

April 1872

- Sa 13 Mc Queen with circular saw here cuts 43 cords with 14 hands
 very windy & bad on the eyes gets 10 pails sap and burns half of it by neglect
 has 4 Lambs to day being the first one pair twins and two single - 48 50
- Sa 14 All at church but May & Jessie Snow all gone & swamp very muddy
 but it has never been flooded this spring the like never was before since ^{the rap was made} 30 38
- N 15 Has 4 lambs to day both twins - both Mays Ewes has twins
 Men at rails although this is a thanksgiving day for the recovery
 of the Prince of Wales May & me at Church Mr Porteus ^{some snow} very able 28 33
- Tu 16 Has 3 Lambs to day one pair twins & one single Stalker & Jameson splitting
 rails, Hector in afternoon sowing grass seed on 14 acre field Next Mummies
 Jean & Jessie gathers 20 pails sap but does not kindle the fire 26 44
- W 17 No Lambs to day gets 48 pails sap & Tyrops off 42 pails leaving 27 pails
 in Pots partly boiled down Hector sowing grass seed, wheat badly winter killed 32 48
- Th 18 Has 3 Lambs to day all single Men yokes the ploughs first time at Neils slothing
 on Swamp land Tyrops of 39 pails sap gathered 18 pails left 6 pails in Pots
 yesterday's Tyrop & to day's will not make sugar so they go for molasses 30 48
- F 19 Has one Lamb to day single # Hector at Roston on jury but not call on
 as the case did not come off Stalker ploughing & Hector afternoon
 gets 8 pails sap but did not kindle fire. Warm & fine. Sugar done ^{& pruning apple trees} 30 60
- Sa 20 Has 4 Lambs to day one pair twins Men finishes ploughing at Neils
 and ploughs Orchard all but a little finish in at trees Jean Tyroped off
 the sap in Pots about 14 pails no sap to day I hope sugar time is done 31 58
- Sa 21 Has 3 Lambs to day two pair twins and one single one pair of twins had crooked
 necks & both died so to days lambs is only 3 alive Men finishes field
 May, Hector & I at Church very fine day & about dry, ^{Swamp road this spring} water never over 32 55
- W 22 Has 5 Lambs to day two pair twins & one single one of the twins died so there
 is only 4 lambs to day alive. Men finishes Orchard and then begins on
 14 acre field to plough sod for Beas Stalker goes home at noon sick, cold and
 barren to day freezing all day. "winter hangs lang on the spring of the year" ^{Rhubarb just peeping up} 28 50
- Tu 23 No Lambs to day Hector ploughing sod Stalker away to Mr Racs for a change
 of Potatoes to himself Jack Mc Queen gets 1/2 ton of hay - price \$16 per ton - windy 28 52
- W 24 No Lambs to day Men ploughing sod. Puts the lambed Ewes and unlambed
 together there is just 12 to lamb yet and one of them is likely ^{warm to day} to yield 31 60
 Puts the Hog Lambs to grass in 16 acre field there is not much grass
 yet but we think they may shift Mrs Mitchel Mrs Parker & Mrs J. Gilbert

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Th 25 Only 1 Lamb to day but another is lambing Just now Hector
 & grocery
 Ploughing Stalker & Bob stoning & scraping apple trees. Very warm 32 73

F 26 Has 3 live Lambs to day and one dead Lambed - one pair twins Men sows
 Richard with Spring wheat & clover and turnip land at Neils with Barley
 and clover & drags them Tom Johnstone here collecting for ^{pollion} students 34 64

Sa 27 Has 1 Lamb to day Men sowing & dragging at Neils ~~is~~ after tea Jean
 Hector & I cut bat sheaves & hay very fine to day but cooler. 36 62

Su 28 No Lambs to day all at Church but Jeps & Lilly Mr. Parleus begin evening
 service 34 58

M 29 No Lambs Hector Ploughing Stalker rolling Barley & stoning Richard.
 Jean at Galt & scraping apple trees & hoes hops cool wind East 31 56

Th 30 Has 1 Lamb to day Hector Ploughing Stalker stoning & scraping apple trees
 I set up grape vine May sows onions Jeans sows other things, sees a barn swallow
 for first time but I believe they have been in the neighbourhood some time fine
 birds peering to bright distant thunder 34 68

May

W 1 No Lambs, fine shower last night and showery to day Men Ploughing
 Lane Jepsie & I fill 25 Bags of Potatoes - 14 of Early Goderich and 11 of Luscus
 I then prune & scape apple trees Hector goes to ^{puts up the grapes} swardy loath horses, growing 50 66

Th 2 No Lamb Hector at Guelph with 25 Bags Potatoes & buys Peas 18 Bushels
 price of Potatoes 75 cents per bag Peas 80 cents per Bushel
 Stalker at Adam Smith's stoning bee I finish scraping apple trees hoes the
 rhubarb and brings the ¹³⁴ sprouts from sugar bush, fine growing but cool 40 54

F 3 Men Ploughing nasty showery day with some hail & some thunder cold
 & windy No Lambs men Ploughing weel field at end of Old stable ^{road} slight 31 46

Sa 4 Some frost last night Men Ploughing & stoning at Gilberts line Bob Pentland
 here for cherry trees & choring at many things gets 1/2 gallon oil 30 44

Sa 5 all at Church but May & Ellick a fine day but ice ^{in morning} 1/4 of an inch thick 28 50

M 4 Hector sawing Peas at Concession Stalker & Bob dragging & washing apple
 trees all day, this is by far the warmest day we have had ^{24 hours since} though frosty 50 81

Th 7 Hector dragging & rolling Peas Stalker & Bob stoning & mulching apple
 trees with saw dust, a ewe has a dead lamb but Ewes to grass ^{willows quite green -} see 52 82

W 8 Hector sowing oats Stalker cultivating George Penant here for cherry trees
 Beenie Dickson & J. McAlister here and Tom Fletcher, cool to day 40 62

Th 9 Men dragging & cultivating oats & choring & ducks warm & windy
 Has 2 Lambs to day - twins, burnt brush heap at Old oak yesterday 40 78

F 10 Hector Ploughing
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Sa 11 Hector dragging
 about Norway
 Has 2 Lambs to day

Sa 12 all at Church but

M 13 Hector rolling oat
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Th 14 Hector & Jean at G
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W 15 Hector again at
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Th 16 Men dragging
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F 17 Hector at Morris
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- F 10 Hector Ploughing Stalker & Bob stoning & go a fishing ^{then to F. Fletcher cool} get 10 weething gives 40 64
 Last night a little after 10 o'clock the northern lights was out in the far north then a blank to the zenith, where a long narrow belt of light spanned the whole diameter of the heavens from the western horizon to the Eastern, it looked like a turnpike of light across the whole sky, ^{as straight as a conception & no broader} as straight as a conception & no broader
- Sa 11 Hector dragging oats at Gilberts line Stalker rolling oats & go to Mr Beattie's about Norway oats for seed price - 60 cent per bush. Allick cripple with a prod 50 76
 Has 2 Lambs to day - twins Fine growing sultry & cloudy to day
- Sa 12 all at church but Hector A fine day but ^{bush getting green} coolish all our summer best
- M 13 Hector rolling oats gets 3 bushels Norway oats from Mr Beattie price 50 cents per bush. Stalker Bob & I stoning at Gilberts line & little field at old stable at Teatime he goes to cultivate 3 bushel of Peas which Hector sowed to day - the last of the Peas 31 56
- Tu 14 Hector & Jean at Galt for Plaster Hector sows Plaster on Island field after he comes home at tea time, Stalker cultivating stoning and dragging Peas. I help him, finish 32 64
- W 15 Hector again at Galt for more plaster Stalker sowing plaster east of Orchard & Bob & I stones it Hector sows plaster after he comes home ^{gets the first rhubarb} fine day 32 64
- Th 16 Men dragging & rolling in forenoon it being windy then sowing plaster in afternoon Bob & I stones the Island field Stalker helped us in ^{getting dry} forenoon 34 64
- F 17 Hector at Morrison's with a grist & Peas to chop Stalker cultivating Potatoe land Bob setting up stakes among hay land, we cut 8 bush Chile Potatoes 1/2 bush E. Goderich & 1 bush Rose Potatoes Wild Plum in full blossom a very few cherry blossoms out 32 66
- Sa 18 Hector hauling dung to Potatoe land Stalker dragging & stoning D. at Noon Hector takes Nell to Harvey, horse-sheer took him I pulling red root at Nummo's bush, ^{cloudy} smoky 36 64
- Sa 19 Great rain last night and a good deal through the day. It was much wanted - the creek down - all at church but Jean growing day 38 60
- M 20 Men working at Potatoe land till stopt at Teatime by a great shower & one crack of thunder We then alters three boars I went a fishing to Mc Donalds creek and did not get one bite 40 60
- Tu 21 Planting Potatoes Plants Stalker 7 bags - 18 bush - 8 for ourselves 10 bush. Chilis & 2 bags Cuscos - 3 bush. I did not plant any only cut 40 64
- W 22 Finished planting Potatoes - 5 bush ^{Cuscos} of our own & 1 bush Chilis from Stalker 1/2 bush Early Goderich 1/2 bush Rose & 1/2 bush Peach blows Total 22 1/2 bushels Laid likewise rows carrots - raining in afternoon Stalker dunging Shephouse Hector at Smiddie cherry blossoms well out now and 40 64
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Th 23 Hector & Stalker both hauling dung to turnip land with two waggons and the cart Archie Mc Greave here filling & Bob spreading dung I am very poorly with a bad cold but I write letters to David Baydon Mr Evans seedman Hamilton about 1/2 ton Superphosphate & Mr Mayor of Dundas about renewing Depentures fine growing weather cherry trees about full blown & bees on some apple blossoms 30 68

F 24 Queens birth day Hector May Mrs McAlister Jess & the bairns all at Buslinch at Mr Gilchrist Stalker & Mc Greave at the dining I poorly with a cold 30 66

Sa 25 Men at Dung all day May Jean & I at Church clear cool breezy 43 62

Su 26 Burs Sacrament all at it but Jess & Alick sermon all at night and Hector Jean & May & Jess at Mr Mc Bane from Drummondville here 30 68

M 27 Men at Dung but in afternoon Hector goes to Cowe's folks to raise a building with screws & Levers I spread some dung a good deal of rain last night and some showers with thunder today Apple trees in full blossom except Northern spz flowering almon coming out the wood not quite in full flourish 50 70

Tu 28 Men at Dung finishes hauling for turnips, in forenoon Hector at Cowe's raising the barn, put it up six feet I spreading dung, very cool to day but cloudy and good 40 66

N 29 Hector & Stalker ploughing in dung Archie Bob & I spreading dung fine & clear 45 64

Th 30 Hector & Stalker ploughing in dung Bob & I finishes spreading dung Archie Mc Greave went away last night, Hector sold the lambs to Mr Alrich for \$2.12 a piece he took away five apple trees in full blossom, cherry trees fading 45 62

F 31 Hector ploughing Stalker away visiting his daughters with Mc Millans buzzy Bob & I gouging thistles Sandy Glen comes with books & buggy 50 70

June

Sa 1 Hector at Hamilton with 17 bags Patatoes sells them from 80 cent a bag down to nothing bad market, got 1/2 ton Superphosphate = \$20 got 12 lbs turnip seed at 25 cents per lb Bob & I cutting thistles Stalker at McDonalds raising Bob Alrich & I cutting thistles 30 66

