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Mr James Cameron Island 31st 1873

Took Breakfast at Hamiltons Stormy Cold East Wind Left my Pork at Hamiltons Fine in the afternoon Shooting to night out of the 2 Guns

1st of January 1873 Firing this morning Jim Hopkins Charlie Hopkins Bill Morris George Morris Pars Bowen old Mrs Morris Mrs Macilvan and Sarah Betsy and 2 children stopt for Dinner Gave Bill a Bible and English newspaper sent Mrs Hopkins Book home Got 5 cartriges from Jim

2nd I crofsed to Hamiltons William Lavelette there with 4 axes to Grind Got Isacc Blondeau to Fix my Boots 15 cents Got new Years from Isacc Heard Sandy Ward Departed yesterday James McKenna here for a Load of his hay Fine turned cold and then stormy then Raining to night George Renshaw came from Town went Down yesterday

3rd Allen's Birth Day a Fine Day Sun hot Thawing Chopping Stove Wood

4 chopping stove Wood stormy this morning turned Kind warm some Windy from the West changed to night to East

Sunday 5 cold some Froze last night Blustering to Day snowing Drifting East Wind

6th Began to Make a hand Sleigh seen a Fish hawk or an Eagle after a Duck in the airhole and after hovering around for a Long time he plunged after her and Got her and Tore her on the ice

7th Working at the sleigh

8th Hugh Ann's Birth Day 7 years old to Day James McKenna came for a Load of his hay Had a Bottle with him his Bobs came a part I Gave him a Trace chain and we Fixed it Finished the handsleigh

9th a very Fine Morning got Ready to go acrofs it turned very stormy went as Far as Hamiltons took the sleigh could hardly make out coming home could not see 16 feet Before me very Frosty to night

10th cold Frosty Nor West Wind Drifting Quit milking Spotty this week

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Mr James Cameron Island Jan 11th 1873

cutting Stove Wood very Frosty and Frosty Frosty to night its awful Frosty time this Long While nailing some Boards on the shed

12th Sunday seen a Fox crofsing from Alexis Island 2 Ducks in the air hole a very Fine Day west Wind in the Evening turned from the East can hardly do anything But chopping Stove Wood and Keeping on Fires house warm took the oars and Paddle up from the Boat cold this Evening But Pleasant

13th calf Dead Quite smart this morning cold Day

14th James McKenna took a Load Gave me 25 cents had a Drop Skinned the calf Drew him to the Lower Point set 2 Traps for the Fox Gordon to the Bush for a Load of Wood

15th cutting stove Wood Very Cold

16th Fine Raining West Wind TMcKenna Took all his hay had 2 Teams Took me a Sack of Flour from Mr Crippin sent the calf skin to Mr Strater a very Large Load had to hitch the 2 Team to the Load put in the Bottom of the Marsh hay stack Rained very very heavy tonight the Feilds all Bear and Blowed very hard

17th Moved the Marsh hay of the West mow and put some Fine hay on the upper Boards ice all Glib a very heavy Thaw Salmon River Busted up

18th East Wind Stormy snowing Blowing

19th Sunday My Shoulder very Bad with Rheumatism Drifting and wind

20th a Fine Morning Went acrofs stopt at Hamiltons a Great Lot of Men on the ice surveying and sounding the Depth of Water 4 at Hamiltons 4 at McLeods 4 at Vipond and a Lot at Summers's Bought of Vipond 4 Bro 1 lb TEa 1/2 lb Tob 1 Bar Soap Got an Almanack Got a Ride up and Down from J Hamilton John got his Boots Wetted them Turned Stormy East Wind and snow heard about Sutherlands Murder to Day seen George Grant and Jim Bushes Boy Got a Paper from Charlie

21st St Agnefs Day Bushed some of the Road at the Upper Point The Surveyors at the head of the Island and along the north side E Wind turned stormy.

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Mr James Cameron Island Jany 22nd 1873

Went to Parishas Bought 1 Pint of Old Rye 15 Soap 9 Comb 10 Pipe Matches 2

23rd the Surveyors surveying the North Bay and the Barn and the House and And the East End and the South Side of the Island J McKenna here for his Stack of Marsh Hay about 2 Tons had 2 Team Brought me 90 cents From Mr Streeter for the calf skin Mr Crippin Sent By him Tea and Sweetys to the children I went to John Hamiltons for 6 1/2 Bushel of Buckwheat

Got a Basin of Apples from John Willie Rose there with 2 axes to Get the handles taken out of them John Broke his own axehandle taken them out a Fine Day East Wind turned cold

24th Charlie Tuppers Birth Day and a stormy Day it is East Wind made a Machine to to cut Tobacco Drank Charlie's health to Day

25th Robie Burns Birth Day W Wind I see a Sleigh Going Down the ice I think its a Load of the surveyors it turned when it got Below the Lighthouse

