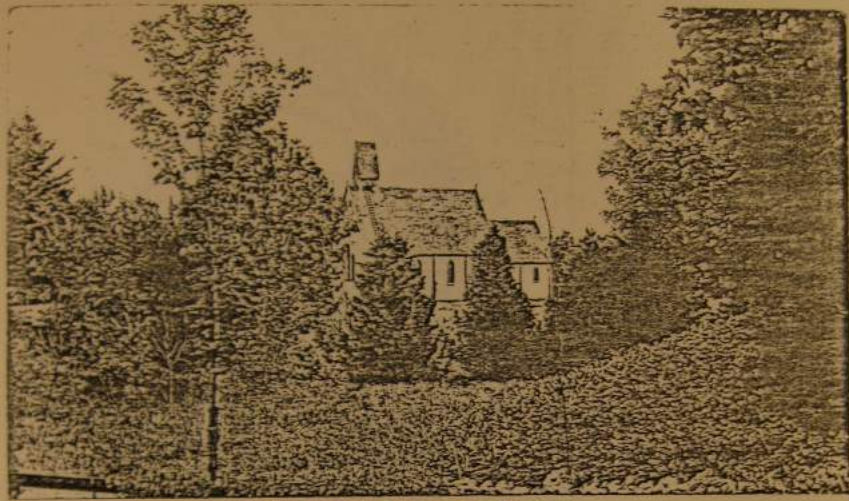




MARY Coldwell BUTCHER



CHRIST CHURCH, PORT SYDNEY, ONT. --



ELIZA BUTCHER

(SISTER OF HENRY BUTCHER?)

(AUNT OF GEORGE CHARLES BUTCHER)

ABOUT 1880?



MARY-ANNE ^{Campbell} BUTCHER (?)

MOTHER OF GEORGE CHARLES BUTCHER

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12 BATH STREET, JERSEY

ABOUT 1870?

d. MAY 1897

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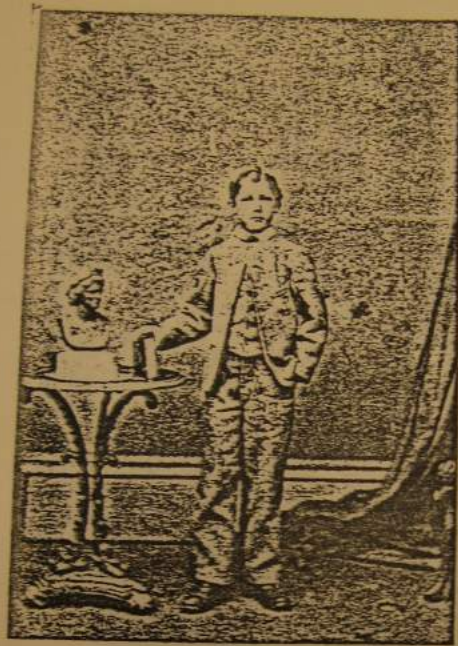
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			de Baptême.	de Famille.		
1853 8 May	1853 22 March à St Helier	George Charles Henry		Butcher	Gentleman	Ab. Sessum
		Mary Ann		Campbell		Rector

No 736.

Presented to Holy Baptism by Charles C. Fournier.
George Buscher Esq & M^{rs} Elizabeth Fisher

Je soussigné, certifie que l'Extrait ci-dessus est bien et fidèlement copié du Registre des Baptêmes de ladite paroisse de *Gronville* en l'Ile de Jersey. Fait à *Gronville*, ce 25 jour de Juillet. 1872

Abraham Sessum
Rector



William Butcher, brother of
George Charles Butcher
- Emigrated to TASMANIA &
married There



KATE BUTCHER, SISTER OF GEORGE

CHARLES BUTCHER

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KATE BUTCHER, SISTER OF
GEORGE CHARLES BUTCHER



GEORGE CHARLES BUTCHER



GEORGE CHARLES BUTCHER b. MAR. 22, 1853
picture dated 1862 (9 yrs old)



Louisa - Caroline Butcher Paxon
older sister of George Charles Butcher
- married ARTHUR Paxon, lived in England



wedding picture

George Charles Butcher

&

Mary Coldwell Butcher (Minnie)

About 1888 (?)

Parents of Louise Butcher Slade,
Violet Butcher Rumney, Kathleen
Butcher Start & Olive Butcher Dent



MARY Coldwell BUTCHER
WITH Evelyn MARY BUTCHER
- PORT Sydney, ABOUT 1891

GRANDMOTHER'S DIARY 1891

The diary of Mary (Minnie) Coldwell Butcher (Mrs. George C.)
Port Sydney, Muskoka, Ontario, Canada 1)

- Nov. 15 George came home last night from camp & is going back this afternoon to stay a few days till Mr. Jones gets used to cooking. [DAVID Jones FATHER Luella STEPHENSON, RUTH SMITH
ALSO LORNE d. Elsie Brown]
- 18 George came home after having a tooth out in Huntsville.
- 19 We received 2 barrels of apples from uncle Willie [Will G. Brown, Newcastle]
- Dec. 1 Tuesday. The snow is going fast this fine weather.
George went to Utterson.
- 2 Lovely day, but sloppy. George is at Frank Ladells' today. I washed. [owned store at location of later HATH store]
- 3 Lovely morning but turned gloomy. George working at F. Ladells again
- 4 A very wet day but warm.
- 5 Fine, high warm wind. G. & I went up to Ladells.
Snow gone.
- 6 Sunday. Hard frozen ground. Snow fell in the night - to the depth of 3 inches (This blot made by Eva)
Mr. Allmans last Sunday.
- 7 Plenty of sleighs out today - George went to Clearwater Lake for a hunt but got nothing. Gone to Vestry meeting this evening. I suppose Mr. Allman will be going this week.
- 8 I washed. George went on a bear hunt but did not find it.
- 9 Snow going again this fine weather. I went to a quilting-bee at Clarkes and they had a little dance in the evening.

- Dec. 10 Still mild. I called at Hays and was invited to tea tomorrow.
- 11 Mr. Chester arrived to see about starting a business at Hay's store. George & I took tea with the Hays. and [Hays store next door - moved back in 1930's to become ~~the~~ Lodge] passed a pleasant evening.
- 12 Saturday. Charlie & I went to Ladells to see the toys & (b. 1891) I got Eva a doll & C. got her a cart. Lodge tonight. The Allman's are here yet & there is service tomorrow.
- 13 A fine Sunday. George & I took baby over to Thomses in the canoe and stayed to tea. Mr. Allman preached a good sermon in the evening.
- 14 G. got some wood from Mr. Hay. Some girls came to tea.
- 15 Snow this morning & a stormy day. Posted a letter to the children. Dressing a doll for Eva.
- 16 Cold & N. wind. I washed & the clothes got frozen & blown about. Commenced on the 7 cords of wood G. bought from Mr. Hay. Cold night.
- 17 Sharp day. Made Xmas cake.
- 18 Father came & brought beef & turkey. Mr. & Mrs. A. Hay came for tea.
- 19 Nice mild day but I am afraid the snow will go. The girls & I went to Ladells to get Xmas things. Got Charlie a pr of boots. [Charlie b. 1883]
- 20 Sunday but no church. We called at Forrests. (?)
 [lived in house across from old school - pine Grove School]
 [She was a cousin of Mr. Smith who owned the mill]

- Dec. 21 I washed, lovely day. Shortest day.
22 Turned soft & the snow is going.
23 Snow nearly gone & still thawing. Poor prospect for
Xmas. Mr. E. Hay, Buddy & Harriet came to tea. & we
spent a pleasant evening. [Annie Hay married a minister, Mr. Heaven
3 boys lived in Uxest]
24 Xmas eve. Nice day but no sleighing. Nelly went
home with Ethel.
25 Christmas day & a gloomy damp one. I went to Church
in the morn & we spent a quiet day at home. Charlie
and Eva playing with their presents. Bare ground
& the lake open.
26 Nelly was to come home today but has not appeared.
Began to snow this afternoon & is snowing yet.
27 A fine day. The two Nelly's came this afternoon &
[Grandfather's daughter well (Bridget) & Grandmother's
G & I went to Church in the evening. sister Nelly]
28 I washed. A little sleighing & cold wind. George went
to Utterson.
29 Mild & slushy. Some soft snow fell making a little
sleighing. A party at Aspdin tonight. [Aspdin other side of
Martin's Siding]
30 29 George & I went to Hays after tea to spend the evening.
There was quite a party there.
31 Cold stormy evening. Some of the Hays came in to
play games. The last day of the Year 1891.
G. got cheque from A. Paxon. He was at Utterson
unloading flour for S. Smith. (uncle ARTHUR PAXON
Grandfather's sister)

- Jan. 13 George went to Vincent's & Thomses. *Thomses lived in house across lake
- Beyond Lumber's (Backhouse point)
- Dick Thoms - Vincents related
Thoms -*
- 14 More snow today, keeps rather cold. Herbert came today & brought Eva's chair & straw mattress. *Jessie Thoms
Later married Charles*
- 15 Fine day. The Vincents came to tea and Mr. V. & George drew the wood from Allman's.
- 16 A School meeting today. The children went skating & I went to Ladell's.
- 17 ~~Winter~~ Sunday, milder. I went & taught in S.S. George is sick today with a bad cold. Mr. Whitmore went to Brymers to tea.
- 18 Cold & stormy. George went to Utterson to help unload flour & he put in his tender for the Assessorship.
- 19 The coldest yet 32° below zero. George did not get the assessorship. He went to play chess with Mr. Hay.
- 20 Much milder. Mr. & Mrs. Forrest came to tea, George poorly. Mr. Whitmore is here yet.
- 22 George's back rather bad.
- 23 Charlie went skating. Plenty of snow these days.
- 24 Sunday, mild. I went to S.S.
- 25 Nice day but turned very stormy and cold. I went with Katy Lever to collect for a present for Mr. & Mrs. Allman. Got \$1.60.
- 26 Last night was a terribly windy & cold night & today very sharp.

