James Cameron (1824-1912)
1896
Transcribed by Rural Diary Archive volunteers

{page one - transcribed in 1895 diary}

{page two}

James Cameron Island

1st of January 1896 Cool Water Raising Freezing some Blowing hard John H at Brush Big Fire over at Christees Marsh Took Bills Boat around from the Pitt Point Fortunate Day

2nd Fine Fortunate Day The 3 of them Bill Billy and Ledger went off Left his mud Spear got a Drake Gave it to Bill one of the young ones Piled Brush at the Lower Point set some Fires cutting Willows up at the Wet Place Began to Snow to night

3rd Allen's B Day 1853 Unfortunate Day this is the Day Shortis was to be hung W Wind Thrashing Oats Freezing hard to night not Hung

4th Cold cold Freezing Thrashing

{page one}

James Cameron Island

4th of January 1896 West Wind Fine Windy Frosty Freezing Making ice some Thrashing oats cold to night

5th Cold Frosty Freezing hard West Wind ice taken in some places tried to cross But its Like Glass too thin turned Back

6th Epiphany Cold Frosty West Wind changed to East Fernandez crofsed to Frasers Leander & John H crofsed to Summerstown Got a Letter and Key in it also a Bag of Goods Lots of air-holes Mrs Summers Departed to Be Buried to morrow got 3 coats 3 pair of Pants 2 vests Lots of Shirts Collars hair Brush 5 Brushes Book Boots

{page two}

James Cameron Island

7th of January 1896 East Wind very cold and Frosty Boys Thrashing oats Reading Mrs David Summers Buried to Day air-holes shutting up

8th Annie's Birth Day 1866 Fine to Day W Wind Sent a Letter to DMM Montreal 3 Postage John H Took it to the P.O. Leander went to Dundee Fixed a Board in the West window a Fox crofsed at the Lower Point John H Scating to Day Paid Hagarty 10 cents for the Bag

9th E Wind some Grains of snow Leander came from Dundee took the Sheep from the Bush Began to Were my suit coat pants and vest Reading Fixing the Petition up stairs

10th Shot a Black Duck Fine John H to Summerstown Bought a Lamp chimney

{page one}

James Cameron Island

11th of January 1896 very Fine E Wind John H went to F Covington to get his Tooth Pulled Lewis Boy went to Nicholson to work went up to the Bush to Day Fernandez Brought an Almanac Took the Hay to the Bottom and put it on the south side in the Barn Raised the Boat in the Boat House Good scating now Gordon came to night

12th On this Day of the Month Aunty Mary Departed 1891 Fine E Wind Randolph came Lent him Jesse James John H crofsed to Work at Duncans G

13th unfortunate Day Fine Went Home with Lewis Gentleman Pig Got the 3 axe-handles 30 cents Lewis Bosell and Billy here Fixing their spear

{page two}

James Cameron Island

14th of January 1896 Unfortunate Day Fine W Wind Leander went to Dundee to Get the Horse shod 40 cents put out some Bushes to the South side cutting Brush Paid for Randolph to Tyo 7 Dollars on the Due Bill now 4.92 on the Due Bill

15th Fortunate Day Thrashing I am Cutting Brush and Piling W Wind coloring yard shawls Mits sox seen a Fox in the Back Marsh some Grains of snow Leander crofsed for the Mail

16th Fine E Wind Put a new handle in the vice cut some Brush and Piling Put out a Few more Bushes to the south side a Fox Passed the Door on the ice Put out some Pills at sturgeon Island Got the Scottish American from DMM

{page one}

James Cameron Island

17th of January 1896 Fine E Wind cutting Brush Thrashing John H came he was in Fort Covington to Day to Getting his Boots Fixed

18th Fine E Wind John H crofsed to the Summerstown Scating Rink on the ice Fernandez came had a pair of Long-Boots Leander crofsed to Summerstown to night one of Lewis's Boys hear for Tea cut some water Beech stakes Gordon came

19th E Wind Gordon to church Leander put him acrofs this this Evening with the Horse

20th Unfortunate Day Thrashing I am cutting of alders up in the upper Bay John H crofsed to Work at McLeods at cedar

21st Fine St Agnes Day Unfortunate Day cutting alders sawing stove wood snow Warm

{sketch of the sun, with an 'f' or't' in the middle}

19th Mr Jo Douquet Lost his Horse

{page two}

James Cameron Island

22nd of January 1896 Fine Races in Dundee Fernandez and (Sissy) Livinia went to Dundee Putting out Manure on the Lower Point north Side a very Fine Day Leander went to Summerstown to night John H came from McLeods to night a Letter From the News Toronto

23rd Fine E Wind cool some Drifting The Boys Thrashing oats cut some Brush and poles

24th Charlie Tupper's B Day of Butter-nut Island E Wind Snowing Drifting Fixing the Harnefs

25th Robie Burns Birth Day E Wind Blowing Hard Drifting snowing went up in the Bush to Day

{page one}

James Cameron Island

26th of January 1896 Fine East Wind Fortunate Day Sissy and Fernandez came From the Races D Spink here Fishing EEls got 1 Took 50 cents worth of Sturgeon John H crofsed

27th Fine Mending Harnefs John H crofsed for the Mail on Horse Back

28th Fine cold cutting alders Drew 3 Loads of Fire-wood Put Marsh hay and a Stack of Fine hay in the Barn put the Bags of oats up in the Loft of the cow-stable

29th E Wind Cold Fine cutting stove-wood one of the Cows calved hens Laying some Boy Bad with colds new mits and nw Drawers to Day

{page two}

James Cameron Island

30th of January 1896 Fine W Wind cutting stove wood Fernandez went for his Mowing Machine 1 Horse

31st Fine E Wind cutting stovewood

1st of February 1896 St Bridgets Day The Black Month E Wind some Rain some hail some snow put the oats in the Puncheon 14 1/2 Bushels in the cow-stable Killed the calf John H came Gordon came him at the P. Meeting to night

2 of Feby Candlemass Day Fine The Bear will see his Shadow to Day as the sun shines the Raccoon and the Badger will see the sun John H crofsed and Gordon Ferandez crofsed Going to Put a Letter in the Lancaster P.O. for a Watch

{page one}

James Cameron Island

3 of Feby 1896 an Unfortunate Day Fine Frosty E Wind John H is working at Duncan G's Grinding the axes

4th Fine E Wind Frosty some Gordon was to go to the P.I Meeting in Alexandria to Day

5th Fine E Wind Soft Water on the ice under the snow Drew 4 or 5 Loads to Day Leander went to Summerstown tonight Bought of Hagarty Tea

6th E Wind Snowing Raining and Blowing a Hurricane to Day and to night

7th Unfortunate Day Snowed

8th Gordon's Birth Day Fine Leander got a Fox Gordon came Fernandez came Gordon and Leander went to Summerstown

9th Sexagesima Sunday Randolph came John H came Randolph got a pair of Mits ~~Unfortunate Day~~ Unfortunate Day

{page two}

James Cameron Island

10th of Feb 1896 Fine Thrashing oats John H crofsed took the Buck saw Fernandez crofsed ~~Unfortunate Day~~

11th Fortunate Day West Wind Wind Drifting cutting a Pole For the Barn Door seen a Rat Track Leander Stanley and the 2 Dogs went up and Got him

12th Unfortunate Day W Wind Frosty cutting alders

13th E Wind Snowing Drifting New Moon and a Eclipse on the Sun and stars in conjunction Makes it stormy

14th St Valentine's day This is the Day of the Big Fight Fitssimmon and Peter Maher W Wind John H came had his axe got a Bad cold

{page one}

James Cameron Island

15th of Feby 1896 E Wind Drifting Blowing cold Began to use the Hay out of the New Stable cows Stable Bought John J's axe 70 cents Bad with colds

16th Quinquasina Sunday Fine Unfortunate Day cold 2 Boys here Frasher and Larue Looking for a Dog that they Lost

