Aitken & some of his family were with me & went to

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34 Monday (338-28) Moderately cold & frosty. we sometimes expect a change to softer weather but it holds on wonderfully well to winter. I have been helping Johnny to cut the peans and lay them in his pig pen, he is making a good job of it. we heard that Mrs Robert Morton had been poorly for a few days back, so Margaret and I drove down after tea to night. we found she had been attacked again with the grippe. She is now greatly better. The two boys have also been laid up with it. Alice Webb has been attending to them. in coming home we met in with Mr Webb who was concerned about John not returning from Robert McWilliams. when he had gone I set her off home and said I would look after him. so I went to Robert McWilliams and took him home, he was waiting on Robert who had been at the mill. Willie sold Billie this P. M.

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45 Tuesday (339-27) Continues fine winter weather. I have been splitting up some of our tamarac wood and intend staving it into the house. it gets snowed up now and again outside. I want to get our elm wood up first so as to have it after the tamarac is used up. we had a call from John and Mrs Mutrie who paid Lizzy a visit this afternoon I was sorry I did not know of their being there as I might have spent the afternoon with them. Mrs Mutrie is wonderfully well and quite smart. they were at Guelph yesterday I think, and the doctor (Howitt) expresses wonder at her appearance. our Johnny has attended Rich McWilliams threshing at the upper place.

56 Wednesday (340-26) Very windy and stormy last night and we were somewhat afraid to start to Guelph, we ventured however, and the weather, after all, turned out more favourable than we expected. This being Fair day and also the first day of the "Fat Clock Show" there was quite a lot of people in town. we had 12 lbs of butter of our own and 20 lbs of Bellas. we called at Fielding and sold out right off for 23<sup>cts</sup> per lb. Cash. Margaret bought quite a quantity of Sundries. Willie took in "Billie" and delivered him to Mr Phin according to agreement. Mr Phin gave him his check. I saw Mr Hobson and asked the favour of allowing the interest now due to be over a couple of months, which he freely granted.

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67 Thursday (341-25) Frosty, but a very fine winter

day. I have been chopping up until John McHenry & Bella came along. John turned out with his team and drew up 2 loads of Elm Stone wood for me. He paid me 12 dollars in Cash, which paid up from May to Nov. both inclusive also 2 quarters dues \$1.00, and No 14 Relief \$1.00, making in all 14 dollars, the other dollar is to pay on this month. A.O.W.W. Willie is busy helping the Campbell boys to draw timber from Thomas Coltons to Mimbosa

got 3 bushels of peas and 90 lbs of oats from Willie today

68 Friday (342-24) Fine Winter day. the snow has

kept well since its first fall. I have piled up the wood in <sup>the</sup> house that was drawn up yesterday, also split up the most of what remained of the tamarack. Margaret and I drove over to see Mrs Dunbar about the middle of the afternoon. They were busy hog killing and they were just at their 13<sup>th</sup> a large cow. think she will weigh about 400. they have them sold at 6<sup>cts</sup> per lb. Mrs Dunbar is some better in all but her mind in that however. She is no better but, perhaps, rather worse. poor woman she is far from being her former self.

69 Saturday (343-23) Mild this morning and fine until

began to fall about noon. Maggie and I drove Fred & buggy to buckle Johnny & Lizzie also drove in. Johnny took some potatoes and other produce to Market. he got 40<sup>cts</sup> per bag for potatoes, 25<sup>cts</sup> for Buttes, 19<sup>cts</sup> for eggs. I got measured for a suit of clothes at Williamsens and also bought a fur Cap. The cloth and cutting & trimmings cost \$11.50. the fur Cap \$3.50 = \$15.00 paid \$10.00 on them. I sent home with Johnny 3 bags Coal. 400 lbs \$1.25. I could have had the cloth home with me but the cutter said it would pay me to have them shrunken. and he offered to do it for me. so I left them till the first time in. got another Diary today.