- Jan. 27 More moderate. George & I & Mr. W. went to tea at Forrests. Mr. E. Hay up and moved some of Alfred Hay's things to Uttersonx.
- 28 Much milder with a drizzle. George is at Utterson helping to unload wheat. Nelly is going to have her first lesson at telegraphy.
- 29 George at Utterson again, home by 4 o'clock. We went to a party at Brymers' quite a lot there.
- 30 Up late & tired. Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Hay moved away. Lovely mild day.
- 31 Pleasant day. I went for a walk with Eva & met Mrs. Clarke. The Miss Hays came to tea.
- Feb. 1 Nelly is in bed with La Grippe. I dyed my dress. Ethel & I went into Hays for a while in the evening. It is very comfortless over there with the furniture all gone.
- 2 Turned colder & stormy. I washed. Nelly is still in bed. Mr. Brymer came to see her.
- 3 Not so cold. Mrs. Jones called to see Nelly.
- 4 Nelly is up today. Eva has a bad cold & is cross.
- 5 Sharp last night. Mrs. Gall called & I invited them for next Wednesday. G. & I went to the store. Charlie at home with cold. Nelly is nearly well.
- 6 Saturday. cold. The Hays have gone away & Mr. Chester is there. Mrs. Jones took her baby to the Dr. about an abcess on its neck.

- Feb. 7 Sunday a nasty stormy day. Charlie & I went to S.S.
- 8 Kept moderate with dashes of snow. These are dull days,
- 9 Fine with snow flurries at times. I washed. Nellie
has not gone back to school yet. Mrs. Bishop is dead.
- 10 Mr. Vincent came to draw wood. The Galls came to tea.
- 11 Milder. Mr. Chamberlain called for George to go to
Brunel (?) but he was not well ...could not go.
12. Very cold wind. George in bed all the evening with a
bad cold. Mr. Chamberlain called on his way home.
The Debates commence tonight.
- 13 Fine & sharp. I went to the store. Lodge tonight.
Nelly C's birthday.
- 14 Sunday. Valentine's day. Stormy. I stayed in all day.
George poorly with a pain in his side & bad cold.
These Sundays are very dull.
- 15 Cold & the roads heavy. More snow last night.
- 16 George went to P.O. and got a letter from Annie. Still
cold and horribly dull. We finished a bag of flour
which lasted more than a month.
- 17 I washed today. A little milder today, Ethel stayed home
from school.
- 18 Lovely day. I took Eva to Clarke's and stayed to tea.
- 19 Mild but snowy - too stormy to go to the Debate.
Mr. Whitmore is sick.

- Feb. 20 Mild. I went to Ladells & saw Ada & Louie (?) Thoms.
Also Mr. Chamberlain who said that Mrs. W. Gall has a
daughter. Mrs. Chester arrived.
- 21 Snowy & fine. I went to SS & called to see Mrs. A. Ladell.
- 22 Mild, I washed.
- 23 Thaw continues. My clothes dried nicely. George
opened a potato pit. Charlie is sickening for La Grippe,
I am afraid.
- 24 Beautiful day. Finished ironing. Mr. and Mrs. Thoms
came to tea.
- 25 I went to Ladells & bought a ~~wm~~ wrapper we came home with
Mrs. Forrest.
- 26 Fine but cold N. wind. Lucy came and took Ethel, Eva
& me home to stay till ~~Friday~~ Monday.
- 27 Cold day. Eva troublesome. Mother & Ethel went to
Huntsville.
- 28 Sunday! lovely day. I took Eva out for a walk while the
girls went to SS. George & Mr. W did not come. In the
evening we went to church and heard Mr. Lowe preach.
Eva was good _____ Ethel.
- 29 Mild with a little snow. Father drove us home, we called
at Johnsons' & left Nellie there. The girls went skating
in the evening.
- March 1 Tuesday. A cold blustering wind, but sunshiny. I called
on Mrs. Chester.

March 2 Beautiful sunny day. I washed and in the afternoon walked to Gall's (Geall's?) over the taken with George (?)

3 Nice day. I ironed and baked. The girls & Charlie went skating

4 A slight fall of snow spoilt the skating. George & I took baby and went to call at Thomses but were persuaded to stay to tea. They all went to the Debate except Eva and me. Mr. W's birthday.

5 Colder with wind. G & I went to Ladell's

6 A fine Sunday. I think I will stop teaching in SS. G. & I went for a walk.

7 George walked to Falkenburg. The fine weather continues and the snow is going fast.

8 I washed and George came home from F. Old Mr. Chester came up.

9 George is sawing wood with A. McInnis. I feel poorly with a cold coming on. The four Thoms girls came here to tea and the boys drove them home.

10 A little fresh snow. G. has a bad toothache.

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11 A cold wind. The Thomses called & went with us to the Debate.

12 A cold day with snow. We got 45½ lbs of beef from Theobald.

G. Getting wood

13 Sunday. Bright but cold

March 14 Cold snap continues. N. wind. George is cutting wood with A. McInnes. Mrs. A. Ladell has a baby.

15 More moderate. G. cutting wood today. Mr. Brymer got hurt in the same bush cutting wood.

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16 Pleasant. George went to Father's place. Ted McInnes drew our wood up. Choir practice here tonight, quite a few came to it.

17 A nice day. much milder. George went to a Bee for cutting Mr. Brymer some wood. Little Eva is poorly.

18 Ada & Laura Thoms came to tea & then went to the Debate. Fresh snow.

19 George went to Utterson but did not see Steele (?) Mrs. A. Ladell worse & had to have the Dr.

20 George and I went to Church. W. Lloyd preached. Very cold wind. Mrs. Ladell very bad. Eva is not well yet.

21 Mrs. Ladell died this morning leaving a little baby a week old. The funeral is to be on Wednesday. Lovely day.

22 A snowy windy day marked by another remarkable event. Mr. Gendron shot a moose as it was running through the village and gave us a quarter of venison. George's birthday.

23 Father & mother came to attend Mrs. Ladell's funeral. There was quite a crowd there & the little baby was baptized afterwards. Mild today but some fresh snow fell. I got a letter from Meaford. The letters come thick and fast just now.

- March 24 ~~Fine~~ Mild day. The assessor came & G. was away. Ladells & Brown's dogs were poisoned.
- 25 Thaw. The Constables came to P.S. and summonsed Mr. Gendron & Mr. Whitmore & seized the moose skin. Another dog poisoned in our garden. It is the talk of the place and is getting quite exciting. George went to Utterson & seeing Jim Theobald in the P.O. on ^{Fredericks lived in town house beside Presbyterian church} his return accused him of informing & lying about it.
- 26 Thaw day. Jim T. went to Bracebridge and got a summons out for George in revenge for his calling him a liar. Lodge night & a great row before the lodge opened as the other members would not sit down with Jim the informer. Mrs. & Mr. Vincent called.
- 27 Great talk about the impending trial. No service. Fine day.
- 28 We got up at 3.30 and George & Mr. Whitmore went off in Esson's sleigh for Bracebridge. They were each fined \$10 and costs. George's expenses amounted to \$20 in all. They got home about midnight. Great indignation with against Jim Theobald.
- 29 Beautiful day - snow thawing fast. We all feel the loss of our sleep last night. George saw Mr. Hay yesterday & he was about starting for Thornbury to see about buying another farm. Mr. & Mrs. Chester came to tea.

- March 30 Nice warm day. I washed. George took Chester's Insurance & heard from Blackburn that his agency is changed to the "Sun Insurance Co. Waggon's out now instead of sleighs.
- 31 March went out like a lamb. Two dances tonight.
- April 1 Jokes are flying today. George walked to Father's place to borrow some money. Roads very bad. Old Brown's were burnt out.
- 2 Warm day. Ground nearly all bare. Mr. W. is going to stay till Easter. George sent off \$132.50 to meet a note. Eva is poorly again today.
- 3 Beautiful warm day. Mr. Brymer came & syringed Eva's ear. We went to church in the evening and heard Mr. Lowe - a good congregation.
- 4 A mild rainy day. George has not gone to Falkenburg yet. Mr. Brymer & Mr. Esson were here.
- 5 Wind, sunshine & showers - a true April day. George went to see Mr. Dodd.
- 6 Much colder today. George went to Vincents. We had choir practice here. Mr. Whitmore has gone to a party at Kerr's.
- 7 A nice day. Spring has come early if it does not change to winter again.
- 8 Colder & cloudy. George cleaned the wood-shed. Whitmore, Charlie & the girls have gone to the debate. The roads are drying up in Port Sydney.

- April 9 Wet day. Mr. Whitmore painted the canoe. Mr. Chamberlain came. (note side of page: Our hens laid 20 eggs up to the ninth)
- Egs) 10 Mr. Allman's preached twice & came here to tea. Cold wind.
- 11 Cold & cloudy. no word from Mr. Hay yet. Mr. Vincent came & stayed to tea. (5 eggs)
- 12 (4 eggs) Fine but high N. wind. Georgie's birthday. Magic Lantern at school-house tonight. Charlie at home with bad cough.
- 13 (5 eggs) George went to see Steele & was engaged as night-watchman at the mill. Coughs are very prevalent just now. Cold wind but fine.
- 14 (4 eggs) Warmer with E. wind. Mr. Vincent was here. Had a message from Mr. Hay through Mr. Chester.
- 15 Good Friday. Nelly and Ethel walked home to spend the holidays. Mr. Whitmore went to Jones'es.
- 16 (7 eggs) Still cold. George & Mr. W. went on the river in the canoe. Hubert & his father-in-law were here to tea.
- 17 (4 eggs) Easter Sunday. Warmer but cold wind still: no service here. Eva has a cold caught from sleeping with me.
- 18 (4 eggs) High N wind. Eva's ear gets no better. I am afraid we shall have to take her to the Dr. The girls came home.

- April 19 (5 eggs) Much warmer. George tended the mill for Mr. Forrest. I washed & Nelly and I got N a dress at Chesters. I head at Ladells that a Mr. Scott is coming to this mission.
- 20 (5 eggs) Loverly warm day. George helped Mr. Forrest with the stop-logs. He & Mr. W. went out in the canoe after tea.
- 21 (4 eggs) Wet afternoon. George tended the mill this morning. Mr. Jarvis called this evening. We received ear medicine from Dr.
- 22 (8 eggs) Cloudy and turned wet. George was digging post-holes. I went to see Mrs. Jones about the milk.
- 23 (5 eggs) A fine morning but turned very cold & snowed at night. - G. 7 Mr. W. went up the lake.
- 24 (8 eggs) A cold Sunday. Mr. Scott preached in the morning & Mr. Lowe in the even. Frank Ladell is much worse.
- 25 (6 eggs) Nelly's birthday. Fine. George & I walked through to Vincents. Mill not open yet.
- 26 (9 9 eggs) Fine pleasant day. Washed & baked. George was minding the mill for Mr. Forrest. Mr. Holliday came here to wait for Mr. Smith.
- 27 (6 eggs) We commenced housecleaning. George tended the mill this afternoon. Old Mrs. Ladell is ill & Mrs. Baker(?)came up. High S. Wind blew up rain. Thunder storm in the evening.