17th Unfortunate Day W Wind Windy and Frosty a very very Frosty night

18th Shrove Tuesday E Wind Frosty Windy Thrashed a Few Floors of Oats James Hugh's B Day

19th Ash Wednesday Fine E Wind Frosty Thrashing oats very unwell Last night with a pain on my Right Br{cut off} John H went to Dundee on Horseback

{page two}

James Cameron Island

19th of February 1896 continuted Bought of Tyo Tea 35 axe 75 stopt all night

20th W Wind Drifting some snow cutting Brush alders Thrashing oats John H came from Dundee The Dogs after a Rat White cow calved Mrs Ranald Landfield McDonald Departed on Monday the 17th Kept her 4 Days heard of it

21st Fortunate Day Done Thrashing the Oats cutting alders Drifting Cold the White Cow Calved

22nd Washingtons B Day Fine Windy Drifting cutting stove Wood Fernandez came Races in Dundee to Day Gordon crofsed

23rd Raining Gordon crofsed

24th Fine Drew 3 Load of wood choppin stove Wood got a Fox

{page one}

James Cameron Island

25 Feb 1896 Fortunate Day Fine Fresh cold cutting Wood and Brush Leander Broke a Piece of his axe John H crofsed Ground the axes Frosty to night

26th Fortunate Day Fine E Wind cold putting in the Marsh hay stack cutting alders putting the Brush on the Bank

27th Fine E Wind Went to Dundee Took 3 Tubs of Butter 46..30..29 at 16..80:: and 3.77 on the old Due-Bill that 20.57 in all Tea 2 Soap 50 RRR 25 Matches 10 Broom 25 nails 4 2 Papers of D Dye 20 Fine salt 60 Boots 2.50 Boots 1.25 aprons 1. File 20 Cash 2.25 Buttons

20 3/4 of Velveteen 30 thats 11.65 they Bough Took the Harrow Table Martin here John H Fernandez Sissy

{page two}

James Cameron Island

27th of Feby 1896 Martin got the inch auger put the colt in the cutter goes well cutting alders Brushing and piling Brush on the Bank Leander crofsed to Summrestown to night Seen a crow to Day for the First

28th Fine E Wind an Eclipse on the Moon Full Moon to Day Drawing and cutting Fire Wood Indians Drawing from Charlies or Rofs's Island

29th Intercalary Day Fine Rained some E Wind Mr McGuaguey the PumpMaker came put in the Pump Paid him 4 Dollars Boys went for the Rakeing Machine Welsh Taffy St Davids Day came in Like a Lion E Wind Rain Gordon came he was in Cornwall yesterday 3 of Lewis Boys here Got a Fox Unfortunate Day

{page one}

James Cameron Island

2nd of March 1896 Unfortunate Day Gordon and Fernandez went off to Day West Wind cutting wood and Brush John H and Leander to Summerstown to night snowed some to night Drifting

3rd W Wind Windy Drifting Drawed the alders and ash Poles cow slipped at the River

4th Fine W Wind William Henery Shadgate Cameron's Birth Day Uncle John's Eldest Boy John H crofsed to Duncan G's cuting alders on the Bank Races in Dundee 2 Teams of Indian to Tuppers Island for Wood

5th Fine Day Windy cutting stove Wood in the Bush sawing the stoveWood Fernandez came T{illegible - ink blot} watching the coat Unfortunate Day

{page two}

James Cameron Island

6 March 1896 Fine John H and Fernandez E Wind went to the Races in Dundee and no Races run There was an otter crofsed the Island to the south Bill Morris poorly

7th Fine soft Rained Leander went to the air-hole at the Foot of Hamiltons Island and shot 2 Ducks John H at Hamiltons Helping to Thrash oats High West Wind Blowing Hard Gordon and John H came had a Tin of Honey

8th Fine Randolph came sold Gordon a Watch not very well

9th Fine went to Lewis with the pig

10th Fine went to Lancaster with Mowing Machine went for the Pig

{page one}

James Cameron Island

11th of March 1896 Fine E Wind Went for a Load of Marsh Hay John H Fernandez and Leander Fernandez Leander went to Fort Covington with his Fur 3 Foxes 3.75 2 Mink 1.50 John H crofsed to Summerstown on Horse-Back a Lot of Teams going for Wood to Charlie's Island

12th On This Day of the Month D McMaster Fist came to the Island E Wind Drifting stormy Unfortunate Day Broke on a cake of Sugar sold it

13th W Wind Blustery {illegible} cutting Stove in the Bush John H not well

14th Stanley's B Day 1880 Fine cutting stove Wood in the Bush Gordon came

15th Fine E Wind Leander went to Hamiltons

{page two}

Star on 16th

James Cameron Island

16th of March 1896 Fine Loading some of the Metal old-Iron

17th St Patrick The Festival of the Irish a very Fine Day Boys went to Lancaster with the Metal Mr Dan Frasher came home with the Tup Sheep The 2 Mifs Fraser and Mifs McLennan a Lot of Indians Taking wood From Tuppers Island Stanley very sick

18th St Josephs Day on this Day of the Month Vicky Departed 1887 Boys to Lancaster Took 65 Buckets 5.20 2 Tin Pails 1.20 Butter color 15 Drawing Stove Wood Heard Whistlers going Down Sent 1 Dollar to Star on 16th

{page one}

James Cameron Island

19th of March 1896 E Wind snowing Rain Drifting Spring Begins at 9 PM The 3 Boys went for the Stack of Marsh Hay Stormy Day churning to Day

20th Drifting Windy

21st Fine West Wind cut some stove Wood Gordon came had his clock Drawing-Knife and Traded his Watch, Saw-Set Got the Mail

22nd Livinia's (Senior) B Day Fine Windy Randolph and Eddy Renshaw came Seen Wild Geese for the First John H crofsed with them

23rd Fine very Frosty John H came

24th Fortunate Day Fine Putting out Manure Lewis Boy for Tea Soda Salt 2 Boys crofsed I went to Sturgeon Island

{page two}

James Cameron Island

25th of March 1896 Lady Day a very Fine Day Thawing Putting out Manure in the upper Field

26th John Hamilton Camerons Birth Day 1876 Raining and Turned to Snowing John H crofsed to Summerstown on Horse-Back Bought of Haggarty 2 Dozen and 8.60 cents

27th Drifting Blowing chopping stove wood in the upper Field

28th Fine Livinia Leander John H went to Dundee Bought of Tyo Tea 3 lb Soda 1 lb Shot Tobacco Powder Leander and John H crofsed to Summerstown Gordon came Sold his Boat

29th Palm Sunday Rain John H went for his Mother Thunder and Lightning to night Traded the Blind Horse

{page one}

James Cameron Island

30th of March 1896 Fine John H and his Mother came had the Traded Mare took a Bag of Potatoes Tapt 100 Trees to Day John H went to mit tots at Cedar seen 6 cranes Robins Hawks Blackbirds Wild Geese some Whistlers

31st Fine Tapt 100 to Day Randolph here got ash made a Fire in the Bush got 2 Barrels and 35 Pails thats 75 Pails in all

1st of April all Fools Day Unfortunate Day E Wind High Cold Wind Freezing Tapt 50 Trees to Day Drew some Loads of Wood

2nd WW Snowing and Rain Fine Fernandez Bought of J Summers 2 Yards of Cloth 60

{page two}

James Cameron Island

3rd of April 1896 Good Friday ~~Cold an D------ this morning~~ Snowing

4th Stormy snowing Drifting Fernandez crofsed Paid John S Summers 10 for the Stove Sold 7 Dozen of Eggs 1.05 Bought 4 3/4 yds owe 47 on the cloth Gordon came

5th Easter Sunday Sun Dont Dance this Morning Fine Shot a Duck Leander

6th Fine Boiling Fixing the arch for the Pots Took home the Stove Bought 200 of Flour 1 Sack of Salt on the 4th