70 Sunday (344-22) Blew up colder again last night, we

are again having an addition to the snow today. and the soft snow & water have turned to ice. Maggie drove to Everton Meeting this forenoon. also P.S. Johnny & Lizzie got out cutter to go to Osprings Meeting

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10 11 Monday (345-21) <sup>and</sup> A very mild pleasant day  
 visit to M. King up to between 2 & 3 o'clock, when an easterly  
 pleasant storm of snow set in which grew in strength  
 forenoon until it was indeed a very cold unpleasant  
 but stormy night to be out driving in, the morning being  
 afternoon so fine we thought we had better take advantage  
 and night of it to take a run up to M. King's and pay them  
 a visit. So we hitched up the Colt with Willie's old mare  
 and drove up, arriving about noon. Bella was both  
 washing & baking but she soon had things comfortable as  
 we spent a pleasant afternoon. Our company was composed  
 of Annie & Willie, Mother & Maggie & myself. we had an extremely  
 unpleasant night to drive from in the best seat down in the  
 bottom of the sleigh while I had to face the storm beating on  
 my face.

11 12 Tuesday (346-20) Quite an addition to the  
 snow this morning, but to day has been tolerably  
 fine. I was gone awhile, churning round to day  
 and then hitched up <sup>Stove wood</sup> ~~Stove wood~~ with the Colt and  
 drew up the <sup>2</sup> fags of elm that were left in the woods.  
 Willie was all day arranging about  
 his sale. I wrote it out to night for him, also  
 wrote a few lines to Brother Alex, who is printing  
 the bills for Willie. Willie brought home my clothes  
 from Williamson all ready cut and trimmed for  
 Annie to make. I returned the cap which was damaged  
 they are expecting another lot and gave a due bill for  
 another one.

Willie sent  
 a letter to  
 Quelpin  
 Mrs. King  
 and about  
 the same  
 to me for  
 the high  
 for bills

12 13 Wednesday (347-19) A tolerable pleasant day  
 although very frosty and cold, toward night  
 became very cold and it was a hard matter  
 to ride in a sleigh and keep warm. Johnny  
 took a load of cedar wood to Quelpin to day and  
 also took along Robert Morton's pig boy and brought  
 home the young Berkshire cow he bought of Alexander  
 McIntosh, Paisley Block. Willie mailed his letters  
 this morning relative to his advertisement & Auction Sale  
 Bills. I drove over to M. Phail's this afternoon and  
 got 5 galls coal oil. paid 60<sup>cts</sup> for it. I drew in  
 two loads of split tamarac stove wood and piled it  
 up in the wood house. got five dollars from Willie to day  
 I sent away four dollars to the Relief Society. \$2.<sup>50</sup>  
 assessment (Special) and \$1.<sup>50</sup> regular assessment

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13 14 Thursday (348-18)

Milder turn of the weather this forenoon and rain began to fall about ten o'clock. it continued to rain heavily all afternoon and became quite a panic thaw, the trees and every other thing exposed became coated with ice. would not wonder to see a repetition of the timber destruction if the wind should rise before the coating melts off. Annie is mending my coat these days, but Willie troubles her a good deal while she is at work. he does not like to see any of his friends engaged in any other way than catering to his pleasure.

14 15 Friday (349-17)

A very disagreeable day indeed the rain has been incessant all day and although very much of it melted into the snow and much of run off in that way. Still quite a lot of it has been retained in the shape of ice which has been gradually thickening until now to my a heavy coating is loading down every exposure. I have fears that if the wind should blow up strong and high the timber and even buildings will have all they can do to stand it. the orchards and shade trees are looking as if the strain will be too much for them.

15 16 Saturday (350-16)

The rain and ice storm has abated but the weather has not become sufficiently mild to free the ice coated exposures from their terrible loads. many of the apple trees have already become sadly dilapidated, and many of the shade & decorative maple trees look in much the same plight. Willie's sale pills arrived at the post office this evening, and Willie distributed quite a few. his Uncle Alexander did well to act so promptly. I hardly expected them so soon. received a letter from Alex<sup>r</sup> McGregor.