- April 28 (10 eggs) Warm high wind. George tended the mill in the morning. We are busy housecleaning.
- 29 (6 eggs) Colder but fine. Mr. Scott called and stayed to tea. Jessie Farquaharson died this evening.
- 30 (6 eggs) Kept cool clouded up for rain.
- May 1 (6 eggs) Cloudy a drizzly rain in the afternoon. G & I went to Church & heard Mr. Scott. Allan McInnis called & brought message from Mr. Hay.
- 2 (5 eggs) Cleaned the dining room. Cloudy & cold.
- 3 (4 eggs) Mr. H. Chamberlain called. George went to Falkenburg. Turned rainy and my washing was out.
4. (7 eggs) Cold & drizzly but cleared out fine. George came home on afternoon train. We must prepare to move to Meaford in about two weeks Mr. Hay has made us an excellent offer.
- 5 (5 eggs) George & I went in the canoe to Fathers' place. Cool & cloudy.
- 6 (7 eggs) Cold & gloomy, most unspringlike weather. The concert came off tonight & Laura Thoms came to stay a few days.
- 7 (7 eggs) Fine but cold high wind. Laura & I walked to the store. I called to see Mrs. Chester who is ill. G. called on Mr. Dagg Scott and is there yet.
- 8 (2 eggs) Pleasant with cool wind. The girls went to church in the morning and Ethel stayed with Eva in the evening.

- May 9 (5 eggs) Beautiful day much warmer. Laura, Eva & I called to see Mrs. Forrest. Mr. Scott called in the evening.
- 10 Warm & cloudy. Ethel stayed to help me with the washing. I was very tired after finishing. G & I went out for a ~~xxx~~ troll.
- 11 Wet ~~today~~ day. We caught a lot of water.
- 12 Beautiful day. The children had a little party. Laura and I went to Theobald's & got some milk. Laura went home with her sisters after the practice.
- 13 (3 eggs) Very warm. Mother and Nelly & Clara came to make us a farewell visit. The girls stayed home in the afternoon. George has commenced night watching at the mill at last. He took trees to Nottage today.
- 14 (4 eggs) A nice day. Louisa Gall & Connie & ~~Rxx~~ Ruth Thoms came. Mr. Hendron came for his trees. Ada Thom came to stay a few days. Lodge tonight. George only stayed at the mill till midnight.
- 15 (8 eggs) Wet miserable Sunday. George & Ethel & Nelly went to church this evening.
- 16 (4 eggs) A cool fine day. I washed. Vestry meeting tonight. George went to it as he does not have to watch at the mill for a few nights. Mr. Lloyd came home with him and stayed over night.

- May 17 (6 eggs) Warm & spring-like. George took measurements for shingle-mill. I got a letter from cousin Janey (?) and George one from Alfred Hay.
- 18 (9 eggs) Very warm. George, Ada & I went to tea at Forrests.
- 19 (5 eggs) Blowing a gale from the S. turned wet. Mrs. & Mrs. Vincent called & Ada went back with them. George heard from Mr. Hay.
- 20 (5 eggs) Wet day turned quite cold. None of our expected visitors came. I received letter from Connie.
- 21 (8 eggs) Still gloomy and cold. George went to Falkenburg and decided to go to Meaford next Tuesday week. He had to come home in the afternoon to go on at the shingle mill tonight.
- 22 (5 eggs) Showery & cold. Louie Thoms came after ^{morning} evening service. Ethel walked home. Mr. & Mrs. Forrest came to tea. I stayed home & the rest went to church. They decided to have a pic-nic on the ~~24th~~ 24th.
- 23 (6 eggs) Still gloomy. Lucy came and we began packing. Feel pretty tired tonight.
- 24 (4 eggs) Queen's birthday rose bright & fine but as usual clouded up & rained in the afternoon. We went to the pic-nic but had to go in the hall. however we enjoyed seeing all our friends. As it is probably the last pic-nic we shall be at here. George is at the mill tonight.

- May 25 (6 eggs) Turned cloudy. George walked to Bracebridge early this morning Nelly & Charlie at Forrests. We are getting on well with packing.
- 26 Heavy shower this morning but cleared out (5 eggs).
Lucy and I did a big washing and ^{most of the ironing.} ~~ironing~~ ~~fixxxxxxxxingx~~
George is at Falkenburg tonight on his way from B.B. Lucy and I went to church this evening.
- 27 (5 eggs) Gloomy & cold. Lucy went home as we have finished about all the packing that we can do without George. G. came home in the afternoon train and has gone to the mill again tonight. This has been a miserable cold spring all through. We expect to move next Wednesday.
- 28 (10 eggs) Lovely day. George sold the canoe to Mr. Marsh & rented the house to G. McEntyre. I called at Chester's and Forrest's. Mr. Whitmore packed the organ. People are all very kind and seem sorry to lose us.
- 29 (4 eggs) Wet day, so we did not go to Thomses. Fine evening & I went to church alone.
- 30 (7 eggs) Father & Lucy came & G draw two loads to Utterson. Nellie & I called at Ladde~~as~~. Warm day. Miss Hay & Nelly came to P.S. George went to get Mr. Thoms to draw the furniture.
- 31 Hot. Mr. Thoms & G. busy all day & also Nelly & I doing the last packing. The children staid the night at Chesters' & G. & I staid at Forrests. Mosquitoes getting bad this sultry weather.

June 1st Very sultry. We took leave of Port Sydney & all our friends there and are this evening at Falkenburg where it is very hot & uncomfortable.

2 A wet day but turned cold in evening. We finished arranging with Mr. Hay and started for Barrie where we stayed the night.

3 Cool & cloudy. We came on to Thornbury but found no Mr. Hay so George went to fetch him. G. came back about 8 & said we would have to stay there all night as Mr. Hay had no accommodation. We all slept in one room and had no very clean room at that.

4 Saturday. A heavy rain fell last night & made the roads muddy. Mr. Hay brought us out here & the furniture was brought to the house which (though a good one) is in a terrible mess which we could not do much to remedy today.

5 A warm showery day. George walked to Uncle Willies. We are staying with the Hays till Monday.

6 We moved over here & commenced to bring order out of chaos. We cleaned the upstairs & put beds up. We got some baker's bread & Mrs. Tucker gave us milk. We got Hay's bill. A fine day.

7 Cool & rather dull. The mud is nearly all dried up. Nelly & I cleaned the kitchen. George pruned some trees & went to see about a cow. Mr. & Mrs. Hay came over in the evening. Like rain.

- June 8 A fine morning but a thunder storm came on in afternoon which has made everything muddy again. Nelly & I washed. George went to see about a cow but it was sold.
- 9 Fine day but foggy morn. Nelly & I arranged the sitting room & George walked to Meaford and posted the Lodge book. He bought a cow from Mr. Carnahan near Uncle Willie's. I wrote to Mr. Hay for George.
- 10 Fine & hot. Charlie went to Thornbury with Mr. Noble who brought our goods from Mr. Hay. We cleaned the cellar & ironed. George planted some potatoes & went to see Mr. Lamb.
- 11 Hot again. We cleaned the dining-room which is the last room & now there are only odds & ends to do. The crockery unpacked without a breakage. George put in some garden seeds & cut some black knot.
- 12 Sunday. Very hot & a tremendous wind. We were at home all day but none of Uncle Willie's people came. It is nice to have a rest-day.
- 13 Still hot & windy but it is cooler after the thunder storm this evening. I planted some flower-seeds in boxes & George put in some seeds. George went to Bell's after tea.
- 14 Much cooler & high wind. Nelly & I washed. Uncle & Aunt came this afternoon & we were very glad to see them. George went to see Bell's team. He heard from Mr. Hay tonight & got cheque for cow.

- June 15 (Note across entry: House at Port Sydney let to G. McEntyre from this date) A nice day George went to Meaford & brought home a cow, but we have to keep her in the stable at first. We finished washing & ironed.
- 16 Beautiful weather now. George began Mr. Hay's road work: did $1\frac{1}{2}$ days. We are not troubled with mosquitoes here.
- 17 Heavy rain last night, foggy morning but fine afternoon. Cousin's Frank, Mary & Kate came & stayed to tea. George started road-work but left off for the rain and stayed in.
- 18 ~~Fxx~~ Saturday foggy & wet. George put in $\frac{1}{2}$ day at road-work. Mr. White brought a churn for us to try.
- 19 A wet Sunday, muddy & very dull staying in all day. Mr. E. Hay came. Our cow is a good deal of bother as she is not contented alone. Foggy even.
- 20 Fine breezy day. Nelly & I washed blankets. George saw Mr. Hay on business and drove to Clarksburg with Mr. White. He is over at A. Hay's this even. E. Hay has gone. Cloudy & foggy again. This is a terrible place for fog.
- 21 Hot morning, turned wet. G. went to see A. Hay before he went away & then went to Meaford & got cheque from A. Paxon

- June 22 Fine breezy day but turned wet at night. George went to see Mr. White & Mr. Noble & commenced hoeing corn. Mrs. Bell & Mrs. J. Noble called. I went to see Mrs. Hay who thinks she will not go away with her husband.
- 23 Cloudy noon but nice afternoon. We washed & churned. G. doing roadwork. George bought 2 pigs from Bells.
- 24 Beautiful day. Mr. White is here harrowing. Nelly went to Meaford with Mrs. Hay. G. did some mowing for Mrs. Hay.
- 25 Fine cold day. We begin to be troubled with cattle breaking in. Mr. White was here harrowing this morning. George went to Meaford & posted Jones's & Mr. Varney's (?) Insurance papers. Mr. Blanchard brought our goods from Thornbury.
- 26 Fine Sunday but none of us got to Church. Mrs. Hay called. It turned wet at night.
- 27 High E. wind & rain stopped work.
- 28 High W. wind & cool. George was at road work this morning. Mr. White came to cultivate corn this afternoon. I went to Hay's & borrowed butter-bowl & pan. Like rain again & so much wind. George wrote to Arthur Paxon.
- 29 Fine morn but turned showery. I washed. Nelly went to Meaford with Mrs. Hay & went into Uncle Willie's & had dinner. Mr. White here cultivating all day. Mr. Clarke came to get work.