Sa 2 May Jess & I at church in forenoon Hector & Jean in afternoon 50 64

M 3 Hector & Stalker dragging turnip land Bob & I finishes cutting thistles 45 62

Tu 4 Heavy showers in morning Cleans up a load of oats in afternoon Stalker & Hector stoning turnip land Bob & I cutting thistles - finishes 40 58

W 5 Hector & Jean at Galt with 47 B. Oats sold at 41 cents per B. = \$19.27 Stalker & Bob stoning after coming from Galt we wash the sheep at Mc Alisters I get Bush, fine warm day 50 74

Th 4 Hector & Stalker I sows Phosphor
F 7 Hector drew five home Hector goes after leave sweep Mr Alrich's 130
Sa 8 Hector drilling hauls rails the plough
Su 9 No sermon
M 10 Hector sows sowing Phosphor
Tu 11 Sows out the on 10.6 dr in afternoon
W 12 Hector drilling and he & Bob
Th 13 Hector drilling
F 14 Hector & Jean weight 212 lb so got pay fleeces was and goes to
Sa 15 Hector sows barrow to in afternoon
Su 16 Hector & Jean
M 17 Men plough second time Hector too
Tu 18 Men plough
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F 21 Finishes I cutting thistles

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- Th 6 Hector & Stalker at Swamp land after tea Hector drills & Stalker and
sows Phosphate on drills, drilled only ²⁴ drills fine & warm, looks cloudy 50 80
- F 7 Hector drew five drills then stoppt by a heavy rain all forenoon, Stalker goes
home Hector goes to Kirkwall in afternoon and brings the new turnip sower home
after tea we sweep the hum & stick some Peas Mrs Mitchel & Maggie here 50 62
Mr. Aitch's boys comes and takes away 5 Lambs
- Sa 8 Hector drilling Stalker sowing salt & plaster till afternoon when he
hauls rails for new fence in swamp, Rob & Alick sowing Phosphate before
the plough & take Nell to horse at ^{Cent 200 to Mr Falconer} Mrs Dicksons she did not take him 45 72
- Su 9 No sermon to day Mr Porteus at Freambors Jeff Colted last night 50 70
- M 10 Hector sows turnips in forenoon - Carters drills in afternoon Rob & F
sowing Phosphate sows 200 on 24 drills Stalker fencing 45 68
- Tu 11 Sows out the last of the Phosphate - 130 lbs has sown in all 1000 lbs Phosphate
on 10.6 drills or on a little more than 4 acres Stalker fencing, Hector drilling
in afternoon we clip the sheep - 39 & marks 8 ewe lambs for keeping also packs ^{the wool} 50 82
- W 12 Hector drilling & sowing turnips Stalker sowing salt & plaster in forenoon
and he & Rob fencing in afternoon, very windy but warm & growing 56 78
- Th 13 Hector drilling till stoppt by rain ^{some thunder} Stalker & fencing till stoppt by rain ^{rain to day} much 50 64
- F 14 Hector & Jean at Galt with the wool 35 fleeces sold at 5.5 cents per lb -
weight 202 lbs or 6 lbs per head less 8 lbs but was docked 2 lbs for matting
so got pay for 200 lb only = \$110 or ^{cents} \$3.14 per head - very good indeed one
fleece was returned for matting = took 36 and sold 35 Stalker finishes fence
and goes to stone 16 acre field I go a fishing but got only a few I fish ^{more} no 54 74
- Sa 15 Hector sows out the last of the turnips = 70 drills & John Beattie gets the
barrow to sow his he then takes Nell to horse but she did not take him
in afternoon both ploughs begin to plough 16 acre field sod, May at Foch Wrights 54 74
- Su 16 Hector & Jean at Galt church May & F goes to our evening service 56 76
- M 17 Men ploughing sod in 16 acre field & cutting thistles among Peas the
second time & goes to see Tho. Fletcher who is evidently dying, warm 56 78
Hector took black mare to Harvey's horse she took him
- Tu 18 Men ploughing sod & finish cutting thistles among Peas very warm 60 82
- W 19 all at statute labour on road very hot the hottest day yet 64 88
- Th 20 all at roads but it was so hot I did not go in afternoon, ^{Campbell, hand} Phoebe 70 94
- F 21 Finishes statute labour at noon, Men ploughing afterwards
cutting thistles at north field Peas warm again but breezy 70 87

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- Sa 22 Men Ploughing & cutting thistles very drouthy but cooler 65 84
 Sa 23 Hector & Jean at Galt May & I at Church at night Tho' Fletcher died this morning at 9 o'clock after a long illness 65 78
 M 24 Two cows taken to Hobsons Bull this morning Hector gets his leg hurt by mare trampling on Stalker Plough in Stake they to Smiddy and huckle Irons for a new huckle then cuts thistles 64 76
 Tu 25 Stalker digging Tho' Fletcher's grave Hector & I at the funeral in afternoon, cuts some thistles in forenoon Hector his cripple to work 60 74
 W 26 Hector & Stalker Ploughing I saw 26 rows of Turneps with Plaster they fly is bad on them ^{then cut thistles} ^{scant gain} then cut thistles things getting drouthy we 68 80
 Th 27 Men Ploughing & cutting thistles very hot and drouthy 72 86
 F 28 Men Ploughing & cutting thistles very hot & some distant thun- 74 90
 Sa 29 Men finishes Ploughing 16 acre field & cutting thistles still hot 76 89
 Su 30 All at church excessively hot some thunder and the hail ^{of a power} 76 92

July

- M 1 Dominion day Men dragging 16 acre field Dick ox gets sick and not wrought in afternoon Stalker mowing round clover field some thunder and a heavy shower away south but we got little of it. ^{wrote to James} very hot 80 92
 Tu 2 Jean & I at Galt I get the coupon cashed \$45 and gets the interest of \$50 Dollars at 5 per cent from Merchants Bank puts \$50 more to principal and gets a receipt for \$100 buys a leghorn hat for \$1.75 and Album for \$1.50 a ox sick the farrier comes and gives him an injection Hector began to cut with mower in Island field very sultry & hot 75 90
 W 3 Hector cutting with mower in forenoon Raking in afternoon Stalker & I cocking, I write to Dundas taking their offer for \$12.00 80 92
 Tu 4 Hector sets up the potatoes Stalker raking with horse in afternoon I at the funeral of old Mr. Faint another old settler gone: 70 78
 F 5 Hector cuts the last of Island field Stalker Bob & I pushing together winrows till noon then Stalker goes with heifer to Bull & Hector & I takes in a load of hay till Stalker comes back we then all at with one team as the ox is not well yet altogether we get in 4 loads which we put into sheephouse ^{cool} 65 75
 Sa 6 Hauling hay all day with one team takes in 9 loads 1 into sheephouse 3 into old stable and 5 into Cowbyre very drouthy 68 82

- Sa 7 I and May at Church every body crying
 M 8 Hector takes a cow we then take in we put the two loads we put 5 into sheephouse Stalker went to Galt hay east of Orchard
 Tu 9 Hector hires David Hector finishes a Lime kiln & goes corners in forenoon till Hector finishes put into horse
 W 10 Takes in 4 loads a great thunder for spring crop & recover McQueen
 Th 11 Men mowing and turns the kiln a tremendous rain in is soaked water
 F 12 Hector & I bring Men begins to take all the hay that No one looked
 Sa 13 Men thinning Hector huckles & equal to 1 good load
 Su 14 Hector & Jean Hector huckles ^{finishes} at noon but
 Tu 16 all at Turnip some rain & the pretty well so

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Sa 7 I and May at Church in forenoon Hector & Jean in afternoon
 every body crying out about the drought. it burning up everything 70 86

M 8 Hector takes a cow to Valens's Bull, then goes to Harvey's with two mares
 we then take in 2 loads of hay from Island field which finishes it
 we put the two loads into Cowbyre loft. Total in field 15 loads of which
 we put 5 into sheephouse 3 into old stable & 7 into Cowbyre
 Stalker went to Galt for flour and came back at noon Hector cutting
 hay east of Orchard in afternoon Stalker mowing round the field very hot 70 88

Tu 9 Hector hires David Stoddart from Sullivan for a month for \$20
 Hector finishes cutting the field Stalker goes to Tom Little's to build
 a Lime kiln & young Tom Little comes in his place some mowing
 corners in forenoon then I Little & Bob rakes & Stoddart pushes in
 till Hector finished cutting when we took in 2 loads which we
 put into horse stable loft Little & finishes ^{hot, hot hay} raking field 80 93

W 10 Takes in 4 loads & puts them in horse stable loft at noon it came
 a great thunder spate till all was running & it was much wanted
 for sprung crop was just reaped and it is doubtful if they can yet
 recover. McQueen Katy Holson & wife here in afternoon. ^{bull} heifer at 70 88

Th 11 Men mowing corners Hector dragging fallow Jessie & I shakes out
 and turns the hay which got a soaking yesterday. at noon it came on
 a tremendous spate of rain with thunder & the hay when fit for taking
 in is soaked worse than ever. more rain was needed & we have got with ^{a vengeance} 70 84

F 12 Hector & I brings home a Ram price \$11 from D. G. Hicks' Bushlinch
 Men begins to thin turnips in forenoon in afternoon they took in
 all the hay that was soaked yesterday 3 peckles = 2 loads. put into Cowbyre
 No one looked at the glass to day so I must guess at the head 70 82

Sa 13 Men thinning turnips & Hector huckling till noon & cooking in afternoon
 Hector huckles & Man takes in hay from three corners - all that is cut - is
 equal to 1 good load & put into Cowbyre I think this finishes our hay 70 80

Su 14 Hector & Jean at Church in forenoon & May & me in afternoon 70 80

M 15 Hector ^{finishes} huckling all the rest thinning 6 of us - a shower & thunder
 at noon but not much very hot about noon 70 90

Tu 16 all at Turnips but Hector who fixes reaper and trees it on the barley
 some rain & thunder at noon & more after tea. The ground is now 72 82
 pretty well soaked but rather late to benefit some crops
 gets the first stewed cherries

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W 17 All at the turnips the whole day; more temperate now 60 76
 Th 18 Men finishes thinning turnips & carrots Hector cuts the barley
 in afternoon & leaves it unbound, I go to smiddy & get two teeth
 for turnip furk & another mended. cool & drouth to day 60 76
 F 19 Hector harkling turnips second time all the rest cutting thistles
 I go to smiddy with Nell gets celery plants - 50. from Mc Mullan & plants ^{them} cool clear 56 74
 Sa 20 Hector and I at Dundas I get two Dundas Debentures
 of #600 each their numbers is 595 and 596 Interest Due
 1st Nov. and 1st of May Debentures in 14 years being in 1885
 Men takes in the barley a poor drouth crop 56 76
 Sa 21 at Church Hector, Jepsie & I a pretty heavy rain till about 9 P.M. 54 76
 M 22 Cutting wheat North of sugar bush, the poorest crop I ever saw. does
 not quite finish it. send a Post office order to Helen Park for £2 sterling 60 74
 Th 23 finishes North of Sugar bush in morning then goes to 16 acre field
 next Simons' bush & cuts all day except about 2 hours we were stoppt
 by a gentle rain crop very poor, unequal & rusted, very cool to day 60 69
 W 24 Finishes our wheat except a patch very green crop very poor 56 74
 Th 25 all at Town putting doubles except Stalker who was dragging fallow
 and Hector harkling. This is my Birthday & I finish my 72nd year! 54 76
 F 26 Hector sees barley ground at Neils slashing with Timothy
 and clover as it was all roasted out by the hot drouth - Stalker drags it
 the rest at turnips & Hector harkling till tea time. when we went
 and took in the wheat north of sugar bush - only three loads off 8 acres 56 76
 Sa 27 Cuts the last of the fall wheat in forenoon then took in all that was
 cut before - 9 loads of which 3 was Double the last load of 10 stooks left
 in the burn on waggon as it got dark on us fine drouthy day
 Posted a Post office order to Helen Park from John Martin, Maggie ^{there} Lemon 60 78
 Sa 28 All at Church twice Mr Porteus absent and Mr Young preaches in his
 Place gives great satisfaction Warm & drausky 60 75
 M 29 Hector harkling till stoppt by a heavy shower the thinning the turnips
 that braided after the rain came in afternoon the men is renewing the
 fence south end of 16 acre field Bob Ollick & I at turnips cloudy ^{thunder} some 60 76
 Th 30 Men at fence till tea time then takes in the last of the fall wheat -
 - 2 Loads Bob Ollick & I at turnips. looks like rain tonight 56 74
 W 31 Men at fence boys & I finishes turnips & hoes headrugs. cool 50 72