16 17 Sunday (351-15)

A fine pleasant day after such a terrible ice storm. fine Sunshine but too frosty and cold to allow of the ice leaving hold of the trees. the ice which has formed is very thick and strong. Willie took Maggie & Minnie to melting this forenoon. Fred Cady Nimble had in the 77 brook-foot. and we have to keep him in the stable till some better. I wrote a letter of 8 pages to Bro. Alex. Measord

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17/8 Monday (352-14)

Another cold and wintry day. The ice remains, in great part, on everything yet mostly as it fell, and we are now hearing of great damage done to the orchards. notably Charlie Baddicks, Mrs Perrins and others our own. I fear, is badly injured among the rest. but as yet, not nearly so bad as what we hear of. Willie took my letter to mail. also a card to Dr Hayden to bring emulsion to Minnie next Friday. Annie also sent a letter to Alex. Holyoke, he also took his Mother to Marys. George and her are both suffering from the Grippe. Willie drove over to Clancey's Sale to get Ingram to post his Sale Bills. and also to post some himself in various places he called for his Mother and brought her home in the evening the Grippe has many victims in and around Everton.

18/9 Tuesday (353-13)

Continues Cold and wintry. Johnny would like to go to Guelph with wood but he is not well enough to venture the work. there are a great many people at the present time laid up with La Grippe. Willie took down 3 bags to Chop also took some for Johnny, he took Johnny's team. He intended cleaning up some wheat and taking it down but on account of having to go for Johnny he left it over. Annie has got along very nicely with my new coat and she is now started on the vest. little Willie troubles her some while at work. Still she gets quite a bit done after all.

19/20 Wednesday (354-12)

Another frosty day, and cold. Willie & Colin Campbell drove to Guelph today. he sold his fat hog to Simpson to be delivered tomorrow and he engaged Robert Justin & his team to take them in for him. I drove to Thomas Sale this afternoon. Johnny loaned me "Nettie". There was a great crowd there and the bidding was lively. the Cows were too old for our wants, and the horse was too big and high strung for our purpose. the Sale commenced an hour earlier than I counted on and I was just an hour late, not feeling very well I did not stay till the finishing of the Sale. and drove home by way of Cowwinds & Harries. the road was not well broken. the dilapidation from the ice storm down there is something terrible. telegraph & telephone poles & wires down, all kinds of trees and especially orchards have suffered. I don't suppose anything to the same extent ever happened in the Country. Letter from Holyoke to night all well and doing well.



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20 21 Thursday (355-11)

Much milder to day and though the snow is not melting yet it is softer. Johnny took a load of wood to Guelph today. Willie delivered his hogs to day. Robert Jester drove his team in for taking them in for him. (12 hogs) weighing 2190 at \$4.80 per massing \$105.12. I have not been doing much but attending to the stock. I spent an hour or more putting on a patch on the felt boots I bought last year for 75<sup>cts</sup> on account of being damaged. John has the loan of my old fells to day. Margaret & I drove down to Exeter for the mail this evening and spent quite awhile with George & Mary who are both under the weather with the Grippe! they are some better.

21 22 Friday (356-10)

Softer to day. the mild turn the weather has taken is particularly welcome at the present time on account of the ice that still clings to everything. we hope the present soft spell will continue till all is clear of ice. Johnny took in a load of the cedar wood again to day. he thinks he can fill in his contract in payment of his buggy in another load. he called at the Centre, nominational proceedings were still going on as he left for home. Minnie went to the corner to see Dr. Dryden, getting a ride along with Maggie W. Williams, the more business done by Walter W. Williams in the cutter. I am feeling the Grippe rather bad to day. and don't feel inclined to leave the house. further than attending to our little stock and other want. there is heavy rain this afternoon and evening. Dr. Dryden visits Minnie to and get examined by Dr. Howells.