June 30 Cool high wind. Mr. A. Hay is back. Mr. White here today cultivating and his son harrowing. Mr. Hares was here hoeing all day. George planted some peas and hoed corn. Last day of school.

July 1 Nelly & Charlie went to Meaford. Mr. White was cultivating all day.

2 Fine morning but wet evening. Mr. White cultivating $\frac{1}{2}$ day & his son hoeing all day. George went to Meaford with A. Hay and got letters from Mother & A. Thom. George fenced in part of the gully for the cow.

3. A wet Sunday as usual & a very dull ~~xxx~~ one.

4. Nice day. Mr. White here harrowing. Hired man is coming to board tomorrow. George went to Thornbury with A. Hay. I called at Bell's.

5 Mr. Clark came here to hire & was harrowing all day. G & I went over to Mrs. Hay's & filled a straw tick. A. Hay has gone again. Mr. White mowed this afternoon. It has been a beautiful day & his son was hoeing all day. for the pic-nic.

6 Hot day. Mr. Clarke was cultivating & harrowing. Went home this evening. Mr. White was mowing since 9 o'clock. George went to Meaford after tea. Nelly got some strawberries

7. Another hot day. Mr. Clarke's nephew came to board here while he is hoeing A. Hays corn. Clarke mowed in the orchard & this even George & he went to Thornbury to get a horse-rake. They did not get back till after 12.

- July 8 Hot. George raked some hay up with the horse-rake & Clarke mowed after the machine over at Hay's. Adam was weeding. White scuffling.
- 9 Still hot & good hay weather. George sent off a letter to Mr. Hay. He & Clarke were putting up hay & boy raking. Clarke went home tonight - Blanchard brought home a cultivator.
- 10 A hot day. None of us at Church. Mr. Tucker called. George & I went to Mrs. Hays. Hay's cow calved.
- 11 Clarke came back & he & George and W. Blanchard drew in hay & in the afternoon old Blanchard helped. Clarke went home at night. Very hot & like a thunder storm.
- 12 Still hot but like thunder in even. George & the Blanchards drew in the rest of the hay this evening & after dinner G. went to Meaford. I got letter from Constance & Nelly from Ethel.
- 13 Cooler but no rain & no water to wash. Mr. Clarke came back & scuffled corn. G. & Blanchard got in one load of hay. George was at road work this afternoon. Aunt Annie & Mrs. Albert came & spent the afternoon & Mrs. & Miss McVitie called.
- 14 Hot & fine. Mr. White was here mowing. Mr Clarke raked over by Hay's house & after dinner he & George hoed beans. Mr. & Mrs. Fairlie called. George went to see Mr. & McVitie.

- July 15 George is poorly today. He & Clark put wire on the line fence this morn & this afternoon. Clarke hoed tilla thunder storm came on & after tea cleaned the barn floors. Cool & windy tonight. We picked a few black currants.
- 16 G. went to see Dr. Kent for the 1st time. Bright & cool. Mr. Clarke cleaned the cistern & hoed after tea. George went to Thornbury with Mr. Blanchard. A. Hay came home again.
- 17 Beautiful day. Stayed at home as usual. It is very dull not going to church. A. Hay & Mr. Tucker called.
- 18 Like rain but cleared off & Blanchard & Clarke drew in 4 loads of hay while George raked. Clarke hoed corn in morn. Nelly walked to Meaford & posted Insurance money. She got letter from E. Hay. Like rain tonight.
- 19 Drizzly in the morn but high wind blew clouds away. Cooler. ~~Ex~~ The children got $1\frac{1}{2}$ qts. raspberries. Mr. Clarke mowed for Hay today. G. was hoeing. I went over to Hay's & Tucker's after tea & took Eva.
- 20 Hot & windy. George poorly with bad headache. He & Clarke took cow to Bolesey. Clarke mowed & raked for S. Hay.
- 21 Very hot. George not well, unable to work. ~~Ex~~ Byres came this afternoon to mow across the gully. Clarke raked at Hay's this morn & this afternoon Blanchard & Clarke drew it in. We picked some black currants & I preserved 2 jars cherries.

- July 22 Hot. Clarke was working for A. Hay & young Byres mowed this morning. George went to Thornbury this afternoon to get Lucy's money but was unable to do so.
- 23 Hot. Clarke left us to work at Hays corn. Byres mowed the orchard & helped with the drawing in after dinner but they did not get all the hay in and we had a heavy thunder storm at night. Nelly went to Meaford & got letters from Mother. Louie & Mr. Hay & Ethel.
- 24 Still hot. No one at church. A. Hay called.
- 25 Very hot but cooler after the violent storm this evening. They got in 2 loads of hay. Byres here all day and Clarke & 2 boys boarding here.
- 26 Hot & like thunder. Clarke & 2 boys are working for A. Hay & boarding here. G. went to Thornbury and got money for cheque.
- 27 Hot, but it came up a severe thunder storm in evening. Clarke & boys are not boarding here now. G. mowing in orchard. Mrs. Tucker called & Nelly went to Mrs. Hay's. A terrific storm of wind rain & thunder came up in the evening. Blowing most the fences down.
- 28 Fine. George busy all day putting up fences. Very hot still
- 29 A wet day turned much cooler. George very poorly. He paid Mr. White.
- 30 Fine & cooler. George & Charlie went in Clarke's buggy to Meaford. I went over to Hays after tea.

- July 31 A nice day. But it is so dull never going to church.
- Aug. 1 Fine morn but wet afternoon. The Blanchards mowed till the rain & then went to Meaford. Clarke & 2 boys hoeing.
- 2 Fine. George walked to Meaford & got letter from Lucy & posted letters with her money. Blanchards were mowing in stump field & Clarke & his boy hoed for us after dinner.
- 3 Hot with high wind & rain threatening. George not able to work. Blanchard & the Clarke's drew in 2 loads of hay.
- 4 Bright & cool. George cannot work much he is troubled with his legs. He went over to Mrs. Hay's & got some potatoes.
- 5 Fine morn, but turned wet. A. Hay came home. Nelly & Charlie walked to Meaford & Frank drove them home in the rain. I got a letter from Mother.
- 6 Cool & windy. George went to Thornbury with Blanchard & saw Dr. Kent. I expect mother is at Uncle W's tonight.
- 7 But she was not. They drove out to see us & did not bring her. Keeps hot.
- 8 George went to Thornbury with Blanchard's team. Mrs. & Miss Byres called and while they were here Frank & mother came from Meaford. Sultry and violent thunder storms at night. George got up & came down stairs.
- 9 Not much cooler but fine.

- Aug. 10 Rain last night & today. We washed. George went to Meaford & got letters & saw creamery. He took cow to Boles' again.
- 11 Wet day, turned cooler.
- 12 Bright & cool. G. Turned over a bit of hay.
- 13 George walked to Meaford and came home tired out. Blanchard drew in the last hay for us.
- 14 Sunday, pleasant. G. went to Tucker's & mother & Nelly called at Hays.
- 15 We washed. Hotter. Blanchards plowing (?) again. George hoed turnips. Charlie started to school.
- 16 Hot. Nelly went to Meaford with Mrs. Hay. G. mowing _____ (?)
- 17 I wrote to Mr. Hay about money. Mr. Clarke was cultivating all day. We got about $\frac{1}{2}$ bus. potatoes from A. Hay. Still hot.
- Next Entries Aug 18 - Sep 5 written by Grandmother's Mother
- 18 Sultry. Churned soft butter. G. walked to Thornbury. Windy evening & warm.
- 19 Much cooler happily for Minnie was sick all day, Dr. came at 3 p.m. baby born at 5 p.m., a fine rosy girl, had a tolerable good night, both doing well.
- 20 Cool, Nellie & I did Saturdays work. baby good & Eva much pleased with little sister. I sent letter home.
- 21 Sunday at home, M & baby progressing satisfactorily. M has sore breasts, Mrs. Hay called. nice cool day, none of the Gibson's came, baby sleeps well.

- August 22 M. improving which we are thankful for, I wrote to Lizzie, Mr. & Mrs. Thos Gibson, George helping Mr. Hay with the pease.
- 23 Cool & fine. G. went to Meaford with Mr. Blanchard. Got peck potatoes from A. Hay. G. got home in the evening. Brought me two letters. Got letter from Mr. Hay.
- 24 Hot again. Mr. Clark here to dinner & tea, sultry evening, little rain.
- 25 Wet morning, churned & ironed. M & I wrote to Mrs. D. Coldwell, wet afternoon, baby sleeps well.
- 26 Fine, Mr. Clark here dinner and tea. showery afternoon. G. went to Thornbury
- 27 Fine, Mr. Clark here dinner & tea, Nellie went to Meaford, got letters from Port Sydney.
- 28 Sunday. Aunt Annie and girls came.
- 29 Fine. George helping Mr. Hay all day. baby wakeful and cross, windy evening.
- 30 Fine & windy. Cow came round again. Thunder storm, afternoon G. working for Mr. Hay till four p.m., cooler.
- 31 Cold and showery day, washed clothes, charlie got peck potatoes from Mr. Hay.
- Sept. 1 Fine & cool. George working at Mr. Hays all day. Mr. Clark here two meals, preserved two jars crab's
- 2 Very warm, G. at home picked harvest apples, Mr. Hay brought baskets for plums.
- 3 Fine, hot, G. helping Mr. Hay all day. Nellie walked to Meaford got letter from Mrs. Forrest, four for me and papers, baby good, Eva had night croup.

- Sept. 4 Sunday. hot like rain. G and M had a walk, baby restless.
- 5 Wet morning and cool, mopped bedroom. M made marmalade.
- 6 Cold & damp (Minnie resumes writing) George & Charlie picked plums for Mr. Hay. Mother & N. washed. Baby sleeps well today. She has good nights. A. Hay took plums & apples to Thornbury.
- 7 George working all day for A. Hay. Fine. Ironed & churned. Creamery man called.
- 8 Beautiful day. George working for A. Hay 7 hours. Aunt Annie came & took mother away; Eva shall miss her.
- 9 Fine G. at Hay's half a day. I picked 2 baskets of plums. Bagman came (?)
- 10 George working at A. Hays. Got not mail this week. G. went to Thornbury & sold 2 baskets of plums
- 11 Fine Sunday George walked to Uncle Willies & took mother her money. Nelly & I called at Tuckers.
- 12 George picked 2 baskets of plums. Wet day. I preserved plums.
- 13 Still wet. We washed but I don't know when the clothes will dry.
- 14 Turned cold & still miserably wet. Clothes blown all over. G. picked up 2 baskets of plums & there are lots of apples down. Blanchard came.
- 15 Picked a lot of plums they are getting too ripe. Fine and cool.