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- th 1 Hector & David rebuilding orchard fence on east side, Stalker absent sickly
bob paid off last night. showery in afternoon and some thunder, cool 55 76
- F 2 Hector & David at orchard fence in forenoon. In afternoon cradling spring wheat
at Neils slashing but does not do much from a heavy shower, Stalker sick
at night we attend an election meeting at Kirkwall to hear the two candidates
Mr McKechnie at Mr Tho! Bain speechify both good speakers 54 76
- Sa 3 Hector & David cradling spring wheat all day finishes at Orchard an all rather ^{green} 54 74
- Su 4 all at Church Mr Young Preaches fine sunny day. ^{last night} streamers out 60 82
- W 5 Hector finishes hawking turneps second time, Stalker & David cutting Peas
on North 14 acre field the crop is but a poor one a second growth being ^{on them} 60 82
- Tu 6 all cutting Peas all day, very poor crop the second growth quite green, hot 60 86
- W 7 all cutting Peas, finishes north field and begins on those beset ^{distant thunder} turneps 60 88
- Th 8 Men finishes cutting Peas in forenoon and takes in the Spring wheat in
afternoon - 4 loads (veg) 2 from Orchard & 2 from Neils slashing. Then
some late sown turneps on missed drills, I took the glass when ^{it} stood
at 90 in the shade - when it rose to 106 - rise in sun 16 degrees 68 91
- F 9 Hector goes to Buslinch craving siller but got none Men stoning in
16 acre field till noon & Allick & I turning Peas in afternoon we take
in 3 loads of Peas which we put into barrack ^{very bright last night} very hot streamers 68 90
- Sa 10 Stalker & David stoning till tea time then took in 2 Loads of Peas one of which
we put into barrack and run the other into new barn as it got dark
It was a shower of rain this morning which hindered us from hauling stones
Hector drawing fees in 16 acre field all day - looks cloudy & unsettled 68 84
- Su 11 all at Church but Hector - Collection for Congregational funds ^{heavy rain last night} 60 82
- M 12 Hector Ploughing David stoning Stalker absent. Peas very wet and ^{Drayth} no 60 74
- Tu 13 Hector & David Ploughing, Stalker absent Showy Peas in a bad state, cool 68 74
- W 14 Hector at Tom Grey's threshing in forenoon Men choring In afternoon
Mc Faters threshers here. threshes 50 b. Barley an ^{in such weather} wheat both
miserable poor quality some showers again grain must sprout. 64 82
- Th 15 Hector cutting oats in afternoon Stalker Ploughing David Patching
old barn roof in afternoon in forenoon they were cradling round the field
and turning Peas. Peas half rotten. Fat Prayer meeting at Kirkwall
and leaves # 11 with Mr ^{my} Millan to give Dr Lundy ^{meeting} number 10 Congregational 60 80
- F 16 After Tea we take in 3 loads of Peas the last from north field - puts ^{Peas &c} 53 74
them in barrack. In forenoon Men Ploughing & David cradles some hours

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Sa 17 Ploughing Hector & David cradling oats at Gilbert's line and finishes them at teatime we then take in the last of the Peas 2 loads which we put into Barrack, the whole crop of Peas is put into Barrack and altogether is only 10 loads and five of them is half rotten last year we had 21 loads in Barrack and a good deal in old barn, ^{Dr. Braithwaite} 53-82

Sa 18 Heavy rain in morning soaked everything no sermon today 60 80

M 19 Election day for Dominion, votes for Mr. Baun reformer, comes home & in afternoon we rake & stook all the oats at Gilbert's - line they are not very dry but looks like more rain so we took them 65 82

Tu 20 Hector cutting oats with reaper till noon David cradling oats at old stable & Stalker Bob & I turning Oats & raking D. till noon when it comes more rain & stops us, then Hector & Stalker goes to plough and David & Bob crades & cuts thistles, had harvest weather ^{spoiling} 68 84

W 21 Hector Ploughing all day Stalker absent till noon as it was a heavy shower with thunder in the morning, he ploughs all the afternoon & spreading out sheaves in forenoon in afternoon Bob & Jessie helps me after tea we rake and bind oats but they are not very dry. In fact this weather completely bamboozles folk 68 86

Th 22 Hector at J. Cowe's thrashing till noon Stalker ploughing till noon & Jessie & Bob binding oats all day & Hector & Stalker in afternoon A fine draughty warm day drying things nicely, it was much ^{needed} 70 88

F 23 Hector cutting oats and finishes at noon all the rest binding oats and finishes at night and a tough job it was to bind them the oats cut to day was snapping bands badly the oats was so dead and rusted they shook out ^{through} the grain is very light, draughty 66 80

Sa 24 Hauling Oats and finishes them about 9 o'clock at night we had in all 19 loads the last two loads we left on Barn floor on the waggon fine draughty day, but looks like rain now. ^{helped us} George Gray 64 80

Sa 25 All at Church but Jessie, Evening service discontinued 65 82

M 26 Stalker ploughing Hector at Smidie in forenoon In afternoon disloads the 2 loads of oats in barn hauls the flax and cuts the oats on old carrot patch = 5 1/2 stooks very rusty and strong. ^{George Finant prosecutes his son for assault} Sulby 62 82

Tu 27 Hector & Jean at Galt seed fair bought only 2 p 4 b. Daehl at #1.50 as wheat was scarce and poor quality Stalker ploughing fine draughty day, but rain last night gave Hector # 20 to buy seed with 60 76

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 F 30 Men Stalker
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W 28 Men Ploughing Thos Watson got 10 B. wheat here at #1 poor quality 35 76

Tu 29 Men finishes Ploughing 16 acre field and harrowing with both teams
as it is very rough & the first crossploughed ground quite green, some rain with ^{thunder} 56 76

F 31 Men Stalker dragging all day Hector drags till noon then goes down 9th Con.
towards Scarborough looking for red wheat got 15 B. at 1.25 = #18 75 ^{windy} 50 62

Sa 31 Hector sows some treadwell Stalker & he cultivates & drags and after
Tea Hector goes to J Cowes to thrash a few oats, still cool & windy 50 68

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Su 1 All at Church but same cool the season is changing 50 64

M 2 Men sowing wheat & cultivating I pull the hops 5 Basket full cool 48 62

Tu 3 Men finishes sowing wheat Stalker cultivating all day Hector drags till
noon then goes to Mrs Robsons threshing, frost last night, Pumpkin ^{smothered} vines 38 64

W 4 Men finishes cultivating & dragging wheat Mr Aldritch takes away
the last of the Lambs - 6 Total Lambs sold ²⁵ at #2.50 = #62.12 ^{#62.12} with 48 68

#100 for wool Total product #172.50 besides killing 2 and keeping 9 sheep pigs
I break up the pig

Tu 5 Men Stowing wheat all day May & I starts for Scarborough tomorrow to salt 46 68

F 6 H. May & I started this morning for Scarborough and did not return # till Tu-12
We found all our friends well and brought Janet Martin with us while they
have been drowned with rain here they were draughted in Scarborough but has ^{kept} good

F 13 Weather warm when we was away glass once 90 & often 80 it was 80 on the 12th

F 13 Men Ploughing but one of the oxen got sick & Stalker chored in afternoon
Georgina Glendinning & two of her cousins came to day weather cool 56 66

Sa 14 Hector cutting second crop of clover all day Stalker Ploughing Sea land at
Conception slight frost last night very cool today and clear 40 64

Sa 15 All at Church but Hector & Janet Martin ^{white} frost last night but ^{severe} not 36 64

M 16 Hector cuts out the hay & Stalker rakes the whole field new cut & all, Hector
& T & Jessie takes in 4 loads puts 1 into old stable loft 2 into sheephouse
loft and ran one into new barn as it got dark, frost last night again ^{but not severe} 36 64

Tu 17 hauls all the hay 5 big loads. Total in field 8 loads, put 5 into sheep house loft
^{lights a fire at night for first time} put 1 into old stable loft & 2 into cowbyre loft afterward Hector mowed the
pickle in orchard, & we had a slight shower, and the clover was not very dry 40 68

a gathering of young folks at our house to night and a great sing present
Thos Johnston Mr Palkover Thos Grey's young folks & Janet Mc Alester

W 18 Hector ploughing Stalker absent - Showery - Jean Georgina & Fanny Martin
goes to A Stewarts & at night to Tom Greys 40 68

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Th 19 Hector Ploughing Georgina goes away & Jean sets her up to halt Stalker
 absent & harvest the corn a good deal of thunder last night with rain 38 60
 F 20 Hector Ploughing Stalker taking out dung from sheep house Mr Chambers
 & rake the pickle hay in orchard & they haul it only 3 cocks. cool 30 62
 Mr Chambers Hector Jean & Jenny Martin goes to Tom Grey's at night
 Sa 21 Hector Ploughing & Stalker taking out dung in forenoon in afternoon
 all at church but Jepsie Mr Frazer of Thorold preaches Stalker absent, warm 40 72
 Su 22 Our Sacrament a fine day and good attendance service at 5 PM 40 70
 M 23 Childrens Pic nic all at it but Hector who is at halt Mrs Nimmo keeps house 40 72
 Tu 24 Hector Ploughing at Gilberts line Stalker absent warm some thunder 40 78
 W 25 Hector Ploughing Stalker still sick cooler to day - some showers 40 66
 Th 26 Hector Ploughing Stalker absent Bob hauling dung in afternoon I have a bad
 pull the last of the grapes - quite ripe slight frost last night 36 62
 F 27 Hector Ploughing Stalker here today hauling dung & spreading very cool 36 56
 pull the last of the grapes quite ripe and very Stalker's got whisky!
 Sa 28 Stalker Ploughing Hector D. & fixing graith for Guelph shew putting hurdles 38 60
 Su 29 All at Church but Mary & Jepsie very windy and heavy rain last night 38 38
 M 30 Stalker Ploughing Hector goes away to Guelph shew to shew horses
 called a spunk in trap 36 36
 O.K.
 Tu 1 Stalker Ploughing Hector at Guelph very cool but fair 34 34
 W 2 Stalker dragging Pea land Jean Lilly & Ellick at halt for yarn and did not
 get it 32 36
 Th 3 Stalker dragging Hector at Guelph Jean Jenny Martin & Janet McAlister at Eden 34 38
 F 4 Stalker cultivating & stoning Hector returns from Guelph shew getting the
 second prize for his team - \$12 he likewise sold them for \$400 to be taken
 away in a month, he got no money to bind the bargain - fine day 38 70
 Sa 5 Stalker stoning Hector at J. Cowe's threshing Peas in forenoon warm 40 74
 Su 6 All at Church but Jean & Jenny - warm heavy showers & thunder 40 74
 M 7 Men ploughing oat land - we intended to begin digging our potatoes
 to day but the rain yesterday & last night has made the ground to clorty 38 54
 Tu 8 begins to dig our potatoes digs 80 bushels of Cuscos which we put in our old
 house for the pigs and 40 bags of Rose & 4 bags of Early Goddard which
 we call only 10 bushel but it is more Total today 90 bush the crop
 is a good one and no rot Stalker at a tree with oxen & cart in big swamp
 going to halt very fine day hope it will last till Sat is up frost 32 54
 W 9 Took up 90 Cuscos & 120 B. Chilis put the whole in cellar a little frost last
 night but some of the potatoe shawts is quite green yet - very fine day

