

1878

- July 1 this day is very warm the men are ploughing
- " 2 we had a fine rain today in the afternoon I was cleaning the carrels
- " 3 this is a fine growing day more rain the morning I went to Guelph fair I bought a new Sulky rake from M Bardell for 12 cord of tamarack wood to be delivered at J B Brunsbongs next winter. it is the Masson or Gallawe rake made at Ashawa I went to Oberpyke got home the old Buggy we got it repaired new runs and new tyres
- " 5 this day is very warm the School Annual Picnick John was cutting Hay in the forenoon
- " 6 cut some hay and raked some up the house was examining the ditch back at Hatts this day is very warm
- " 8 there was some rain last night and this morning Meeting of Council in the afternoon
- " 9 a fine day got in 6 loads of hay



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July 10 this is a fine day got in 5 loads of

Hay

- .. 11 cutting Hay in Orchard it is very heavy it comenced to rain about noon
- .. 12 this is very wet it rained for nearly 24 hours I went to Guelfh Bought 3 lb of Parisgreen paid 40 cts per lb got 1 quart of Castor oil for the machine
- .. 12 I went to Guelfh with William Horrocks to see the Sauer we got in 3 load of Hay
- .. 13 got in all the Hay in the back field finished cutting the Hay in the Orchard
- .. 15 this is a fine Hay day
- .. 16 this is a fine day very warm got in all the Hay in the Orchard cut the Hay in big flat field finished
- .. 17 this is a fine day comenced to thin the Turnips yesterday John cut 2 acres of Barley and some wheat I was raking hay in the afternoon
- .. 18 got in 2 loads of hay it rained very heavy about 11 o'clock then about 2 o'clock a very heavy shower



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- July 19 this day is very hott and buttry in the forenoon  
a fine afternoon got in 3 loads of Barley
- " 20 a very fine day got in 4 loads of heavy finished the  
heavy it was a very good crop 30 loads  
comenced to cut the wheat with the threaper about 4 o'clock  
it is very ripe it ought to have been all cutt before this
- " 22 a very high wind it is shaking out the wheat  
cutting the wheat
- " 24 a fine harvest day finished cutting the fall wheat  
in the morning then comenced to cut the Barley  
in the field near the house
- 25 a fine day in the forenoon finished cutting the Barley  
and hauled in 5 loads of fall wheat and 3 of Baley it comenced  
to rain about 4 o'clock
- 26 this day has ben very wet it rained for 24  
hours there was a great quantity of rain we went  
to Aberpoyle to the store in the evening
- 27 this is a fine day the wheat and Barley is very  
wet working among the shocks and turning  
the Barley got the Barley in in the evening  
3 loads Robert Amos and Margret came down
- 29 hauling in wheat it comenced to rain in the  
evening it was very dull all day



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- July 30 this day is very dull and soft rained  
some all night and forenoon not heavy
- 31 this is a fine day got in the Fall wheat in the  
evening it is sprouted some
- August 1 cutting the Spring wheat and raking the  
fall wheat stubble the weather is dull
- " 2 this is a fine day got in some Spring wheat  
2 loads it was loose it was a poor crop golden  
drop I bought the seed from Goldie Guelfh  
Comenced to cut the Oats in the back field  
they are a fine crop
- " 3 a fine day got in all the Spring wheat 3 loads  
of read Chaff
- " 5 a great deal of thunder and lightening all  
day we had a very heavy shower about  
noon great storms all round
- " 6 a great thunder and lightening and a terrible  
storm about noon every place is flooded
- " 7 this is a fine day bound some oats in the  
afternoon I was at Guelfh fair
- " 8 got in 5 loads of Oats a fine day
- " 9 a fine day we were thrashing wheat
- 10 the men is pulling peas



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- Aug 10 I went to Oberpoyle Mill with 12 Bushels of  
spring wheat old for a grist
- 12 a fine day the men is pulling Peas got in one load
- 14 a fine day pulling peas
- 15 a fine day at Watts thrashing got in 3 loads  
of peas and the last of the Barley
- 16 I went to Roskwood with the wool to  
card we had a great storm in the even-  
ing a great deal of thunder and lightn-  
ing James Furrer got 3 sheep killed  
with the lightning
- " 17 a fine day we went to Guelph had 3 bags  
of Apples got \$7½ cents per bag we went up  
to Robert Amoses
- " 20 a fine day hauling in Peas by big loads
- " 21 a very fine day John is over at Georges cutt-  
ing his oats and Mr. Laren is at Darings Thras-  
hing I was cleaning wheat
- 24 rained last night I went to Guelph
- 26 got in the last of the Peas 12 loads  
Meeting of Council in the afternoon
- 27 I was at the seed fair at Oberpoyle I got  
the 1st prize sold 10 bushels to Robert Watson  
at \$1.15 cents per B



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- August 29 John is cutting oats back in the flats
- " 31 we have had a fine harvest week we have been binding Oats hauled in 2 loads it rained some in the afternoon
- Sept. 2 a fine day but close and warm we have a great deal of rain since Saturday it all night and nearly all day yesterday
- " 3 this day is dull and warm we bound some Oats in the afternoon
- 4 this day is very soft some rain I went to Guelph fair
- 5 very dull and warm there is very little draught we bound up some oats in the afternoon they were not very dry and I sprouted some underment
- 7 this is a fine day got in some Oats and cut some
- 9 this is a fine day got in 3 loads of Oats commenced to sow the fall wheat sowed the field out at the Concussion 6 Bushels
- 10 I was at the Nomination of a Member of Parliament for the House of Commons it rained nearly all the Afternoon
- 12 a wet day I was at the Sale at the Model farm



1848

Sept 13 this is a very wet day it rained nearly all

day yesterday and the night before we had a terrible heavy rain all night the whole place is flooded with water we do not mind of such heavy rain continuing so long it is one of the greatest floods that Canada has ever seen it has done a great amount of damage all over the country

16 this is a fine day I went to Guelph with some articles for the Central Exhibition

17 a fine day this is the Election for Members of Parliament for the House of Commons of Canada Mr D Guthrie was Elected for the South Riding of Wellington by the Reform Party

18 this is a fine day Susan got Married to John Little Blacksmith

19 we were at the Guelph Central Show it was a fine day but it got very dark and stormie after night a thunder storm

14 Johns Wife had a Daughter this Morning



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Sept 20 I went to C Little for 3 bushels of  
Scott wheat for seed when I was  
coming home the holdback of the  
britchin brock coming down the  
hill at the back lost and I was thrown  
out of the Bugie and badly hurt. the  
hoss run away and brock the Bugie  
John was at the Guelfh Show and  
brought home the articles we got no prize

21 I had to go over to Robert Douglas to in-  
vestigate the fire that Burned his Barn  
and crap

23 I went to Guelfh with a load of Wheat  
37 by measure and 33 B 50 lb by weight  
got 45 cents per Bushel Clawson wheat  
we bought some furniture for Susan  
John finished the sowing the Fall  
of Wheat

24 George and me went over to the Town-  
ship of ~~Blenhem~~<sup>see</sup> for to C Forbes  
we drove about 70 miles with Fournil  
and Mcraig Dick the roads were very  
good the most of the way



1878

- Sept 27 this is a fine day but very cold we had a meeting of the Directors of the Insurance Company about English fire
- " 28 very frosty last night John Tles and I were letting some jobs on the roads it was some Ditcher on the sideline between lots 15 & 16 on the 10 con
- " 30 this was a very fine day warm John Babby has been very bad since Saturday they are ploughing the new land down on the flats near the creek
- October 1 this is a very fine warm day John Babby Died this evening it has been very bad since Saturday we cleaned up a load of fall wheat this afternoon 38 Bushels
- 2 I was up to Guelph and marden John Babby was Buried today it is a fine day
- 3 I went to Guelph with a load of Wheat got 72 cents per Bushell 35 B 50 lb measure 38 B Clavson
- 8 Puslinch Show a fine day we got the first prize for one of the 2 year old Colts first for Beets
- 9 we went over to John Littles and to Crists we had a terrible high wind and some rain



1878

- October 14 Meeting of Council in the afternoon we are getting in the Apples
- " 12 Mr Leslie and me were letting some jobs on the roads over in Badenosh
- 11 were thrashing the Barley and some Oats
- 19 this day is some colder we went to Guelph to meet the funeral of Mrs Johnston who Died up at Walkerton and was buried on the plains
- 22 it is very fine weather and warm the girls are taping the turnips the men are ploughing and I am cutting stone
- 23 this day is wet in the forenoon I went to the Shepsole Mill with a grist of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  Bushels of Wheat part spring part fall
- 24 this is a fine warm day it is the last day before the sacrament the fenceviewers were called out by David Watt to settle some dispute about the ditches on the road and through our land
- 25 a fine day I was at old John Clarkes Funeral John harrowed up some of the turnips and hauled in 2 loads
- 26 this day was very wet it rained a good



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- deal last night it has rained nearly all day  
and very heavy this afternoon and tonight
- October we were at the Church today
- .. 27 this day is rather soft and dull this is the Sacrament  
Sabbath
- .. 28 this is a good day for the turnips we hauled in  
10 loads
- .. 29 some snow in the morning and frost we  
hauled in 9 loads of turnips
- .. 31 this day is very blustry and cold it was showery in  
the morning and cleared up in the afternoon  
I went to Guelph in the forenoon
- Nov 2 this is a fine morning finished hauling in the  
turnips 47 loads large loads the crop was not  
very great part of them was very good and part  
not very good we commenced to pull the  
carrots but it rained some <sup>in the</sup> afternoon
- 4 this day is clear and cold pulled all the carrots  
and hauled some in
- 6 we went to Guelph Fair with a load of  
Barley 57 Bushels by measure 46 B 27 lb  
by weight Paid W. Gully for John Stone  
\$19.75



1878

- Nov 7 we thrashed Oats and wheat a fine day  
for thrashing
- 8 finished thrashing the wheat we  
went out to Aberpyle to hear W. F. Clarke  
lecture before the Farmers Club
- 9 I went to Guelph with a load apples  
sold 9 bags of Northern Spy at 75<sup>cts</sup> per bush  
1 of subverts bland / snow 50<sup>cts</sup> and brought  
2 bags home Bought a quarter of Beef  
at \$3½ per ~~100~~ lb the weather has been frosty
- 11 the weather is soft it rained in the afternoon
- 12 the men is ploughing
- 13 I was over at John Murray with  
regard to Mrs Johnstone Will Mr Davidson  
was there to read it Robert Beattie and  
myself is appointed Executors of the  
Will
- 14 I went to Guelph with Mrs Johnstones  
Will to the Surrogate Office and got sworn  
in Thomas Wright has been thrashing peas  
this week he thrashed 11.8 Bushels  
he went up to Guelph today
- 15 this is a fine day



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- Nov 16 we were cutting Peas with the cutting box this forenoon Duncan and me went to Morriston in the afternoon a fine day
- 18 this day is very dull and warm we had good deal of rain since Saturday night the roads are very bad Duncan went to Roskwood Woollen factory with 15½ lb of wool to get it scoured
- 20 this is a very fine warm day I went to Guelph with a load 10 bags of Wheat 24 B by measure 22 B 30 lb by weight got 88 cents per B I had 7 bags of apples 6 at 70 cents and 3 at 75 ct
- 21 this is a very warm fine day Indian Summer I was cutting Stone John went to Guelph with Lizie Willson
- 22 this day is wet and raw I was at Patton sale I went to the Mill with a grant of 9½ Bushels fall Wheat
- 23 I went to Guelph about Mrs Johnston affairs the roads are very bad
- 25 this morning is rather cooler it snowed some George came over with 16 Bushels of Peas for the pigs he is to get his seed from here



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- November 25 John M. Laren left here this afternoon  
Nov 26 <sup>now</sup> he has been 9 months here this is a fine day I went to Duncan Stewart  
for a load of Potatoes 16 bags at 60 cents per  
bag they are very good ~~early~~ rose  
" 27 this morning was rather cold with  
a strong east wind it commenced to rain  
about 11 o'clock and rained very heavy  
all afternoon  
29 I went to Guelph with Duncan Stewart  
to do some business with Sturton it a fine  
day  
30 this is a fine day I went to Oberpoyle  
in the afternoon  
Decem. 2 a very wet day it has rained all night  
and nearly all day and the most of yesterday  
the Council met for the last time this  
year received forty Dollars  
" 4 this is rather a stormy forenoon it  
snowed some the roads are very bad  
a regular blisk this is the Natio-  
onal Thanksgiving day I was at  
the Church



1878

December 6 this day is frosty we put the saw to

4 Duncan Gilchrist Boar

I went to Guelph with 8 bags of fall  
Wheat 17 B by measure 17 B 50 lb by weight  
at 93 sts per B and 7 bags of Apples sold  
4 bags at 60 sts, 3 at 50 sts Bought a 100 lb  
of oatmeal at \$2  $\frac{27}{100}$  the roads are good

.. 8 this is a fine day the roads are very good  
we were at the Church

.. 9 it snowed all night there is a good bit  
of but it commenced to rain in the forenoon  
and rained all day we were shearing up  
Deas after cutting them with the cutting  
Box

.. 10 this day is wet and dull it rained all  
night and a good part of today I went  
down to Mr Leslie's with Duncan  
Stewart about a note Bill McFadden  
forged on him

.. 11 this day is cold and frosty with a very  
high wind a great change of weather

13 this is a fine day I went to Oberfoyle in the afternoon

14 this day is very stormy it snowed very hard



1878

- December 14 I was out with Mr. Mc Laren Teacher to Duncan Stewarts he was getting his Mill drawn out it very stormy in the evening
- " 12 we were at Guelph Christmas fair we had the sleigh but the sleighing is very bad
- " 16 I went to Guelph with Robert Peattie to draw the money out of the Bank belonging to Mrs Johnston
- " 17 we had meeting of the Heirs of Mrs Johnston at John Murrays to give them there Partition
- " 20 this day is very cold and stormy the sleighs are running we were at John Mc Robb's sale
- " 21 we went to Guelph with 6 bags of Apples got 50 cents per bag for good winter Apples times are very dull it is hard to sell anything they had some Butter and eggs and Chickens it turned out very stormy it snowed a good deal went up to Robert Amoss  
Thought an Overcoat paid \$9 at Rutherfords.