22 23 Saturday (357-9)

Looped rather suspicious this morning it had been raining through the night but, although dull and damp early this morning. Still early indications of clearing up were soon realized and we had a beautiful day. Minnie and I rode into Guelph with John & Lizzie in the sleigh. Lizzie had 5 quail which she sold to Fielding at 40<sup>cts</sup> each. also some butter. I had 30 dozen eggs in the case sold to Alex. Cutting at 18<sup>cts</sup> 1/2 cash & trade. took 8 cans Salmon \$1.<sup>00</sup>. due Bill \$1.<sup>70</sup> and cash \$2.<sup>70</sup>. bought cross cut saw & handles \$3.<sup>75</sup> at Richardson's. Minnie went to Howitt and was examined. paid him \$2.<sup>00</sup>. he wrote a letter to Dr. Dryden. prescribing for her.

23 24 Sunday (358-8)

A beautiful day. the snow has gone away very fast. the wells will now get filled up with water. we have all remained at home to day. Willie & Jennie drove off to Mimosa this afternoon.

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24 25 Monday (359-7)

The weather started well early in the day but, as the day wore on it became cloudy and threatening looking until coming to rain and a disagreeable after part of the day resulted. we are hoping it will clear all off by tomorrow as the Sale is then coming off. James Harrison from Steventon came along to Willie and is staying all night. Willie has been preparing everything for the Sale. I got John's help to cut up the Balsam logs in the yard I want to split and pile them out of the way. we have had a very quiet Christmas. no visitors or other guests to enjoy the festive Season.

25 26 Tuesday (360-6)

CHRISTMAS DAY. Bank Holiday.

The weather has taken up and this morning gave promise of a fine day which was fully realized. The frost has been keen enough to harden up everything around. we got all preparations completed before the commencement of the Sale which did not begin till about 2 o'clock instead of one, as advertised. There was a very good crowd and the bidding was fair with every thing except the horses which was very dull indeed. I bought the Wagon \$12.<sup>50</sup> harness \$8.<sup>00</sup> filly foal \$15.<sup>00</sup>. Steer \$23.<sup>00</sup>. heifer \$17.<sup>50</sup>. Double tree \$1.<sup>00</sup>. plow harness \$1.<sup>00</sup> Robt Morton's mares did not go off. neither did Rich<sup>d</sup> McWilliam's horses.

26 27 Wednesday (361-5)

Bank Holiday in England and Ireland.

The weather continues fine it was, however, colder to day than yesterday. John McKenzie + Bella with little Willie came down yesterday. Bella remained all last night and John intended coming down to day after James Irvine's Sale, which he did, and we all attended the Social at Everton this evening. I attended the School meeting this forenoon, where I acted as Auditor for last years accounts, and acted as Secretary for the meeting to day. I took the Contract of putting in 4 cords dry Cedar, 2 feet long for \$1.<sup>49</sup> per cord. I rode up to the Sale with Robt. Fulton and came home again with John McKenzie. John bought a new Bolton plow for \$8.<sup>50</sup>. a gravel box \$1.<sup>00</sup> and an old stone boat \$3.<sup>00</sup>. I was bidding on a Cow and a horse but got neither. I heard of a Cow to be had from one Alchistn, who was at the Sale. and I promised to go up and see her tomorrow.

Robt. McHarris  $18\frac{1}{2}$   
 henhouse wall  $90$   
 $99$   $65$   
 $22$   $22$   
 $6$   $130$   
 $132$   $130$   
 $132$   $14\cdot30$   
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Johnny cow. total 245<sup>00</sup> Dec. 1892  
 1<sup>st</sup> month 7 days  
 22 " 31  
 3<sup>rd</sup> " 28  
 4<sup>th</sup> " 31  
 5<sup>th</sup> " 19  
 $116$   
 time up April 19<sup>00</sup>  
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