- Sept. 16 George walked to Meaford. A. Hay took 6 baskets of plums to ship. G. stooked up some oats. We are busy preserving plums.
- 17 Lovely day. Picking plums. Sent 5 baskets to sell with Mr. Blanchard. \$1.35 a bus. (bushell)
- 18 Fine cool Sunday. George, Charlie & I took a walk past Hays.
- 19 Cold wind but fine. Finished picking plums & sent off 6 baskets for Hays besides 5 more to divide.
- 20 Fine but cold wind. We washed. Sent off the rest of Hay's plums. George working at Hays in the afternoon.
- 21 Warm & still. George picked some apples. It is very dull here; we seldom see anybody or go anywhere. Like rain.
- 22 George poorly with sick headache. Sultry like thunder.
- 23 Still sultry. Fair at Meaford. We sent in a basket of plums to Uncle Willie. I went to McVeties and stayed to tea.
- 24 George walked to Meaford but did not get much mail. Posted letter to E. Hay.
- 25 Fine morning but thunder storm in afternoon cooled the air. Ferguson's barn was struck by lightning and burn to the ground.
- 26 High cold wind. I had a bad toothache.
- 27 Very high wind but warmer. Tooth still bad all day. We washed the white clothes. George walked to Thornbury to post letter to A. Ladell. He has gone to Tuckers tonight.

Sept. 28 & 29 George is digging Mr. Hays potatoes. Fine & for a wonder not much wind.

30 George & Charlie cutting sunflowers. High warm wind, like rain tonight.

Oct. 1st Got letters from Mother & money from Mr Hay. Nelly went to Meaford.

2 Sunday cool & like rain at night. G. & I took a walk towards Thornbury. A. Hay called in evening.

3 High wind, rain at night - George is helping A. Hay Measure the summer fallow.

4 Cold & wet. A. Hay went to Allan Park. G. cut a little corn.

5 The first snow of the season came indashes all day with a bitter cold wind. We washed.

6 A high wind but warmer. George & C. were cutting corn all day.

7 G. & C. cutting corn. After noon W. Blanchard drew it in to the stoop. Mild.

8 Wet day. George went with W. Tucker in the morn to have a hunt & after noon to Meaford & got letter from Ethel & cheque from Relief for \$7

9 Sunday. Fine & cool. Uncle Willie & his cousin came & stayed to tea. Frost.

10 Warmer & like rain. G. husking corn.

11 Charlie's birthday. Fine. Willie Tucker was here. G. husking corn.

- Sct. 12 Nice day. George cutting corn. Nelly got some tomatoes from Mrs. Hay.
- 13 Indian summer weather. G. finished cutting corn. I went to call on Mrs. Byres but found her away.
- 14 Still fine. W. walked to Meaford and got a letter and book for Charlie. W. Blanchard drew in some corn.
- 15 Got in rest of corn. Got a bag of flour & some oatmeal. Rain.
- 16 ~~Sa~~ Sunday. Cold & gloomy. A. Hay back.
- 17 I washed white clothes.
- 18 Warm day. Eva got cold. G. & C. are busy picking apples.
- 19 Colder with high wind.
- 20 Cold & fine. They finished picking fall apples.
- 21 Cold wind. I took up carpet.
- 22 High wind but mild. rain. No one went for mail today.
- 23 A dull wet Sunday.
- 24 Wet and miserable. G. Helping measure summer fallow
- 25 Ditto I washed
- 26 Still ditto Blanchards did not go but Willie went to Thornbury & got stove piping.
- 27 Blanchards started for home. Fine. George went to Meaford and got mail & zinc.
- 28 High wind wet night. We got the stove up.
- 29 A horrible wet, windy day. most detestible weather, we could not go to Meaford.

No.	<u>Boxes</u>
12	Crocks, coaking & washing utensils etc.
3	Books
1	Clothing
8	Bedding, blankets
2 2	Curtains, table covers, pictures, blankets
31	Books, bolsters, Desk, Hat-box
4	Winter clothes
5	Clothes not needed. Quilts
9	Sheets, p. cases, flat irons, blankets.

- Nov. 4 Still wet & driving snow, colder. Edward Hay and Buddy came today. He has nothing satisfactory to arrange.
- 5 George & the Hays picked the winter apples. G. went to Hays in the even. Turned cold.
- 6 Sunday. Milder & ~~xixx~~ muddy. E. Hay went away.
- 7 Mr. White took 4 bbs of applies to Thornbury and George went with him & got 2 bags of flour.
- 8 High wind & frozen up. G. walked to Meaford and got letter from McEntyre enclosing rent. He got some beef.
- 9 I washed. Aunt Annie came & took the two little ones & me home. very muddy.
- 10 Thanksgiving day. A fall of snow last night. I went to church with Mary & Nelly & enjoyed the service. Came back to dinner of roast goose which George came just in time for. The little ones are very good. We had some music in the evening.

- Nov. 11 Cold wind. Mary drove me into Meaford in the morn
and Aunt brought us home after dinner. The roads
are abominable & the ride was unpleasant.
- 12 Saturday. Snowy. George unroofed the log shed.
- 13 Another dull Sunday.
- 14 Rain last night took away snow & made it very
muddy again. I white-washed the dining-room.
- 15 Finished room. Warm & damp.
- 17 We washed & the sun shone out for an hour or two
and set fair. George walked to Thornbury & got
Charlie a pair of boots. came home very tired.
- 17 More rain last night & high warm wind this even.
We have had cloudy skies, rain & snow & wind almost
without intermission for a month. I hope a change
will come soon.
- 18 & 19 Colder with snow. No mail this week.
- 20 Sunday. About 4 inches of snow.
- 21 Cold high wind. George is building a hen-house.
- 22 Sharp frost & snowy. G. working at hen-house. I wrote
to Louie for him. These days are terribly monotonous.
We moved stove into the dining-room.
- 23 Washed & George walked to Meaford in the snow.
Letters from Mother, Mrs. Clarke & Lizzie Coldwell.
- 24 Snow enough for sleighing. Baked & churned. Mr. Dodd
died.

- Nov. 25 Got a bag of peas from Bell.
- 26 Keeps cloudy & dull every day. Snow is staying.
- 27 Advent Sunday. Chilly & dull.
- 28 Charlie got some peas from A. Hay. Goods did not come from Falkenburg. Pleasant mild day.
- 29 Willie Tucker came to see George. Charlie got oatmeal.
- Dec. 1 Nelly & Charlie walked to Meaford. Got bill from Hay.
- 2 I took baby to Hays. Thawing.
- 3,4 Sunday. Cold & Snowy. The cow strayed away.
- 5 George went to Meaford to look for cow but did not get her. He brought me a letter from Annie & one from Walter Brymer. Nice day.
- 6 G. went again for cow & found her. He had dinner at Uncle Willie's. Rainy day. I washed.
- 7 Fine morn but stormy afternoon driving rain. McVettie came and killed the ~~px~~ pigs.
- 9 Snow ~~maxix~~ nearly gone. but cold howling wind blowing
- 10 Sunny afternoon. George went to Meaford & Mr. Byres brought box & bag of salt for the pork. G. got letters from Mr. Hay and Louie Paxon.
- 11 A cold miserable Sunday. Indoors all day.
- 12 There is a little snow for sleighing again. Charlie started to school.
- 15 George went to Ferguson's & Tuckers.
- 16 Hays killed their pigs. Weather pleasant.

Dec. 17 Saturday. George went to Meaford & got letters from Cousin Jane & Ada Thoms & Cheque from A. Faxon. Nellie got a volume of Sunshine from Eng.

18 Another stormy Sunday indoors all day.

19 Baby is 4 months old. I made Xmas cake & pudding.

20 We washed. Very cold & windy

21 Spelling match at the school. George & I went.

Charlie is there this evening. Mr. Whitfield came today.

22 & 23 Very stormy & lots of snow

24 Cleared up a little in afternoon & George went to Meaford & got two Christmas papers & budgett of letters (I got a pound from Connie) and cards. Piercing cold.

25 The stormiest, coldest Xmas I remember. The snow is very deep and drifted. We have to den up this weather.

26 A little improvement in the weather. G. sawing wood

27 A nice day. Nelly walked to Meaford

28 We are having a few nice days & good roads. Mr White came & drew some wood from the barn & Mrs. W. came in for a while.

29 & 30 George sawed some wood at the woods. He has hurt himself lifting blocks and is afraid of rupture.

31 Charlie took the saw to Fergusson's. George went to Meaford & got letter from Mr. Thoms & parcel from Lucy in Toronto.

January 1, 1893 Sunday. Stormy again & shut in as usual.

- 2 Storming & drifted deep snow. Election day.
- 6 Snows every day. George cutting wood at the woods.
- 7 George went to Meaford with Mr. Hay & got Nelly letters from England.
- 8 Cold & snowy.
- 9 A regular blizzard this afternoon

March 4 It has been a terribly stormy & dull winter and there has not been much to write in a diary. Cold & windy today and G could not go for the mail.

- 10 This has been a very fine week and the snow is about half gone. George has been busy looking for a team. Charlie has a bad cough & cold.

15 Very cold again. Eva & baby poorly with colds.

16 Connie's birthday. Mr. Latornell called.

17 Nice day. Rev. Mr. Caswell called to see us. G. has a bad cold.

22 ~~12~~ George's 40th birthday. He went to Dinsmore's sale.

23 Mild high wind which is thawing rapidly.

April 2 Easter Sunday. G. went to Tuckers. Snow nearly gone.

3 Very warm, thawing fast. Mrs. Fergusson & children came. Mr. Hay is expected today. Aia Thoms' wedding day.

4 E. Hay & George went and bought a team. Very high wind.

5 G. went to bring Taylor & arranged with L_____

- April 6 G. went to see Mr. Vickars & he came late at night
7 George walked to Meaford. Icy and cold wind.
8 High soft wind but turned cold, fine.
10 Lovely mild day drying up nicely. I washed.
11 Nice day. George went to Meaford & I went as far as
Uncle W's
12 High S. wind. G. walked to Thornbury but the harness had
not come. Roads getting nice and dry. G. had a
buggy offered him for \$10 I wish we could get it.
13 Blowing hard, turned cold. I cleaned a room, the third.
Willie Tucker helped G to weigh some hay.
14 A. Hay went to Thornbury. No harness yet. White here sawing.
17 Gloomy raw day. Nothing can be done yet with horses
for want of harness. G. is going to Thornbury to see if
it has come

Draft of letter on following sheet:

Since writing to you Mr. Arthur Ladell who holds the mortgage on my house in Pt. Sydney has called his money in. I had allowed the Interest this summer to get in arrears & expected to have paid it by at Christmas time but owing to some money I expected not coming to hand, I have not been able to do so.