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December 25 this day is very stormy and cold there has been three very cold days with a high wind the roads are badly drifted we were over to Christ Lattles getting our Christmas dinner the friends were there

28 John went to Guelph with a load of wood for J B Armstrong for a Sulky rake

30 this is a fine day this is the Nominations of Councillors

Jan 31 I went to Aberpoyle mill with 3 bags to shop

January 1879

" 1 this is a very fine day very pleasant for the season warm good sleighing

" 2 this is a very stormy day I went down to the second row

" 4 very stormy and cold we have had three very cold and stormy days the roads are all blocked up I went and we went up to Guelph

" 6 this is a fine day the roads are very bad this is the Election of Councillors I am elected a Councillor for 1879



January 8

1849

~~this was the annual school meeting~~

we went up to Mandan to Robert Amoss with Elizabeth to go to the school

" 11 we went to Guelph with a load of fall wheat 35 B by measure 32 B 40 lb by weight got 84 cents per Bushel

" 13 this day is very raw and cold white frost I went to James McCaig's funeral on the 2 con

14 this is a very fine mild day we were cutting peas with the cutting box George was over

15 a fine clear day but very cold John is hauling wood to Guelph the Annual Social of the Farmers Club there was a great turnout we were at it

16 this is a very stormy forenoon and part of the night but the afternoon is fine and warm I went to Abernethy Mill with a quirt of  $9\frac{1}{2}$  Bushels by measure 8 B 35 lb by weight got 290 lb flour that is 34 lb to the B weight Bran and shorts 155 lb



1879

- January 18 this is a fine day had some more wind and snow  
last night I went to the Meeting of  
the Burlington Mutual Fire Insurance  
Company I was Elected to be President  
for the Current year.
- " 20 a fine day but very frosty this was our  
first Meeting of the Council for the year
- 22 this is a fine day we were over to Geesages  
the Roads are pretty good
- 23 this is a fine day we were over to James Jennie  
and to John Porters Sale
- 25 I went to Guelph with John and his wife  
we had 5 bags of Apples sold 2 for 60 cts  
3 for 50 cts they were very good Apples  
I settled up with J B Armstrong with the  
cordwood I delivered 12 cord of tamarack for  
a Sulky Horse rake I got from A Bardwell
- 27 this day is very soft <sup>day</sup> we have a thaw  
we were cleaning peas
- 28 I went to the Sheepshole Mill with 5 bags of  
Oats & Peas to Chapp I went to Morrisston and  
sold some Hay to Mr Ross for \$8 per ton
- 31 Annual Meeting of the Farmers Club.



1879

February 3 Meeting of the Township Council

- " 4 I have been hauling Fleary 4 loads 4 ton <sup>lb</sup> 280  
at \$ 8 per ton \$ 32. <sup>87</sup> one load <sup>to</sup> the Aberfoyle  
Mill 2050 lb got the same weight of Bran
- " 5 we went to Guelph with a load of Wheat  
35  $\frac{1}{2}$  Bushels by measure 32 B by weight  
got 85 cents it was not very good some sprouted
- 7 I went to Guelph for a pair of Sleigh <sup>runners</sup>  
paid \$ 1 <sup>33</sup> for the Bob Sleigh
- 8 this is a fine day they are going to the Blackes  
Smiths Shop with the Sleigh  
I went over to John Littles Shop with the  
Sleigh to fix one runner was broken we  
went to James
- 10 I went down to Moriston a fine day
- 11 this day is Blustry and had a lot of snow and  
rain. I went to ~~Gu~~ Guelph with Mrs Stewart
- 12 this day <sup>is</sup> very cold and stormy high wind
- 13 this is a very fine day
- 15 very cold the keenest frost of the season yesterday  
was very cold
- 18 John is hauling wood to James Fairley of  
Guelp. tamarack at \$ 2 <sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub> per cord



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- February 19 John hauled  $4\frac{1}{2}$  cords of Laminark wood to  
James Fairley Guelph at  $\$2\frac{12\frac{1}{2}}{10}$  per cord
- " 13 John went down to Moriston with a load of Fleay  
to the Doctor
- 19 I went over to the Lake along with Leslie & Nicoll  
to inspect a job on the road that we left
- 22 very fine weather for the season sold sometimes
- 21 a fine day cleaned up a load of Wheat 35 B
- 24 a fine day but very frosty I went to Aberpyle  
to meet the rest of the Councillors about some  
matters with regard to a certain letter
- 25 this is a very stormy day snow from the  
east I am mending shoes
- 14 John hauled a load of Fleay to Dr Orton Moriston  
2050 lb at  $\$8$  per ton
- 27 this day is very cold I went to Guelph with  
a load of Wheat 24 B 35 lb at 97 cents & B 5 lb at  
85 cents the 4 bags was the raikins it was sprouted  
went up to Roberts then went to old Mr Amoses  
Sale at the farm
- 28 this morning is very cold and frosty very  
severe but clear I went to the Aberpyle  
mill with 6 bags of peas & oats to Chapp



1879

- March 1 this Morning was rather warm and fine but  
it got windy and cold before night we cut  
some soft wood with the saw about 2 cords
- " 3 This a very fine clear day the sun is very strong  
I went over to Ferrishes Mill near Roskwood  
with a grist of 6 bags of Fall and Spring wheat  
15 B by measure got 48 5 lbs flour that is 32 1/2  
to the B measure Hugh Cassin got killed  
with a tree chopping in the Bush
- 4 this day is stormy it started to rain then  
turned to snow
- 7 this is a fine day I went over to Georges the  
wife had a Daughter last Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
the Mrs came home I was at the Farmers Club  
Meeting in the evening
- 10 this day very warm the snow is getting  
very soft the sleighing is about done
- 11 I went over Hugh McNaughtons Sale
- 12 this day is colder I sold a Steer to Farr &  
Hales for \$56
- 14 this day is blustry and cold snow shows  
I went to Peter Grants Sale
- 15 I went to Guelfh with Duncan he is



1874

March 17 going up to Arthur to help timber the roads

are very bad especially the Brock road

I sold 4 bags of Apples @ 70 cents Butter 18½ cents

" 17 We went to Guelph with the Steer I sold  
he is not 3 years old and weighed 1355 lb  
I got \$56 for him

19 I went over to Georges when I came home  
there was one of the cows died she calfed  
before I went away she put out her calf  
bed

21 this is a very fine day we were sawing  
Wood sawed a great pile

22 this day is very stormy snow out of the east  
we went to Guelph with Butter & Eggs and  
the Cows ~~hide~~ it weighed 58 lb got 4½ cents  
per lb

24 Snow out of the east in the forenoon then rain  
Meeting of Council in the Afternoon

26 I went to Aberfoyle with some Peas & Barley  
to the Seed Show I sold the Peas 10 B 26 lb at  
73 cents per B and brought the Barley home

27 this day is soft and mild I was at Speerato  
Sale I got \$2.50 from him Bull money



March 27 John went to Galt with a load of  
fat sheep for John Murray

28 the roads are getting soft I was up to the  
Mudle Farm at the Closing exam-  
ination of the Caledge

29 it rained heavy last night with  
some thunder were at Guelfh  
with Butter and eggs

April 2 I went to the Guelfh fair this day is  
very cold and frosty. the saw had  
five young pigs they are smart

3 we were sawing wood at Georges  
and some straw the day is very  
cold the roads are rough

March 31 cutting wood at John Murrays

April 5 we went to Guelfh this day is very  
cold this week has been very cold  
and frosty with high winds

7 this is fine day but frosty at night  
I was up to Guelfh at a meeting of  
reformers to make arrangements to  
select a Candidate for the next  
Election



- April 8 I went over to Little's to see him he is  
very sick he has Inflammation of the lungs
- " 9 this is a fine warm day John went  
to the Aberpoyle Mill with a grist  
of 3 bags of wheat fall and Spring  
5 bags of Barley peas & oats and 2  
bags of oats to Whapp
- " 10 this day is very wett and stormy Duncan came  
home from Arthur
- 11 John went over to John Little's Shop with  
the new roller to get ironed
- 12 we went up to Guelph and to Robert's Amos  
it is a fine day but cold at night hard frost
- 14 a fine day but cold I was at a Meeting of  
Reformers at the Town hall Aberpoyle to appoint  
Delegates to the Convention at Guelph
- 15 this a fine day frosty at night hard frost  
every night the Cows began to lamb we  
had 2 lambs
- 16 this is a fine day I was at Guelph to the Conven-  
tion to select a Candidate in the reform interest  
at the next General Election James Laidlaw  
was selected



April 19 we were at Guelph I bought 265 lb of land

salt paid 25 cents per 100 lb

" 21 this is a fine day commenced to cultivate and  
gang plough the turnip land for wheat

" 23 fine weather commenced to sow the spring  
wheat sowed 2 Bushels of Golden drop &  
B of beardid and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Bushels of read chaff

" 24 6 Bushels of oats

" 26 sowed 10 Bushels Barley sowed about 170  
lb of Clover and Timothy I was at Guelph

" 28 fine weather we had a fine shower last night  
things are starting to grow I commenced to  
dig the garden

" 29 it a fine day white frost in the morning I was  
and me went to Guelph I bought a new shovel  
paid 90 cents, the men are ploughing sod

" 30 this day is quite cool George was over  
last evening and got 6 Bushels of Barley  
and 16 Bushels of Peas for seed

Crist Little got 10 Bushels Barley

May 2 a fine day sowed 3 Bushels of Barley  
out at the corner field

" 3 we went up to Guelph and Morden



May 6 Duncan and his men went up to Peel to work

" 7 it is very cold and frosty at night  
this day is cold in the morning we went up  
to Guelph fair with the Cow Cherry  
and sold her for beef at \$36 <sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

" 8 I went down to Moriston with some bills  
for a Reform Meeting it is warm  
John sowed 4 bags of Peas

" 9 I was at a Meeting at the Town hall Aberpyle  
in the evening about Election matters

" 10 this day is very warm we were at  
Guelph then went down to Moriston  
John finished sowing the Peas about  
24 Bushels

" 12 this day is very warm

" 13 it is very warm and close to day

14 this day is hot it thundred last night  
and some rain it is fine grassing weather  
John sowed 4 Acres of oats back on  
the flats William Giffellan was here

15 this day is rather dull and light showers it rained  
a good bit last night John sowed 6 Bushels  
of Barley down near the creek



May 17 finished sawing the Oats sowed the field  
down near the side road sowed 12 Bushels  
sowed 26 Bushels in all

I went to Guelph with Butler & Eggs  
I got home the Buggy harness & Scott was  
repairing them

19 the weather is very hot and warm  
John went over to Georges to saw his  
Peas Willey is rolling the Oat land

20 this day is very warm and dry John has  
been over to Georges this two days  
Willey is picking stones off the grass

24 the weather very dry and cold at night finished  
picking the stones off the grass commenced to  
haul out the dung for the Potatoes

26 this morning is very cold and windy  
I went over to James McPherson on  
the first concession to investigate  
the cause of the fire he having got  
his House burned on Friday

27 Meeting of the Council Court of Revision  
commenced to plant the Potatoes

28 washed the Sheep this day is fine and warm



May 29 this a fine day it is the Fast day for the Sacrament

I was at Guelph at the Nomination of a Member of Parliament James Laidlaw and Mathew Sweetnam was Nominated

" 30 finished plastering the Potatoes

31 a fine day we were at the Church John and me went to Guelph in the evening to here the Hon O Mowat and Hon C Bloke we had great storm of thunder and rain in the evening Mr Tullans Barn was Burned