26th Sunday a Fine Day the Fox Playing a Great deal around the airhole A Fortunate Day East Wind then West Livinia Bad with the Toothache

27th crofsed to Summerstown cold Stormy Bought 4 Pens

28th New Moon Fine Morning I started for Salmon River Turned Stormy West Wind snowing and Drifting called at Hopkins Got a Ride up From J Alpin McGreggor called at John McGreggor Paid 10 cents I owed him had a Treat Bought a Pint Got the Pay of My Rats from Mr Streeter Gave him the small Pile of manure Bought of Dr Gillis 1 Bottle of Poison 5/- Bought of Congdon Pink Root and senna 30 cents Bought of Parker Licquorice Went in to see the Barber and Mr Crippin and Mr McKenna Stormy Day stopt at Donald Suples all night had a Great night with Angus had some Rounds at Tyos with D Baker

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Mr James Cameron Island January 29th 1873

Bought of J McGreggor Speaking to P Buckanan to send Me Down to Hopkins a 100 Wt of Flour got Hana at Suples to Fix my Boot 10 cents a very very Frosty morning and Last night Got a Ride down stopt at Hopkins came home

30th set the Poison at the Sturgeon Island

31st Went to Summerstown Bought of Vipond Brush 20 cents Rope 15 Bottle of Oil 25 Soap 10 cents George Renshaw Treated at Summers heard young Donald McGreggor came home going to have a Lawsuit with his Father about the Farm heard Tom Summers was to Be Married next Thursday a Dance in Lancaster to night and a Dance out at Andrew Camerons called at John Hamiltons he told me he would Give me the horses tomorrow

1st of February I crofsed to John Hamiltons got the Team to Go to Hopkins for my Flour a Pretty Frosty Day East Wind Donald McDonald got the Loan of J Hamiltons Gentleman Pig Gotof Books Scout Captain C and Saray Judson 2 admirals Too Good For him Mary Ann has a very Bad Thumb with a Felon on it One of their sheep got Ripped with the Cows took home the Horses a Pretty Frosty Day

2nd Sunday Candlemas Day a cold Windy Day Frosty and Frosty to night and Last Last night High Wind to night

3rd Making a Road up through the Marsh took home a Load of Wood A very Fine Day Kind of Warm a Good Deal of Crofsing on Summers Road to Day the Air hole shut up a Great Deal yesterday

4th Raining Some Fine

5th in the Bush clearing some in the Front Marsh

6th Mr Crippin Mr Cook East and Julius Basco came for a Load of Hay had a hooker and the oyster crackers Sweetmeats to the Children Got a canoe for to make a Trough Tom Summers Getting Married to Day I went to Roses for the Rest of the yarn Bought of Parisha cold Rye and Black Thread met John Hamilton taking up the ice cutters and Engineers Got a cat Roses Got 1 Sack of Flour From Crippin

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Mr James Cameron Island Feby 7th 1873

Cutting Wood Piling in the cookhouse Cattle eating out in the Feilds

8th Gordon's Birth Day 1863 a very Fine Fore Part of the Day Soft Good Travelling on the ice a sleigh or Cutter at the Lighthouse those Engineers Moving upwards now cutting some wood and clearning up in the Bay

9th Sunday Preaching on the Front seen a man Crofsing a Foot at the Lower end of this Island to Christees Fine Day wind Cold Some Frosty

10th Went to the Sturgeon Island to see the Poison Bate very Frosty

11th a Fortunate Day East Wind Stormy snowing turned Fine in the afternoon seen a Fox crofsing to the head of the Island chopping up in the Bay Firewood

12th Races at Dundee on the Ice Went to Get my Boot Fixed By Isacc Blondeau 10 cents Tom Summers Poorly Bought of Viponds Matches almanac 5 cents Soda 10 cents Robert Jack Thrashing at John Hamiltons a Fine Day water Raising some places near shore

13th Went to Fort Covington at the Races Came Down with Bill Heard of Mr Stafford Getting out of his mind and its no wonder the Man has Been Fined so often Left 5 Razors with the Barber took home P Buchanans Bag Got some B Wheat from Bill a Man hurted at the Races I think his name is Elliot the Man that owened the Grey horse that Trotted

14th Tom Davis Died on 14 Bill came Down with me

15th cutting Wood a Fine Day

16th Sunday a Fine Day Seen a Fox going the way of the Poison

17th a Fine Day Went to Fort Covington Got a Ride up from Jim Hopkins took Dinner there stopt at J McGreggors had a Round Got a viol full Heard Tom Davis was Buried yesterday Sarah Baker Married to Day Went to see the Barber Got a Case of Razors from him in

exchange for 5 sent some apples and sweetys to the children Mr Crippin sent sweetys to the children got a Ride Back from {illegible Creppens?} Got 2 Books Charlie Shot a Dog Jim Missed him

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Mr James Cameron Island Feby 18th 1873