7th On This Day of the Month Uncle John Departed 1893 Mifs Janet Fraser here Martin home with the augur John H crofsed took home our Saw Dany Spink in the Sugar Bush to night

{page one}

James Cameron Island

8th of April 1896 a very Fine Day a Good sap Day John H Went to Dundee Bought a Pair of Boots got a Pair Fixed Made Syrup 10 Gallons Seen swallows to day Pewits or Pheabys came a Lot of Wild Geese went East

9th On this Day of the Month I was Married 1862 Fine Warm Sugar Day E Wind Lewis Boy here all Day Got Syrup had Baskets Leander John H went to Summerstown to night

10th Fine Day Boiling in the Sugar Bush got a Mink on the 9ths got 2 Whistlers Found a Fox he is no Good

11th Fine in the sugar Bush got 2 Rats Took 20 Gallon Home

{page two}

James Cameron Island

12th of April 1896 Cow Sunday Fine Gordon Randolph Eddy Renshaw came John H Grofsed with them Leander took his Boat to the air-hole 3 of Lewis in the Sugar Bush Ice Opening in small Holes

13th Fine Boys in sugar Bush put out the Bun Sugaring

14th Fine ice opened at Little Island Boys crofsed to the Sturgeon Island Shot 8 Ducks Rained some Leander went to J Duckett to Hunt Water high Lots of Ducks Flying Loons came yellow Hammer came Bitterns or Mire-Drum came

15th Fine Made sugar Lots of Ducks Lots of Shooting put Water out of the cellar ice Jamming

{page one}

James Cameron Island

16th April 1896 Fine Fortunate Day Made sugar to Day Sissy Ionia Stanley Fernandez in the Bush Great Shooting to Day ice Cleared away pretty Good to Day ice out of the Back Bay took in the Fish Box a Lamb to Day 8 young Pigs to Day Took the Waggon to the Bush Splitting the Butternut Thunder and Lightning this Evening Ducks Began to Lay

17th Fine Thunder Took the Boat From Bell Bay Tried for EEls Frog music commenced

18th Uncle Duncan's Birth Day Foggy Smoky E Wind Ionia and I took in a Long Stick John H came

19th Sunday Windy Fine Mrs Lewis and Boy here

{page two}

James Cameron Island

20th of April 1896 Fine Leander came and went and came to night splitting the Butternut Made Syrup

21st Cool E Wind Rain Hail snow Thunder Lightning Took Home some of the Buckets Leaving some for vinegar in the camp Lewis Boys here Bought their Decoys For a Dollar Paid them snowed some

22nd fine Boys went for Wallace's Boat to Plum Island First Ploughing on the Lower Point Took home the Last Syrup First Pike caught to Day

23rd St. George's Day Fine Ploughing taken the Banking of the English Fernandez went to Dundee John Dishaw and son here

{page one}

James Cameron Island

24th of April 1896 Fine E Wind Mr Genie and Cameron here Brought a Bottle of Honey Ploughing cutting stove Wood Fernandez came had the Shoe for the Plough 40 2 calfskins 70

25th Unfortunate Day St Marks Day E Wind Fine Rained south wind Genie came from Cornwall Lewis Resor here Boys got 6 Ducks John came

26th Fine Genie went off Gordon came had his Trunk Sent a Box of Ducks to Dan 11 Ducks Gordon took them to Hagartys to take out Hat on Wood for Fernandez

27th Ploughing cutting Brush Digging stones Fernandez to Lancaster got 1/2 Bushel Hay seed 1..30 ct

{page two}

James Cameron Island

28 of April 1896 Rained Ploughed some Lewis Boys for Hay 2.15 they got cut cranberrys Bush Fernandez and Sissy went to Dundee took 28 lb of Butter 4.48 old Mr Tyo's Daughter July Buried to Day Bought Boots cloth 3 combs Harrowteeth Rice Making stakes Ploughed North side of the Potato Ground Brought a Bull calf Black one from Bill Morris a Week old

29th Fine E Wind Makin the Fence around the yard went around the Island Set Fires took Down the oars From Bell Bay at the Lane Fence Chaffy into Lancaster

30th E W Planting Potatoes Ploughing cut potatoes seed shot Ducks

{page one}

James Cameron Island

1st of May 1896 Fine E W Ploughing Planting Digging Stones Leander went to F Covington with Fur Boat Went Down Lighthouses lit up cutting Potato seeds St Phillip and St James

22nd Fine E Wind Digging out Stones at the Lower Point Setting Fires Killed a Large Snake and Roasted him Let the Mare and colt out on Grass Making stakes 3 Boats Passed to Day John H came

3rd Fine Mr Genie came from Pat M Mahon

14th Fine Digging and Drawing Stones to the Bank Making stakes Gathering stones Lots of Boats a Going Boys crofsed to night

5th Fine Drawing stones to the Bank Alexandra went Down thunder Rained north and East Wind Put the milk in the cellar now

{page two}

James Cameron Island

6th of May 1896 Fine E Wind First Trip up for the Rocket went Down the same Day The Hamilton went Down First Trip Drawing stones to the Bank Ploughing at the Lower Point taking out stones set Fires up in the Bay

7th Fine E Wind Ploughing at the Lower Point sowed 4 Bushels of Oats taken out stones Fernandez crofsed for the Mail First Raft went Down

8th Fine Ploughing Drawing Stones to the Bank Fernandez went to Lancaster For Pease and clover seed

9th Fine Ploughed Drawing Stones Harrowing Fernandez came had 2 Bushel of Pease 2 Bushel of Barley clover-Seed sowed Oats Sowed Pease Lots of Boats Going Cow Calved John H Working at Hamiltons with John came to night

{page one}

James Cameron Island

10th of May 1896 Rogation Sunday Fine Randolph came

11th Sowed 2 Bushels of Barley and 6 1/2 of Oats and 10 lbs of Hay-Seed Harrowing Began Ploughing in the Garden Lewis here to Supper came from Lancaster Gave me 7 Ears of corn Began Working at a Roller Working at the Leech Ploughed on the Hill took the Boat around from the Pitt Point Plowing at the Lower Point Set Fires at the Roller at the Leech Filled with Ashes

13th Fine E Wind Ploughing and putting stones to the Bank Sissy and Fernandez with Eggs to Jo Douquets a Lot of Boats went to Day Fixing Fence

14th Ascension or Holy Thursday Ploughing sowed 3 Bushel of Oats at Lower End Rolling the oats Gathering stones

15th Sowed 1 Bushel on the Hill at the Soap Fixing the Roller

{page two}

James Cameron Island

16th of May 1896 Fine N West Wind Ploughing corn Ground taking stones of the Lower Point Fixing the Roller Rolling Barley and oats Working in the Garden at the soap John H came

17th Fine Windy

18th John H here with the wind its High crofsed this Evening Began to Plough a Peice in the oakfield Piling stove-Wood

19th Fine Mr Genie came Fishing Plough Found an old Horse shoe Livinia and Fernandez to Summers for Garden seeds Harrowing Potato

20th Unfortunate Day Fine Day East and West Wind set Fires outside in the Marsh south side Ploughing at the Double Butternut Down on the Hill Taking of stones Genie went to Salmon River to Fish catfish {torn off} Hamilton and Alexandra went Down to Day shut the south End of the Garden Fence Genie went off

21st very Fine Sowed 2 Bushels in the oakfield first time it ever was sowed south side {rest of page illegible}

{page one}

James Cameron Island

22nd of May 1896 Fine Drawing Rails Making Fence Thunder and Lightning Big squall of N West Blew Down a Maple Tree East End sugar Bush

23rd Fine Drawing stones and sticks from the Bank Took stump from the Grove Leander with 2 Pigs to Jennie Duncan the Limbs of the Maple

24th Sunday The Queen's Birth Day hoisted the colours Pentecost Whit Sunday Put John H across

25th Fine day E Wind Leander to Dundee got a Bag of Potatoes 20 a Bushel Planted them to Day 2 Tenets overalls Boots Drawing Stones to the Bank Drew 2 Sticks Pine