June 2 this is a fine day I was at the Church and Marrieton I took a grist of 10 B 50 lb got 16 flour

5 this was the Election of Member of Parliament James Laidlaw the Reform Candidate was Elected by a Majority of 119

6 the men are hauling out dung and ploughing the turnip land I finished shearing the sheep there is 22 sheep and 16 lambs John Smiths Barn was raised this afternoon Duncan has the job of the Barn

7 we went to Guelph with Butler and



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eggs and two bags of Golden Russet Apples

got \$1  $\frac{25}{100}$  per bag

June 9 finished ploughing the turnip land

" 11 this day is very warm the men are ploughing  
back behind the Bush for rape

" 12 the men are taking out stones in the  
summer fallow I went to Oberfoyle  
to the Post office I brought back Alexander  
Morison and Mrs McSennan it fine weather

" 13 we was down at Oberfoyle and over at  
Georges

" 14 we were up to Guelph and Marden  
we had a fine rain in the evening  
bought 100 cabbage 19 cts 9 lb turnip seed  
17 cent per lb 5 lb rape 10 cents per lb

" 16 this is a fine growing day we had a fine rain  
yesterday we bought an organ from  
Mr Craupard of Guelph it is a Clinton  
organ

" 14 this day very cool John is drilling for  
the turnips sowed some turnips in the afternoon  
they are ploughing the summer fallow

18 finished drilling for the turnips



1849

- June 18 sowed the most of the turnips sowed two one  
half acres of rape 5 lb. this is a fine day
- " 19 finished sowing the turnip 5 acres 9 lb. 6 lb  
Sharps 2<sup>lb</sup> Buttons champion 1 lb. East Lothian  
I was over near Hespeler examining the  
roads petitioned for aid
- " 21 We was in to Guelph the weather is very  
warm we finished working the  
Statute labour yesterday
- " 24 the weather is very warm and dry the  
men finished ploughing the summer  
fallow the field next Mr. Fenwick's orchard  
I have been cutting thistles out of the  
grain
- " 25 it is very warm I was at Little's Blacksmith  
shop to get the horses shod I sold 2 fat  
lwes to Pett Saling for \$11<sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub>
- 26 we had a very fine rain I went down  
to Morrison. Paid Scott \$2 for fixing  
harness
- 28 I went up to Orithin Township near  
Mauntporrest yesterday with Duran  
and his men they are going to put up



1849

June 28 a new Barn - for Mr it is over

forty five miles from here I came  
down today there was a heavy rain  
last night

" 30 John commenced to plough the field  
back of the Bush near the creek

July 1 this is a very warm day we went up  
to Guelph to the Calidonian games

" there was a great many people there

" 2 commenced to cut the Hay in the afternoon  
we were at Guelph it is fair day I sold  
the Wool 283 lb at 23 cents per lb \$19.9

" 3 it rained very heavy for the most of the  
forenoon we cleaned up the Spring wheat  
Bushels

" 4 this is a fine day the School Annual pick  
nick cutting hay and ploughing

5 I went to Guelph with Annie she is  
gone up to Flepple to see her Grandmother  
got in 3 loads of hay

4 Meeting of Council at 2 PM got 5 loads  
of hay it rained in the afternoon

8 a fine day got in 3 loads of hay



1879

July 8 I went to Guelph for some guards for

the Mower got ~~to~~ one at 25 st, the other 40 st,  
got 4 rake spring teeth paid 100 ~~st~~ each

" 11 we had a very heavy rain and a great storm  
of wind thunder and lightning the great  
est storm we have had for a long time

" 12 a fine day for the hay got in 3 loads.  
Duncan came down from Arthur

" 14 this day is very cold got all the hay  
in the fields near home in 31 loads

" 18 this is a fine day I went to Oberfoyle  
Mill with a grist 15 B 50 lb

John is cutting hay for Robert Ingle  
he finished cutting our own yesterday  
day cutt 4 Acres at the back latt  
got it all raked up and socked up can  
not get it in till we get the fall wheat in

19 a fine day the men are thinning the  
turnips the Fall wheat is redy to cutt

21 the weather is very hot we comenced  
to cutt the fall wheat in the field  
out at the Concession it is a very good  
crop well filled



1879

July 21 Joseph Shaw commenced to work

after noon he is hired for one month  
for \$25 we got the field at the son done

" 22 commenced to cutt the field back at the  
creek it commenced to rain about ten o  
clock and rained all day we went  
to Oberpoyle Mill for the Grist

" 23 this day is very dull and warm the men  
is at the turnups cut some wheat in the  
evening

24 a fine harvest day finished cutting the  
wheat in the field at the creek I went  
to Guelph to get some section knives  
for the repper got 6 but they did not  
fitt

25 a fine day got in all the heay in we  
have 37 loads

26 finished cutting the poll wheat and  
got in 10 loads

28 cutt part of the Barley it rained  
a little in the afternoon

29 finished cutting all the barley that is  
ripe it is a good crop



1879

July 30 this is a fine day got in all the fall wheat but

the raikins 23 loads got in 4 loads of Barley  
31 a fine warm day the men is cleaning the  
turnips I went to Guelph got 10 new ses-  
tions for the reaper knives

Aug 1. Willie went over to help George for  
two days Joseph is scuffling the turnips

2 this is a fine day till 5 o'clock then  
we had a terrible storm thunder and  
wind and rain we got in all the  
wheat raikins 2 load we have 25 load  
of wheat that is fall wheat we cut some  
spring wheat about 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  acres golden  
drop it a very good crop it is early

4 this day is warm and dull sultry John is  
cutting Oats in field at the lime kill  
they are a very good crop Willie is gang  
ploughing the summer fallow

5 this is a fine day John is putting out dung  
on the summer fallow we bound up some  
Oats

6 finished binding the Oats in the field at the lime kill  
cutt Barley back at the creek it heavy



1879

August 6 commenced to pull the Peas

- " 9 finished cutting the Spring Wheat it is a very fine crop got all the Barley in 13 loads
- " 12 we thrashed 197 Bushels of fall wheat and 20 of Spring and 24 B of Oats
- " 14 hauling in Peas hauled in all the Spring Wheat 7 loads
- " 15 hauling in peas
- 16 this Morning is very wet it rained all forenoon Duncan came home from Durthun
- 18 the Men went over to Georges to pull Peas
- 19 finished hauling in the Peas
- 21 Joseph Shaw left his Month is up I paid him \$25 Willie is Ploughing the summer fallow
- 20 we went to Guelph with some Apples 3 bags got 60 cents per Bag had Butter & Eggs
- 23 was in to Guelph Butter & Eggs and 5 bags of Apples sold them from 40 to 60 cents
- 25 Willie went over to Georges to help him I was at the Council Meeting  
John is Gangploughing the Pea lang



1879

- August 29 we had Stewarts Thrashing Machine  
thrashing Barley thrashed 2 72 Bushels  
they were done about the middle of the Afternoon
- 30 went to Guelph <sup>with</sup> Butter scabbles Plums  
and 5 bags of Apples got 40 cents per bag  
the men is cutting Oats warm weather
- Sept 1 this is very warm weather and dry  
we are at the Oats they are very heavy  
and hard to cut they are laid down  
very bad they are a fine crop
- " 2 it rained a little in the morning a fine day after  
got in 5 loads of Oats Willie is at Gilchrist thrashing
- " 3 this day is soft and showery all day John is  
Ploughing I cleaned up some Wheat
- " 4 Gradeling Oats John & me
- " 5 finished cutting the Oats in the forenoon  
they were very hard to do we could not  
cut them with the reaper.
- " 6 we went to Guelph George is over to help  
us to bind Oats
- " 7 commenced to sow the Fall Wheat
- " 10 finished hauling in the Oats 22 loads  
the weather is dry and frosty at night



1879

- Sept 11 this is a very fine dry day finished <sup>sowing</sup>  
the wheat in the field at the Barn we harrowed  
the Pea land to sow yet and plough  
Susan had a son last night
- " 15 this day is rather cool John is over at  
Georges thrashing I went down to Morris  
ton in the afternoon
- " 16 I went to Guelph to the Central Show  
with a bag of Spring Wheat John finished  
sowing the fall wheat we sowed  
18 Acres in all Bushels Clowson  
and 5 Bushels Scott wheat
- 17 it rained a great quantity last night  
and showing all forenoon a fine afternoon  
we were all up to Guelph to the Show  
the Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Irene  
was in Guelph it was a great day
- 18 we cleaned up a load of Barley 13 bags  
I went to the Aberfoyle Mill with a  
quint of 2 bags of Spring Wheat
- 19 I went to Guelph with some Barley 29  
Bushels got 48 cents per Bushel it is dark in  
couler I got a bar of bullet Mettle \$16.60<sup>ct</sup>



1879

- Sept 20 this day is rather cold frost at night I  
was letting jobs on the roads I drove  
33 miles and lett 7 jobs
- 22 this is a fine warm day I sowed 4 acres of  
with timothy back in the platt fields
- " 24 this day is very cold for the season I went to  
Guelph with a load of Barley 44 Bushels  
36 lb at 53 cents \$23.68 50 by measure
- 25 a fine day we somenced to take up the  
Potatoes I cleaned a load of Barley
- 26 a fine warm day John went to Guelph  
with his Mrs she is going up to her  
Friends at Teasewater
- 29 we had a very <sup>heavy</sup> rain yesterday this is  
a fine warm day John went awa up  
to Teasewater with the horse and Bugy
- 30 we finished taking up the Potatoes  
over 8 loads they are a fine scrape  
some rotten ones in the hollows
- October 1 this day is very warm I went to  
Guelph with a load of Barley 46 Bush  
32 lb at 50 cents per B \$23.32
- " 2 This day is very warm fine growing weather



1879

October 4 we thrashed the remainder of the fall  
wheat Bushels and Spring wheat  
and 86 Bushels Oats

" 7 fine warm weather this is Puslinch  
show we got the first Prize for Spring  
wheat

" 8 I went to Guelph with a load of Barley  
43 B 6 lb at 51 cents 47½ B ~~by~~ measure

" 11 this is very warm fare season we went  
to Guelph with a load of Barley 46 B  
at 51 cents 50 B by measure

13 I went over to John Porters with Annie

10 we thrashed Peas this afternoon with the  
Machine about 150 B

14 we got the Apples near all gathered in  
John went to Morriston to the cider  
mill with apples he took 5 bushels of  
Wheat to the Oberpoffel Mill yester  
day afternoon

18 I went to Guelph with 5 bags of Barley  
11 B 27 lb at 52 cents 12½ B by measure  
5 bags Potatoes at 50 cents 5 bags Apples  
at 40 cents



1849

October 21 this is fine warm weather I was at

Mr Fergus' thrashing I plastered the  
the Cisteren yesterday

" 22 this is a fine warm day ~~Millie~~ Millie is at Hardie's  
thrashing John is at Wats' thrashing

23 this day is cold and raw this is the part day

24 this is a very cold day a very cold wind  
the children commenced to tap the turnips

25 this a fine day for working but a cold air  
they are taping the turnips we were at the  
Church John went down for bella  
Gilpillan to attend his Wife she had  
a Daughter yesterday

26 this is the Sacriement Sabath a fine  
day the weather is warmer

27 a fine day hauled in 18 loads of turnips  
in the afternoon

28 it rained a good deal last night it is  
shawry today the men are ploughing

29 this a very fine day we are at the turnips  
I sold 9 lambs to a man of the name of  
Thorp from Fergus for \$28.45 set  
to be sent to Guelph tomorrow



1879

October 30 we are bussey at the turnips I went to

Guelfh with 9 lambs we sold  
we finished hauling in turnips 58 loads  
the weather is getting cold

Nov 1 We went to Guelfh with 12 bags of Potatoes and sold them for 50 cents per Bag  
6 bags of fall apples for 45 cents per bag

" 3 we have had a fall of snow it snowed some all day yesterday the sleighs are running

" 5 we went to Guelfh with the wagon with a load of Potatoes 20 bags at 50 cents it snowed heavy after night

" 6 we went to the Church this is thanksgiving day I took 6 bags of Potatoes to George Mc Lane at Oberpoyle 55 cents per bag

" 7 I went to the Oberpoyle Mill with a Grist of 6 bags of Wheat got 47 lb of flour the snow is nearly all gone it is very warm

" 8 we went to Guelfh with 7 bags of fall apples got 45 cents per bag some butter and pauls

" 10 this is a fine warm day ploughing



1879

Nov 11 this day is very dull and heavy showers

the roads are very bad

12 this day is very wet rained nearly all day  
some very heavy showers

13 this day is dull and warm fine in the afternoon we

14 went over with Bella Gilfillan to her  
Fathers

14 this is a very wet day some very heavy rain

15 this day is wet in the morning fine day after  
we went to Guelph with 7 bags of apples  
got 50 cents per bag \$3.50 Butter 12 lb 18 ct