As it is simply impossible for me at the present time to pay the Principle & Interest: I shall have to lose the place. The Principle & Intst on the 14th of March when the money is called for amount to Princ. \$250 As I think the place is certainly worth more than this. If you think the place is worth any more than this to you and you like to make ~~any~~ me an offer for it. I should be glad if you would do so. I would even rather that you had the house for the Mortgage & Interest than that A. Ladell should have it

Draft of letter: Mr. Dodd held a note of mine for \$100 which I think falls due about the 18th of the month. Would you kindly let me renew the note till the 1st of July as I am sorry to say I cannot pay the principle till then. I will post you the \$8 interest next week. We were very sorry to hear of your sad loss and wish to assure you of our kind sympathy. I should like to have seen Mr. Dodd before leaving Port Sydney but we left rather hurriedly at the last & I was night-watching at the mill at the time.

- May 7 Commenced seeding. Rodgers came.
- 8 G. & I went to Meaford and sent off deed of house.
- 9 Uncle & Aunt came & had tea. Hot weather.
- 10 They are getting on well with seeding - like rain.

GRANDMOTHER'S DIARY

The diary of Mary (Minnie) Coldwell Butcher 4-1)
(Time at farm near Meaford before & after -Farm owned by Mr. Hay)
(Port Sydney, Muskoka, Ontario, Canada.)

July 20, 1893. Mes. Ed. Hay & girls went home today.

Splendid hay weather.

July 21. George, Eva and I drove to Meaford & I brought various things. Hot.

July 22. Excursion to Orillia to see boat-race. Thunder shower. George went to Thornbury and got 2 bags of flour & one of oatmeal.

July 23. Sunday. Cool, high wind. Nelly & Charlie started to walk to church but & turned back.

24 Warm. I washed. Willie Byers commenced cutting hay here, picked first green pear.

25 Very hot and windy, busy making and mowing hay.

26 Byers here in forenoon. Afternoon G. & I went to Meaford
Freddie home. I went ...
for butter.

27 Byers & H_____ here stacking hay. Nice & cool.
Mary & Kate Gibson walked here & took Fred home in the evening.

28 Men here drawing in today, rain came before they quite finished.

29 Fine & windy. Byers here & they finished up the hay.
G. does not stand the work well.

30 Sunday. hot, at home all day.

- July 31 Coöler, George & Charlie went to Meaford and got letters from Surbiton. We are afraid ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Miss Terry is not coming.
- Aug 1 Lovely day. G. put p. green (Paris green?) on potatoes. He went to see Mr. _____ in evening.
- 2 Nice day but too dry. G. went to Tom Lat _____
... went to Thornbury
and got chop
... went to tea at Jamieson's. Dry & smoky. W. Byers sawing wood.
- 5 George went to Thornbury and got wagon fixed. Nelly walked to Meaford, no mail. Heavy thunder shower did much good.
- 6 Sunday turned quite cold & windy. G. went to _____
- 7 Beautiful clear day. G. put the cow in the bush behind house. I feel poorly today.
- 8 Hot. Nelly went to Byers & found Mrs. B. very ill. George went to see La _____ about cutting the grain. The two Bobs girls called.
- 9 Hot. We washed. G. drew some hay for A. Hay. G. went to Meaford & I rode as far as Laturnels with him. Heard from Miss Terry.
- 10 Hot & dry, grass all parched up.
- 11 Nelly and Charlie went to spend the day at Gibsons. Hot & smoky but nice shower in the evening.
- 12 They stayed all night and came home in the morning. G. drove to Meaford but got nothing.

- Aug 13 Cool sunday again. At home all day.
- 14 Lovely clear day. George & I drove to Meaford and he met Miss Terry starting to walk out here. I stayed at Uncles till they came past.
- 15 Miss Terry tired with her long journey. (G. Latornell pulling peas.
- 16 Sultry & like rain. Miss T. helped me to wash. Latornell pulling peas and Nobles cutting peas & oats $\frac{1}{2}$ day.
- 17 Unsettled weather. George drove Miss Terry to Meaford. She & Nelly went for walk in evening.
- 18 Like rain. Miss Terry & I called at Tuckers. Ed. Hay came here in the evening.
- 19 Cool day. George went to Thornbury and brought binder twine. In afternoon he & Ed. Hay drew in the peas.
- 19 Nice cool day. Miss Terry & Nelly went for a walk. Mr. & Mrs. Tucker came to tea. Hay bros. were over for a while.
- 20 Fine. G. drove his sister-in-law to Meaford to get her ticket as she starts tomorrow for Slayton (3 Latornells working here this afternoon. Got book from Connie for Eva.
- 21 We got up early & George saw Miss Terry off on the stage I washed. Nelly has bad headache.
- 23 Hot. Eva's birthday she got a book and a fan
3 Latornells here.
- 24th Very hot & like rain. Busy harvesting & cooking for men. I went over to Hays in the evening.
- 25th No rain but blew a little cooler. Mother's birthday.
Good harvest weather.

- Aug 26 Saturday. Cloudy but hot men still here cutting & drawing grain. I walked to Meaford and had tea at Uncles, Saw an excursion from Parry Sound. I got a letter from Laura Thoms & 2 from Miss Terry. for George & me. I expect we shall hear again soon from her. She is very kind and would like to help us.
- Aug 27 Cloudy. Another Sunday at home. How long before we are able to go to Church again I wonder. G. poorly
- Aug 28 A wet day men had to go home. George glad of the rest.
- 29 Quite cold but turned bright - busy harvesting...
- 30 Cool & fine. Busy carrying in, in afternoon & finished cutting.
- 31 Lovely clear day, carrying grain all day. 2 men here. We are not troubled with near so many house flies this year as usual.
- Sept. 1 Drawing in. Turned cold & wet.
- 2 Cold, day high wind, George went to Clarksburg & Nelly went to Meaford but got no letters.
- 3 Cool. Mr. & Mrs. Allman came & stayed tea.
- 4 Sultry again. Drawing in all day. Nelly & Eva went to Allmans.
- 5 Like rain but turned cool. Finished harvest. G. went to Meaford & unloaded car of lumber, got back late.
- 6 George drew lumber to Hay and went to M. for another load got letter from Miss Terry. Heavy thunder-storm at night.
7. Muddy. G. went for load of lumber in forenoon.

- Sept 8 George got load of lumber. Aunt Annie & Lizzie & Roy came in morn. Lovely day.
- 9 G. brought 2 loads lumber. I went to Meaford & rode with Bells. No letter.
- 10 Sunday. G. & I went to Bob Latornalls.
- 11 I wrote to Lucy. G. got 2 loads lumber.
- 12 I washed. Nice weather but so dry. G. brought 1 load lumber. A. Hay got a few apples. G. had letter from Mrs. Lefroy.
- 13 George ~~wrought~~ went to Lamb's threshing. George ~~wrought~~-lumber. Hot.
- 14 Sultry & windy. George went to Lamb's again & returned very tired.
- 15 George went for rest of lumber. Mrs. Hay-called. Warm & smoky.
- 16 Equinozial gales begun. Cold rain & high wind, miserable cold night.
- 17 Bright but cold wind. Sunday
- 18 Warm & smoky again. G. got peas from Bell & drew beans for A. Hay.
- 19 I washed. Mrs. Byres came. George went to Meaford and got letters from Miss Terry, Janey & Lucy.
- 20 (nothing)
- 21 Nelly & Charlie put cown in back pasture & had a bother with her. George went to see Mr. Allman & to Meaford posted letters to Mr. Lefroy, W. Hay, Mrs. Faxon.
- 22 Last night was wet but it came out bright. G. got some flour at Nobles & heard that the machine will not be here for about a fortnight, G. cutting wood. Clarksburg fair.
- 23 Turned colder.
- 24 Harvest Festival Sunday. Nice day, turned like rain.
- 25 Rainy morn blew cold in afternoon. George & C. went to Meaford for lumber.
- 26 Kept cold. G. drew 2 loads of posts.

- Sept. 27 George drew the last of the lumber & head from Ed. Hay. we leave here at the end of Oct.
- 28 I walked to Meaford & posted letters to Grandpa & mother & had tea at Uncle's. George brought a load from Thornbury for Hays. Stormy night.
- 29 We get very little rain & the roads are good. G. gave up horses. He worked at Hays with Noble.
- 30 Like rain. G. going to Meaford.
- Oct. 1 Nice day. We stayed at home.
- 2 Alick Noble & G. moving straw stack.
- 3 Fine but rain at night. They are still at the straw. Nelly went to Meaford & got something for threshing.
- 4 Wet morning. Not working today. S. Hay took pigs home.
- 5 Lovely warm day. The trees are all in autumn foliage now. W. Byers & George are moving straw. Old Mrs. Noble died last night. Meaford fair. Nelly went with Byers.
- 6 Windy & came up stormy. Mrs. Noble's funeral. George went to Meaford & got me a letter from Lizzie.
- 7 Wet morning & colder. G. went to Meaford & got a letter from Clarke containing a draft for \$100. Hope to goto P.S. before next month.
- 8 Sunday, nice day.
- 9 Busy. Cooking for threshing but we head they would not come till Wednesday. Got book & letters for Charllie.
- 10 I washed. Beautiful day. Machine came tonight. Jamieson girls called.
- 11 Charlie's birthday. A busy day threshing. got done at 5 Ada Byers helped us. Warm & summerlike.
- 12 Rather like rain. G. at Nobles threshing. Turned hot. I walked to Meaford & got Lucy's money & bought some clothes for Nelly.
- 13 Commenced dress-making. G. at Tuckers. Windy but cooler. Rain at night.