26 Rain and Thunder Last night very Windy to Day Shearing the Sheep cutting stove Wood 2 of the sheep not sheared

27th Fine sheared the 2 sheep cutting stove-wood musquitoes Back

28th E Wind Rained Windy went to {cut off} Island

{page two}

James Cameron Island

29th of May 1896

Royal Oak Day or Oak apple Day Unfortunate Day sawing and Piling Stove Wood Dribling Rain Windy W Wind

30th Fine Windy Sawing and Piling stove-Wood chickens and Ducks chickens out now Fernandez crofsed took John H home Heard of the Great Disaster at Victoria B Columbia I am afraid Bismarck was in the Car

31st Gordon here John H crofsed with him Lewis Lazore here Fine

1st of June The Glorious First of June Vicky's Birth Day 1878 splitting stove Wood Leander Fernandez Sissy Bought Flour Tea Rice Braces Calico 15 yds 1/2 100 of cornmeal and Calico Boots Fixed Set Fire to Bottom of the old Fence Through Line went up to night

2nd Fine Spartan went Down Fernandez went to Meeting in Williamstown cutting at head of the Island Lewis came for a Pig

{page one}

James Cameron Island

3rd of June 1896 Fine Fernandez went to Careys to work Put the Plough through Potatoes Drew the Logs to the Place for to saw them Piling splitting stove wood

4th of June old George the 3rd Birth Day used to be kept up a very warm Day Lots of Boats a Going setting Fires Leander went up with Mr Wallace's Hunting Boat to Jo Douquets Corpus Christe

5th very hot and Sultry splitting slove wood one of Lewis's Boys here for Milk Butter Hammer

6th on this Day of the Month Sir John McDonald Departed Some Rain E Wind changed to West Fernandez and John H came to night Leander crofsed

7th Fine E Wind Ed Renshaw here Fernandez crofsed to Careys Rained

8th Fine E Wind Rained cut some E{cut off}

9th Aunty Mary's Birth Day 1813 some Rain

10th Fine E Wind Billy Morris and Lemay here Drawing sticks for the stable John H crofsed to Summerstown came home and Went to Hamiltons

{page two}

James Cameron Island

11th of June 1896 St Barnabas Day Fine N Wind Leander went to Dundee Fernandez came from Careys Putting Manure on the Potatoes Fortunate Day More young Ducks to 2 Bags of Cornmeal Drawers shirt sox Rain Rod Paint oil

12th Unfortunate Day Fine Put the Plough through the Potatoes E W Fernandez crofsed for the Mail

13th Fine E Wind Painting the Boat put Ground to the Potatoes Fernandez went to Summerstown station to Rory's Meeting cutting weeds for the Pigs at Stove Wood

14th E Wind John Morris Frank Bodwa here Took 2 small Pigs John Went to Hamiltons

15th Fine Fernandez to Lancaster Taking the Roof off the Horsestable set some Fires Hoed some corn and squashes Took the Fish Box out of the River Broke it up Painting the Boat Killed a sheep or Mutton Mr Genie here from Cornwall Took his stove lifter with him got some EEls Lots of Fireflies

16th Putting Logs up on the Stable very warm Nomination at Alexandria

17th Went to see John and Margaret Hamilton very warm Tom Went to Cornwall Bank 3 Bouys went to McLennans Meeting Set 1 to JW

{page one}

James Cameron Island

18th June 1896 Waterloo Fine very warm Hoeing Bill Morris here Ionia went up with him took some vinegar The Pasport went Down

19th Fine Leander went to Dundee

20th get stuff for his Boat Flour a Meeting in Dundee White & Scriver

21st Leander came 1 sack of Flour

22nd Fine Big Meeting in Cornwall Fernandez went to Cornwall to Hear Premier Tupper OUr Dan's Birth Day Uncle Dan Cameron

23rd very Fine Election all over Fernandez Leander and I went to Lancaster I voted for Mr R.R. McLennan came home and the 2 Boys went Back to Lancaster to have Fun Randolph here RR got in with a Big Majority a Lot of the conservatives out Dr Bergin got in a Big Time in Summerstown

24th St John Baptist Day Unfortunate Day Put the Plough Through the corn and Potatoes hoeing in the garden and in the Potatoes corn

25th Fine hoeing corn & Potatoes Weeding Sissy & Stanley to Jo Douquets with Eggs 1.70 Let out the Bull

{page two}

James Cameron Island

26th of June 1896 Fine put some Logs on the stable Leander went with 3 Tubs of Butter to J Douquetts 102 lb

27th cutting Brush and Rafters Stanley and I Leander went for the Mail John H came

28th Fine Lewis here got 2 lb of Butter John H crofsed to Hamiltons

29th St Peter & St Paul Drew the Rafters Fixing Fence taking alders and Brush out By the Roots Let out the calves

30th Fine Windy Fernandez and Sissy Livinie went to Dundee piling Logs of Stove-wood Sawing Stove Wood took the Salt out of the cellar Bought Tubs Tea Sugar cutting Boots Table cloth, oil cloth cup Drefs Calico Shirting Pants Braces Shirts Nails Cut Paper

1st of July Dominion Day Fine Fernandez with Uncle Bill Mowing on Plum Island they came to night for Fat Pine and spears Working at the Rafters Ionia came home yesterday Made Bon-Fires

James Cameron Island

2nd of July 1896 Fine very Warm put the Rafters on the Stable The Big Vessel went up 2 Tugs Towing her EEl Flies Grasshoppers Plenty

3rd Unfortunate Day Fine E Wind Cool Putting the Boards on the Roof of the Stable one of Lewis's Boys for Butter and Milk setting Fires to some Brush-heaps Leander went to Summerstown Sack of Flour Columbian went Down to Day

4th American Independence Raining E Wind Thunder & Lightning cool

5th Our John's Birth Day 1803 (Uncle John) Fine E Wind Gordon came John H came and went off Dany Spink here Trowling Lent a Dollar to Fernandez Came from Dundee working on Plum Island

6th Fine Mr Genie here went to Cornwall we sent for 4 Large Glass 14 X 24 Randolph Left Jo Douquetts cut 7 Poles for Shafts

7th Fine Working at the car of the Waggon Randolph here

8th Fine Randolph painting his Boat Mr Genie came From Cornwall Brought 4 Large Window Glass 55 cents to a pound 1/2 of Butter Leander Randolph to Summerstown 100 of Flour

James Cameron Island

{illegible} of July 1896 Fine Leander and Randolph went to Dundee Randolph took the cars for Beauhomias or Chatuaguay Fernandez and Stanley Mowing with 1 Horse Mowing Machine cutting Weeds for the Pigs a Fortunate DAy Fine one of the cows calved put Paris Green on the Potatoes a New Kind of Bug came to the Potatoes the Wilson Bug English Cherries Ripe Birds eating them Finished the car of the Waggon and Shafts in the Racking Machine Setting Fires on the Pitt Point

11th Fine Mowing Raking Fixing the Fence Made a Place for the Young Ducks at the Shore yesterday Fixing Big Glass in the Window cutting the Grove Fernandez crofsed to Summerstown

12th of July Orangeman's Day Fine John H and Gordon Randolph came Gordon crofsed to Cattenach

13th Fine Mowing Fernandez {illegible} Frashers Lewis for Butter Killed the calf Bugs Bad on the Potatoes

{page one}

James Cameron Island

14th of July 1896 Fine Very Warm Mowin Raking Gathering Making Making coils Put in 2 Loads for the First Randolph Traded his Boat with Mr Kimball 10 Dollars to Boot eat new Potatoes Ionia and I to Fish got 20 Perch

15th St Swithins Day Rained to Day W Wind Mowing Back of the Barn Fixing Fence John H and Randolph Went to Look for Randolph's Knife he Left it on Plum Island yesterday Randolph went to Lancaster Thunder and Lightning