Nov 4 Lett the Ram to the Cures 18 there is 6 Cewe lambs

" 11 Putt the young saw to the Boar Duncan  
Gilchrist

17 this day is fine rather dull the men are  
Ploughing I went to Lethes Blacksmiths  
shop with the Buggie wheel to get the  
tyre sett and 2 shoes on the horses

18 this day is rather cold I went to W. Mc Kenzie's <sup>the creek</sup> sale

19 the old saw was put to Gilchrist's Boar the weather  
is rather cold the men are Ploughing I went to

~~the~~ Guelph with a load of Peas 35 B 20 lb at  
55 cents per B total \$19.62



1879

- Nov 20 this is a very cold day high wind and frosty  
we killed 3 pigs very good ones they weighed  
250 x 276 x 268 lbs
- 21 this is a fine day but very frosty we thrashed the  
Oats 350 Bushels I went over with W Nicoll  
to inspect a job on the roads over at Littleton the 3
- 22 this day is cold and some snow I went to Guelph  
with a load of Wheat 11 B 28 lb at \$1.13½ \$13.1  
22. B 25 lb at \$1.85 \$24.25 total 37.22 and  
one pig weighed 250 lb at \$5.12 ct \$12.69 ct  
the one lot weighed 58 lb to the B the other 58½ lb to the B  
John went to Guelph with a load of  
tamarisk wood to Mr Fairley
- 25 this is a very fine day William Galbreath  
left this morning he has been here 8 months  
we paid him \$90 for the time  
I went to Roskwood Woollen Mill with  
the wool to card 35 lb John went to  
the Aberfoyle mill with 8 bags of Peas  
and Oats to shop
- 26 this is a very fine warm day
- 27 it snowed some last night this day is soft and  
showery I went to Pittsborough hill



1879

- Nov 28 this day is soft and showery all day and  
last night I am mending shoes
- " 29 this day is rather colder we went to Guelph  
with 4 bags of Apples sold them for 50 cents  
per Bag Butter 18 ct per lb
- Dec 1 this is a fine day the Council meet for  
the last time this year we get our pay  
\$40
- " 2 this is a fine day we cleaned up a load of  
Wheat 38 Bushels by measure John  
took over some Hay to John Little  
69 lb
- " 3 it rained heavy last night and snowed  
all day today
- 5 this day is very dull and foggy we went  
down to Oberpoyle Mill with a load of  
Fall Wheat sold it for \$1.17 per B  
35 B 50 lb \$41.92
- " 6 this was a fine morning warm but it  
commenced to rain about noon and rained  
very heavy for 2 hours I went to Guelph  
I had 4 Bags of Apples got 60 cents per B  
2 Sheep skins for \$1.50 they were poor



1879

- Dec 8 this is a fine day John is Ploughing in  
the field at the Creek
- " 9 this is a fine day in the forenoon but got stormy  
in the afternoon sort of sleet and rain  
Dinnie went over to Mr Amos in Dumfries
- 10 this is a very wet day it rained all last  
night and most of this day George had  
his Auction Sale on Forbes farm
- 11 this day is colder and some frost we went  
to the Christmas Show in Guelph I paid  
John Guire \$ 91 on a Note and interest  
for a Bull the Oxford Lad I paid  
Malcolm McNaughton 25 cents per record
- 12 this is a fine day rather chilly we cleaned  
up a load of fall wheat 40 Bushels by measure
- 13 this is a fine day but frosty we went to  
Guelph with a load of fall wheat  
38 B 23 lb weight per B 59 lb sold for  
~~\$ 1. 75~~ \$ 48. 75 John Bought a  
Clock for \$ 3. 25
- 15 this is a fine day we have had some snow  
I went down to Morriston with the  
Buggie I was over to Georges



1879

- Dec: 16 we have had a little more snow I went to Guelfh with the cutter there is not much sleighing yet
- 17 some more snow last night this is a fine day I am mending shoes I went to get the horses shod Doll & Royell
- 18 this is a fine day we had a prayer meeting at our house Clementine M<sup>r</sup> Lane or Mrs Wishart and her Husband and 4 children came here from Manatobo on a visit
- 19 John went to Guelfh with a load of wood for George
- 20 went to Guelfh with some Wheat 28 $\frac{1}{4}$  Bushels by measure 27 B 21 lb by weight got \$1-<sup>26</sup>/<sub>100</sub> docked 1 lb \$34.18 or 4 bags of apples at 70 cents per bag 1 Barrel at \$1.50 brought home some furniture a sofa 6 chairs and rocking chair Sofa \$14 Chairs \$1 rocker \$2.50
- 23 John went to Guelfh with a load of wood
- 24 John went to Guelfh with a load of wood for James Fairley tamarack



1879

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Jan 1 1880

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1880

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to Diner

13 this is a fine day frosty we went over to  
Dumpries to visit Mr Robert Amos and  
William Beatties Families the Whelling  
is very good

15 we got home from Dumprise we  
went to Galt and I Bought 2 knives  
for the Straw Cutter paid \$3 for  
the two

17 this is a soft warm day the roads are  
getting very soft and muddy I was at  
the Annual Meeting of the Puolinch  
Insurance Company I was elected  
President for the eight time

" 19 this a very fine warm day like a  
Spring day meeting of Council

" 20 this day is rather stormy snowing  
some but not cold George and  
Peter Gunigal is Chopping cord  
wood tamerack

21 this is a very fine day Puolinchs Farmers  
Clubs Social at Oberpogle



1880

- Jan 22 this day is soft a strong thaw
- 24 this is a fine day we went to Guelph with a  
grist of 19 Bushels by measure of fall wheat  
I went to Tolton Mill Waterloo road  
the sleighing is not very good I took 2  
Lamb skins to sell I sold them for  
\$3. <sup>50</sup> the Lambs died yesterday
- 26 a very fine day John went to Guelph  
with a load of wood for Fairley with  
the wagon brought home the Grist I  
left on Saturday
- 27 this day is very warm it is like a spring  
day I went to Guelph with a load of  
wood he broke the wheel of the Wagon  
in Guelph
- 28 this day is colder I took the Wagon wheel  
to W Stevensons to get fixed
- 30 this day is soft it rained in the afternoon  
I was at the Annual meeting at the  
Church I got home the wheel from  
Stevensons left it at Littles Shop
- 31 this day is very cold I went to the  
Annual Meeting of the Farmers Club



1880

- Feb 2 this is a fine day Meeting of the Council
- 3 this is a very windy day and some snow
- 4 a fine day we were at Mrs James M. Sean  
Funeral at Oberpoyle there is some  
sleighing but not good
- 7 we cutt some Peas and cleaned up 6 Bus  
hels John went to Oberpoyle Mill  
with 4 Bags of oats & Peas to Chopp
- 9 the sleighing is poor I went to Oberpoyle  
Mill for the Chopt Stupp Duran  
& George went over to Spayside for  
a load of shingles Duran went up  
to Frank Passius to Flugh timber for  
a Barn
- 11 John & George went to Guelph  
with 2 loads of Wood with the sleig  
the sleighing is done I was at Guelph  
and bargained with T B Armstrong  
for Tamaras wood for a Buggy  
at \$2.75 per cord
- 14 the weather is very mild no snow
- 19 cold wind the roads are very rough
- 20 this is a very fine day



1880

- Feb 21 this is a fine day we had a shower of snow last night we went to Guelft with the Buggy had some Butter 22 cents per lb
- 23 I went to the Oberpoyle Mill with 5 bags of Oats & Peas to chop
- 24 we went up to Robert Amos to Morden it is a very fine day good Whelling in the morning but soft at night
- 25 This day is very wet it rained nearly all day and last night
- 26 this is a fine warm day but the roads are very bad I went over to the Lake to let a job on the roads
- 27 a fine day we were sawing firewood in the afternoon
- 28 a fine day very warm the roads are almost impassible we have had a very mild open month of February the winter has been very open and mild no sleighing since the new year very little snow all winter
- Marsh! this day very windy and cold the roads are very rough
- " 2 a fine warm day



1880

- March 3 frosty in the morning but it got very soft and rained  
in the afternoon the roads are very muddy I went  
to Guelph with 21 lb butter got 21 cents
- " 6 I went to Guelph with 9 lb Butter got 22 cents  
got 5 gallons of sole oil paid 18 cents
- " 8 this day is very frosty and cold I was at R F  
Johnston's Funeral
- " 9 I went over to the Lake to see a job on the roads  
and I went to Killen to examine a bridge the roads  
are very hard and rough
- " 10 this day is very cold and frosty I went to Guelph  
with Christ Liddle to see about Murdoch McLeod  
house he is going to buy it
- " 11 this a little cold a fine winter day I was cleaning  
peas we cut them yesterday
- " 12 a fine day I went to Oberfoyle Mill with 7 bags  
of peas and some oat, to chop paid 70 cents
- " 13 we went to Guelph with butter I bought 3 1/2 lb  
of bran 65 cents per 100 lb
- " 15 this is a fine day we went down to Maristown to see  
Benjamin Grigon he was Dead before we got  
there he Died very sudden he was in good health  
on Friday and Died at 3 o'clock today



1880

- March 16 this day is very stormy sowed all forenoon a little but not enough to make sleighing  
I went to rockwood for 9 bags of Oatseeds at \$10 per ton 7 bags of bran at \$12 per ton a 100 lb of Oatmeal at \$2-<sup>50</sup>
- " 18 this is a fine day we went down to Ben Grigors Funeral William Horvacks and his wife was here last night from Minto
- " 20 we went to Guelph it got very windy and cold
- " 22 a fine day I was at the Council Meeting John went to Guelph with a load of wood
- " 24 this day is very cold and windy been frost
- " 25 this is a fine day but frosty rough roads we were at old John Littles Funeral
- " 26 we were hauling home peas in the forenoon and cutting peas in the afternoon
- " 27 I went to Guelph had some butter got 20 cents 12 lb went to the station for John Willsons ~~think~~ it ~~rain~~ rained and snowed got to be very stormy and cold before night
- " 29 a fine day the ewes begun to lamb
- 31 a fine day cutting wood at Murreys



1880

- April 1 a fine day we were at the seed show  
and stallion show at Aberfoyle I had  
some Spring Wheat 10 bushels got  
the second prize \$2 sold it to Tom  
Hilloughly for \$1.35 per bushel
- " 2 was down to Aberfoyle Mill for  
a grist of Wheat 12 bushels by meal  
got 4/3 lb flour
- " 3 this is a very wet day it rained all  
day Durwan and me went over to  
Hillan to let a job of building a  
new bridge the roads are very bad
- " 4 John Wilson commenced to work he  
is hired for eight months at \$12 per  
month
- " 6 this day is frequent snow showers  
got sold in the evening John went  
to the Aberfoyle Mill with 8 bags  
of peas to chop
- " 7 this is a very cold frosty day the  
roads are very rough and hard we  
went to the Guelph Fair had some  
butter got 20 cents per lb



1880

- April 10 this is a very fine morning warm but it got very cold and stormy in the afternoon it got to be a terrible stormy night we went to Guelph with some butter got 19 cents per lb we went into Duncan Stewarts the horse went away and upset the buggy at the corner of the garden fence and went home without it
- " 12 this day is very cold and frosty I went over to John Little with the Harrows and Gang plough to get fixed the men are picking stones
- 13 this is a fine day I went up to Orkle with the old wagon Dreltre to get a new one made we have 20 lambs
- 22 this is a fine day we have had some cold weather we sowed the Spring wheat  
Bushels Bearded 2 Bushels Golden drop
- 23 a fine day we went down to Mariston in the afternoon got the makings of a new coat
- 25 cold rain we were at the church
- 27 I went to Guelph with the Grigon family they are gone to Michigan



1880

April 28 this is a fine day I went to Aberfoyle

mill with ~~4~~ 4 bags of peas to shop  
I got a telegram from Kepple Mrs  
Taylor my Mother in law is dead

" 29 the ~~wrs~~ and me started at 2 o'clock AM  
to go to Kepple we went on the 4<sup>15</sup> o'clock  
train at Guelph to Georgeston then took  
the 9 o'clock train on the Hamilton and  
N<sup>W</sup> R R to Calidon then got on  
the narrow gauge at Mono road for  
Awensoond got there at half past 4  
then got on the Boat at 5 o'clock for  
big baye got about 8 o'clock it rained  
nearly all afternoon we got to George Graham  
about 9 o'clock we had to walk 2 miles bad roads

30 this day is cold the ground is white with snow  
we went over to Alexander McCoys 5 miles  
Mrs Taylor was Burried at big bay church  
she was 87 on new years day she has  
ben living with Jane for about 7 years

May 1 this day is raw and cold I went round to see  
the rocks of Kepple it is a very rough  
country with rocks the soil is good