Th 10 This morning Jean
 along with her to
 We took the last of
 total crop is 290 B
 F 11 Taking up Stalker's
 Sa 12 Finishes Stalker's
 a very good crop in
 Su 13 May & Fat Church
 M 14 Horrows & gathering
 to barn yard & etc
 Tu 15 A nasty day a sh
 W 16 Hector Jepsie & the
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 Th 17 Frost last night an
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 F 18 Men ploughing in fo
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- Th 10 This morning Jenny Martin went away in such poor health that Jean went along with her to Scarborough. Hector set them up to Galt & was back by noon. We took the last of the Potatoes - 70 bushels (very) 50 B. Chilis & 20 Peach blow. our total crop is 290 Bushels (very) 89 B. Cascos 150 Chilis 20 Peach blow ^{cool} 34 46
- F 11 Taking up Stalker's Potatoes takes up 4 Wagon loads - 120 B. frost last night 32 44
- Sa 12 Finishes Stalker's potatoes in forenoon 39 B. Total crop 159 B. after 10 B seed a very good crop in afternoon Hector goes to Rocton with road list. cool cloudy 32 48
- Sa 13 May & Fat church collection for Congregation funds very cold in church 36 46
- M 14 Harvest & gathers Potatoes about 6 bushels hauls Potatoes shaws & corn stalks to barn yard & Potatoes to old house for pigs in afternoon goes to meet Jean ^{very good windy} 34 44
- Tu 15 A nasty day a shower of snow & the ground white Stalker at home ^{Potatoes} fixing his 30 44
- W 16 Hector Jessie & the boys at Rocton shew Hector gets the first prize for young span horses. we gather 5 barrels apples Stalker at home. fine day 34 67
- Th 17 Frost last night and rain to day, at least all the afternoon. We shift Spring wheat on to top of fall wheat & Hector thrushes some oats & Flax. gets a letter from John Park Langholm tell how his sister Helen is dying of Consumption 31 46
- F 18 Men Ploughing in forenoon. In afternoon we gather 6 barrels apples and 7 bags of Rambo to take to Galt tomorrow. Misty in forenoon fine in afternoon 36 52
- Sa 19 Hector at Galt for bran took up 10 B Rambo apples sold one bag for 45 cents and traded the rest off with McBroom for salt &c. Stalker ploughing Jessie & takes in 3 barrels of apples good cool day 36 46
- Sa 20 No sermon to day Mr. Porteus away assisting at a Sacrament. Hector & Jean at Galt hearing Mr. Smith's Farewell sermon as he is going to move to Halifax. fine day 36 52
- M 21 Hector Ploughing Stalker at home drinking I & women gathers 5 barrels apples 38 66
- T 22 Hector & Stalker Ploughing In afternoon Hector & I goes to Floues to see Ploughing match gathers about 3 barrels apples very fine day 35 66
- W 23 Hector & Stalker Ploughing I carry the last of the apples just a wee while but the snows & some seedlings is still left on the trees we have in cellar 17 barrels full about 4 barrels in long box 1 1/2 barrels of Rusty coats an another hard kind total in cellar 22 1/2 barrels besides about 2 barrels in Phanty & dont know how many we have peeled & dried fine cool 32 30
- Th 24 Hector & Stalker Ploughing, the women & I grinds 3 B. snow apples for apple Sauce Janet McAlister to get some of it. I fix sheep barn house in after-noon 30 50
- F 25 Hector at Galt for bran. Stalker at Wm Elliot's thrashing A heavy day without much rain but raining now & looks like more 32 30

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Sa 26 A nasty wet day, little doing. I sweep up old Barn and threshes out the 38 32
 Su 27 A raw nasty day raining a little all day Hector Jean & I at Church 40 30
 M 28 Stalker at Mr Elliotts threshing in forenoon and at Tom Greys threshing in
 afternoon. Hector at Tom Greys threshing in forenoon at Janet McAlister's
 saving firewood in afternoon. Jessie & I takes up all the carrots. clear cool 32 48
 Tu 29 Bogens to take up Turnips. Stalker, Bob, Jessie & I takes up 24 drills and tops
 a good many Hector takes up the carrots about 80 Bushels puts them
 into old house cellar - the man that bought the young horses for \$400
 came to day & paid \$20 on them they to be delivered at Quelfh fair cool 30 48
 W 30 Stalker, Bob & I taking up turnips all day Hector repairing the cow turnip house 31 50
 Th 31 Threshers have threshes all the wheat only 109 B. of which 42 B. is spring wheat
 threshes oats the rest of the day fine day but very starchy in the barn 30 30

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F 1 Threshes out the oats = 400 Bushels & then went to Old Barn and threshed
 all the Peas = only 92 B. from 10 acres, but there is a good of Peas on the floor
 to clean up get cool & cloudy to day Mr Elliotts roup to day, not at it 30 48
 Sa 2 Hauling Turnips all day 18 Waggon loads 30 B. each = 540 Bushels which
 we put into sheep house Janet McAlister helps us fine day 32 48
 Su 3 all at Church but Jean the minister telling us to give wheel to Collected 30 48
 M 4 Hector fixing turnip house in forenoon & Stalker, Bob & I taking
 up turnips. In afternoon we taken 11 loads = 330 B. and puts them
 into Cowbye turnip house. Jessie & Bob topping in afternoon. fine day 30 48
 Tu 5 Taking up turnips in forenoon, hauls 8 loads = 240 B. in afternoon
 and puts them in Cowhouse. Jessie & Bob shawing. Stopt by rain about 4 o'clock 31 44
 W 6 Hector at Quelfh fair to deliver the span of young horses he sold at the show
 for \$200 Jean goes with Nell & the buggy bring him back again
 We take up turnips in forenoon and hauls in afternoon with one team
 5 loads = 150 B. which we put in to Cowhouse very wet last night 34 44
 Th 7 Hauls in forenoon Hector comes home from Quelfh with a yoke
 of cattle price \$101 their age 5 years past the spring
 Tu 8 Hauls in forenoon 11 loads = 33 rains some in afternoon up & shaw 30 44
 F 9 Hauling all day 23 loads = 690 Bushels which we put into Cowbye 34 42

Sa 9 Hauls with one
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 our Total crop
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 M 11 Puts up the Pig
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 Tu 12 Hector & Stalker
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 Sa 16 Men cutting
 Su 17 All at Church
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 Su 24 All at Church
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- Sa 9 Hector loads with one team in forenoon with whole Stalker Rob & I takes up the last of the Turnips afternoon hauls with both teams Total loads to day 21 = 630 bushels of which we put 9 loads = 270 B into Cowhouse & 10 Loads = 300 into our old house cellar and 1 Load ^{300 B} goes to sheephouse and 1 Load = 30 B. to Janet McAlister who has been helping us her Total crop of turnips is 97 loads = 2910 Bushels of which ~~2200 B~~ ²⁰¹⁰ is in Cowhouse 570 ^B in sheephouse & 300 ^{10 Loads} Bushels in old house cellar and 1 load 30 B. to Janet McAlister Total crop 6 acres - a god deal of rot 31 44
- Su 10 All at Church but Japie a fine day and cloudy hard frost last night 30 42
- W 11 Puts up the Pigs to feed - 5 put into boiling place 10 B. Peas - Stalker shoring in Turnipland at noon Hector takes over Janet McAlisters load of turnips and kills her Pig & boil two kettles of Peas & Potatoes for Pigs very mild 34 52
- Th 12 Hector & Stalker Ploughing on Potatoe & Turnipland. I set up sap troughs ^{last night} raining 34 42
- W 13 Hector & Stalker Ploughing Turnip & potatoe land & choring. Cold wind East 30 42
- Th 14 Thanksgiving day for the Province all at Church but Jean rain last night ^{cold all day} 32 34
- F 15 Hector & Jean at Galt with yarn to weaver Stalker hauling dirt from Turnip house to midden very hard frost last night cannot plough ground hard & choring ^{cold & windy} very 24 32
- Sa 16 Men cutting oat sheaves in forenoon & raising stones in ^{hard frost} sod field in afternoon 24 32
- Su 17 All at Church but May & Hector R in the Doldreums now for 3 days post 26 32
- W 18 Stalker splitting firewood in forenoon ^{put up the cow to feed Doldreums} cleans up a great in afternoon 26 30
- Th 19 Hector at Aberfoyle with a ^{12 Quodrefs} great. had to leave it. Stalker at Benj's threshing this is now the fourth day of hard frost some of our neighbours glasses has been down at 20. It now threatens snow. I cover up sheep turniphouse the men covered the cow one yesterday. I lay down the broom & flouring almond and carries the cactus and potted brooms into cellar cold all day 24 28
 We have just heard that Mrs Robt Grey died to day at ^{noon} 12 o'clock!
- W 20 Put the Ram to the Ewes and puts out four for sale Dies up the young Cots ~~they~~ Real winter weather small frost and most severe last night 20 24
- Th 21 Hector & I at poor Agnes Robisons funeral. ^{Stalker choring} some snow on ground 26 30
- F 22 Hector at Aberfoyle for Grist. Takes 15 Bushels of small apples to Moriston and got them made into cider Stalker chopping firewood in bush 30 36
- Sa 23 Hector & Stalker choring in forenoon In afternoon Hector goes to John Dickson's threshing. Mild yesterday & to day slight thaw 32 36
- Su 24 All at Church but Japie being the Bicentary Anniversary of the Death of John Knox our Minister gave us a sketch of his labours. very mild 36 42

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M 25 Hector at Dickson's threshing Stalker stoning pea land and
 choring mts but very windy snow all gone ground thawing 38 42
 Tu 26 Hector at Mr Hervey's camp Stalker choring I Ditto gets Ditto
 Illustrated History of the Bible Rice \$5 1/4 fine mild day. Hector 30 34
 bought a cow at the camp for \$38 & 10 sap for pails at 10 cents each
 W 27 Stalker & Hector choring we fill up 18 Bags of Apples for sale very 30-26-23
 Th 28 Hector & Stalker cleaning up oats & choring I D. ^{wind & cold} slight snow 17 24
 F 29 Hector at Galt with 53 B. oats sold at 35 cents per bushel = \$18.55
 Stalker choring I D. very small frost all day but calm & sunny 12 24
 Sa 30 Hector at Guelph with 18 Bags of Apples got
 brought home 4 barrel hemming, Stalker choring I D. very cold windy 12 22