James Hughs Birth Day I think Mr Streeters Daughter is getting Married to Day in the Bus cut Down the Dead oak Tree in the Upper Marsh

19th a Fine Morning turned soft Raining some high West Wind waiting for a Ride went to George Renshaws wrote a Letter for George water on the ice Dan McGreggor a Treat at Summers's Seen the Lessor Young Angus at Summer's got From Ewing & Brothers Seedsmen and Florists 100 McGill Street Montreal the catalogue of Seeds Got a Paper from Charlie

20th Went to Fort Covington met John Tyo on the Salmon River he had a Bottle Treated me out of it Bill and Luke putting out Manure not Froze much the Heaps about 8 inches D.Suple went to Cornwall to 1/2 Pound of Tea from Mr Bought at R Bakers Tobacco 5 Went to see Tom Mulverhills Place he showed me the way they Play on the Billiard Table came Down to the Lines Mr Baker Treated me in Tyos Stopt at D Suples all night

21st Arthur Burton Died on 21st Came home Tired Stormy East Wind very stormy could not see the Islands had hardwork to make out the way struck the head of our Island

22nd Washingtons Birth Day Shot a Strange Bird the was Flying around all winter cutting some sticks of oak thats around the Door Drifting West Wind cutting the Stove Wood

23rd Shrove Sunday cold Frosty

24 St Matthias Day very Cold

25th Cutting Wood in the Bush Snow Deep

26th Ash Wednesday a Fine Day Went to the Sturgeon Island Great Banks of Snow Drifts up on the plane Foxes dont Touch the Poison Gordon Went for Cedar to the North Side of the Island seen a horse and cutter and 4 men I think there Fishing EEls Below Captain Fraser's New Moon comes in to night

27th East Wind Fine Day Gordon Went to Bosells for Tobacco

28th chopping in the Bush

1st of March St Davids Day went to Summerstown Got a Letter From Helen the Death of her Little Boy Arthur in it a Fine Day some snow this Morning

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Mr James Cameron Island March 2nd 1873

Friday a very Fine Day

3rd Went to Summerstown for J Grants Horses to take Down 2 sacks of Flour I got from him a Treat at Summerss 15 cents Brought over 5 Bushels of Ashes and 1 Bushel of Onions sold to Viponds 90 cents Bought of Vipond Soap Tobacco Dowds Elixer Sweetys 1/2 lb Tea

4th Went to Summerstown took Donald Suples some onions Got a Ride from G Renshaw Island From Mr Kennedy on the Black River called at J MGreggor Bought 1 Pint Got a Salmon Trout From Mr Crippin some sweetys for the children in at the Barbers took supper at Donald Suples Bought Knitting needles at D Bakers Licquorice got a Ride Down from J Plumar Got a sticking Plaster from Bill

6th chopping

7th a Fine Day Thawing

8ths a Great many going the ice to Lancaster Raining water on the ice cutting hay in the mow

9th Sunday wind high Thawing Freezing the wind high Last night did not see an crofsing to Day

10th 2 Men here Dupee Gave me a Dollar I went to Williamstown Brought Ellen the christian Consolation Against the Tears of Death at old Mrs Simon Christys Wake Died on the 8th old Mr Patrick Buchanan Died in Montreal Taken up on the cars to night and then Taken acrofs to Dundee

11th Came home from Williamstown J Hopkins here

12th On this Day of the Month D McMaster first came to the Island AJ Baker To 3 1/2 Cords of Wood James Hopkins here Drew me 2 Loads of Wood

13th Jim Hopkins Drew me 2 Loads of Wood Went to Little Island EEl Fishers talking about the Sugar Bush Fine Day

14th Went to Summerstown and F Covington Got 3.75 American Money a Treat at S and at J MG Got a Ride From Little I J McDougall Races in Dundee Ducks in the air hole the Eagle and Crows flying

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Mr James Cameron Island March 15th 1873

George Renshaw here Fixing the shafts of his sleigh took my ashes up to Summerstown Got some money fomr AJ Baker Gave it to Vipond Bought a pair of Boots 3..75 nutmeg mustard George Bosell here Cook Eaton here and Johny Moore for staves 62 Large Staves and and

90 small ones got 1 Dollar American Money from Cook Eaton 75 they took from here 95 they took from here raining snowing very high Wind Blustering

17th St Patricks Day Splitting Rails

18th Went to Fort Covington old Mrs Truax Buried to Day

19th James Grant Went Down to Rankins Mill with 2 Teams or more Charlie Rose George and Lewis Bosell here cutting wood for the sugar Bush

20th George Renshaw here had some Potatoes and a Hooker Wrote a Letter For George Gave Vipond 2 Dollars to my {illegible} 21st Frist Day of spring