1880

- May 3 this is beautiful warm day we started from  
A McCoags at 12 o'clock in the morning to go to  
the Sound got there at half past 5 over 20  
miles very rough roads in a lumber wagon  
we got on the train at half past 6 got to Guelph  
20 minutes past 6 got home before dark we  
traveled nearly 200 miles
- " 4 a fine warm day John sowed the field at  
the creek part with Barley and part  
Oats
- " 5 this is a very warm day we went to Guelph  
Fair with two Steers they were sold some  
time ago at \$5 $\frac{1}{4}$  per 100 they weighed 2475
- " 6 this a fine day but cold commenced the garden
- " 7 started to sow some barley we were working  
in the flat fields till noon but afternoon  
it came on a terrible thunder storm a  
realer flood of rain the flat fields are  
all fluded
- " 8 this morning was very warm we had a very  
heavy thunder show with hail in the  
afternoon we went to Guelph with a load  
of Potatoes George had 13 bags and we



1880

May 8 we had 5 bags sold them for 30 cents

per bag there was a great many loads  
in the market

" 10 this day is very close and warm  
it rained in the forenoon

" 11 this is a fine dry day the men are wor-  
king out at the field at the concession  
commenced to sow some peas

" 12 a fine dry day the ground is drying  
fine John finished sowing the Peas  
in the field at the concession I sowed  
beets and carrots in the garden and  
I sowed grass seed in the pea land  
Struck Puffield set a two year  
old Colt ~~Charley~~ Dick

" 13 sowed Peas in the big flat field 4 acres

" 14 finished sowing the Barley 13 B

" 15 finished sowing the Peas 23 1/2 B the  
weather has been dry and cold for a few  
day

" 17 the weather is very warm busy gang  
ploughing and sowing Oats in the flats

18 very warm sowing oats



1880

May 19 finished sawing the Oats 39 B it was

very warm today we had a great storm of wind about 2 o'clock P.M. but not much rain it did not last over 10 minutes Duncan Gilchrist got the roof blown off the one side of his Barn it a fine evening

20 This is a fine day a thunder storm about 2 o'clock but we had very little rain I went down to Georges in the morning with 100 lbs of flour we went to Moriston in the evening after supper there was a great thunder storm about 8 o'clock in the evening when we were coming home

21 I went to the Aberfoyle Mill with some peas to chop it rained nearly all the afternoon Jane had a young Daughter this morning John was at Gilchrist's helping to put the roof on the barn the men has been ploughing the orchard for the potatoes I sold 2 bags of potatoes to Dan McLoone for 35 cents per



1880

May 24 this is a fine warm day we washed the

sheep 23

25 this is a very warm day went down to  
Moriston with butter and eggs then  
went in to John McHenry's to exchan-  
ge 2 bags of potatoes I got the late rose.

26 this is very fine day there was thunder  
after noon but we had not much  
rain we commenced to plant the Potatoes

21 we put the Mare Jess to James Scott's  
Horse

27 this is a fine day a shower in the evening  
I the Mare Doll to the Horse Dusty Miller

28 finished planting the potatoes three acres

29 Shearing the sheep it rained at night  
nearly all night

31 a fine warm day it rained at night

I was at the Council Meeting

June 1 a fine day but a little cool I finished she-  
aring the sheep 23 of our own and 3 of  
Georges

" 2 we went to the Guelph fair we bought  
a new single reaper the Dundas \$110



1880

June 2 we brought home a new Buggie

from J B Armstrongs we are to pay it in tamarack wood \$100

3 this is the fast day for the Sacrament

5 we were at the Church it was a very wet day after ten o'clock

8 I was away along with John Tles to examine the roads

9 this is a fine day we were up to Waterloo to Mr Duns he died yesterday I bought

10 200 Cabbage plants paid 30 cents

10 this day is dull and showry I was up Mr Duns funeral

12 this day showry heavy thunder shows were up to Guelph with 9 bags of Potatoes sold them for 30 cents per B had the wool in but did not sell it it fell

15 John started to Drill for the turnips

18 finished sawing the Swede turnips the weather is very Dry since last

19 Saturday we were at Guelph with the wool sold 101 lb docked 3 lb got 28½ cents sold 8 bags potatoes 30 cent



1880

- June 21 a fine warm day we were cutting thistles in  
the spring wheat
- 22 the men is working on the roads I was at  
Littles Blacksmiths shop got the horses  
shod
- 23 we were up at James Scotts in the evening
- 24 we put the old sow to Robert Samles  
Board
- 25 this day is very warm the men finished  
ploughing the summer fallow
- 26 this day is very warm I went to Guelph  
with George Taylor him and Mrs  
Taylor is here on a visit
- 27 there has been great amount of rain  
today
- 28 this day is very warm and showery
- 29 a fine day we commenced to cut the Hay
- 30 Showery in the morning cutting Hay
- July 1 a fine day but dull commenced to rake the  
Hay
- 2 Duncan Stewart Died this morning  
we went to Guelph for a coffin for  
Duncan Stewart



1880

- July 3 a fine warm day got in 6 loads of  
Hay we were at Duncan Stewart's  
Funeral
- 9 this day is very warm I went to Guelph  
for to get some fixing for the mower it  
went wrong today
- 10 this day is very warm we went to Guelph  
about Duncan Stewart's Mill to get it  
Registered I am one of the Executors  
of the Mill John is cutting Hay
- 11 very warm we had a very heavy shower
- 12 finished cutting the Hay
- 14 very warm we got nearly all the  
Hay in we made a stack I went up  
to Francis Rossiers in the afternoon  
with the team and wagon
- 15 this is a fine harvest day but very warm  
we commenced to cut the Fall wheat in  
the field at the end of the Barn
- 17 this is a fine day I went to Guelph John  
was at John Hardeys cutting wheat
- 19 cutting wheat till 3 o'clock we had a  
heavy rain with thunder and lightning



1880

July 20 a fine day we finished cutting the pole

wheat  
" 21 all hands are at the turnips thinning  
I went to the Blacksmiths Shop for  
the wagon wheel

" 22 this is a fine dry day we were hauling  
in the wheat of the field near the barn  
12 loads it is a fine crop

" 23 hauling in wheat from the flat field  
we had a shower at noon got in  
6 loads

" 24 this is a fine day got in all the fall wheat  
24 loads we were at Guelph got a new  
grain wheel lifter in place of the one that  
broke

26 Showery in the forenoon I went to the  
Oberfoyle Mill with a grist of  $9\frac{1}{2}$  Bush  
of Spring Wheat got home 16 flour

27 a fine day John cut the Barley in the field  
at the creek

28 got in the Barley 2 good loads a fine day

29 John is suppling the turnips the second  
time Wilson is hauling back Dung



1880

July 31 this is a fine warm day we were at Guelph

John cut some Barley and some Spring wheat the golden drop it is a very poor crop it all broke down there a little over an Acre of it

August 2 we had a shower in the forenoon

Willson is at J. McHenry's thrashing

" 3 this is a fine day we hauled in the Barley 3 loads in all 5 loads it is not a very good crop it was too wet in the Spring

" 4 a fine day the men commenced to pull the Peas I was <sup>at</sup> Hardie's thrashing

" 5 a fine day we are pulling Peas

" 6 a fine harvest day pretty warm we cut the Spring wheat the Bearded variety the grain is good but rather thin on the ground

" 7 very warm the men were pulling peas in the forenoon hauled in 3 loads I was at Guelph I got 2 cushions for the Carriage from Caleb Chase I paid \$4 for them a new park handle 1 1/4 cents I sold 3 bags of apple astracan variety got 50 cents per bag



1880

- August 9 a very fine day we hauled in 2 loads of Peas and 5 loads of Spring wheat we had 6 load of spring wheat and a load of raikein
- " 10 this day is very close and warm we had a heavy shower in the evening I went down to morriston in the evening
- " 11 the men is pulling peas We had a very heavy thunder shower in the afternoon
- " 12 this is fine day the men is pulling peas
- " 7 went to Guelfh sold 13 Bushels 20 lb Spring Wheat at \$1.10 \$14.66
- " 13 a fine day comenced to cut the oats in the field at the creek finished pulling the peas in the field back at the turnips
- " 14 this morning is dull and a little rain we were at Guelfh with a lot of truck
- " 16 a fine day very warm we hauled in 5 load of peas and thrashed them with the horses in the Barn yard
- " 17 a fine day we were cleaning up the peas 35 Bushels
- 18 we had some rain last night we were thrashing Wheat and Barley 210 W 80<sup>th</sup>



1880

August 19 this day is showy the men puled some peas

" 20 I was out to Oberfoyle and Hugh Corkburn  
a fine day the men hauled in 4 loads of  
peas in the afternoon I was at Wootts thresh

" 21 we were at Guelph the men are pulling peas  
we had a very heavy rain last night

" 23 a fine day I was at the Council Meeting  
the men hauled in 4 loads of Peas in the  
afternoon

24 a fine day hauled in 6 loads of peas got  
the peas all puled

25 showy in the morning dull and cold

26 a fine day but cold John was cutting  
oats in the field behind the Bush  
we hauled in 3 loads of Oats and 1 of  
peas 24 loads

27 this day is very warm I was at Oberfoyle  
Seed Show with some fall wheat  
I sold 10 bushels to C Colpast for \$1.10  
per B I bought 2 Bushels of pultry  
wheat for \$1.25 per B

28 we had a very heavy rain last night  
we were binding oats in the afternoon



1880.

August 30 this is a fine day we had a very heavy rain on Saturday night and yesterday the land is very wet we can hardly cutt the oats it is so very soft we bound some oat in the afternoon

" 31 this day is very dull we bound some oats we were at Mrs W McHenry's funeral

Sept 1 this day is very warm and dull there was a very heavy rain this forenoon we went to Morriston in the afternoon

" 2 this is a fine day we bound oats in the afternoon John cutt some of the ground that soft he had to quit cutting with the reaper there is about an acre to cutt

" 3 we had another very wet night and this forenoon I went over to the west side of the Brock road to lett some jobs on the roads

" 4 this day is very hott and showery we were letting jobs on the roads in the afternoon John fles with me



1880

- Sept 6 this is a fine day we have had a very wet harvest lately the ground is very wet we cut the last bit of oats with the cradle we could not cut them with the reaper the ground is so soft we hauled in 5 loads of oats
- " 7 a fine day had a small shower about noon we were hauling in oats & clover
- " 8 a fine day but cold finished hauling in the oats 10 loads & big loads altogether
- " 10 this is a fine day I was at the Sale of Cattle and Sheep at the Madle farm
- " 11 John sowed the fall wheat in the field at the back corner next to Mr. B's 11 Bushels I was in Guelph bought 12 bags powder & 4 at Gladders
- " 13 this day is cold I went to Guelph with Annie she went to Toronto
- " 15 this is a fine warm day we were at Christopher's Little's Sale I bought a plough for \$6 and a set of harness for \$8 twelve month credit finished sowing the wheat



1880

- Sept 15 sowed  $4\frac{1}{2}$  Bushels of Wheat 2 Bof  
the Fultze wheat and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  of Scott  
" 16 this is a fine warm day we were  
at C Littles for the things we bought  
and got Prince and Boyle shoe  
" 18 we were up to Guelph with some apples sold  
them for 45 cents per Bag Butter 20 cents  
Brother John came from California  
to visit us he has been away for 34 years  
" 21 this day is sold we went to Guelph with  
Brother John he went off on the cars  
" 22 this day is sold we were cleaning barley  
the men is ploughing  
" 23 a fine day we are at the apples picking  
" 24 this is a fine warm day I went to Guelph  
with a load of Barley 37 B 9 lb at 60 cts  
\$22.30 I went over to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>  
concessions to inspect some jobs on  
the roads  
" 25 this day is very warm we are pulling  
Apples the men is Ploughing  
27 this day is very dull we had a terrible  
heavy rain last night



1880

Sept 29 this day is cool and Showery I went down to Hamilton to the Provincial Show I went with James Scott and John Murray

30 we came home from Hamilton this day is cold

October 2 this day is fine we went to Guelph with a load of wheat Clarkson 40 1/2 by measure 39 B 35 lb at \$1.2 cent it weighed 58 1/2 lb per B

" 4 This day is very wet it rained all forenoon

" 6 this day Showery and cold we went to Backwood with the wool sold 21 lb at 30 cents per lb for cloth Christopher Little Moved out to Oberpoyl

" 8 This is a very fine day we were at the Oberpoyl Show

" 9 we commenced to take up the Potatoes

" 12 we went to William Grahams sale I bought a collar and bridle for 60 a pump for \$4<sup>25</sup>

13 a fine day Robert Amos was down



1880

October for Apples got 26 bags for to make

sider he is going to make is on shares  
that is the apple butter.