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Su 1 Hector Jean & I at Church some snow on ground but no sleighing 26 32
 M 2 Some more snow last night brings home the Lambs to fodder but
 not the Ewes snowing some all day but thawing. Mr Corleus ^{visiting} there 34 36
 Tu 3 Hector Jean & Lily went off this morning to Niagara to attend a reunion
 of Miss Rye & her bairns Miss Grey goes with them to get one of Miss Rye's
 girls, George Grey set them down to Dundas station to get the morning
 train to the bridge, Stalker fixing bars at sheep house, I bring home
 the Ewes. Turnips badly frozen at the door, I shut up the last hole
 in turnip house, a good deal of snow now, it would make poor sleighing 30 34
 W 4 Stalker choring in forenoon. In afternoon at Mr Robson's threshing
 George Grey gets our Nell to go to Galt and meet our Niagara
 folks I choring & feeding having Pigs & sheep to look after 28 30
 Our folks arrives from Niagara about 12 o'clock at night
 Th 5 Hector goes to Galt with four sheep ^{with sleigh} to Mr Ulrich. Rice two @ 7 each
 and two @ 5 each = \$24 Stalker finishes bars at sheep place 28 34
 F 6 Stalker at Farm Little's killing Pigs Hector at Smuddy getting horses
 shored and filling up Apples & Potatoes to take to Guelph tomorrow
 It is now a sort of sleighing but not good. Hector had the sleigh ^{day} yesterday 26 28
 Sa 7 Hector & Jean at Guelph with 8 Bags apples & 9 Bags Potatoes with sleigh 22 32
 Stalker choring I D. apples 75 cents per bag = \$6 Potatoes ^{per bag} 48 Cents = \$3.60 = \$9.60
 Su 8 A good deal of wet snow last night good sleighing now Hector took us to
 Church with sleigh of May Jessie & I. The snow is not deep but 36 40
 It fell equal and being damp it lay a thaw but no snow melting

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- M 9 Small frost, queer climate Hector & Jean at Bill Menzies getting some feed chopped as he has got a chopping mill Stalker choring-cold 10-14-10
- Tu 10 Hector & Stalker cleaning up wheat & I choring small frost but fine day ^{above 3} 20
- W 11 Stalker at Hamilton with his child to the doctor Hector fixing stakes for calves &c I am busy enough just choring boiling Pigs meat &c. very fine calm sunny day 14 26
- Th 12 Hector at Galt with 35 B Spring wheat - Price \$1.15 - \$40.25 May goes with him to Mrs Nicol's Stalker at home lame with little boots going to Hamilton 14 26
- F 13 Stalker at home lame Bill Chambers comes talks of getting married ^{Hector choring} 16 26
- Sa 14 Hector hitches up the young horse for the first time and in the afternoon drives him to Galt with the black mare he acts well. Gets Brandy for May Stalker choring & I also, a fine day almost a thaw 22 33
- Sa 15 All at Church but Jemie a fine day and good sleighing steady frost 24 26
- M 16 Hector & Stalker choring & chopping firewood in Swamp fine day 20 26
- Tu 17 Hector & Stalker sawing logs in swamp fixes ox bows by boiling them in furnace, Hector hurts back Wm Chambers fixes clock mouse trap & I ^{frost above} 10 - 22
- W 18 Stalker chopping firewood in swamp Hector at Galt with Wm Chambers gang to Lestwell Hector brings out clock from Kay's ^{gets a pair of boots from Kay's} I don't strike right ^{of snow today} got a good deal 20 26
- Th 19 Hector at J Cows threshing, Stalker choring, Jean at the ministers and pay the ^{45 cents} record and to Mc Millan \$1.50 for Globe club in advance 10 20
- F 20 Hector at Lowe's threshing Stalker choring I Boil 3 Patts Pigstuff = 6 B. Potatoes and 3 B. Peas. Mowed all last night, plenty of snow now 22 30
- Sa 21 Hector at Lowe's threshing till noon Stalker choring In afternoon we cut 200 oat sheaves, hard frost and splendid sleighing, looks like ^{snow} more 7 14
- Sa 22 High wind last night with some snow and tremendous frost none at all but Hector, Jemie and Black - The coldest day yet but calm, below 3 ^{above} 14
- M 23 Stalker absent, Hector ties up the calves & chores very cold ^{very} cold 4 - 12 - 4 ^{above stage}
- Th 24 Another tickling frost last night Hector & Stalker chopping in swamp but had after to come to warm their feet though it has been a very fine day, clear calm & sunny but very frosty in the shade ^{below} 19 above 4
- W 25 Christmas & a very coarse day - hazy blowing & the wind East small snow falling all day the Tailor Mr. Chisholm finishes our claes my breeks among the rest Stalker broke the old Pump handle & Hector makes ^{new one} a bit 2 above 10

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Th 26 Another stormy day hazy with small snow falling all day this is the second day and night it has snowed continually there is now a great deal of snow & heavy drifts. We intended to kill our Pigs to day and one of Wally Trumbull's boys came to help us. but it was so stormy we did not do it and Trumbull went home again - very cold, only choring kirming & c. below 2 above 4
 F 27 Kills our Pigs Trumbull & Benny helps calm fine day but 2 above 10
 Sa 28 Hector at Quelp with three Pigs wt 760 at \$5.10 per pig - #38 80
 Stalker choring poorly with Dysentery. cuts up the two Pigs we kept above 18 20
 Su 29 All at Church but Jemie with sleigh fine sleighing now 10 20
 M 30 Collecting kirk seat rents. Hector & Stalker choring below 8 above 20
 Tu Collecting kirk seats Mr Chambers goes with me in the cutter Dr Robt Harbottle here at night fine day mid 18 30

Jan 1873

W 1 New year's day which celebrate by attending the funeral of Helen Parker a young woman in the prime of life - died from the effects of child birth! Katy Walens agnes Robson and now Helen all gone lately from the same cause!!
 A calm quiet day. and so we and the world is launched on another God only knows who shall see its close 20 24
 Th 2 Hector Mr Chambers Jean Lilly Elizabeth & I at halt. I pay Fleming & Co \$6 for Chambers & Blackwood bought a fur cap #3 and pipe 30 cents Levers, Burke of ours 75 cents. a very nasty day hazy and raining ice almost all day, also paid Reformer for 73 for soap #3.50 26 30
 F 3 Quite a thaw last night and today rained heavy Stalker absent 24 36
 Thained my foot badly by a wrong step. kirms but gets no butter
 Sa 4 Hector choring Stalker absent. I doing very little, frost again 20 24
 Su Hector May the barns & I at church with sleds snowing a good deal and heat 24 28
 M 6 Hector choring Stalker at Mr Robson's threshing Jas McQueen comes and I pay him #103 seed rents. Frank Parker here. fine sunny day 20 24
 Tu 7 Hector & Mr Chambers chopping in Swamp Stalkes at Mr Robson's threshing. I pay Welwood McMillan postage for glue & Reformer = 40 cents and likewise for Janet McAlister 20 cents for her Reformer. fine day 20 24
 W 8 Hector & Stalker chopping I choring John Elliot comes. snow showers in afternoon. Jean's Birthday mild slight thaw Lewis Napoleon died to day

Th 9 Wm Chambers
 F 10 Hector hauling
 Sa 11 Hector & Jean go
 Su 12 Jemie black & J
 M 13 Hector casting the till stopped in op
 Tu 14 Hector hauling for
 W 15 Blowing & snowing in afternoon Wm
 Th 16 Very wet almost all And leaves her a
 F 17 Hector Mr Mrs Sandy Mc C
 Sa 18 Hector & Mr Cham from Mr Anderson A steady snow
 Su 19 All at Church
 M 20 A slight snow afternoon in at halt in cutter to live at Med
 Tu 21 Snowing heavy all to Lynden Stalker
 W 22 Hector hauling fire
 Th 23 Snowing & drifting
 F 24 Snowing & drifting and I never saw the road to kirk Stalker absent,
 Sa 25 All at Church snow wreaths Pills in sheep very poor atten
 Su 26 Our sacrament stormy weather

Jan'y 1873

- Th 9 Wm Chambers & Hector chopping in Swamp Stalker absent ^{above} 14 10 6
- F 10 Hector hauling firewood Wm C. Chopping Stalker absent ^{below 2 above 6}
- Sa 11 Hector & Jean goes to Mr Gilberts in Berlinch Stalker Wm chopping ^{above} 2 12
- Su 12 Jessie pluck & I at Church, John Elliot goes away to Tom Nicol 20 30
- M 13 Hector casting the road toward Kirkwall Wm & Stalker chopping till stopped in afternoon with rain as it came on quite a thaw 34 40
- Th 14 Hector hauling firewood Stalker & Wm Chambers chopping Fine mud 30 32
- W 15 Blowing & snowing small snow in forenoon, Hector hauling firewood in afternoon Wm & Stalker chopping quite a thaw in afternoon 26 36
- Th 16 Very wet almost all day, Hector takes the sow to Boor at Mr Andersons and leaves her as she would not take him Hector's friends comes from ^{Keppel} 36 42
- 17 F Hector & Mr goes to Johnie Malcolm's they being old acquaintance Mrs Sandy Mc Caeg from Keppel goes away Stalker splitting firewood ^{above} 16 12
- Sa 15 Hector & Wm Chambers at halt gets a barrel of salt and brings the sow from Mr Anderson (she had taken the boar) Stalker & Bob chopping ^{above above} 3 4
- Su 19 All at Church but Jessie sleighing good 10 14
- M 20 A slight snow almost all day Hector & Stalker in swamp in afternoon in forenoon we cut one run of bat sheaves. Wm Chambers at halt in cutter to left his money from bank as he is going to live at Medonte and get married there very mild ^{around East} 20 26
- Th 21 Snowing heavy all forenoon, Bill goes away to get married & Hector takes him to Lynden Stalker choring, very mild almost a thaw 28 32
- W 22 Hector hauling firewood Stalker chopping very mild snow pretty deep 22 28
- Th 23 Snowing & drifting all day with a strong east wind, only choring 8 10
- F 24 Snowing & drifting all night It has snowed and drifted over 24 hours and I never saw bigger snow banks. Hector & John Dickson casting the road to Kirkwall & letting the road go into McQueens field Stalker absent, I casting snow & redclining up after the storm 10 16
- Sa 25 All at Church but Jessie never saw the roads so blocked up with snow wreaths Maggie Lenman comes. Turnips finished up to middle pillar in sheephouse. Mail did not come yesterday, bad roads I suppose very poor attendance at Church. Got \$8 from D. Bickle for Church seat 10 16
- Su 26 Our sacrament all at it but Jessie Mr Perceus had no help. The stormy weather having prevented him coming 17 22

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M 27 Our Annual congregational meeting. We voted
 Mr Porteus \$100 more salary raised the price of a member's
 sitting to four Dollars and a whole seat with two members
 ten Dollars - it was formerly 8 dollars adherents to continue
 as they were two Dollars a sitting ^{John Elliot comes} there will be tough ^{raise it} Feb 10 22
 Tu 28 kills our cow Mrs Dickson helps us milk in morning
 but the glas fell all day and reached zero at Dark
 John Elliot goes away Jean sets him up to Martin Neols ^{above} 17 10 0
 W 29 Hector & Jean at Galt with cow skin dried Apples & great ^{clear sunny fine & cool} frost -
 hardest of the season Mr. Mills insurance man here ^{cherry} Stalker below 18 above 2
 Tu 30 Hector cuts up the Cow frozen as hard as a stone Stalker chopping above 3 16
 F 31 Hector hauling firewood Stalker absent very fine sunny day 10 24