- Oct. 14 Wet cold & windy rain all day.
- 15 Cold wind & the first snow fell. Staid in all day.
- 16 Busy dressmaking. Fine & cool. G. went to Meaford & got letters from Mrs. Thoms & Mr. Lefroy with Nelly's money.
- 17 Washed. Nice day. Uncle & Aunt and Ethel came to tea.
- 18 Mrs. Roble & Miss Lindsay came to tea. Warm & pleasant. G. went to Meaford. Heard from Petmen. (?)
- 19 Nice day. Mrs. Hay called. G. went to Thornbury. (Sewing for Nelly and packing)
- 20 Busy packing. Like a storm but it passed off.
- 21 Lovely cool day. Packing. George went to Meaford and got cloth but no letter from Petm.
- 22 Sunday. Fine. I went to Hays & Tuckers. Lovely moonlight night.
- 23 Weather keeps beautiful & warm. G. & I walked to Meaford. Turned cloudy.
- 24 Busy finishing up packing 3 loads went to the station. Weather changed to cold with dashes of rain. Cannot get Petman's house.
- 25 Cold & cloudy but cleared out. Mr. Bell took last load and Frank fetched us here to stay all night.
- 26 We started off in the morning and duly arrived. George & C. at P.S. and the children and I at Father's. Cold & gloomy with a dash of snow.
- 27 Still raw but milder. Charlie came out to tell me that there is some difficulty about getting Paton's (?) house & I do not know where we will live.
- 28 Father went to P.S. to see about drawing some of the things. He brought a barrel of apples. Furniture stored at Utterson till the house is ready. Mr. Smith away.
- 29 Gloomy & cold, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of snow. Some of the girls went to S.S. G. did not come.
- 30 Bright fine day. Lucy is going to Huntsville. Good day for still hunt. G. came in evening. He stayed over-night
- 31 George went to Huntsville intending to go by train to P.S. and see Mr. Smith in evening. Gloomy.

- Nov. 1st Mild & cloudy. Mr. Smith went past but I got no message from George. I hope he has got the house. This long delay is a nuisance.
- 2 Nice day. Father is drawing turnips. Evan and I called at Hares. Rain at night. No word of George.
- 3 Baby was poorly with coughs last night. Cooler since rain. I have been here over a week & I hope we can get into a house soon.
- 4 Nice cool day. Charlie went to Pt. Sydney. Herbert came. Charlie came back. House not commenced yet.
- 5 Sunday mild. We went to church. in afternoon and heard Mr. Lower. George came after church.
- 6 Lovely day. G. & I drove Herb's horse to P.S. & I brought home some clothes. House to be commenced tomorrow. It seemed nice to see Pt. Sydney again.
- 7 Fine & warm. I did some washing and cut out my dress. I must do what sewing I can here for I will be busy enough when we move to the house at Pt. Sydney. Herbert went away.
- 8 Still fine. Charlie went to P.S. Washing day. Ethel & Eva went to Bress (?) Baby poorly with her teeth.
- 9 Fine. Mr. & Mrs. Bray came even.
- 10 Nice morning. I expect George to come for us today. He did not come.
- 11 Still fine. Herbert came but G. did not. Lucy went to Hville.
- 12 Cool & Cloudy. Father's horse is sick. Herbert went home yesterday & took Ethel. G. came today and took me and the children to Jones's in the boat.
- 13 We stayed at Jones again tonight. We worked at the house in afternoon & Nelly came.
- 14 Commenced to get milk from Jones's. We moved in here today & were busy cleaning & unpacking. Mrs. Jones is sick. G. got letter from Louie P. Heavy fall of snow.
- 15 Snow 8 in deep & still coming. George going for a still hunt. Got nothing.

- Nov. 16 Fine & sharp. Nelly & I washed. Sleighs out today. Man still at work at the house.
- 17 Lovely day. Snow is going fast. Father came & took Nelly home. I shall be busy. I got a letter from Nellie.
- 18 I had a busy day. Several of the Brymers came in afternoon. G. went hunting but got nothing. Thom's girls called in evening.
- 19 Sunday in Port Sydney again. I went to church in morning & George in the evening. I like the new clergyman very well. The little Brymers came after SS and took Eva there in her sleigh. Stormy.
- 20 Lovely day sleighing. Bently & McEntyre were busy boarding the kitchen.
- 21 Finished the kitchen & we got the things in place. Thawing. I went to the store and saw the Thomses.
- 22 Stormy & mild. I washed.
- 23 Thanksgiving day. Storming still & clothes wet. George took A. Ladells Insurance. There is nothing being done to the upstairs and we are all in a jumble below.
- 24 A nice day but cold. Mr. Ladell died early this morning. Ray Brymer & the boys were here. Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell called. Charlie & I went to the concert. lovely moonlight night. everything sparkling with frost.
- 25 Lovely day. Charlie & Eva went to Brymers & stayed to tea. Annie B. brought them home. George at Lodge tonight. Mr. Smith called.
- 26 Fine & good sleighing. Charlie went to S.S. & he & I went to Church in the evening.
- 27 Mr. Ladell was buried today. Mr. Lowe officiated. Wet night.
- 28 I washed. Soft snow falling.
- 29 Mild with snow in afternoon. George went to Aspdin with Vincent. I went to the sewing circle at Parsonage and left Charlie at home with Wallis Brymer.
- 30 Mr. Vincent brought potatoes. Jack B. painting kitchen.

- Dec. 1 I-went-for Vincent brought rest of potatoes. I went to Ladell's.
- 2 Nice day. Miss Smith called.
- 3 Sunday. stormy all at home sick with la Grippe.
- 4 Cold & bright. Jack finished painting.
- 5 Masons finished lathing & went away as the plastering will not be done till spring. George no better
- 6 I went to see A da Ladell . Heavy snowfall. George, baby & I are still poorly.
- 7 Snow continues to fall. We are feeling rather better. Cold clear night.
- 8 Again snowy. pretty well shut in
- 9 Snow, snow. soft & sloppy
- 10 Blustering. no one went to church from here.
- 11 Cold night & fine day. I cleaned one room & we moved some boxes up stairs.
- 12 Very cold. I washed.
- 13 35 below zero last night. Eva & I went to Ladell's to see the toys. Mr. Thoms drove us home. Keen
- 14 Jack Brymer & George were papering upstairs in afternoon.
- 15 Finished papering. I feel poorly. I sewed at Charlie's coat. Very stormy & drifting over 2 ft of snow. milder.
- 16 I dont feel very strong & it seems hard work to get through my work.
- 17 Bright & cold. I went to church in the morning & George & C. in the evening. Wand (?) Brymer was here.
- 18 I made Christmas cake. stormy.
- 19 Made mincemeat & dressed a doll. Stormy nearly every day.
- 20 Washing. 30 below zero last night. snow about 2½ ft deep. Sam Nickason was married.

- Dec. 21 George started to go to Falkenburg but did not get there. He got money for chain from Lizzie. Will Gall came home. Charlie & I went to the store and I got some Xmas gifts.
- 22 G. & A. Brymer papered upstairs. turned wet.
- 23 Thawing. G. went to Utterson. He got a letter from Nelly & a parcel from Laura Thoms for me.
- 24 Foggy & wet. I went to Church in even.
- 25 Still thawing. A quiet Xmas at home. I called at Brymer's. Turned cold & froze all up but the snow has gone down considerably.
- 26 Willie Gall brought nice things over from England. Bright & sharp. Charlie got an Illustrated Xmas No. from Miss Terry.
- 27 Snowing again. George & Charlie have gone to Pres Christmas tree. I got letter from L. Paxon. Washed.
- 28 I was disappointed about going to Thomses but George & C went. Like a Thaw. Mrs. Forrest & Roy called.
- 29 I ironed & made plum pudding.
- 30 George went to Falkenburg.
- 31 Sunday. George came home in the afternoon & I went to Church.

- January 1 letters from Georgie & Nellie. A nice mild day with good sleighing but Father & mother did not come as the horse was away. Mrs. Clarke & Flossie called.
- 2 Mild. George auditing lodge books.
- 3 Lovely day. I washed & baked. turned wet.
- 4 Lucy & Clara came. The Thomses came to tea.
- 5 Lucy went home. I went down to Ladell's. Clara is going to stay and help me.
- 6 Saturday. Fine. George cutting wood.
- 7 Fresh snow has fallen. a few inches. George, C. & I went to Church. Nita B. was here.
- 8 Sharp & clear. I must try to get some sewing done while Clara is here.
- 9 Washed. mild.
- 10 Clara, the children went to Thomses. Lovely day. I went to practice.
- 11 Ironed & finished my dress at last
- 12 Turned cold. Sharp night. Mr. Kay is not expected to live.
- 13 Milder. I went to Ladell's. G. is at Lodge.
- 14 Damp & ~~of~~ Foggy. I went to church in the morning & took Eva. Clara & G. went at night.
- 15 Thawing & wet.
- 16 Lovely moonlight night. George went to concert at Utterson.
- 17 Ada Ladell & Laura & Louie Thoms came to tea.
- 18 Windy & wet. We ironed.
- 19 Bright day. The Vincents came and spent the day and we went to Xmas tree in the evening.
- 20 Good skating but turned wet. Clara & I & the children went up to Ladell's. Old Mrs. Ladell came in to P.S.

- Jan 21 The weather keeps moderate. George & I went to church in even.
- 22 Cold wind. Busy tailoring. Clara went to invite Forrest's for Wednesday.
- 23 Washed. Clara & I took children into Chesters & invited them for tomorrow. G. & I went to Ladell's & saw quite a party on the ice skating around a bon-fire.
- 24 We spent a pleasant evening with Forrests & Chesters and are invited to Forrests. Stormy & snow deep.
- 25 Ironed & sewed at Gs coat.
- 26 Cold. We went to Forrests & enjoyed the evening. Home at 11.30
- 27 Not so cold. Clara & I went to Ladell's & saw Mrs. Dodd who invited us to go to spend the day next Thursday. Charlie skating at Brymer's. came home with some toffee. George is at Lodge meeting.
- 28 Sunday. Fine G & I went to Church in even & Clara in the morning.
- 29 Milder. George is helping Vincent saw wood. Got letter from Mr. Lefroy.
- 30 George, Eva & I went to tea at Chesters and spent a pleasant evening. 6 inches of fresh snow.
- 31 George went to Vincents again to saw. Lovely day; letter from Mrs Hay.
- Feb. 1 Mrs. Forrest & I went to Dodds & took our babies. while I was away Father & Mother came and took Clara home and Henry Gall & Louise came. Greenwall Hotel up the lake - Burned down -
High class Tails, Tuxedos etc. - later
- 2 I am busy without Clara. Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell called. G. unloading flour.
- 3 I went to Ladell's. nice day.
- 4 Sunday. I commenced to teach S.S. again. Stayed home in even.
- 5 Last night it was 36° below zero. Concert at Aspdin tonight.
- 6 Lovely day. Nellie came to stay a couple of weeks. G & I walked up to the store.
- 7 Sent payment for Martin's bill. mild day. I went to church to clean lamps & Nelly went in the evening.