16th Fine Put in 2 Loads of Hay Raking Killed a Sheep Mowing a Few Drops of Rain Washed the Woll yesterday Pease got Pods and cleaned the West Mow in the Barn Leander went to Douquetts with 11 Dozen of Eggs Tub of Butter got to Day 7 Dollars Randolph came

17th Fine very warm John H and Randolph went to Dundee Bought Tobacco Pants Shirts Melon Scythe stone Ionia Fishing Down at Rofs's Island {illegible} putting in Hay {rest of entry illegible}

{page two}

James Cameron Island

18th of July 1896 Very Fine Mowing Raking Making coils Randolph Fishing got a Lot Pleasure Excursions The Rocket The Gannett Leander and Randolph crofsed to Summerstown for the Mail Done cutting Hay in the Lower Field Raking and Making coils

19th Fernandez Birth Day 1874 Fernandez came John H crofsed with Kim Fine

20th Rained some Randolph went to A Frashers to work Began to Mow in the Upper Field cut a Few Rounds

21st Mowed some in the Upper Field Put a Load in from the Lower Field commenced to {illegible} very hot Blackbirds at the Pease (Sheep Pelts and calf skin John H Took

22nd Fine Mowed and Made coils in the W Field very hot Rain Thunder Lightning and much Rain here Passed to the South then to the north Lewis's Boy here Butter and Milk a Great Many Going Down for Huckle Berries to Point {illegible}

23rd Fine put 1 Lode in the Horses stable Put 4 Loads in to Day all Done the hay Lower Field Mowing West of Barn

{page one}

James Cameron Island

24th of July 1896 Fine Mowing in the Oakfield on Both sides of the Oats Putting in Made coils cutting alfers Fencing the Bank went to the Head of the Island some Devils cut the Pine Block at the Pine Pease good to Eat

25th Fine St James Day Mowed a Peice of the Barley south side Put in 2 Loads in the Stable loft the hay above the Barley and the oakfield Put wire Fence in the Bay putting alders on the Bank Lots of Boats Going to Day Leander crofsed to Summerstown for Mail Randolph and Gordon came with Leander

26th Fine Randolph went to Lancaster John H came Working at Robert Jack Fernandez came had Stanley Boots

27th cutting the Barley cutting and cutting Back Marsh Rained to night Thunder & Lightning Blackbirds at the Pease

28th Fine very warm Ionia Sissy and Ma went to Hamiltons Bought Tea Thread nutmeg putting in the Barley

{page two}

James Cameron Island

29th of July 1896 Mowing very warm mowing in Front Marsh Raking making coils Blackbirds Bad Lewis's Boys here for the Jumper and our 2 Inch Augur 2 Indians here selling Huckleberries Lots of Boats agoing got the Potato Bug sprinkler Lewis Leander crofsed to Summerstown sold 1/2 Bushel of Potatoes

30th very warm Mowing in Front Marsh high Wind a Few Drops of Rain Sam Mitchell and Wife Pikes Daughter here got Butter Potatoes going after Huckleberries Thunder Lots of Boats a Going

31st Began a Marsh-hay stack Windy Mowing

1st of August Lammas Day Finished the stack Leander went to Dundee Brought small Tub of Butter to Jo Shetla Bought Sythe and Snaith 1 Dollar Hat Randolph came

2nd Minnies Birth Day Fine Fernandez came Gordon and Geordie Annan came Leander came had the scythe snaith

{page one}

James Cameron Island

3rd of Augt 1896 Fine Warm Windy Mowing and Making coils Mr Genie here a man From squaw Island For Butter Blackbirds at the Grain

4th Fine very warm Mowing in the Marsh making coils Leander crofsed to Summertown The Chaffy a Big crowd on Her a Pic Nic to Hamiltons Island Bought of Mr Hagarty 100 of Flour RRR Genie Fishing to night Rained hard Thunder and Lightning E Wind

5th Fine Rained some cut some of the Lower Point oats Leander and Stanley Blackbirds Bad Genie here

6th Randolph's B Day 1867 Fortunate Day Fine small Shower Fixing the Pump took it out and took all the Bark of it Mr Genie Helping us at it cutting oats at Lower Point

7th Fortunate Day Fine Mowing oats in the upper Field and Below the Garden Randolph came Left Frashers Genie went off Put in 2 Loads of oats From the Lower Point

{page two}

James Cameron Island

8th of Aug 1896 very Fine very warm E Wind a Boat or 2 Barges aground on the Bar above squaw Island and Putting in what oats there is in the upper Field Mr Augustus Laduke here for worms or Baits Gave Stanley 10 cents Lots of Towing and other Boats a Going Blackbirds bad Randolph went to Lancaster to night

9th John H came Lewis here for Butter Fine

10th Fine a crew of 7 camped on the Pitt Point Men Women and children they are from Cornwall cutting Marsh Hay cutting oats cut a Bunch or 2 of Pease Leander crofsed for the Mail did not Get our Glengarrian

11th very warm cutting hay cut the Big Pease Gathering oats Making coils

12th very Warm Made a stack I Went to Hopkins Point for 6 Bottles of Beer Paid 1 Dollar got 10 cents Back Put in the Big {illegible} on the West side Randolph to Lancaster Raking the oats Lewis here for Butter Tea and Milk

{page one}

James Cameron Island

13th of August 1896 E Wind very warm cutting in the West End of Front Marsh Randolph and Leander Put in 2 Loads of Marsh hay in the stable Loft cutting some Weads and Brush Lewis Took home the sprinkler and they Broke it Tenters got Potatoes Randolph Fixing his Boat

14th Fine very warm Heard that a Man Died at Kenneth's under a Tree in the Field cutting some at the Pease Making coils in the upper end of the Marsh 32 Found the Bell Randolph Painting his Boat Nannie in the Grove got Loose to night

15th very warm and Fine Putting in 3 Loads of oats made a stack of Marsh hay heard to night that it was Dan Angus that Departed yesterday Leander Leander to Douquets with Butter and Eggs 3 Boys here for 4 lb of Butter Fernandez came to night and Gordon The Tenters went home to Day

{page two}

James Cameron Island

16th of August 1896 Raining Dan Angus McDonald Buried to Day Leander crofsed with Gordon Lewis here for Milk and Butter Got a Lot of London Papers from Dan

17th Fine at the hay along side of the Fence at the Wet Place Ionia and I to snake Island to Look at the Hay Killed a Sheep very Fat Mowing Turned the Pease cut the oats in the Oakfield

18th Fine Raining cutting the Hay in the Oakfield Went to Na Houta's Island to see the Hay Randolph and Leander 2 of the Tent men for Potatoes and Hay Gave 10 cents

19th Bismarcks B Day 1870 Fine a Few Drops of Rain the 2 Boys went to Na Houtas Island to cut Marsh hay Making coils of Marsh hay and coiling the oats in the Oakfield

20th Fine 3 Lad{cut off} and a Little Boy Barry Rowing the From Stanley Island Bought 31 lbs of Maple sugar at 8 Finished the {illegible} Island put in the Pease and oats

{page one}

James Cameron Island

21st of August 1896 Fine very warm put up one stack on Snake Island Made some coils in the Back Marsh have 1 stack more to Make on Snake Island Thunder Lightning heavy Rain to night

22nd Fine Day EW Randolph put out his Boat and went to Cornwall to Day Stanley and I Fishing to Day got 43 Lots of Yaghts going now

23rd Fine Windy John H Came

24th St Bartholemow Day Fine cut some Brush Pulled the Beans at Lower Point Stanley has a soar Hand Lewis here for Butter Randolph came through the night

25th Fine fixed the Roof and Pipe Put in the Marsh hay and some coils of oats Livinia and Ionia went to Stanley Island with Eggs Bougt Matches The Columbian Down with Big Load of Passengers Bought 100 of Flour a Tub of Butter to Jo Douquet : 2 Boats came Tenting on the North side