Feb. 7

Sa 1 Hector at Mr. Menzies getting some grain cracked Stalker goes
 to Egypt to Mr. Linn's to get out cedars sleepers for turnip houses ^{at house above} Linn's out 10 6
 Su 2 All at Church but Jean & Lilly ^{more} moderate but cold still 10 10
 M 3 Hector & Stalker at Mr. Linn's - Egypt getting out & hauling sleepers 16 24
 Tu 4 Quite a thaw all day but no rain Hector at Linn's Stalker chopping
 in afternoon We cut oat sheaves in forenoon - 38 42
 W 5 Hector hauling sleepers from Egypt Stalker chopping, mild 26 31
 Janet Parker aged 16 years died this morning at 10 o'clock!
 Th 6 Hector hauling from Egypt Stalker absent very gentle
 mild thaw with a clear sky a rare thing in February 38 43
 F 7 Hector hauling from Egypt in forenoon in afternoon at the
 funeral of Janet Parker I don't go having the Dysentery Stalker
 absent. Another mild sunny thaw fields all spotted & sleighing bad 18 42
 Sa 8 Hector hauls the last of the sleepers from Egypt Stalker chopping, mild 34 34 24
 Su 9 Men chopping & chopping I not doing much colder 18 26
 M 10 No ~~sun~~ on Mr Porteus at Shamboro sacrament 10 20
 Tu 11 Men in Swamp all day chopping firewood, snow, below 2 above 20
 W 12 Hector chopping in swamp Stalker absent in afternoon 28 36
 Th 13 Hector takes Mary to Grigg's Hector goes to Galt to see the fair and
 and puts into Merchants Bank for me \$50 fine day but coldish 12 18

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 Su 2 All at Church
 M 3 Hector still at
 Tu 4 Stalker chore
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 W 5 Stalker chore
 Th 6 Hector very
 fine clear

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W 12 Hector takes May & me up to Grigg's Hector goes to Galt to see the Fair and puts \$50 Dollars into Merchants Bank for me 12 18

Th 13 Hector & Stalker chopping in swamps. Cloudy, coldish day Robt. McQueen has a party at his School house Jesse & Alick at it 7 12

F 14 Valentine's day, Hector choring Cleans up a great Stalker absent 14 22

Sa 15 Hector at Aberfoyle with a great ^{did not get it} Stalker absent & choring. Calm above 5 28

Su 16 All at Church but May & Alick a fine day 18 32

M 17 Hector at Aberfoyle for the great he left Stalker absent 26 38 with cut finger, got a letter from David Elliot asking help

Tu 18 Hector chopping Stalker absent & choring Very mild clears sunny ^{sun} had 20 40

W 19 Hector chopping in forenoon & hauling in afternoon a slight ^{sun} thaw by 28 34

Th 20 Hector hauling firewood in forenoon Laid up with sore back in afternoon 20 28

F 21 Hector laid up with a sore back Stalker absent this time about up

got the Jan 7 No of C. Journal to day, some snow high wind & drifting 18 22

Sa 22 Hector at Galt Jean & J McAlister goes with him to buy Janet's wedding ^{2 men comes with our new bull - Baron Nelson} braun Hector brings a Ton of Caledonian Plaster price \$6 per ton 26 26

Su 23 May Jesse & I at Church Hector & Jean keeps house cold. below 4 - above 2

M 24 Hector goes away to Buslunch to pay for the Bull - \$75 May goes with him to Mr Stratton's cold stormy day cloudy a little snow 0 16

Tu 25 Hector at Galt with cordwood for Mrs. McMillan Stalker choring Jean pays Hector's note for the Cow he bought at Mr. McVane's sale 18 26

W 26 Hector laid up with a sore back a rather fine day & choring ^{Jean at J McAlister's baking for wedding} 20 33

Th 27 Hector laid up with sore sore back Stalker absent ^{some snow last night} choring 28 29

F 28 Hector & Jean goes out to see the Doctor about his sore back but did not get him at home a fine sunny day Stalker absent ^{below 2} ~~18~~ 26

March

Sa 1 Hector at Galt to see Doctor & get something for his back 0 34

Su 2 All at Church but May & Hector his back being very bad 20 33

M 3 Hector still a Lamiter Stalker choring & D. cold & colder ^{above} 12. 10. 6. 2

Tu 4 Stalker choring Hector rather better. Cuts out sheaves in afternoon Jean at McAlister's fixing Prog for the wedding, clear cold, below 2 ^{above} 16

Pea straw finished to day & fed only once a day ^{has twice a day} all winter - ^{night}

W 5 Stalker choring Hector cripple, clear sunny, snell frost last, below 8 ^{above} 20

Th 6 Hector very poorly with headache Stalker choring & choring 0 - 35 fine clear day Jean at McAlister's cooking for tomorrow 0 35

March

Feb 1873

E 7 all in afternoon at Janet McAllister's wedding, came home about
 9 below Stalker keeping house. Very fine quite a strong sunny show ³⁶ 48
 Sa 8 Hector & Jean away jollying with the new married folk Stalker choring 40 34
 Su 9 All at church but Jesse a fine day but cold in morning 12 32
 See the first crows of the season to day
 M 10 Hector hauling firewood in forenoon in afternoon Jean and he
 goes to McAllister's to bring home chairs Mrs Robt Pentland here 18 36
 Tu 11 Hector choring goes at night to a meeting of ^{Stalker absent} Kirk managers fine 17 36
 The creek coming down on top of ice, crows plenty fields half bare
 W 12 Hector & Stalker at Galt fair with the fat oxen. Sold them for 4 cents
 live weight they weighed thirty nine ^{hundred} & 80 lbs = a triple under of 160, mid 20 34
 Th 13 Hector choring Stalker absent Mrs Julia Stewart & Daughter here. fine 20 38
 F 14 Hector choring Stalker absent at night we had a great Jolification
 Janet McAllister her husband & every sae monie mae here. fine 22 36
 Sa 15 great thaw ^{one crack through day} raining about all day & now ~~the~~ creek over the road
 at bridge great pools standing every where, winter broke up 38 44
 Sun 16 All at church but May & Aleck, roads very bad water running
 over the long swamp going to Kirk wall, very fine day 22 34
 M 17 Hector choring J.D. hears blue birds but did not see them 26 38
 Tu 18 Hector choring but it has been snowing soft snow almost all day
 Stalker absent, saw four Robins in Orchard today. the first ^{seen} 32 36
 W 19 Hector & Stalker splitting stove wood & choring got Feb. Chambers J.
 wrote Mr Emslie about their negligence sees a Meadow Lark there 36 45
 Th 20 A rainy day snowing soft all day and pretty heavy in afternoon
 Hector & Jean goes at night to John Dickson's to have a Jolification with
 the new married folks. We cut oat sheaves in forenoon 34 34
 F 21 A good deal of snow yesterday & last night at least 6 inches, Stalker
 splitting stove wood Jean & Hector at Mr McCalligan's with new married 28 38
 Sa 22 Men splitting stove wood in forenoon, in afternoon Hector Jean & Mary
 goes a visiting to John Valen's fine day slight show cool 26 36
 Su 23 No sermon to day Mr Porteus at Dundas reaching 40 34
 M 24 Men splitting stove wood & fix sugar spouts small frost last night 10 32
 Tu 25 Men clean up 10 bushels of Peas ^{for seed} & put them in the bark J. McQueen
 brings the horse power here to be ready when we cut our firewood 15 24
 a very nasty day snowing a little all day with keen frost

W 26 This has been as
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 M 31 Men choring in fore
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 Th 3 Stalker at Mr. Rob
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 Sa 5 Men cutting out shea
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 Su 6 Very loud thunde
 no one at church
 M 7 fine growing day
 sugar bush. No sap. R
 Tu 8 May's Eve died be
 the wheat = 30 But

March 1873

W 26 This has been as thorough winter day as we have this season it snowed all last night and all to day & is snowing ^{6 PM} now often quite heavy - a great deal of snow has fallen our summer birds that had come is caught they are gone again except the blue linters poor things the snow birds is still here get Hector bailed a pot of Peas & carrots for Pigs Stalker absent, only choring 20 26

Tu 27 Hector at Galt with sleigh for ton of Plaster he has now got 3 ton Stalker in afternoon gets Feb number of Blackwood, good sleighing, alone 4 28

F 28 Men splitting cord wood in forenoon for afternoon Hector Jean May and the boys at School Examination I dig snow from ^{Second time} Boiling place 11 38

Sa 29 We expected to have the circular saw to day but word last night that J. McQueen is sick two hands came we got the rest stopped thawing all day, I sick ^{work} could not 36 40

Su 30 All at Church but May & me I very poorly took a powder last night & falls today 28 34

M 31 Men choring in forenoon Tapping trees in afternoon, women an all I sickly 36 42

April

Tu 1 Men Taps the rest of the trees Women gathers 39 pails sap and syrops off at but six left in Pats, Men fells a big Maple & sawing at ^{poorly} it Friday 38 40

W 2 Women sugars off yesterday's sap has 16 lbs no sap to day, very wet all last night & some to day Stalker absent women empties brought of rain I sick 38 34

Tu 3 Stalker at Mr. Robsons sawing stove wood Hector chopping in sugar poor run of sap but syrops off 16 pails leaving four in Patts I am so far recovered as to feed the sheep today but far from ^{get} right 31 42

F 4 Men chopping up a Maple in Sugar bush, Women Syrops off 21 Pails sap, a small run to day, Sap very strong has made twenty four pounds from Forty Eight pails besides what we eat in molasses, I rather better but still 28 40

Sa 5 Men cutting out sheaves in forenoon I do not help them I in afternoon It was a very heavy thunder attended by a great spate of rain & hail preceded by great darkness - so great that I could not read a newspaper close to the window & my specs on and could scarcely make out with my face close to the clock that it was half past on PM, no sap to day I rather better 36 40

Su 6 Very loud thunder last night with some rain, Raining all forenoon no one at church too wet and the bad, very fine in afternoon quite warm 40 35

M 7 fine growing day snow all gone now but snow banks, Men chopping in sugar bush, No sap, Rhubarb peeping up Digs some Parsneps ^{ground} frost out of 38 46

Tu 8 May's Eve died been sick for some time Men cleans up all the wheat = 30 Bushels a good deal of rain again no sap 36 40

April 1873

W 9 Galt seed fair nobody at it from here. Raining almost all day
 Hektor opened the ewe that died yesterday there was three ^{in her} lambs 34 40

Tu 10 Men sawing in sugar bush got 4 pails sap & no more
 this is the first dry day for a week past, frost out of ground 32 45

F 11 Men sawing in sugar bush, women syrops into molasses 16 pails sap
 heard the first frog to day no run of sap too little frost 32 52

Sa 12 Men choring women get 9 pails sap syrops it of off. very fine 34 52

Sa 13 All at Church but May & me I am still poorly, very fine day 36 58

M 14 Hektor begins to plough ^{over the dyke} in afternoon goes to Mr. Blakes sale 10th Con-
 women syrops of 16 pails sap no right run of sap yet poor sugar year 34 56

Tu 15 Hektor ploughing ^{over the dyke} women get 3 pails sap fine 34 50

W 16 Hektor ploughing Stalker stoning in forenoon absent
 in afternoon a Hog lamb has no milk & cares nothing about 34 45

Th 17 Hektor ploughing Stalker stoning Mc Guerie comes to help him
 another Hog lamb to day she is fond of it, heavy rain last night 34 42

F 18 Hektor ploughing Stalker & Bob & Mc Guerie raising stones I very poorly 34 42