21st Stormy East Wind and snowing Mrs Creed Buried

22nd Livinia Birth Day I went to George Renshaws Got a Ride acrofs from Busha Got 2 sacks of Flour 10 lbs of Pork(1/2 lb Tea a Few Days Before Got a Ride Down with my Flour to the Lines with Pet Buchanan Got a Ride to George Renshaws with Charlie Rose Broke Down at Bills at the Distillery Lis Getting Widow Laflesh Getting married to Parker George Renshaw came Down with me with his horse and cutter

23rd George Gathering sap stormy snowing

24th Fine Boiling in the Bush at Troughfs

25th Mr Crippin and Reynolds here {scrolling loops}

*17th the St James hotel Burnt Catherine Barrett Buried

18th Went to F Covington Mrs Traux Buried got a Ride Down From Cook Eaton on a Waggon Found a Rug on the ice sent Gordon to Bosells

19th cutting Wood for the sugar Bush

20th Went up with George crofsed to Viponds Gave him 2 Dollars to my account George Bosell taken the Rigging to the Bush a Fine Day turning soft E wind snowed hard to night

21st Court in Cornwall to Day got 2..80 From AJ Baker yesterday

22nd First Tapping

24th 1st Boiling in the Bush

25th Mr Crippin and Mr Reynolds here tonight

26 Fine Turned stormy as they started of

27th snowing stormy

28th came for the stick Austin and David Vass Mr Crippin sent 2 Glafs Dishes and Raisins

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Mr James Cameron Island March 25th 1873

Came for the oak stick

309th Raining a Sleigh crofsed heard that a Many Hung himself at Dan Cameron's in the Barn his name was Mayo seen 2 crows for the first

31st Made over a Gallon of Molasses for our share Peggy Began to stop from crofsing

1st of April First sugar Made about 24 lbs Gordon and I seen Robins in the Bush a Fine Day

2nd Boiling in the Bush commenced to Rain Fixing the stable Door I think its Jim Hopkins that crofsed this Morning a Man and 1 horse sleigh crofsed as far as Hopkins and turned Right Back in a Hurry

3rd AJ Baker and Mr Emery here Andrew Gave 25 cents to Gordon I crofsed to Vipond Bought Kerosene Tea Tobacco Got a Letter and Papers

4th chopping Stove Wood

5th Peggy and George crofsed

6th Palm Sunday Peggy came Heavy Rain Thunder and Lightning George Gordon and I emptying the Troughfs

7th Writing a Letter to Charlie

8th Henry Bosell and Antwine here to Give Me word that Minnie was very Low in Williamstown I crofsed over with them ice Bad close to shore The Roads very Bad Going to Williamstown Dark When I got to the shore took my Tea at George Bosells

9th in Williamstown

10th The Ice opened at Francis Island

11th Good Friday in Williamstown

12 in Williamstown Mr Currys Child Departed Spotty calved on Good Friday in Williamstown

13th Easter Sunday in Williamstown

14th

15th

16th came Home from Williamstown got a Ride from Rooky Got over with Peggy and Peter as they were coming to the Sugar Bush First Laying of the hens

17th Went to F Covington Lashey and I got 20 Dollars to 10 lb Pork 1 sack of Flour 1/2 lb Tea Tobacco 1/2 Dozen spoons 6 Tin Pans 1 lb of Buckshot 1/2 lb Powder stopt at D Suples all night Gave a Receipt to old D McGreggor

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Mr James Cameron Island April 18, 1873

Our Duncans Birth Day came home Lashey and I the Wind very high

19th Splitting Rails Blacy calved cleaning around the House set 5 Traps Great shooting

20th John Hamilton and George Renshaw here Looking for sticks of Timber that Left Georges Island Last night

21st I and Gordon Went to Rofs's Island Found the Timber and secured it well Jacob here to night and one of the Grays

22nd Went to PO at John Hamiltons

23rd St Georges Day Firing Piling Manure

24th Fixing the Fence Made Syrup

25th Spearing Eels got 31

26th Knocking around

27th Went to Rofs's Island George here

28th Lights Lit up in the Lighthouses Went to Summerstown Brought Mrs Spinks some EEls are have his EEl spear and he gave me a Dz of Excellent Herring

29th First Boat Went Down Went to Summerstown and Dundee The Royals First Trip

30th I and George Renshaw came from Dundee

1st of May The Raft came Tied up in the Bay Gordon Boiling sap

2nd High Wind Working at the Fence

13th Fixing the Gate setting Fires

4th The Man of the Raft Went off the John A McDonald and American Went Down

5th Making Fence at the Barn Making Rails

6th Digging in the Garden Planting Potatoes

7th John Hamilton and William McLeod here with their Bulls

8th Setting Fires on the Pitt Point Burnt the Fence

9th commencing making up the Fence on the Pitt Point

10th Raising the Lighthouse On Hamiltons Island

11th Lost Day

12th L Received Sink

13th,14th 15th

16th Got Potatoes From Hamiltons

17th Digging and Planting

18th Planting

19th Went to Roses Ground and old Knife for Andrew Mrs Rose and Margaret in Lancaster