" 14 finished taking up the Potatoes 11 loads

" 15 a fine day we have had fine warm  
weather this week we went out to W  
Grahams for some furniture we bought

" 16 this fore noon is very wet John went  
out to move some things for W Graham

" 18 the weather is very cold

" 21 we finished pulling the Apples

" 22 this forenoon is cold it commenced to  
snow after noon a storm out off  
the east I went to the Aberpyle  
Mill with a Grist of 4 Bushels of  
Wheat got 270 lb of flour

" 23 this day is blustry and showry we  
went to Guelph with some butter  
got 22 cents per lb

" 25 a fine forenoon rained in the evening  
John went over to Golt with W  
Grahams things



1880

- Oct. 26 this day is soft and showery John went  
to Guelfh in the afternoon for 16 apple barrels  
.. 27 a fine day commenced to harrow and haul  
~~.. 27~~ in the turnips got in 10 loads  
.. 28 we went to church it is the fast day  
.. 30 a fine warm day the apple packers  
came in the afternoon filled 15 barrels  
.. 31 this is the Sacrament Sabbath  
Nov 1 a fine day for the turnips we are busy  
.. 2 this is fine warm day the men from Guelfh  
were here barreling apples they packed  
38 barrels  
.. 3 this a fine warm day we got finish-  
ed with the turnips we had a very  
fine crop about 125 loads they  
were in the second back field  
we finished gathering the apples  
we had a very good crop  
.. 4 this is very fine day the men is covering the turnip  
pits I went to Guelfh fair with a load of wheat  
wheat 35 Bushels 10 lb at \$1. ~~4~~ \$36. ~~22~~ its  
weight was 59 lb per B I was docked 1 cent  
Oct 26 got 4 gallons of coal oil imper 30 cents



1880

- Nov 5 it rained last night this day is dull and soft  
the man went to Guelph with 2 loads of  
apples 30 barrels
- " 6 this day is very wet it rained for 24 hours  
sometimes very heavy I went in to Guelph  
with 8 barrels of apples I sold 38 barrels  
of winter Apples to Edwin Parkinson for  
one Dollar per Barrel \$38 the Boys was  
with me and got new boots and hats
- " 7 some snow this morning and cold
- " 9 this day is very warm and fine the men  
is ploughing and covering the turnip pit  
we were at Miss Caultfield Funeral
- 10 a fine forenoon it rained very heavy  
all afternoon out of the ~~last~~ we were at  
Robert Ingles sale I cleaned a load  
of Wheat 15 bags
- " 12 this day is cold and windy the men is cover  
ing the turnip pit I went to Guelph  
with a load of Wheat 31 B 58 lb at \$1.10
- " 13 hard frost we went to Guelph with  
some butter and 2 bags of apples 40 lbs  
this day is dull snowed at night



1880

- Nov 16 a fine day we had some snow last night we killed a pig weight 311 lb sold 149 lb to Mrs Stewart
- " 17 we were thrashing wheat snowed some
- 18 we were thrashing today 110 B fall & the 45 Spring Wheat 202 Oats 78 Peas this day is cold and windy quite a bit of snow they are running with sleighs
- " 19 John went with 6 bags of Oats & Peas to chop at the Aberfoyle Mill I was Filling Pigs at Duncan Gilchrist's Filled 10 pigs
- 20 a fine day but cold I went to Guelph with a load of Wheat 35 B 5 lb at \$1.75 \$37.50
- " 21 this day is terrible cold a very high wind
- " 22 this day is very cold not so windy but very keen frost I went to the Aberfoyle Mill with a grist 10 B 45 lb fall wheat got 407 lb flour I went over to John Smith's to pay a note of one hundred Dollars
- " 23 this Day is very keen frost I went over to Roskwood for the yarn got home 20 1/2 lb bought 945 lb of bran at Ferrisburgh Mill paid at the rate of \$10 per ton



1880

Nov 24 this day is a little milder a little more snow  
we are fixing about home

25 this is a fine day but cold we went to Guelph  
with with 865 lb of old nettles for T & Mr  
Dugald in <sup>part</sup> payment for a plow sold 4 bags  
of Potatoes at 45 cents per B to Mrs Cordrie  
we went up to Robert Amos

.. 27 I went to Guelph with the Sleigh  
and a load 10 bags of potatoes at 50 cents  
7 bags Apples at 50 and 45 per Bag

.. 30 I cleaned up a load of fall wheat 38 B  
John went up to Guelph with 1100 lb  
of Hay for John & Mr Dugald in part  
payment of a Plow of Watsons of ~~Loxey~~  
I paid \$15 in old iron, Potatoes & Hay

Dec 1 went to Guelph with a load of ~~the~~ wheat  
34 B 5 lb at \$1.10 Bought 100 lb of  
oat meal at \$2.25 got a half Barrel  
of herring for George paid \$2.25  
we had a fall of snow this morning it is  
good sleighing

2 a fine day the men went to Guelph with  
2 loads of tamarisk wood for Drums  
me



1880

- December 1/2 this is a very fine day the sleighing is good in the morning we went to Guelfh with 9 bags of Potatoes sold them for 45 cents per Bag 11 bag of Apples at 50 cts I bought a pair of horse covers for \$3.29 John was in Guelfh with Wood
- " 5 it rained last night a thaw today the sleighing is done
- " 6 this day is cold a great change since yesterday Christopher Little took away the lambs he bought 11 lambs at \$3.50 each John Little Blacksmith bought a ~~fat~~ live cow for \$8 I was at the Council Meeting it was our last Meeting for the year I got \$40
- " 8 we have very cold weather these few days I put the Ram and 3 ewes in to fatten and the old cow
- " 6 John Wilson hired for a year at \$116 commenced work today
- " 11 this day is cold and windy we have had cold frosty weather all week I went to Guelfh with 12 bags of potatoes sold them for 50 cts per B 6 bags Apples at 50 cts John Wilson went up to Tesuicattie



1880

- December 11 I bought an overcoat for \$7 a pair of felt boots for \$3.<sup>50</sup> 4 gallons imperial coal oil at 25 cts per gallon
- " 14 it snowed in the forenoon it rained a little and thawed some in the afternoon we are working about home
- " 15 this is a fine day the sleigh runs pretty good John went to Guelph with wood I went to Guelph to the Christmas fat cattle fair
- " 16 this day is pretty cold we killed the old cow and 14 spring pigs their weight is 242 x 232 x 190 180
- " 18 this day is cold and frosty I went to Guelph with one pig its weight is 242 at \$6.<sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub> per 100 cow hide 70 lb at \$8 per 100 wolf skin 30 cents 8 bags of Apples but I did not sell a sheep skin for John Little \$1.<sup>20</sup>
- 21 a fine day John went to the Mill at Arkel with 9 bags of oats and peas to Chop paid 8 cents per bag



1881

December 22 a fine day very white frost on  
(1880) the trees at the School examination  
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to Martins Mill

" 24 I went to Guelph with 8 bags of apples  
sold them for 40 and 45 cents per bag they  
were some of them frosted

" 25 we went up to Robert Amos for a Christ-  
mas Dinner

" 27 this day is cold and stormy I was at the  
Nomination of Councillors at Aberfoyle

" 28 this day is very cold Bob Amos and Bob  
Laughly came to shop some tamarack  
and wood

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of the reaper for W. Dunn we have  
had four days very cold the coldest  
spell for a number of years

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1881

- Jan 3 this is a fine day this was the Election of  
Councillors I was Elected along with  
Little and Fleo
- " 5 we went to Guelfh fair with the cow  
Plummy to sell I sold her for \$35<sup>00</sup>  
she calped last Wednesday
- " 6 I went to Flainwes Mill with a Grist of  
Wheat 5 bags 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  Bushels I then went to  
Guelfh with the turnip shlicher to get  
fixed at Toltons
- " 8 this is a fine day good sleighing I went  
to Guelfh with 8 bags of Apples I sold  
5 bags at 45 and 50 cents per bag they are  
a very dull sale Johns Marey came  
home from Terewater on the Cars I  
brought home <sup>the</sup> turnip shlicher I got it  
bushed and new pinions I paid \$2<sup>50</sup>
- " 11 a fine day but very frosty in the morning  
the keenest frost we have had this winter
- " 14 very cold and frosty John has got all the  
wood hauled that is with
- " 15 I was at the Annual Meeting of the Pustling  
Insurance Company at Aberpoyle



1881

- Jan 15 I <sup>was</sup> Elected President of the Puslinch Mutual Insurance Company
- " 17 this is very fine day but frosty we had our first Meeting of <sup>the</sup> Township Council
- " 18 a very fine clear day but it was very keen frost last night I went up with Annie & Anne Grigor to Robert Amos
- " 19 this is a fine clear day not cold but very frosty at night the most of the Family is away to the Farmers Social at the Town Hall Aberfoyle
- " 19 John went to Flains Mill with 10 bags of Peas & Oats to shop paid 8<sup>B</sup>cts per
- " 20 this is a fine day raw and cold in the evening we went down to Moriston in the Afternoon
- " 21 this is a stormy day wind and snow
- " 22 it is snowing the most of the day but ~~so~~ so windy I have been mending shoes
- " 26 this day is very stormy the roads are drifting the snow is deep I was at Duncan McFenashers funeral
- " 27 this day very cold clear and windy



1881

Jan 29 this is a fine day we went to Guelph Robert Amos and Margaret was down he brought down 4 bags of barley for seed

3d a fine day sold in the afternoon I was at the Annual Meeting at the Church and at Mrs Falconers Funeral I Paid R Amos and R Daughtry \$7.<sup>00</sup> for chopping 17 cords of tamarack wood at 40 cents per cord

Feb 1 this is a terrible cold day we went out to Mrs Stewart's with a letter from W Black his wife died last week in Nebraska John went to Guelph with a load of wood

" 2 this is a very cold day the coldest day for great number of years it was 30 degrees below zero I was at Guelph Fair John was in with a load of wood he has got in all the wood we were to give to T B Armstrong

" 5 this is a fine day not so cold as it has been all week it has been very cold all week very keen frost at nights I was at Guelph with 6 bags of Apples got 50 cents per bag 4 bags Potatoes got 55 cents per B I settled up with T B Armstrong and got my note



1881

- Feb 5 we gave 42 cords of Tamarack to J B  
Armstrong for a new Buggie we got it  
last June
- " 7 this is a fine day I was at a Meeting of the  
Council
- " 8 there is a great change of the weather it is  
soft and dull some rain we were at the  
Church to here a lecture from the Rev  
Dr McKeay a Missionary to Formosa  
in China
- " 9 we have a great thaw the snow is very  
soft some rain
- " 10 this day is very soft it rained nearly all  
night we killed the old Saw Weight 332 lb
- " 11 this is a fine day a little frost in the morning  
we went to Guelph with Annie Grigor  
she went home to Michigan I sold 3  
bags of potatoes for 55 cents per bag  
Margaret and her children came down
- " 12 this day is colder John went up to  
Flour Mill with 9 bags of peas & oats  
to shop paid 8 cents per B
- " 13 this day is very cold and stormy



1881

- Feb 18 it has ben fine weather all week but rather cold it has snowed nearly all day Steady and saulm
- 19 this is a fine day cold frosty wind from the north we went to Guelfh with the butter
- " 21 a fine day George came up to help us to cutt some peas and saw some firewood
- " 22 a very fine day rather soft in the middle of the day John went to Martins saw Mill with a log
- 23 this day is very cold and windy the men went to the Mill with saw logs
- 24 a fine day but raw and cold I went down to Moriston to see the Dorton the men went to the Mill with logs 12 in all
- 25 a fine day the men is hauling turnips from the pit they are bad frozen at top John went to Flaines Mill with a grist 4 bags of fall wheat
- 26 the men hauled in some turnips the other pit is good it is a fine day
- 27 this day is soft it rained some
- 28 this is a fine day it rained last night the men is cutting Maple logs



1881

- March / a great change of weather it is a cold west wind we had a young lamb yesterday I went to Little's Blacksmiths Shop to get the Horses shed Fannery & Proyel
- " 2 the weather is cold but a fine day I went to Guelph Fair
- " 3 this day is very stormy wind and snow out of the east
- " 4 snowed all day
- " 5 snowed all night and this forenoon we went down to Moreston to the Doctor
- " 9 this is fine weather I went Guelph and got a truss at Peters paid \$2.50 for it
- " 10 a fine day John and I went to James Cowans Sale of Shou rabreed Cattle
- " 12 a fine day we went to Guelph I had a barrel of russet apple for Mr Henry \$1.25 I bought 4 bushels of white Russian Spring wheat from John Dishson \$1.25



1881

- March 14 this day is very warm we had another storm of snow yesterday I went up to Brimmosia to look after a young Bull John went to the Mill with 10 bags of Oats and Peas to shop on Saturday
- " 15 this day is very warm I was at Flains Sale the men is getting wood
- " 16 this day is very warm and soft
- " 18 I went over to John Lethes with 4 Bags potatoes
- " 19 I went in to Guelph with the cutter had some butter got 20 cents per lb. it turned out out a terrible stormy wet day. it rained out of the east very heavy
- " 22 this is a fine day clear and cold I went up to the Paisley block and bought a young Bull Eleven Months old for \$80 from John McForkindale
- " 24 a fine day but frosty I went up for the young Bull we were out to the Cookburns
- " 26 I went to Guelph bought 100 lb oatmeal paid \$2.50 some Corn 82 cents  
this day is clear and cold had the Bugy