Sa 19 Hektor ploughing. Mc Guerie & Bob raising stones Stalker absent. cripple
 from the kick of a cow he got last night, coolish to day 32 36

Su 20 All at Church but May & me I being still ^{1 Lamb to day} poorly, mild 32 40

M 21 two Lamb to day - twins Men stoning & ploughing The Doctor
 comes to see me and says I have Bronchitis. a bad ^{pail, molasses} cold made 30 40

Tu 22 Has 4 Lambs to day - twins Hektor & Jean at Galt for seeds Men stoning
 young Gulchriest comes to tell us his mother is very ill, Hektor ^{& see her} must go 30 46

W 23 Hektor & Jean goes to Puslinch to see his sick sister men stoning
 has 3 Lambs to day all single I had to help a ewe to lamb 34 44

Th 24 has 2 Lambs twins Men stoning cool 34 44

F 25 Hektor & Stalker ploughing Potatoe land Mc Guerie goes away ^{has 1 Lamb} 32 42

Sa 26 Has 8 Lambs to day but 2 died leaving 6 alive we have now 19 Lamb
 alive from 13 Ewes Men ploughing fine day but coolish 30 46

Su 27 Hektor got word this morning that his sister (Mrs. Gulchriest)
 died yesterday of inflammation after child birth - sad news
 had 6 Lambs to day & 2 Dead leaving 4 to day we have now 25 Lambs
 and 12 to Lamb, very fine and genial to day Jean only at Church
 As Hektor & Jessie went to Puslinch to his sisters 30 54

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April 1873

1 Lamb to day
 M 28 Jean & Hector at his sister's funeral she has left a family of nine children the oldest of which is not over 15. Stalker Ploughing mild 31 54
 Tu 29 2 Lambs to day Hector sows spring wheat & barley. The Doctor here 36 54
 W 30 No Lambs to day Men dragging Spring wheat & barley quite warm
 to day Jean bails 5 pails poor sap pulls the sprouts out, poor sugar 36 62

May

Th 1 Has 2 Lambs Hector sowing grass seed & dragging 36 58
 F 2 4 Lambs to day one pair turns raining heavy in morning and
 drizzly all day we now only 5 Ewes to Lamb 38 44
 Sa 3 Has 4 Lambs to day ^{one lamb died last night} both turns leaving only 3 Ewes to lamb which we put
 with the rest Hector ploughing at Neils slashing on land where grass failed
 to take Stalker ploughing also, trapped a Shunk, still very poorly 38 48
 Su 4 No Lambs to day None at Church but May Jessie & Bawn's ^{swallow the first} saw a Barn 30 30
 M 5 Has 1 Lamb to day Hector sowing Peas Stalker cultivating, very fine 36 62
 Tu 6 No Lambs Hector Ploughing & sowing Peas Stalker cultivating Peas 36 60
 W 7 Hector sows the last of the Peas Stalker cultivating them No Lambs - 36 58
 Th 8 Very wet all day from the East Hector at Smiddy No work done 36 46
 Leaves off giving the sheep turnips, we think they can shift now
 F 9 Hector Ploughing Stalker hauling turnips from old house, ^{swallow} sees 6 Churnly 36 52
 Sa 10 Hector Ploughs the garden and goes for Mr. Farish to come and see a sick
 cow he also gelds the colt Stalker absent - sick goodish day ^{last night} rain 38 60
 Su 11 None at Church but Jean Jessie & the bawn's ^{dead Lamb} saw Pigs - 7 case Lamberd a 38 60
 M 12 Hector dragging at Neils Stalker stoning, women sows onions Parsnips
 &c Mc Millan gets 300 lb hay - by Guep I cut the basket willows 36 60
 Tu 13 Men stoning up at Concession, I doing nothing being poorly. Cool 36 50
 W 14 Hector sowing oats on Pea ground at concession Stalker cultivating ^{lost last night} cool 31 54
 Th 15 Stalker cultivating oats Mr. Bleck here for oats fine day 36 62
 F 16 Neil colted last night after going 12 months all but 2 days
 (her colt is a mare) Hector sowing plaster Stalker & Bob stoning
 I stuck some of the hops, The willows beginning to look green, fine 38 62
 Sa 17 Stalker hauling old rails to sugar bush Bob & elick pulling redroot
 and cuckle Hector and Jean at Kemilton Gets 1 Ton Loper - 38 62
 - phosphate Price #20 per ton and 10 lbs Turnip seed & white
 yellow clover Italian Rye grass &c very fine day 38 64
 Su 18 all at Church but Jean Hector & I quite warm 38 66

May 1873

M 19 Cuts our Lambs has 39 twenty Ewes and 19 weathers
 Hector sowing the last of the oats & grass seeds Stalker dragging
 Bob sowing Phosphate on Pat land ^{Swallows in Linn} another fine growing day 39 66
 got the first Rhubarb. Swallows in Linn for first time
 Tu 20 Men doing various jobs such as rolling stonung hauling Turnips from
 Spring rather backward no cherry blossoms out, willow green but no 34 60
 W 21 Men sowing Plaster Mr Menzies Sen. Mrs Wm Menzies Mary Smith
 and Mr Porteus here Sam still very poorly very bad cough, warm 38 71
 Th 22 Hector hauling Dung for Potatoes Stalker & Bob stonung North of Sugar bush
 warm to day & bees on willows - first day, bush linged with green 38 71
 F 23 Men hauling & spreading Dung for Potatoes at old stable. Very warm growth
 has made great advance the last two day woods looking quite green now May 40 80
 Sa 24 Men Ploughing Potatoe land in forenoon Women culling Potatoes Stalker goes home
 at noon Hector takes Nell to horse. she took him May & Jean at Church
 Queens Birth day but no celebration here, wild Plum trees in blossom 40 72
 Su 25 Our Sacrament May Jean Jessie & the bairns at Hector & I keeps
 house as I am still very poorly. The Doctor here finds me much
 worse than he expected very fine day growth rushing out at a great 40 74
 M 26 Our people Planting all our Potatoes. Stalker absent since Saturday
 at noon he has either got whisky or the pet - bad job. fine day 40 80
 Tu 27 Hector Plough land for carrots & Stalkers Potatoes but he is so bad in
 the pet it is doubtful whether he will plant them or not. The country
 now looks glorious cherry trees quite white Apple blossoms coming out
 and wood quite green. Mrs Valens here blisters me with croton oil. wrote to 40 84
 W 28 Hector & Jessie sows the carrots then hauls dung to turnip land Stalker
 has left us in a pet he is not expected come back there was no quarrel 40 76
 Th 29 Hector at Brock road with a grist Jean goes with him and they go
 to Mr Gelchrist's. Archie Mc Grurie comes & he and Bob hauls dung to
 turnip land, Dr Lundy here and Rob Hunter, fine a shower near 45 80
 F 30 Jas Grey comes to work a while all at Dung for Turnips fine 40 68
 Sa 31 all at Dung in forenoon Washes the Sheep in afternoon
 Mc Millan has a group at 6 PM Jean and the bairns at it
 got sixteen Dollars - \$16 from Mr Falconer being one year
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 M 11 Hector drilling &
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 Su 15 All at Chu
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 W 18 Hector at roa
 May & Jean
 Th 19 at night he
 all our job

June 1873

- Su 1 No sermon to day Mr Porteus at Ancester helping Mr Walker 50 74
- M 2 Men at Dung in forenoon finishes for turneps Then Hector and Jas Grey Ploughing in Dung Mc Gurie and Bob spreading, splendid weather country looking glorious cherry blossoms fading ^{full blossom} apple tree in 53 76
- Tu 3 Hector & Jas Grey Ploughing in Dung Mc Gurie spreading Bob pulling ^{red root} Cockle 50 80
- W 4 Hector & J Grey finishes ploughing turnip land in forenoon Mc Gurie bringing stones for blasting In afternoon Hector & Jean goes to Galt for things for hauling stone he tomorrow some thunder and fine rain in afternoon. ^{very sultry} 60 84
- Th 5 Had a Bee hauling off stones - 3 ox teams Mr Porteus here. ^{got a letter from J. Johnstone about a mistake} my pulse 88. 56 80
- F 6 Hector & Grey Ploughing sod Bob cutting thistles among barley, ^{here} the Doctor 58 76
- Sa 7 Hector & Grey clips the sheep - 40 Bob harrowing Hector takes black ^{horse} mare to 40 74
- Su 8 All at Church but May and me. Mr Young Preaches. Mr Porteus absent 58 76
- M 9 Mc Gurie & Bob stoning turnip land &c. Hector at Harvey's with the ^{mare to horse - she took him.} In afternoon Hector goes to Galt to meet brother John & wife from Scarborough. They arrive about dusk 60 81
- Tu 10 Hector takes the turnip sawer to blacksmith to hoop then drilling for turnips Mc Gurie & Bob hauling stones. some thunder with fine rain 60 74
- W 11 Hector drilling & sowing turnips in afternoon brought the turnip drill at noon Mc Gurie filling holes on sod Bob dragging, fine cool fresh day 50 72
- Th 12 Hector drilling & sowing turnips Mc Gurie & Bob at many things. ^{goes away} Mc Gurie 50 74
- F 13 Brother goes away this morning Hector & Jean takes them up to Galt with the wool = 36 fleeces got 35 cents per lb weight 227 lbs being 6 1/3 lbs each fleece and 3 lbs over Total value \$79.45 or a little over \$2.20 each sheep Bob cutting thistles among Peas Hector drilling after coming home 40 72
- Sa 14 Hector drilling & sowing turnips Bob sowing Phosphate and cutting thistles. At noon Hector took the mares to horse. did not take ^{cold} hopes they in 50 80
- Su 15 All at Church but May & Jean a good deal better now warm 60 82
- M 16 Hector drills & sows the last of the turnips Bob sowing Phosphate Mr Porteus the Doctor & John Roberts here. Very warm & ^{wanted} sultry rain 60 83
- Tu 17 Hector at road working statute labour I pay for mine 2 day at 75 cents per day #1 50 cents being hardly fit to work. Hears the hay is bad on Potatoes 30 76
- W 18 Hector at roads & hired Mc Gurie to help him. G Elliot here warm again 60 84
- Th 19 at night hearing Mr Needham preaching in open air many there all our folks but May and me

June 1873

Th 19 Hector finishes road work at noon then goes to Parker's barn raising in afternoon, very warm with a high west wind, a gaiser 70 91
 F 20 Hector ploughing sod, hard work very dry Bob cutting thistles ^{and New} lumpy drouthy 60 76
 Sa 21 Hector ploughing Jas Grey comes in afternoon to help him - drouthy 60 80
 Su 22 All at Church but Hector & J. very cool & cloudy looks like rain ^{but only a few drops} 50 66
 M 23 Hector ploughing Young Tom Grey comes ploughing with the oxen kills a pig at noon, very cool wants rain badly, looks like rain 44 66
 Tu 24 great rain last night and thunder rain too, though very cool the rain was much needed Men ploughing, at noon two Emigrants came and Hector hired one for five months at \$18 per month a long wage for a pig in a poke but hands is scarce & harvest is coming on, cloudy 50 66
 W 25 Hector & Tom Grey ploughing Bob & the Emigrant cutting thistles Maggie ^{Penmon here} 50 74
 Th 26 Tom Grey went away last night Hector finished ploughing the end rigs this morning, then dragging the Emigrant also dragging with the oxen 30 80
 F 27 Hector & Emigrant dragging all day Bob cutting thistles, Mr Abuchi's man takes away 8 Lamb at \$3 = \$24 Buys a washer & wringer for \$15 from ^{Mr Wolfe} 60 84
 Sa 28 Hector harkles the potatoes corn & carrots Bob & Robert Exp (the name of our Emigrant) stoning fallow very hot wants more rain 60 86
 Su 29 All at Church but Jesse go too the first time since the month of ^{March} 60 84
 M 30 Thunder with rain last night and very heavy showers all day field standing in great pools & creek full. Men clean oats & chares 60 74