Got some seed Potatoes from them

20th Went to Dundee on Last then

21st crofsed Cooks Raftsmen Left 1 of their men with me

22 Got my canoe to go to the Raft Planting Potatoes

23rd the Man came for his auger and Went off with my canoe without Paymernt

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Mr James Cameron Island May 24th 1873

the Queens Birth Day Firing Planting

25th

26th Fixing Fence

27th at the Fence at the East End of the Barn Found a Bun

28th Planted the Beans Trowling Got a Pike

29th Royal Oak Day Barked a chair

30th cleaning the chips from around the Door

31st cutting Brush setting Fires very cold nights

1st of June Whit Sunday

2nd Went to Na Houtas Island the Wind Raised

3rd Went to Christees Island and Na Houtas I

4th Barking chairs started for the Post Office turned Back Wind and Rain

5th crofsed 4 Raftsmen from the Hay Island Gave me a Dollar as they had no more and hard work to have that Bought of Vipond 3 Bunches of Lines Hooks 3/4 of Tea Tobacco Black Thread Matches Pipes Got a Letter 2 Papers Mrs Carey sent sweetys to the children came Back Went for the 2 Men Left on the Raft took them up to Get something to Eat as they must be Prety Hungry went Down with them to their Raft and it started while they were at their Dinner and it was almost at the Floating Light when we caught it could not Pay me nor Give me an axe or an auger to show what I had Done for them Heavy Rain haild and thunder Magnet went Down

6th Barking chair Planting Potatoes caught a Dram over Below Christees

7th Raftmen here for the Dram Paid me Gave me 4 Dollars

8th Trinity Sunday Peggy Bosell Georges Wife and children here Alexand Grant Boo) Departed Livinia and I and all the children Went Down to the Kit Kit Island a very fine Day

9th Our Mary's Birth Day crofsed to Summerstown Bought Flour Hat cotton Thread eggs Brown Ribbon Went Down to Kenneths Thomas Munroe and I and put the Dead close on A Grant Got a Rooster from W Spink

10th Put a hent to Hatch

11th Making a Pen for Pigs I am to Get from George Bosell Weeding Potatoes

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Mr James Cameron Island June 12th 1873

Corpus Christee or Big Sunday with the Indians) very unwell in Bed all Day

13th Gordon Randolph Little Livinia and I went to Squaw Butternut Blacksnake Lizard and Gull Islands Alexander Smallman stopt here to night him and his man Trowling Gave the children 50 cents

14th Great smoke from the East seen a Dram Going Down near Charlies went for it and caught it staked it and it was a hard Job came Back Went to Bosells for the Pigs Got 2 Hoeing Potatoes

15th Raining Warm East and West Wind Went to meet Calvins men to tell them about the Dram they had no Money had a Big shallop with the men Magnet on the stearn Big Sunday

16th Weeding the Garden

17th Cutting Brush in the Pond Below the House

18th The ever Memorable Battle of Waterloo went to the PO Took Dinner at Henery Bosells and had sturgeon the First I East this spring Mr Crippin here tonight and Galerneau with him Left me the Peice of Pine that he mistook for a Heavy Lunge

19th caught a Pine stick that one end of it was Broke off Washing the Wool caught a very heavy Gale of wind Gordon Randolph and I at Christees Island crofsed to Alexis Island Made Fire thought near night it was Best to crofs so we did and had all we could do

20th 21st

22nd our Dans Birth Day

23rd Fixing the Wool Weighing it

24th The Canadian Festival Went to Fort Covington and Dundee Got 2 Sacks of Flour on an crosk From the Miller 4 Dollars American Money I Forget how Many of lbs of Wool I had a I think it was 30 cents a lb Robert allowed me X

25th George Renshaw came Down with Pat

26th I and Pat crofsed to Summerstown Brought over Thomas Munroe half of the Wool

Bought 1/2 lb Tea Basket Cornmeal 1/2 Gallon H Wines

27th at the Potatoes Fixing the Boat

28th I crofsed to Summerstown Bought of T Summers 3 qt of HW

29th Pat Gordon and I went to Charlies and Rofs's Island Took our Dinner on the Big Stone at the BAck of Charlies Island

1111 There was a Waterspout or Whirlwind

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Mr James Cameron Island June 30th 1873

Gordon and I took Pat Down to Lancaster Gordon Stopt at the Boat and I went up to Mr Harpers with Pat he Gave me his overcoat as he no way of carrying it to the West as he is going to start tomorrow wrote a Letter for Pat and Bid him Farewell and we Parted Gordon and I came home wind high

1st of July Dominion Day 2 Men here for Milk the Stopt at the Lower Point I think its Mr Fulton one of them