1881

March 28 a fine day I was at the Council Meeting

29 this is a fine clear day we were sawing  
firewood and cutt some Peas

30 this day is cold and windy from the east  
snowed in the evening the weather has  
been very cold this Month the most of  
the time we have 6 lambs at present

George got  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton of Fleay

31 this day is blustery and some Snow John went  
to Hains Mill with 11 bags of Oats and peas  
to Chopp he left it I went down to Morris  
ton with the truss I got from the Doctor

April 1 a fine day I went up to the Mill for the Chopp

" 2 we went to Guelph with some Butter got 21 cts  
I sold the Horse Boyel to an American Buyer

" 4 I went over to Martins Mill about some  
lumber we are getting sawed

" 5 this is a terrible cold day with high wind  
very keen frost the turnips froze in the  
root house we have very cold frosty  
weather every day the ground is nearly  
all covered with snow good sleighing in  
some places on the back roads



1881

- April 5 John went over to Martins saw Mill to haul the Lumber from the Mill brought some home
- " 6 this day is cold we went to Guelph Fair with the fat cattle 2 heifers weight 2175 lb at  $4\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ \$102<sup>u</sup>31 a cow \$40 Bull \$45 total \$188<sup>u</sup>31 we bought 17 Bushels Peas at 80 cents per B \$13<sup>u</sup>20 Bought 1 Bushel Clover  $\frac{3}{4}$  seed  $\frac{1}{2}$  B timothy seed at  $\$3\frac{1}{4}$  per B \$10<sup>u</sup>13 I paid Donald Martin for sawing lumber \$9<sup>u</sup>15
- " 8 I went to the seed fair at Oberfoyle and took down a quist of Wheat to the Mill 6 bags 13 B 20 lb
- " 9 we went to Guelph with 4 bags of Apples got 70 cents for 1 bag 6 for 1 and 80 cent for 2 3 bags potatoes at 70 cent per Bag
- " 11 I went to Guelph with the Horse Royal we sold sold to S B Reppuling for \$131
- " 12 I went to Oberfoyle to the Horse show brought the old Wagon down to repair to Mr Gilber
- " 16 we went to Guelph I paid John McFarhinda le \$80 for the young Bull



1881

- April 18 this is a fine day Robert Stamos and his family  
and Christ Little and his family and Susan  
was here on a visit
- " 19 a fine day I am pruning Apple trees I went  
to Oberfoyle for the old Wagon paid \$3
- " 20 a very fine day but frost at night there is  
snow round the fences yet in some places  
it has been very dry and cold all this month  
we have not plowed any yet the men is  
choreing round John ~~has~~ not wrought any for  
2 weeks with a mile on his rump I am  
pruning trees George is sick with a  
sore throat we have 19 lambs
- " 21 a fine day the men comenced to Plough
- " 22 this day is rather cold we went down to Moriston  
in the evening with some Butter and eggs
- " 23 this is a fine warm day but cold at night  
John and his wife and I went to Guelph  
I bought 14 apple trees 11 Baldwins and  
4 Sprys from Sunday
- " 25 this is a fine warm day we planted 14 apple  
trees this is the first fine spring weather  
we have had this Spring



1881

- April 26 very fine weather had a shower last night we sowed nearly 5 bushels of Barley in the Orchard 3 acres we were at Mrs Hugh Caspurns Funeral she died on the 24<sup>th</sup>.
- " 27 This is a very fine day commenced to work in the Garden got it ploughed one of the pigs died
- " 29 this day is rather cold John sowed 5 Acres of Barley in the flat field next to Mr Roy's we went to Moreston in the evening I bought a whip paid \$1 for it
- " 30 This day is cold and frosty at night John sowed some Oats I went to Guelph with 12 bags of potatoes got 70¢ cents per 10 Bags and 80 cents for 2 and 3 bags of Apples got 40 cents bought a trunk for Annie paid \$3.25 for it a basket 10 cents, Bulstrope 40¢
- May 2 a fine day but cold and dry John sowed some Oats
- " 3 a fine day but cold the weather is very dry and cold there is very little growth yet John finished sowing the Barley 16 Bu I finished pruning the apple trees



1881

- May 4 this day is warm and dry we went to  
Guelp with 3 fat Sheep I sold the  
ram for  $4\frac{1}{2}$  cents per lb he weighed 229 lb  
\$10.30. 2 ewes at  $5\frac{1}{2}$  cents per lb weight 363  
\$19.96 bought 22.75 lb salt at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per  
tan one Bushel timothy seed at \$2.25  
20 lb clover at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per B
- " 5 a fine day we sowed the spring wheat  
9 Bushels 4 B of white Russian & Bearded  
I sowed salt on the barley in the flats
- " 6 I finished sowing the salt on the wheat
- " 7 this day is warm I went to Guelp with  
a load of Potatoes 8 bag for George and 4  
for our own gat. 60 cents per B 3 bags of  
apples at 40 cent per bag
- " 9 Annie started off on the cars to go to Cali  
fornia she went by the Great Western RR  
paid \$3.65 for a through ticket
- " 10 I was Grafting apple trees
- " 12 John finished sowing the oats 4 2 Bushels  
the weather is very warm and dry
- 14 John commenced to the peas sowed 5 1/2 Bushels this  
is a fine day some rain in the evening



- May 16 we had a fine shower on last evening thing is  
growing fine we got a letter from Danice
- " 17 we finished sowing the Peas in the field at the  
creek we sowed  $15\frac{1}{4}$  Bushels we bought and  
5 Bushels of our own our own is very bad with  
bugs
- " 17 the weather is very dull the crops is growi  
ng very well the men is picking stones off  
the grass
- " 14 we sowed the carrots in the field and plow
- " 21 I went to Guelph bought a pair of Springs for  
the Wagon Seat Armstrongs paid \$2.00  
a pair of Spectacles \$1 a Bushel of Corn 70 cents  
a peck of potatoes the Beauty of Hebeurn 30 cents
- " 20 a fine day I sowed plaster on the clover
- " 23 the weather is very warm we washed the  
sheep 27
- " 25 I went up with the team to Frank Passins with  
Gunsaw Men there going to put a building
- " 26 the weather is very hott and dry we started  
to plant the potatoes
- 28 the weather is fine but dry we finished planting  
the potatoes I went to Guelph with 3 bags



1881

May 28 of Apples sold them for 50 cents, per bags russets  
and 4 bags of potatoes at 50 cts. per B bought  
100 lb. oatmeal at \$2.50

" 30 I was at the Council Meeting the men  
is hauling dung for the turnips

" 31 finished shearing the sheep 27 with  
Georges 3

June 1 a very light shower last night

" 2 a fine day but cool I went to Toronto  
with the other members of the Council  
as a deputation on the Credit Valley R.  
R. got a free ride and dinner at the Rossin  
House

" 4 a fine day I was at the Church and at  
a Meeting of the Insurance company  
in the afternoon

" 5 the Sacraments, Sabbath

" 6 it rained some in the forenoon

" 8 a fine day I was round inspected the  
roads the men is ploughing

" 9 this day is dull we were at Peter  
Littles Funeral



1881

- June 11 I went to Guelph with 7 bags of Potatoes sold them for 30 cents per bag 1 bag of Apples for 60 cents bought 500 lb of plaster and 800 lb Salt for the turnips
- " 14 a fine day I went to Guelph I bought a new syth and sneth \$1.50
- " 16 commenced to saw the turnips
- " 18 finished sawing the turnips  $5\frac{3}{4}$  acres I went to Guelph with the wool sold 15 fleeces 85 lb at  $24\frac{1}{4}$  cents \$20.61 we kept 9 fleeces there was a fine rain this evening
- " 13 we had terrible storm of wind and dust in the afternoon a great deal of lightning and thunder but not much rain
- " 22 the weather is dry and cold frost in some places where it is low John Murreys new barn was raised today
- " 21 I went down to Moriston and bought a new turnip supplee from Tom Ingram Paid \$10 for it
- " 23 the weather is dull and cold for the season
- " 25 we commenced to cut the Hay the weather has been cold all June frost this week in low places



1881

June 27 I went to Guelph with the Mower to get repaired  
got it bushed and other fixings it cost \$5 I bought  
a new section grinder at Griffins Foundry paid \$6  
we had a fine rain it rained 4 or 5 hours

" 28 we had a great storm of wind and rain it was worse  
in some places near here

" 29 this is fine weather old Rodrick McDonald Died this  
~~the~~ morning he was a week ill

" 30 we were at Rodrick McDonalds Funeral got 2 loads  
of hay in

July 2 I went to Guelph with a load of Wheat and some  
Potatoes 6 bags at 60 cents per Bag 24 B 30 lb Spring Wheat  
at \$1.19 5 B 50 lb fall Wheat at \$1.20 one pk of butter  
at 16 cents per lb

" 4 this day is very warm I was at the Council Meeting

" 5 this day is very warm <sup>I sent a letter to Annie</sup> we went to Morrison in the evening

" 6 This day is very hot we had Bob Robertson helping  
with the hay Wilson is sick he has not worked any  
this week we got in 8 loads of hay today we have 16  
big loads in now Mrs & me was <sup>at</sup> Dan McDonalds Wedding

" 7 There is a fine rain today calm and not very heavy

" 8 this is a fine day we went up to see Robert & most  
folks John is cutting hay



1881

July 9 this is a fine heavy day John & Bob Robert  
Tron was setting up the potatoes in the fore  
noon hauled in 3 loads of hay in the after  
noon

" 10 this day is very warm it has been excep-  
hot for some days we had a shower in the  
evening

" 11 a fine day John finished cutting the hay  
we got in 3 loads of ~~hay~~ John Willson  
commenced to work he was off all last week  
and one day the week before

" 12 a fine day Willson finished ploughing the  
Summerfallow John commenced to scuff  
the turnips

" 13 this is a beautiful day we got in 4 loads  
of hay in the afternoon commenced to thin  
the turnips and harrowing the fallow

" 14 we got in all the ~~hay~~ 28 large loads some of it  
was very good and some of it poor finished scuffing  
the turnips

" 15 the weather is very warm I was down at Georges  
setting up his potatoes

16 I was cutting thistles the rest is at the turnips



1881

- July 19 the weather is rather cooler we cut the Barley in the Oarherd it is a good crop this is Roarys bale
- " 20 we comenced to cut the Wheat
- " 21 this day is warm I went to Guelph in the morning and bought a new Steel barley fork paid \$1.<sup>10</sup> five fingers for a wooden barley fork paid 23 cents we hauled in 3 loads of barley out of the oarherd
- " 22 a fine day cutting wheat in the afternoon
- " 23 John cutt the Barley in the flat field
- " 25 hauled in some wheat and some Barley we had a light shower this morning
- " 26 we finished cutting the fall wheat it is a very good crop we had a small shower
- " 28 we finished hauling in the Barley 7 loads
- " 29 a fine day we finished hauling in the fall wheat 12 loads
- " 30 this day is very warm we was in Guelph with some Butter
- Aug 1 the men started to thin the turnips the second time I was a David Dicksons funeral
- " 3 we are working at the turnips the weather is very warm
- " 8 we thrashed some wheat and Barley in the afternoon



1881

- August 10 we cutt the Spring wheat it is a good crop  
" 11 comenced to cut the oats we brock the leaver of the reaper I got it fixed at Littles Shop  
" 12 we had a fine rain in the morning cutting oats in the afternoon  
" 13 a fine day the men comenced to pull the Peas we went to Guelph with 4 bags of apples got 75 cents for some and 40 for one  
" 15 cutting oats and some peas  
" 16 hauled in some spring wheat in the after noon  
" 17 finished hauling in the spring wheat 7 loads  
" 18 I was at Thatts thrashing the men is pulling peas  
" 19 we finished cutting the oats they have been a very fair crop  
" 20 hauled in some peas  
" 22 hauled in some peas in the forenoon and pulling in the afternoon I was <sup>at</sup> the Council meeting in the afternoon  
23 hauled in oats all day 8 loads  
24 we have very dry weather the pasture is dryed up intirely we were hauling in Peas I was at the Funeral of Mrs Peter Thume in the afternoon  
25 very warm hauling in oats in the forenoon



1881

August 25 we were over at the Puslinch Lake along with the Gulchrists clan at there Annual Picnick

" 26 finished hauling in the Peas and Oats

I was at the Seed Show at Oberpoyls in the afternoon and at a Meeting of Council

" 27 the men comenced to plough for the fall wheat

" 31 the weather is very warm and dry

Sept 1 this is an extremely close warm day it is suppating about 4 o'clock it got very dark and a great storm of wind and rain it was a great deal worse in some sections of the Country than here the lightning done a grate amount of damage in some places

" 3 the weather is still very warm the men finished ploughing and harrowing back field for the fall wheat I went to Guelph with some apples 4 bags got 50 cents per bag

" 5 comenced to sow the fall wheat we got the best calf drowned in the spring yesterday afternoon it fell in and could not get up the water is very scarce