{page two}

James Cameron Island

26 of August 1896 Fine West Wind Leander and Randolph went to cut Marsh hay on Round Island Black Horse Island or Sheep Island it has all these names 2 Boats Fishing out Beside the Rushes one Boat upset and they got a Ducking Fixing my Boat Took out in the Beans Sorting the chickens for to Sell them crows at the apples

27th Fine a Pic Nic at Hamiltons Island for the church Fishing Perch Got a Bun From the Men From Cornwall thats Tented on the North side Rain last night

28th Fine Randolph Leander Mowing on Black Horse or Round Island Lewis and Mary Ann here she is Sowing on the sowing Machine Gave Lewis a Dollar for the Hay Those Cornwall Tenters went off to Day Lewis to Butter and Milk Randolph crofsed to night

{page one}

James Cameron Island

29th of August 1896 Fine Fishing got 18 Stanley & Sissy Went with 19 chickens to Mr Jo Douquetts Leander & Randolph went to Fort Covington Windy Fernandez came

30th Windy Gordon John H and Willie Rose Came they went up to the Point

31st Fine Randolph and Leander Fixing Boxes For their Live Ducks went up to Jo Douquets to BC Ready for the Game tomorro

1st of September St Giles Day Hunting Begins to Day Stanley and Livinia Went to Dundee Bought of Tyo Boots 2 Tea 1 Dollar soda 15 Glafs 18 Salt 50 4.63) Tubs Bought Cotton outing calico Lots of Boats a Going Columbran went Down Yesterday a Big Load

2nd Fine Went to Charley Island cranberries Plums Randolph and Leander came from hunting

Labour Day

{page two}

James Cameron Island

3rd of Sept 1896 Dan's Birth Day 1846 Rained some Shot some Ducks Lots of Tow's a Going Lots of Plovers going West Flying high some apples Falling

4th DCF. Birth Day 1894 Fine Randolph went for his Sail to Dundee cutting a a Maple the Wind Blew Down

5th John Angus B Day 1850 East Wind Fine the Boys went to Snake Island to Make a Stack Mr Genie came had crab apples he went to Cornwall to sell apples cut Down a Dead Butternut Dug some of the Ditch

6th Fine some wind Dick Cottingham came for Randolph to hunt John H cam

7th Races in Cornwall yachts and Boats and Canoe's Mr Genie came Lots of Boats Going to Day cutting Dead cherries and Brush set a fire

8th Fortunate Day very Fine Day Drawing Rails setting Fires in the upper Field Cornwall Tenters ca{cut off} got 2 sturgeon Rockett going Down Bought 100 of Flour on the 6th Sunday

{page one}

James Cameron Island

9 of Sept 1896 Unfortunate Day Fine E Wind Randolph Stanley Leander went to Make the stack on Black Horse Island near the Mouth of Salmon River Got 4 sturgeon 1 EEl Lucias for 4 lb of Butter they are Going Home to Day as Fish Dont Well Keeping the cows from coming in apples Falling

10th a very Fine Day very Foggy this Morning A Great many Boats went to Day setting Fires in the apple Field Fishing perch Randolph got his Mast and rudder Leander went to F Covington Binding some sheafs corn Stalks Lewis for Butter The Exhibition in Montreal

11 Trimming an Oak and Maple on the Pitt Pint Tenters to Butter and Potatoes 30 Got 2 Sturgeon

12th Fine E Wind a Race the Rockett and Bohemian the Bohemian caught her and Passer the Tenters went off Took up some 6 Bushels of apples Mr Genie went to Cornwall had 2 Boats

{page two}

James Cameron Island

13th of Sept 1896 E Wind Fernandez John H Gordon came Gordon Traded his Watch for a Boat The Tot with John Hamilton Gordon Leander Randolph making Ready to go to the Exhibition in Montreal tomorrow at 5 oclock they went up to the Point

14th Fine the 3 Boys went to Montreal Mr Genie came from Cornwall cutting cornstalks taking in apples cutting in the Garden

15th Fine E Wind Mr Genie went to Dundee to sell apples Gave him Money to Buy Sugar Ball of Thread a corn popper Cutting Rushes at the entrance of the Ditch Taking in apple cutting cornstalks went to the upper Point Mr Genie came sugar Thread corn popper Randolph came

16th Leander came stopt at Mr Andrew Fraser's all night Lewis for Butter Barry for Randolph setting Fires Allen Cameron house Burnt

James Cameron Island

17th of Sept 1896 Fine some Rain E Wind Thunder Lightning South West Wind Harrowing the hay Field sowed a Kettle of Grasseed set a Line Mr Genie here

18th Fine W Wind Mr Genie to Lancaster cutting on the Pitt Point Taking in cornstalks took in some apples Let the Horses in this side

19th Raining Mr Genie came From Lancaster shelling Beans

20th W Wind John H came very windy 2 here Mr M Edwards Man and Jo Lewis's Boy

21st Some Rain Turned Fine Began Taking up the Potatoes put 26 Bushels in to Day Keeping the small ones for the Pigs Those Cornwall Tenters came to Day Bought Potatoes a Bedding

22nd Fine E Wind Water Raised our Boat on the North Side Taken away yesterday was St Mathews Day Digging the cellar Sun Crofsing the Line Equinocical Gales

{page one}

James Cameron Island

22nd of Sept 1896 Equinoxical Gales EW changed to West and North Wind cool Leander crofsed to Summerstown Bought of Haggarty Diamond Dys Sugar Making Preserves Boiling Feed for the Pigs

23 Fine Windy Frost this Morning ice in the Boat Taking up Potatoes about 26 Bushels Mr Genie went off Randolph here to night went off

24th Fine Rained some Last night WW Tent Boy for Butter put in Potatoes 26 Bushels Leander went to the South side making Jelly a Lot of it Fanned some Pease and Beans Got 2 Ducks 25 Took up some of the Lower Potatoes 6 Bushel Went around the Island set a Fire on some Brush Leander crofsed for the Mail

26th Fine Windy shelled some corn Tenters went off to Cornwall Leander went for Ducks Fixing stones out in the water to Raining to night

27th Windy Raining Fernandez came Bought Leander Watch 40 Dollars

28th Fine Finished the Potatoes at the Door Stanley and Sissy went to J Douquetts 2 Tubs of Butter 12 Doz of Eggs Paid what he owed

{page two}

James Cameron Island

1896

{page one}

James Cameron Island

29th of Sep 1896 E Wind Fine Finished the Lower Potatoes 4 Bushels 78 1/2 Bushels in the cellar Besided the small ones for the Pigs and to Harrow yet Michaelmass Day Making a Hay Blinds for Hunting Mr John Oxley Buried to Day a very Fine Man and good Friend Heard he Departed in Montreal

30th High Wind Rained hard Ionia and I gathering nuts about 10 Bushels Killed 11 snakes to Day took in some apples Leander Making a Blind

1st of October Ionia B Day 1883 Rained some Gathered some nuts husking corn in the Barn making a Quilt Lewis here for Milk and Butter

2nd Fine Cool Gathering nuts Making Blinds Thrashed some Pease Lewis came from Lancaster Rain high E Wind

3 Fine E Wind Leander crofsed for Mail Bought of Hagarty Tea cinnamon Salt 60 Trimmed apple Trees Thrashed Pease Randolph here

{page two}

James Cameron Island

4th of October 1896 Fine October 4 in Bottles Gordon and John H came

5th Fine E Wind Mr Genie came had Hops 28 cents paid had a Bag of Apples a Mud spear Pole of Ash Fishing to night Gathering Butternuts those Cornwall Tenters came a Bed of Hay 10 cents at the Tumbler Quilt Leander to Dundee Bought of J Tyo Pants Drawers 2 Pairs of Boots 5 Gallons of Kerosene oil

6th Fine cool E Wind Finished the nuts all in one Heap took the Horse after them all spread up on the Hill