2nd Fixing up Old Newspapers to Bring to Mary and Ellen in Williamstown

3rd Started for Dundee Turned Back

4th American Independence Fishing over at Christees Island Got a Good many Pickerel a Great many Boats on the Water celebrating 4th of July John Hamilton took away his Bull

5th Our John's Birth Day Went for the Rools of Wool

6th Sunday

7th White Wash

8th Henery Bosell here for W. McLeods Bull

9th Went to Williamstown a very warm Day Angus out at the Caledonia Spring

10th in Williamstown

11th in Williamstown came home 3 Funerals their to Day

12th Orange Man's Day Went to Summerstown Bought 1/2 Tea Tobacco a Pleasure Trip the Manitoba and Banshee

13th Went to Rofs Island to Look if it a was A Kenneth colt was there

14th Raining Making soap

15th Manitoba and 2 Propellers a Peice Going up AJ Baker here

16th I went to Summerstown Isacc Vipond and Big Bill a Fight

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Mr James Cameron Island 21st of July 1873

Mowing a Little

22nd Mowing

23rd went over with ashes and Went with a Passenger to Dundee a Seller of Sowing Machines

24th came home stopt at Hopkins

25th high Wind Mr Spencer and Mr Thompson a Lame Man and Jo Been Rowing them Picking Berries up in the Bush

26th Took the Purcheon around the Head of the Island From Below the Bell Bay

27th Henery Came here and one of McDonald

28th Mowing Putting in some

29 Mr Spencer here Mowing

30th William Roy here I went to Summerstown

31st I went to Dundee Got the Grindstone stoped J Hopkins coming Back I Missed a Great Deal of the Month Ryan and White in the Barn to m of Lt

1st of August Ryan and White here Raining very hard turned fine and they started and was caught in an awful Shower came Down in Torrents

2nd Minnie's Birth Day 1864

3rd Jim Hopkins and some of the children here Nellie Grant J McDougalls Boys here

4th Mowing

5th Went to Summerstown Bought salt coarse and Fine

6th Randolphs Birth Day 1867 the Bay Quinte aground Down near the Butternut Island took the Raft aground {illegible} here tonight

7th Mr Spencer and I Fishing A Party Fishing Fishing Down on Charlies Island Gave Me a Fishing Tackle Gave Me a Dollar Gave him a Paddle

8th Went to Dundee

9th Went to Charlies Island Music on the Bonchere a Party Going Down

10th Sunday

11th Went with my spear handle and primes to Jim Hopkins at F Covington

12th crofsed the Pilots from the Kit Kit Mr Fulton here Last night

13th Put in some hay Taking care of the Raft all this week as the Bofs of the Raft sent a Man to tell me to Look after it and they owe me 6/3 for crofsing them and got their axe and auger for it

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Mr James Cameron Island Aug 15th 1873

Mr Fulton and Adams here

16th Raining high Wind

17th George Renshaw and his neice here Mr Crippin and Tyler Lincoln stopt in the stable Loft till morning

19th Bismarck's Birth Day 1870

20th Got a Letter From John in Summerstown

21st Went to Dundee with a Tennet of Butter Bought of J.R. Baker 16 yds of Cotton 20 yds of Calico 1 1/2 yds for what I was short

22nd Writing Fishing shot a Duck Heavy Rain and Thunder high Wind

23 Sent a Letter to John Willie Rose John Hamilton and I went up to the store John Trowling Gave J Hamilton and Willie Rose my Boat to Go to Lancaster put me ashore at the Nor West side of the Island they had Quite a heavy Wind a Going Down

Sunday 24th I and Gordon Went to John Hamiltons for the Boat in the Light House

25th Jim Hopkins came to Mow took his Mowing Machine along with him we went after the old horse up to Black Horse Island

26th Mowing

27th I went to Summerstown Got a paper oil and Tea

28th Mr Fulton and Charlie and Miles Mr Fulton not very well had some Talk with Jim Hopkins about streatching in catching Fish

29 Gathering Hay Mowing

30th put in all the Hay thats cut Raining Hailing

31st Fishing Rain and Fine

1st of September very unwell High West Wind a Great Deal of shooting on the South side

2nd Games at Lancaster

3rd Dan McMaster's Birth Day 1846 Jim Hopkins and Charlie came to Mow Finished the Mowing

4th Jim went home East Wind Towed the Pine up with them

5th John Angus Birth Day 1850

6th Doing a Little or Nothing

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Mr James Cameron Island September 7th 1873

Gordon and I went Down to the Kit Kit Island or Hen Island

8th Mowing some

9th put in Hay

10th Mr Fulton and Mr Bristow and 2 Americans here one of the Americans was Blanchard the other Mans name I forget I went to Summerstown Peter Baker Married to Day Mr Fulton Left 3/9

11th Mowing

12th Mr Tuthill and Mr Spencer here Windy not very well

13th Putting in Marsh Hay put in 20 Bushels of Potatoes

14th a cold Day

15th Put up the Quilt Lashey here Jim Hopkins came from Lancaster down with 3 Passengers