1881

- Sept 6 this is terrible hot dry weather there is a great many fires around we are clearing up a piece of land back at the creek got some fence burned John finished sowing the Wheat in the back field there is 15 acres sowed 5 acres of Fultz wheat & bushels
- " 7 John finished sowing the Wheat the little field out at the corner  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres we sowed  $15\frac{1}{2}$  Bushels of Clawson & B Fultz  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Scott Wheat  $28\frac{1}{2}$  I went to Guelph with Duncan he went away with the cars to go to Manitoba Fleas Stewart went with him I was at Stones Sale of Stock
- " 8 we were at the annual Sale at the Modle farm the weather is very dry
- " 9 I was down at James Loggs with James Scott to examine about the fire he got his Barn burned on Wednesday night he is insured in the Pusluch Company
- " 10 I went to Guelph with a load of Barley sold it for 79 cents per B there was 38 B 46 lb \$30.47 and 2 bags of Apples got 50 cents per B
- " 12 we had a Meeting of the Directors of the Insurance Company the weather very warm



1881

Sept 14 we went to Guelph with a load of Barley 44 B 38<sup>11</sup>  
got 79 cent per B \$35.35 I bought 1 1/2 Bushels of  
timothy paid \$3.50 per B \$5.25. bought a keeg of  
nails paid \$2.25 and razor strap paid 89 cents  
paid Crist Suttles note \$14

" 15 this day is very windy we have had terrible dry  
weather this harvest we have not had much rain  
all summer there has been a great amount of damage  
by fires through the country it comenced to rain  
in the evening I was sowing timothy seed back  
in the field behind the Bush I sowed about 8 acres

" 16 this is a fine day we had a light shower last night  
John went to the Oberfoyle Mill with a grist  
of ten Bushels and fifty lb he did not get it home

" 17 a fine day but dull it rained some in the evening  
I went to the Oberfoyle Mill for the grist got  
400 lb flour Robert, Amos and Margaret  
and the children came down

" 19 this is very fine warm day I was away with  
John Iles letting jobs on the Roads we went  
over to the west side of the Township

" 20 I was down to Moriston got Wilsons boots at  
Cuzins paid \$2 I went to Suttles Sale Johns  
Brother



1881

- Sept 21 I was at a meeting of the Directors of the Insurance Company to settle with James Flogg with regard to the Burning of his barn
- " 23 I was away in the Afternoon letting some jobs on the Roads
- " 24 I went to Guelph with 15 B 55 lb of fall wheat sold it for \$1.28 per Bushel \$20.44 and 3 bags of fallen Apples got 50 cents per bag I bought 4 gallons of Coal Oil paid 28 cents per Gallon
- " 26 I commenced to pull the Apples John is bad with a sore back he is not able to work
- 27 John is at Murrays thrashing and Wilbon is at James Niccols ploughing bee
- " 28 We are clearing up the new land
- " 29 I was at the Apples Wilbon is ploughing in the field at the Creek John is <sup>at</sup> Murrays thrashing
- " 28 I bought a new Weigh Scales from Angus Stewart paid \$26
- 31 commenced to take up the potatoes
- October 4 I went to Guelph with 5 barrels of fall apples I sold to Parkinson for \$1 per Barrel
- " 6 we went to Guelph to the Show then we went down to Oberfoyle to get tickets for the Show



1881

- October 7 a beautiful day this is the Puckle Show  
we were nearly all at it
- " 10 fine weather Andrew Elliot comenced to dig a well  
down at the Barn the framers comenced to hew the  
timber for the Sheep house
- " 12 it is dull and soft fine rain Elliot finished the  
well it is 18 feet deep I paid him \$18 for it
- " 13 this is the fast day for the Sacrament we were  
at the Church
- " 15 it rained very heavy in the morning untill 10  
oclock we went to the church
- " 16 a fine day the Sacrament Sabath
- " 17 John Les and me went over to the 4<sup>th</sup> cow to  
examine some Jobs on the roads in the forenoon  
then went to the Meeting of Council in the after-  
noon John started away up with John Little
- " 8 I went out to Mrs Stewarts to measure her apples  
this day is Showy
- " 10 we finished takeing up the Potatoes the are a  
pretty fair crop
- " 20 this is the National Thanksgiving day John  
come home from moving John Little up to Bells  
corners near Prutton the roads are bad up there



1881

October 18 this day is raw and cold <sup>day</sup> Flaws & Johnston put in a new pump in the well the price of it is \$9.50 ~~payable~~ in tamarack wood we are to get 2 1/2 cents per foot 380 feet they repaired the old pump and put it in the well in the garden I paid them \$5 for it in cash I went down to Morrison with the brass kettles we had bailing Cider I ~~paid~~ <sup>25</sup> cents for each of them there was 2

" 20 Edward Wakefield and his men commenced to build the foundation for the sheep house

21 the Masons finished the foundation of the sheep house they were a day and half 2 masons and a labourer I went over to Spayeside to see about shingles I went up to Rockwood to get the yarn at the Woolen factory 50 lb paid \$4.50 or 15 cent per lb

" 22 ~~went to Mrs Stewart~~ we went to Guelph with Mrs Stewart we bought a Marble headstone for Duncan Stewart from Kennedy & Co for \$45 it is a fine day

" 26 Duncan came home from Manatoba he has been away since the 7th Sept

" 25 I went to Spayeside for 9 squares of shingles paid \$1.75 per square



1881

- Oct. 25 we raised the fraim of the Sheep house a fine day  
" 26 a fine day we were thrashing today wheat and oats  
" 27 a very fine day we were thrashing peas Barley and  
Oats  
" 28 John Comenced to harrow up the turnips a fine day  
we went down to Morriston with some Ducks  
29 it is very wet this forenoon it rained all night  
and a good part of the forenoon I went to Guelph in  
the afternoon John went up to Flairs Mill with  
3 bags of Peas and 2 bags Oats to Choppr  
" 31 a fine day John comenced pull the carrots and  
haul in the turnips I went over the 3<sup>rd</sup> con to  
McCormacks pond to examine's job on the roads  
Nov. 1 a fine day I was at Grants thrashing Wilson is  
not working this forenoon nor yesterday his  
Mother is very sick he went to Guelph today  
to meet his sister  
" 2 a fine day I went to Guelph fair I bought  
a 2 Shear Ram I paid \$10 to Mr Robertson  
of Carr Township Robert Amos took him  
up to his place I had nothing but the Bugie  
" 3 this day is rather cooler it rained here last  
night James Wilson came down from Teeneater



1881

Nov 4 this day is cold and windy we had a light shower of snow in the morning it was all away by noon we finished hauling in the turnips 24 loads off 5 acres they were a very poor crop they were a complete failure they got covered with a sort of lice then the frost killed them

John went to Floures Mill with a grist wheat 4 bags

" 5 we went to Guelfh with a load of Barley 21 bags 48 Bushels 46 lb at 87 cents per B \$47.59  
John went up to Robert Amos for a Ram I bought from D Robertson of Erin on the fair day I paid \$10 he is a 2 sheare  
the morning was stormy and snowing but it changed and rained heavy before noon it faird up in the afternoon

" 7 a very fine day I went to Guelfh with David  
ram to Mrs Wilson to meet the train I bought 50 lb of  
Oatmeal I paid at the rate of \$2.45 per 100 lb

" 8 this is a very fine day warm the men is buissey  
ploughing I put the ram to the Cows yesterday

" 9 a fine day it rained heavy last <sup>night</sup> the men is ploughing

" 10 cold we were cutting wood at J Murrays



1881

Nov 11 this day is rather cold the men is ploughing I cleaned up a load of Wheat for the market went to Aberpore in the evening Jane had a young Daughter yesterday

" 12 this is a very wet day it rained all night and all forenoon I went to Aberpore to post a letter to California for Annie I sent some flannel in a parcel to Annie with a young Man that is going <sup>to</sup> San Francisco his name is Frank Coppie he went away on the 9<sup>th</sup>

15 there is some snow this Morning Wilson is scrapping at the sheep house I went to Guelph with a load Wheat 16 bags it weighed at home 34 Bushels 20 lb it weighed in Guelph at Pressants 34 B 15 lb got \$1.29 \$44. <sup>18</sup> I bought a barrall of salt paid 90 cts

" 16 John is digging post holes for the sheep yard I cleaned up some Oats & Peas for to chaff

" 17 this is a fine morning the men is ploughing I went to Toronto with a deputation to the Government in the interest of Cal Higgenbotham for the Registerhip it rained in the afternoon it was very dark an night hard to get home



1881

- Nov 18 a fine day but a little cold the men is ploughing I went up to Harris Mill with 8 bags of sharp Oats & Beans
- " 19 this morning is stormy it is snowing in the forenoon we went down to Aberfoyle in the afternoon
- " 21 this is a fine day row and cold the ground is covered with snow John went up to William Pudds Boar with the sow
- " 22 a fine day but frosty the men is fixing about the Well I was fixing the fence at the sheep house
- " 23 a fine day the men is digging post holes near the new well
- " 24 this day is cold and frosty with high wind we are fixing about the sheep house and the well we had a prayer meeting in the afternoon
- " 25 this day is cold and stormy <sup>we</sup> went down Mrs Stewart to the Graveyard and to Gilfillians
- " 26 this is a fine day I went to Guelph with 7 bags of Apples got 80 cts per bag bought boots for the boys Roberts cost \$2. ~~60~~ Edward \$2. ~~40~~ Marys \$1. ~~75~~
- " 27 the weather is soft we got a letter from Annie about the parcel we sent to her and got stolen at Galt
- " 28 it a great thaw the roads are verry bad we went to Guelph to get a Coffin for Mrs Wilson she Died last night at John's



1881

- December this day is cold and windy Mrs Thiloon was Buried today I Wilson went to Guelph for his Brothers & Sister
- " 2 this day is milder I went to Aberfoyle to the Blacksmiths
- " 3 I went to Guelph with 6 bags of Apples sold them for 80 cts per bag bought a 100 lb of oatmeal for \$ 2 1/4
- " 5 this is a fine day I was at the Council meeting the last for the year got \$60 for pay Peter Mc Gibbon Died this Morning and Thomas Carter
- " 6 a fine day but raw and cold in the afternoon the roads are very bad I was at Thomas Carters funeral
- " 7 this is a very stormy morning snow shows then it got very cold and windy and hard frost we were at Peter Mc Gibbons funeral
- " 8 a fine day very hard frost the roads are very rough we are taking in the straw stack to the Barn
- " 9 this day is very frosty but clear John went to Guelph with a load of tamarack ~~wood~~ for pumps to P Grant
- " 10 we went to Guelph with a load of wheat 38 B 55 lb sold it for \$1.22 per B \$ 50 20
- " 12 this is a fine warm day it got soft and rained some in the afternoon the men is getting out seed
- " 13 this day is very wet it rained nearly all day and last night the roads is very soft



1881

- December 14 this is a fine day commenced to freeze we killed 6 pigs of our own and 1 for George we killed George's cow we took her up to the Bush and killed her she got ruptured some time ago she would have died in the calving the weight of the pigs 198 x 160 x 160 x 210 x 210
- 15 this is a fine day but frosty we went to Guelph fat cattle show we took in a pig sold it for \$7.75 per 100 lb its weight was 193½ lb \$15 a sheep skin got \$1
- 16 this is a fine day we cut some firewood with the saw and some parcing blocks I went to Aberfoyle in the afternoon got some papers and a letter from Annie George went to Flaines Mill for some flour and he took a Grist for us 5 bags 11½ bushels home lbs of flour.
- 17 I went to Guelph with 6 bags of Apples sold them for 80 cents per bag I bought a new sap at Russells paid \$3.75 Edward was with me
- 20 we have had very fine weather lately clear and mild no appearance of any snow I was at D Gilchrist's killing pigs J Wilson has left his time is up he has been one year and nine months
- 21 a fine day it is threatening a storm from the east it rained in the evening



1881

- December 24 John and Me went to Guelph with a load of Potatoes 14 bags sold them for 96 cents and 4 bags of apples at 90 cents per bag
- " 26 this is a fine day this is nomination day I was nominated as Dep. Reeve Nisoll was elected Reeve Little Glennie Rea as Councillors
- " 27 I went to Guelph for a can of dried figs that Brother John sent as a present from California it cost \$1.50 to get it <sup>out</sup> of the Costume house 75 cent for Duty <sup>and</sup> 30 cents for filling out a paper it was shipped on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November from Galt
- " 28 this day is very soft it rained last night all night this is Mothers birth day she is 59 years the Family was all here that was in the locality Annie and Susan was not here Annie is in California and Susan is up at Bells corners up above Aurthen
- " 29 a fine day but the roads are fearfull bad I went away down through Badenough to sauriss
- " 30 there is a great change in the weather it is cold and frosty I went over to the locality near the lake and over to Crief the roads are rough
- " 31 this day is cold I went to Guelph