7th Raind Last and to Day Rained making Blinds for Hunting 2 Boys here Renshaw and Mr {illegible} Sold 2 Ducks 50 cents Finished the Tumbler Quilt put up another Quilt Fortunate Day

8th Windy Cool splitting some Logs got Twine from those Tenters Moved some stones at the River

{page one}

James Cameron Island

9th of October 1896 Unfortunate Day St Dennis Day Fine Mr Genie went to Dundee Piling stones at the River Put out 3 Loads of Manure

10th A.A Mc M B Day Fine E Wind sawing a Dead Maple Mr Genie and I Tenters went home a Yacht went Down yesterday Towing a hunting House Leander went for the Mail Got a Lot of Packages of Books and Papers From D.M.M Montreal Traded with Mr Genie for a Watch Gave it to Livinia (Sissy)

11th Fine Windy EW Fernandez came Leander Got 6 Ducks Sold 2 To Fernandez 2 Boys here Traded Ducks one of Them is White

12 Fine E Wind Mr Genie and I at splitting 3 Logs commenced to clear a Peice in the alders From the Ditch Ploughing at the Lower-Point

{page two}

James Cameron Island

13th of Oct 1896 Fine E Wind high Genie and I cutting Brush Made a Stack of Marsh hay on the very outside of the Marsh Genie went to Dundee for his spear took his Big Boat to McMahon

14th A very Fine Day Livinia and Stanley went to Dundee Putting out Manure a Lot of Shooting to Day the House Boat Hunters that went Down came up to Day Genie came From Dundee Fishing to night

15th a very very Fine Day Genie went off Piling stones at the River Lewis here for Butter and Milk Stanley and Sissy came Bought Boots and Mended Boots Drawers Shirts Tartan Spoon horn RRR Eclectrick oil Tubs Brought a cat Heard 2 Men Hunters Drowned Lancaster cut the Rushes in the Road

16th A Fortunate Day Fine Randolph came had 2 Letters and Lot of Papers From Dan Mary Ann Lewis here McEdward passed Down home Done Thrashing the small pease

{page one}

James Cameron Island

17th of Oct 1896 Unfortunate Day Thrashing some Leander crofsed for the Mail Burnt a Couple of Brush heaps Leander stopt at Douquets to Hunt

18th St Luke's day E Wind John H came

19th Fine Windy The Lucias took 30 lb of Butter 5.40 Working at the stones at the River Taking in and Shelling sunflowers some grains of snow Last night

20th very High W Wind Leander and Mr Molson here Left 1 of his Guns Randolph Here Took away Blinds and Poles Ground his Small axe I went up around the Island searched for Spunk Working at the Stones at the River a Large 3 Masted Propeller went Down Picking Beech-nuts rained to night

21st Fortunate Day very Windy a Lot of Shooting Fernandez came Taking in the Garden Stuff carrots Beets squashes sunflowers Finished shelling the sunflowers

{page two}

James Cameron Island

22nd of October 1896 Fine Windy Fernandez and Stanley Ploughing at the Oakfield at the Ditch The Ducks stopt away Last night working at stones at the River put some Banking to the West End of House cutting some of the Rushes above the road Pealing apples to night

23rd Livinia's (Sissy) Birth Day Fine Ploughing the Potatoes Ground went to Sturgeon Island set Fires to some heaps near the Marsh Looking for sweet Flag

24th our Hugh's Birth Day Fine Rained some Dr Bergin Buried to Day Fernandez sent a Letter to Standard with Pay in it a Letter to DMM Sent a Lot of Papers Bought Sugar at Hagartys 1/2 Dozen of steel Pens Heard Dr McIntyre Died Last Week I Did not get the h{illegible}

{page one}

James Cameron Island

25th of October 1896 My Birth Day at 4 Oclock 1825 71 years old to Day at 4 o clock This is St Crispin's Day all Shoe-Makers Day Gordon came Leander came Fine

26th Fine Banking the south side East end Bagging the Butternuts 4 Bags Thrashed some Oats Traced 1 Trace of Corn

27th a very Fine warm Day Thrashing oats Went to the Pitt Point For the Duck as it stopt away Making a Box Unfortunate Day Lewis here for Tea Told us Mary was Married a Good Lot of Shooting Seen Wild Geese a Lot of Boats a Going

28th E Wind Blowing Livinia and Fernandez Went to Dundee Bought cornmeal Tea Broom Fork Quilt -covering 2 Men here to night Villeneuve and Halton

{page two}

James Cameron Island

29th of Oct 1896 some Rain Fine 2 Men went off Bread & Butter 20 Paid 50 Fixing the Stones at the Head of the Island

30th E Wind a Boat aground north side of the Island very Foggy a Lot of Shooting Sent a Letter to DMM Montreal and a small Paper Box containing Beech-nuts Flint Steel Indian Crockery sweet Flag had no Spunk Fernandez took it to Mr Haggarty to take to Summerstown Station Rained some got a Bad Fall

31st Fine calm wind Raised from the West a Great Lot of Boats a Going to Day put out some Manure Ploughed at the apple tree a peice fo the Potatoes Gathered a Lot of Hicory nuts For the Pigs This is all Hallow Holy Eve Hallow Een The Night of the Fairies The Eve of all Saints cracking nuts

1st of November all Saints Day Eve The Harvest Month of Death Gordon and John H came Leander here Got 1 Dollar from John H

{page one}

James Cameron Island

2 of November 1896 All Souls Day Fine Windy Randolph here from Lancaster Mr Genie came had a Kettle of Apples Broke the Clovis got 1 From Mr Genie Working at the Stone Wall at the Shore Gordon came to night had his Trunk and Tools went to Fish to night Ionia Made her Jelly to Day

3rd E Wind Fine Election in the United States For President Gordon Went to Lancaster Working at the shore at the stone Wall Mr Genie set his Line Stanley plastering got a Pair of Boots From Gordon on the Day of the Month 1857 Granda Departed Unfortunate Day

4th E Wind changed to S West Great Booming of Cannon fro the President Mr Genie and I cutting Brush Burning Brush

{page two}

James Cameron Island

5th of Nov 1896 Gunpowder Plot Guy Fawks Day Fortunate Day Raining to Day Gordon came went to Jo Lemays to Get the Gun Fixed 25 cents

6th Rained Blowing hard W Wind Brushing a Little went around the Island Mr Genie and Dug a Little at the East End of the Ditch

7th Helen's B Day Fine a Lot of Boats a Going to Day Gordon crofsed to Hunt Fernandez to Careys Mr Genie and I Brushing Water Raised some Stanley a Thrashing oats for the Pigs a Little Ploughed

8th Fine Gordon and Genie here Fernandez here Windy

9th Prince of Wales B Day Fine Brushing in the West Field Unfortunate Day Leander came set Snowed a Few Grains

10th Unfortunate Day Genie went for his Boat Gordon and Fernandez went to Fort Covington Burning the Brush heaps Put the stove up in the West End shut the outside cellar Door Bought Boots Honey Oatmeal Sugar cartriges Caps E Wind to night

{page one}

James Cameron Island

11th of November 1896 E Wind Rained Wind changed to high W Wind Raining got 3 Ducks Leander Fixing his Gun

12th Martinmas Day Fine Windy West Killed 1 of the Pigs Ploughing Brushing Began Laying the Floor in the East End cut a Stick for oars

13th E Wind Working at the Floor Mr Genie went to Jo Lemays with his Revolver Ploughed some

14th Froze Last night some snow Fine Randolph and Lafave here Mr Genie came Left his Big Boat at Mr Lemays working at the Floor took Down the Buttery

15th Windy John H came

16th Windy East working at the Buttery Put it in the South East Corner

17th Fine West Wind north Wind Brush cut some Soft Maple in cordwood Sissy and Fernandez went to Dundee with Ducks Finished the Buttery Genie and Leander caught 3 EEls in the Mud Rained and Froze to night

18th very Fine Bought of Mr Tyo Genie Fishing got 1 Brushing Tea 1 nails 50 Coloring 20 Dipper cash 4 Sold some Ducks Last Trip of the Rocket