17th Jim Hopkins took away his horses Drew up the stick of Pine and some Logs out of the River Gordon Randolph and I went up with them took Dinner at Hopkins

18th went to the PO stopt at the Lighthouse

19th 2 Indians here Looking for a canoe they Lost with the wind Gave them their Breakfast high Wind Raining

20th Drawing wood

21st Last Day of Summer

22nd First Day of Autumn Went to F Covington wrote a Letter in Congdons to John

23 Drawing Wood

24th Mowing Marsh hay Bill and I Plomado here from Lancaster Mr Spencer all alone here stopt to night

25th Mr Spencer went to Summerstown hauled out his Boat as there was a peice of Iron catching on the Bottomo and we Fixed it One of the sheep shot

26 I caught the Sheep Killed it and went over with 1/2 of the Mutton to Thomas Munroe D MDonald and I Down together to Roses he had Tennet for Butter went to Roses Got some apples

27th

28th A very very Fine Day Went Down to the Kit Kit Garden and I took sick and was very unwell seen a Weasel there

29th St Michael and all Angles

30th Mowing in the Front Marsh John Hamilton here with his Lighthouse Book so him and I Fixed it as well as we could

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Mr James Cameron Island October 1st 1873

very windy the Bohemian went up and had a Barge in Tow coming out of Lancaster and went Down the same Day

2nd Windy seen Wild Geese for the first seen

From the 3rd till the 8th I Missed those Days

9th Lashey King and Guy here took Dinner

10th Hugh Ann McMasters Birth Day Lashy came with hi Bark Line

11th Set the Sturgeon Line

12th got a Sturgeon Lashey went to Lancaster Smallmans steamer Jenny went to Montreal the Horse hurted some way or other

13th cut Down an Ash Tree at the soft maple place in the Sugar Bush

14th Gathering nuts Blowing hard Found staves

15th went to Summerstown went to Prize G Renshaw Wharf Thomas Munroe and I seen Mr Phillips and J Hopkins hunting had a hooker of the Best But Riley)

16th Windy

17th Went to Fort Covington seen shick

18th Fishing at the Mouth of Salmon River for Black Bass and Pickerel Lashey and I Mr Spence there too

19th Lashey to Lancaster

20th 21st 22nd

23rd Little Livinia Birth Day 1868 I went to Fort Covington Got the Parcel from John seen Mr Phillips said it was all right

24th Our Hugh's Birth Day Mr Phillips and John Davidson passed Down stopt at the Lower End of the Island another hunter there a Man from Montreal his name was Sims as I asked his name

25th My Birth Day St Crispins Day

26th W Spink and Donald McDonald here

27th Squirrel Hunting J Hopkins Allen Cameron G Grant here hunting Squirrels cold ugly Day Windy 2 of pound of shot from A Cameron

28th at Summerstown

29th Watertown went Down with Raft

30th at J Hamiltons Got 75 from John Bought 100 lb Flour Tea

31st Holy Eve Banking the house cracking nuts

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Mr James Cameron Island November 1st 1873

All Saints Day Snowing Hard

2nd all Souls Day went around the Island Found a Bottle on the Bank near Bell Bay

3rd Snowing and Raining

4th Drawing Wood

5th Guy Fawks Day put in some coils of hay

6th Drawing Wood

7th Helen McMasters Birth Day went Down to the Kit Kit Island

8th Making Decoys went and set them up in the cordwood Bay while watching there what did I happen to see but a Mink had to chance to shoot But I set Traps for him

9th Prince Alberts Birth Day

10th Lashey came Making a spear Pole

11th Lashey went to Lancaster Began to Draw the stack of Marsh Hay one I had since Last year at its good

14th Drawing Wood 2 Hunters at the Sturgeon Island with Decoys

15th crofsed to PO Got a Letter From Charlie

16th Stormy windy Bohemian went up

17th Fixing the Floor snowing stormy

18th stormy went to Pitt Point snowing

19th Seen a King Fisher he comes around here these some Days Took the Hooks of the night Line and its a Mighty cold Job to do

20th Fine Day Drew some Wood 2 Boats went up to day

21st On this Day of the Month D. McMaster Departed 1846 Got the Mink I set for got a Weasel shot a Duck

22nd a Boat went Down Cutting Wood

23d a Boat went Down

24th boating Light no Light to night very stormy East Wind

25th no Light in Mr Hills Lighthouse to night 5 Steamers went up to Day Stormy

26th Light on Cherry Island cold and stormy got a Weasel

27th Very unwell with a Pain

28th Drifting Drew some Drags

29th Put out the Boat cutting stove Wood

30th St Andrews Day the Scotch Festival a Fine Day cold

Advent Sunday 1st of December cold East Wind very very Frosty to night Made a Good Bit of ice to night chopping Firewood went to the Upper Point Found a Duck on the edge of the ice