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Tu 1 Deminson, day, Hector & Exp. mows the orchard Jesse & I hoes the corn & cuts thistles 60 80
 W 2 Jean & I at Dundas I get \$36 for Coupons Men mows corner at Neils ^{some rain last night} slashing & c 64 80
 Th 3 Jean & meat Galt I get \$30 Interest on Bank Receipt for \$600 Put \$100 to it and gets a receipt for \$700, Men Ted's orchard mow & c 60 80
 F 4 Hector sets up the potatoes ^{at} Exp & Bob cutting thistles on Cow pasture till Tea time Jess & I turns hay in orchard the we all cock it after Tea 60 84
 Sa 5 Hector cutting hay North of Sugar bush till Tea time then rakes the corner at Neils slashing with horse drake Exp & Bob stoning till noon we then hoe carrots and Turneps till Tea then cocks corner at Neils 60-80-60
 Su 6 all at Church but Jean a fine day many at church 64 76
 M 7 Hector cutting hay. We haul 2 Loads of hay from Neils corner and puts them into old stable loft ^{I got washed after two loads} 3 little ones from orchard put into ^{loft} Cowbyre and 3 from field North of sugar bush puts them into horse stable 60 76

Tu 8 Hector cutting in raking corner in which we put
 W 9 Hector cutting & in forenoon in Cowbyre loft I
 Th 10 Rain last night
 F 11 Hector cutting ^{east of} in field and we ha
 Sa 12 Hauling ^{hay} all day Loads in Island we put into
 Su 13 All at Church
 M 14 Hauls 1 Load of harkled and
 Tu 15 All at Swamp
 W 16 All at Swamp East field and and I into Cow get the first m Total Loads of 15 into Cowby
 Th 17 All humming lot & sultry
 F 18 Hector at Galt in forenoon, Snap every where
 Sa 19 Hector goes to Rector missing we doubling tw
 Su 20 All at Church. and did not con
 M 21 Robert Cultivate
 W 22 Robert Cultivate of the carrots George

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- Tu 8 Hector cutting in Island field Robt & Bob piling dung at sheephouse in forenoon then raking corner in Island field then Hector rakes & we haul in 2 loads from North sugar bush which we put into horse stable loft, a slight shower this morning then draught 60 78
- W 9 Hector cutting & Raking in Island field Robert mows round field East of Orchard in forenoon in afternoon they haul 3 load from Island field which is put into Cowbyre loft I at turnips singling though many of them is too small, heard ^{er} irregu 60 74
- Th 10 Rain last night & some to day. No hauling or cutting to day Men at Turnips Hector hark ^{ling} 58 60
- F 11 Hector cutting ^{east of Orchard} in forenoon we thin carrots & turnips, in afternoon Hector rakes all Island field and we haul 3 loads from Island puts 3 into Cowbyre & 2 into sheep house 58 70
- Sa 12 Hauling ^{hay} all day 4 loads from Island put into Cowbyre whiches Island field Total Loads in Island field = 12 We also haul 4 Loads from East of Orchard which we put into horse stable loft Hector raking E. of O in after. noon draught 58 74
- Su 13 All at Church but May Cactus flowers first time very warm 70 86
- M 14 Hauls 1 Load of hay from East of Orchard As it threaten^d rain then Hector harkled and all the rest was singling turnips, no draught to day 60 76
- Tu 15 All at Turnips all day but Hector, who cuts the last of hay East of Orchard 70 86
- W 16 All at Turnips in forenoon, in afternoon Hector rakes all the hay in East field and we haul it all - 6 loads 4 of which we put into horse stable and 2 into Cowbyre. This finishes our hay harvest all well got get the first mess of cherries, Not very ripe but eatable & supposable 65 80
- Total Loads of hay = 33 divided thusly = 2 Loads into Old stable Loft 15 into Cowbyre 2 into sheephouse loft and 14 loads into horse stable
- Th 17 all thinning turnips, heavy thunder last night with some rain very hot & sultry with dist thunder all day May at Tam McDowdals 70 90
- F 18 Hector at halt May goes with him to Nicol's. We finish singling turnips in forenoon, In afternoon has very heavy thunder showers great pools standing every where but no thunder. Very sultry creek running 75 84
- Sa 19 Hector goes to Aberfoyle with a Griat Mr Gilchrist & children comes, Hector missing them on the road, did not get the Griat home with him we doubling turnips & thinning some carrots - cutting hustles &c. very cool 60 74
- Su 20 All at Church but Jessie Expecting to hear Mr Young but he gave us the begunk and did not come (Mr Porteus was absent) So the Elders officiated & ^{collected} Quarterly 56 68
- M 21 Robert Cultivating fallow. All the rest cutting hustles & thinning carrots 60 76
- Tu 22 Robert Cultivating says cutting hustles Hector harkling turnips & thin the last of the carrots George Nicol & Mother here get cherries fine sunny day 66 82

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W 23 Hector taken very ill this morning with colic and retching Robert goes for the Doctor who comes and prescribes but tonight he is no better Robert collecting of his return we taking out doubles in turneps 70 88

Th 24 Robert at at Aberfoyle for first left before Hector somewhat better the rest taking out doubles in turneps a fine drouthy day ^{Katy cloof hat here for cherries} 70 84

F 25 My birth day high ho! finished my 33^d year I am an old man: Robert cradling round 16 acre field - miserable poor crop of wheat only grain round the pieces ^{Mr G. suggest here for cherries} the rest Timothy Hector harkling turneps very hot 70 88

Sa 26 Great rain with heavy thunder almost last night creek down and pools everywhere we finish taking the doubles from Turneps in forenoon and Robert & Hector fixes up the reaper. In afternoon we work with reaper in 16 acre field - very sultry & get bush at Tea times 70 86

Tu 27 All at Church but Hector Jas Stewart Preaches a very able sermon 68 ~~84~~

W 28 Cutting wheat all day with reaper in 16 acre field sultry in forenoon 70 82

Mr. Ulrich's people here for cherries

Tu 29 Men finishes reaping the 16 acre field, take the reaper over to the barley and cradles round it I got bush with the heat - don't stand the heat now 70 86

W 30 Hector begins to cut barley with reaper till he broke something and went to Dundas to get it mended Men stoning fallow & killing Colorado beetles on Potatoes they are getting pretty numerous - warm 70 84

Th 31 Hauls 7 loads of wheat from 16 acre field (pick as it is) cloudy look like rain James Stewart here from Packerham he looks well - Sultry 70 82

Light

F 1 a shower last night Hector get the waggon to get mended at harkwood and harkles turneps in forenoon the cuts barley with reaper the boys stoning all day I don't do much ^{cleans out eistern at stable} warm in afternoon 60 82

Sa 2 Slight last night & today Hector harkles turneps and after Tea cuts the last of the barley Men stoning pretty warm again cloudy 66 84

Su 3 All at Church June fine drouthy day a good many at Church 68 80

W 4 Taken in the last of 16 acre field 8 loads - Total loads of fall wheat - 15 loads and very poor. The boys & me raking & binding barley. John Dickson's child died this after-noon Cool to day & drouthy 65 76

Tu 5 Hector taking 16 acre field we rake & bind all the barley and haul some load of wheat rakings. Fine drouthy day & cool 56 76

W 6 Hector harkling turneps and I is at the Fair after Tea finishes

Th 7 Hector harkling turneps

F 8 Men begins to cut

Sa 9 Men cutting Peas

Su 10 all at Church but

M 11 Men at Peas in forenoon

Tu 12 Men finishes cut some rain and no

W 13 Men stoning & Plough and then all day - no

Th 14 Men turns all the Peas turns all the Peas again

F 15 a drow this morning rather wet we haul 4 into old barn & 10

Sa 14 Some slight rain in Peas - 8 loads of wheat and 2 into New Barrack 89 into hakes and binds

Su 17 Hector cut all at Church

W 18 Hector cutting oats Men cutting thistles by a little rain

F 19 Hector cutting oats we binding and

Su 20 Hector cuts the sheep died

Th 21 binding & stoking

F 22 Churning in forenoon

Sa 23 Men blasting a stone hauled 5 loads of

Su 24 All at Church

W 25 Rain last night

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- W 6 Hector harkling barns in forenoon Men stoning fallow In afternoon Hector and I is at the funeral of John Dicksons child. Men hauling Barley & Hector helps after tea finishes it - 5 loads Tilly & I killing ^{first new potatoes} potatoes gets the - 60 82
- F 7 Hector harkling barns then goes to Besslich harkling siller Men stoning 70 84
- F 8 Men begins to cut Peas, very hot and sultry it will bring more thunder - 40 83
- Sa 9 Men cutting Peas two of the Turnbull boys helping them warm drouthy 70 84
- Sa 10 all at Church but Jepsie a Minister from Kilbride preaches drouthy 70 82
- M 11 Men at Peas in forenoon Jepsie & learning Peas. In afternoon ^{heavy thunder} much rain and 70 80
- Tu 12 Men finishes cutting Peas in forenoon. In afternoon their thunder and some rain and no work done all our cut and lying drenched wet wet 60 80
- W 13 Men stoning & ploughing a piece of new ground south of Swamp some rain now and then all day - no drouth quite cold. This is the Parliament meets - will it be ^{worried?} 50 64
- F 14 Men turns all the Peas in morning then cuts a few oats at Conception In afternoon turns all the Peas again and hauls 4 loads which we put into Barrack 50 76
- F 15 a drow this morning but begin to haul Peas about 10 o'clock though they are rather wet we haul 13 loads of which we put 9 into Barrack and 4 into old barn & Cofts. Hears Parliament was prorogued on the 13th 50 70
- Sa 16 Some slight rain in morning. In afternoon we finish hauling the Peas - 8 loads of which we put 5 loads into Old barn 1 into Barrack and 2 into New barn Total loads of Peas 25 loads of which 14 is in Barrack 9 into old barn and 2 into New barn. after tea the men bakes and binds oats & Hector cuts oats with Reaper, very cool to day 64 64
- Su 17 Hector at All at Church but me & Jane threatened with dry sentery ^{3rd} 66
- M 18 Hector cutting oats all day & finishes the oats at Conception. a little mildew Men cutting thistles &c till noon then we all bind oats till tea then aloft by a little rain with distant thunder in the south quite cool ^{changed} season seems 54 64
- Tu 19 Hector cutting oats all day finishes all in the north oats rusted badly we binding and stoking - a fine sunny day and warm again 54 80
- W 20 Hector cuts the Spring wheat and the last of the oats. We binding, warm 60 84
- Tu 21 ^{sheep died} binding & stoking all day finishes wheat & oats, kills a sheep ^{distant thunder} warm 60 84
- F 22 Choung in forenoon ^{Spears the Lambs} hauls 12 loads of oats in afternoon, ^{shower at night} very sultry slight 60 85
- Sa 23 Men blasting a stone and buried the dead sheep in the hole in after noon we hauled 5 loads of oats from Neil which finishes all the oats at the north 58 77
- Su 24 All at Church but May fine drouthy day & coolish 60 76
- M 25 Rain last night oats wet Men begins to Plough for seed in afternoon 60 78