{page two}

James Cameron Island

18th of Nov 1896 James McIllvain Buried to Day Gordon and Fernandez went to Summerstown For Flour to Haggarty 2.50 The Wind Raised and changed to the West a Big squall

19th Fine Windy Began Ploughing From the End of Lane over to the Maples crofsing the Ditch Mr Genie cutting Down Elm's Gordon crofsed to Barrels Sale Freezing to night not Much Ducks

20th a Fine Day Fortunate Day Genie Went off E Wind and West Setting Fires in the Oakfield Gordon Made a Double Whippletree Fernandez went to Lancaster Banking the Stable

21st Unfortunate Day On This Day of the Month D M Master Senior Departed 1846 East Wind Snowing Banking the north Side and the West Gordon Crofsed for the Mail

22nd Fine Gordon to church

23rd Fine the cattle Fed in now Got 2 EEls Gordon went to hunt Rained tonight all the snow Gone Let out the 2 Rams

{page one}

James Cameron Island

24th of Nov 1896 Fixing a Shed Between the Stable and the Barn Fine Gordon came to night Wrote 2 Letters one to Bismarck and 1 to Mr Isaac Wilson of the Glengarrian

25th St Catherin's Day East Wind Snowing Blowing Gordon got his overcoat yesterday

26th E Wind Thanksgiving Day icicles on the Trees Gordon crofsed to church 2 of Lewis Boys here for a Pot to scald his Pigs Butcher Knife some Drops of Rain some Tugs went to Day Sent off 2 Letter to Day got a Lot of Papers From Dan

27th E Wind changed to West Rained some Wrote a Letter to Dan some Boats went to Day Let out the Boar to Day {illegible} Did not sent the Letter for the Ducks be sent

28th Fine Rained Windy Fixing around the Wood yard Gordon crofsed

{page two} Advent Sunday James Cameron Island

29th of Nov 1896 Windy some snow No Lights in the Lighthouse to night

30th St Andrews Day The Festival of the Scotch Fine Randolph here to Day working at the stable no Boats to Day Gordon crofsed took the Box of Ducks to Haggarty to take out to Summerstown Station

1st of December Frosty Fine W Wind cutting and Sawing wood in the upper Field Gordon went to Work at Kenneth MDonalds no Boats to Day

2nd Fine Day set some Fires in the Marsh Fernandez went to A Fraser cutting Brush Ice Froze in the Rushes husking Corn

3rd Fine Windy cutting alders and Brush Set Fires in the Marsh Back North Shot 2 Ducks

4th cutting Brush Fine Windy snowed to night seen a crane

{page one}

James Cameron Island

5th of Dec 1896 Windy Snowed cutting Brush alders opened the Fence at the Brush on the Bank of the River shot a Gull Gordon came to night

6th Windy Gordon crofsed

7th Fine Killed the Pig

8th a very Fine Day Drew some stones to the River Building my stone-Wall South East Wind to night Snowed to night

9th E Wind Got a Mink one of Lewis Boys here Come Home with Pot the Butcher-Knife and 2 inch Augur Kind of Soft to Day Salted the Pork Fixed a Handle in the Snow-Plough Gave Lewis 2 Sticks for Brooms on Halves

10th Leander's B Day 1872 Fine Leander went to the Kit Kit Mr Dan Fraser and Sophie here took the Tup sheep

11th Fine Leander Went to Rofs's Island

{page two}

James Cameron Island

12th Dec 1896 very Fine Day Livinia and Stanley went to Stanley Island 6 1/2 lb of Butter 18..1..17 Eggs 1.44 Bought of Haggarty Flour 100 Wt Got a Letter and Papers From Dan and a Box at the Depot Summerstown station Key in the Letter for the Box Fernandez came a pair of Boots for Tonia Mr Genie came took Bag of Apples and 3 Bag of Buckwheat Gordon came had the Box Some the Things that came Razor & strop pairs of shoes Table spread 2 Towels {cut off}lars Shirt Hat Cap 9 Blankets Box of Tea Books Robe Ties Traps a Box for Collars Basket Bottle Tan O Shanter comb Cushion and so on

13th Mr Genie went to Fishing EEls got Irons from me Gordon Gave him Coat and Pants Fernandez Gave him 25 cents for Fix his spear Gave him 50 cents for the Buckwheat Gordon crofsed Fernandez Gave me a Dollar and a Pair of Boots and Give me another Dollar for the Coat

{page one}

James Cameron Island

22nd of Dec 1896 A Fortunate Day Fine cold Frosty East and North Wind Making Ice some Took in the Swill Bowl as it Frosty

23rd Fine Frosty Cold E Wind Water holes for the Cows at the River a Goose on the Island seen his Track he Flew to Lewis's acrofs cutting Brush in the afternoon Lots of air-holes on the south side Lots of ice going Down to night Freezing hard

24th Fine very Frosty W Wind Frosty To Day and to night Christmas Eve Killed 2 Roosters 1 of them 5 1/2 one of them 5 3/4 Weight some Ducks Froze on the ice Lots of air holes put the Barrel in the Cellar Dug out some stones

25th Christmas Day Fine Fair and Frosty W Wind Leander Went to Dundee Fernandez came Had a Lot of Sweetys and a Lot of Spunk very Windy to night

{page two}

James Cameron Island

26th of December 1896 St Stephen's Day Fine a Great squall of Snow for a small While water Raising some cutting alders and moving the Rails of the Fence

27th St John the Evangelist Day Gordon came had the Papers and a Parcel for Leander and a Letter with a checque in it for Dan Fine Leander and John Morris came Left his Horse at Hopkins Point and Walked Down Gordon sold his cap to his Mother for Gordon crofsed John Morris stopped to night

28th Fine Leander Fernandez John Morris shod the Mare and Took up the Gentleman Pig to and the Mare took home the Cutter By hand Wrote a Letter to DMM and a Parcel of Spunk Fernandez took the Letter and Parcel to Lancaster P office

29th Soft Rain Uncle Angus Cameron B Day Killed the Bull Randolph hear from Lancaster

{page one}

James Cameron Island

30th of Dec 1896 West Wind Thawing Soft High West Wind this Evening cut some alders up in the Bay Leander went to the Kit Kit Drew some stovewood Looking for my mits

31st Last Day of the year Fine E Wind Cutting Alders and Piling Brush on the Bank Leander and Stanley Fishing Perch in the Back Bay Got 21 Fish Lots of Perch There Fernandez came to night had Sweetys and casteel Soap 2 Lead pencils

1897 New Years Day

1st of January Fortunate Day Fishing Perch Caught 29 Fine East Wind ice cracking

2nd Fine a Fortunate Day Boys Fishing got 107 Perch 8 EEls 1 Pike cutting and clearing Kind of Soft Shot a Wild Goose on New Years Day cleaned 155 Fish to night

Stewart in F Covington Died

{page two} Murdock {illegible} 2nd of January 79 years James Cameron Island

3rd of January 1897 Allen's Birth Day 1853 Unfortunate Day Fine E Wind Gordon and Dan Spink here Boys a Fishing got a Pike 11 1/2 lbs got Perch EEls and Pike

4th Fine Day clearing up at the Bay Fernandez went to F Covington got 3 Teeth Drew Dollar Unfortunate Day Billy came Down with him Leander and Stanley put in a Stack the other stack did 8 Days and Fishing Thawing some Rain to night some holes in the ice

5th Fishing EEls Perch Pike Some Flakes of Snow W Wind went up the Bay cut 2 Birches

6th Ephinay Fine Windy Freezing some Fishing got Perch and pike Leander and Billy crofsed up at the Upper end of the air-hole Fernandez crofsed to the Burst Turned Back cutting 2 Birches Looks Like Storm of Snow no snow

For more information on James Cameron, check out the "Meet the Diarists" section under "Discover" on our website: ruraldiaries.uoguelph.ca