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Mr James Cameron Island Dec 2nd 1873

Cold snowing Hailing East Wind Mending my Boot

3rd a very fine Day took up the Line Rained some getting Wood Wetyas and another cheif here to night

4th Wetyas went acrofs Pretty windy But the Wind is raising in a Hurricane most awful Blowing I never seen such hills and hollows in the Lake as I stand Looking at them Knocked down some Trees in the Bush and the Top of a Hicory in in the Grove Rained some working at the Ash stick at the shore

5th Fixing the shed went through the Bush

6th Bought of Vipond and B. 1/2 lb Tea 2 Bushels of Pease 75 cents a Bushel

7th a Fine Day

8th Took My Mink and 7 Weasels to AJ Baker he is Going to Bring them to Montreal to sell for me Andrew in Cornwall to Mill Took a Bushel of Onions to L Bosell Gave me 1 Dollar Bought 8 yds of Cotton Paid this 1 Dollar

9th chopping

10th Leanders Birth Day 1872 working at the Ash

11th Fine Set Fire in the Front Marsh turned to snowing chopping

12th Fine at J Hamiltons at AJ Bakers got 88 lbs of Flour and 4 Dollars in Bills seen his young son Andrew 1 leaving his harnefs Gave 4 Dollars to John Vipond Bought of Vipond Boots 1..85 Boots 2..25 18 yds of Calico 2..70 7 yds Cotton 98.3 yds 27 cloth 2..70 spools 10 Pork 1.96 Lamp Glove 10 Tea 25 Tob 17 Mal pipes Salt 75 Tea Pot 45 14 Doz of Cups 20 Tallow 20 m 16.89

13th very Stormy E Wind and snowing Jack the Blackbird Dead

14th Blowing Drifting Gordon Trying his scates

15th chopping Old Dick in the Bush

16th Chopping a Foggy Morning cleared off

17th Went to Viponds very Fine Day a Robin here and its must be astray with all the storms

Bought of Vipond To 1 axe 1..25 1 1/2 yds of cloth 1..35 electric oil 25 1/2 yd s cotton 28 2 Bars

Yellow Soap 20 1/2 Quire of Papers 12 1/2 1/2 lb {illegible}

18 chopping with the New Axe at the oak stick in the Rushes

19 stormy snowing

20th chopping a Fine Day

21st cold Blowing Drifting Killed the 2 Hogs Lewis, Henery Bosell hurted at J Gr{cut off}

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Mr James Cameron Island December the 23rd 1873

A Fine Day went to Summerstown ice in the Little channel Bought of Vipond 1/2 lb Tea 25 1/2

lb Tob 20 1/2 lb Powder 20 Pipes all at 4 1/2 Gal oil 25 94 cents and what I got on the 17th

3..50 Makes 4.44 cents

24th Blowing some Fixing the shed chopping Christmas Eve

25 Christimas Day a very Fine Day

26th cold Windy chopping

27th Drawing wood snowing stormy E Wind

28th Sunday cold

29th Our Angus B Day Stormy High Wind

30th cold Blowing high West Wind chopping

31st Warmer Great Lots of ice going Down New Years Eve Firing Water Raising very high

1st of January 1874 a very Fine Day Shooting spearing EEls in the Back Bay Gordon and I

2nd chopping E Wind snowing thawing

3rd Allen's Birth Day 1853 at hamiltons Got a Bag of Potatoes Seen A Hamilton and his Wife and Child Got Johny Semo to come Down to hamiltons Bridge with a Bag of Ho{cut off}

Seen Mr Campbell the Weaver had New Years from him in Davids Shed Bought of Vipond to 100 wt Flour 3.50 1/2 lb Tea 25 2 spools of Thread 10 2 pipes 2 1/2 lb Tobacco 20 4..7 cents

4th Sunday

5th chopping in the swamp cold Frosty

7th Raining Fixing the Hinges on the Roan Door

8th Hugh Ann Birth Day 1866 chopping Raining snowing at the oak stick

9th a very Fine Day Took the oak stick out of the ice to the Front of the Door and got it up on the ice left it for to night

10 Lewis Lorren here gave him an ash to make Baskets Rain some Fine

11th Preaching on the Front snowing and Fine

12th Fine high Wind turned cold

13th St Hilery Fine calm Freezing some East Wind ice Making some got the Oak stick Brodiside to the Bank high Wind Breaking the ice

14th Stormy E Wind Drifing Snowing ice Making and ice Breaking Duck Plenty Fishhawks Diving Down on them and the Eagle after them the ice took acrofs here through the night or Before day light this Morning of the Fifteenth

15 ice acrofs at the Foot of Francis Island Went to head of the Island Gordon and I cold Frosty Nor West Wind Ice Jamming coming Down the channel taken acrofs to Christees Taken about the middle of the Island at 10 oclock

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