- Feb 8 Mild day. Charlie & I walked out to Johnson's
& Herbert drove us back. [Johnson's who lived at George's]
- 9 Stormy & cold. Mrs. Gall & Louise called.
- 10 Horrible day. cold wind. I am reading "Vanity
Fair" in the evenings.
- 11 Sunday. Cold & clear. I went to SS and G.C. & I
went to church in the even. Mr. Lowe preached.
- 12 Cold wind and Stormy night, worst storm this
winter so far. G. ~~xxxxxx~~ bought some beef.
- 13 Nelly's birthday. eve washed and I went up to
see old Mrs. Ladell but she was away. walked
back with Mrs. Forrest & S N
- 14 Bad day. Mrs. Gall & Will came to tea and we
played whist in the evening.
- 15 Not so cold - dashes of snow. G. sawing wood.
- 16 Very cold but fine. Nelly went home. Eva went
to school. Lizzie & Mabel did not come as
Johnsons were nearly burnt out.
- 17 Milder with more snow at night.
- 18 Sunday. nice day. I went to SS and stayed at
home in the evening.
- 19 Mild & snowy. I went to Ladells and invited
Ruth & Connie Thom
- 20 I washed. turned milder
- 21 Nice day. Ruth & Connie came & I went with them
to evening service.
- 22 Disagreeable more snow falling it is very deep
snow. George heard that he cannot get the job
of night-watchman at the mill which opens next
week.
- 23 Cold nasty day. George went to Utterson
- 24 45 below zero last night coldest yet clear day.
- 25 More moderate. I went to church in morn & G
in the evening.

- Feb 25 More moderate. I went to church in morn & G in the evening
- 26 Lovely spring-like day. Ethel came and I went to Ladell's. G. sent Caesar off to Clarksburg. I went out in the evening sleighriding. G. went to Jenner's.
- 27 G. went to Utterson & got the hound. nicer mild day
- 28 Laura Thoms & I swept the Church. Ethel went to evening service. Thawing.
- Mar 1 Warm & thawing. Ethel went home with G. Howard
- 2 Thaw continuing
- 3 ~~G. went to Utterson & got the~~ Fine crust this morning but warm day. Mr. Vincent came & drew wood.
- 4 Warm day. I went to S.S. & G. ~~went~~ to church
- 5 Snow has gone down much and it is still warm. G. sent off adxt (
- 6 Turned wet I washed. Herbert's son born.
- 7 Colder. Eva and I called at Smith's
- 8 Ruth Thoms came & invited us to tea tomorrow
- 9 We all went and had a very pleasant evening. frosty night.
- 10 Still warm & fine. Roads very soft. I had a letter from Connie. Will Gall came & had tea.
- 11 Sunday. Very high wind but mild. I went to Church in evening and played the organ.
- 12 I washed. Herbert called as he was drawing lumber. I got baby some boots. Mr. Brymer called.
- 13 Mr. Johnson brought mother and Mabel and they stayed all day. West.
- 14 About 3 inches of fresh snow. George went to Falkenburg.
- 15 Colder.

- Mar 16 Connie's birthday. Eva went to school. I took baby and called at Mitchells
- 17 Thawing. Mr. Vincent drew us some wood
- 18 Thunderstorm this morn. It is thawing fast and the roads will soon be ~~kazk~~ bare. Mr. Brymer & Annie & some of the children called.
- 19 Wagons have taken the place of sleighs. Cold wind.
- 20 I washed. nice sunny day. snow going.
- 21 Gloomy & foggy. Tea meeting in Hall.
- 22 George's birthday 41. He went sawing wood with Jones. Cold wind. Wrote to Georgie.
- 23 Good Friday. I went to Church. Mrs. Jones called. Turned out bright.
- 24 George got birthday letter from Nelly. Snowed hard in afternoon I went to store.
- 25 Easter Sunday ground covered with snow. I went to church in the morning & George in even. G. & I called at Forrest's. Cold wind. This is a cold Easter.
- 26 5 below zero last night. George got money from Mr. Lefroy and letter from Connie in which she said her aunt was not coming out.
- 27 Bright & cold. I took the little ones to Clarke's. George got birthday letters from George.
- 28 I washed. 10 below zero last night. Fine day. Wind keeps cold.
- 29 George sawing wood.
- 30 Eva went to school and got cold and had croup at night. I went to store. snow going.
- 31 High soft wind. It is thawing rapidly. George went to Utterson. Rain & wind.
- Apr 1 Sunday. Cold wind. I went to SS & church in evening.

- Apr 2 George went to help with pump at the parsonage and stayed a while at Mitchells. He got letter from Miss Terry.
- 3 Raw wind. I washed. The children have colds and I am keeping them in.
- 4 I ironed & baked. G. sawing wood.
- 5 G. sawing. The children & I spent the afternoon at Forrest's. dull day.
- 6 Bright and cold wind
- 7 Pleasant day. Eva & I went to Ladell's. Mr. Jackson came to Joneses.
- 8 Cold wind. I went to church in morn & G in the evening.
- 9 Nice warm day. Mrs. Clarke came to tea and Mrs. Forrest & Miss ~~Smith~~ Smith called. Ruth Thoms & Flossie came to meet Mrs. Clarke. visitors on Monday.
- 10 High wind. Turned wet. I had letter from Louie.
- 11 I washed. nice day. I went to Church.
- 12 Warm nice weather with no cold wind.
- 13 I went up to Ladells
- 14 Very dry roads dusty
- 15 Hot day. Service in even. G. & C. went Annie Brymer & Aggie Ladell & the children with some of Clarke's called in the morning.
- 16 I took Elsie & Eva to Ladells and saw Arthur Ladell & Ada arrive. I washed. G. is tidying around the house.
- 17 Hot & dry. The plasterers came and will begin to plaster tomorrow.
- 18 Hot day. Plastering going forward. Terribly destructive fire in Huntsville. I went to Ladells & bought some hats etc. like rain but only a slight shower. Ice gone out of lake.

- April 19 Sultry. rain at night. finished 1st coat of plaster.
- 20 We had a nice shower this even but it has cleared again. Mean have gone away to plaster at Gall's.
- 21 George walked to Aspdin & insured Joe Clarke's store. Showery. cobbler.
- 22 Charlie went to Church in the morn & I in the evening. Cool. George went to Thomses in afternoon.
- 23 Weir back again to plaster.
- 24 Charlie is helping Weir with the mortar. G. went to Falkenburg & settled with Hay. Cool & fine.
- 25 Lovely day. George started out buying Tan Bark. Men here fixing mortar around stove-pipes. I washed. Aggie Ladell came to tea. Nelly's birthday.
- 26 George went up the lake with Arthur Ladell. fine & warm. I took the 3 children up to Ladell's. Whitman called to borrow some books.
- 27 Friday. hot again. George went up the river again & took Charlie to Lawrences & he went through to father's place. I cleaned a room.
- 28 Showery day but cleared without much rain. roads dusty. G. stayed at home.
- 29 Hot in afternoon. Herbert & Lizzie came with 2 children. The baby is a nice little thing. George & C went to church in the evening.
- 30 Hot & dry. George went up the river buying bark. I cleaned the other two bedrooms & put Charlie's bed up, but his room is not dry yet.
- May 1 Very hot. George went down to Jim Nickason's place to see about bark. I went to Ladells & the children to Forrests after tea.
- 2 George went up to Becketts & bought some bark. Turned cool with but little rain
- 3 Busy sewing. G. did some digging in the garden. Children have had colds. turned cooler.

- May 4 George is done buying bark for the present. He was going to Hville with Mr. Chester but overslept. Baby & I went to Smith's to tea.
- 5 George planted some potatoes & went to Falkenburg. Wet night. [Falken burg off highway on way to Ginteburg.]
- 6 Sunday. Wet morning. G. did not come home till afternoon. The trees are coming out in leaf & blossom. C & I went to church in the evening. Showery.
- 7 Fine but high wind. George went to see Jenners about selling their place to Ed Stuart & he went to Utterson after dinner. Mrs. Vincent called with Torrie (?)
- 8 Arthur Clarke here plowing. Mr. Beckett called about bark
- 9 A. Clarke finished the garden. George planted some seeds. I washed. felt poorly in evening. Cool weather not much growth.
- 10 Pleasantly warm. G. planted some potatoes. I went to Ladell's.
- 11 High wind. Lucy came and took the children & me to Father's. Mr. & Miss Lowe were there to tea.
- 12 My birthday. I drove to Huntsville with Lucy. we expected Annie & her husband but they did not come. cool.
- 13 Sunday. There was no church to go to, so I stayed at home and read. Fine. Freddie Gibson died.
- 14 Ethel drove baby & me home & Nelly came to help for a few days. We washed blankets.
- 15 Nelly & I cleaned the sitting room. Mr. Jim Lewis called about bark
- 16 We washed. nice day.
- 17 Got 2 quarts of milk from Jones for the little pig. We cleaned kitchen & cellar. Mr. Smith moved lime out of cellar. Nellie & I went to Ladell's & took baby.
- 18 Wet morning but cleared out. about noon. Nellie went home. Rain again at night & cold. 2 quarts.
- 19 1 qt Cold wet day & night

- May 20 2 qts. Warm & still wet. no service as Mr. Mitchell has gone to Huntsville to be ordained. I went to S.S.
- 21 I varnished furniture in Connie's room and moved our bed to the big room. Gloomy & showery. 2 qts
- 22 2 qts Showery. I washed. Baby & I went to Brymer's in the evening.
- 23 Nice day. Mosquitos are coming in full force tonight like rain. I went to Ladells & saw Thoms girls. 2 qts
- 24 Mother brought Eva home. I went up as far as Clarke's with her as she was going back. Showery. 2 qts
- 25 Warm with a slight thunder shower. George drove the stage. the Brymer girls called. No milk
- 26 Hot day. George busy gardening. I cleaned the wood shed. Lodge. mosquitos bad. G. went to Utterson in the afternoon. 2 qts
- 27 Hot morning but rain at night. I went to early Communion and SS and G. & I went to evening service. Mr. Lowe preached. The children were at Brymers with Annie. 2 qts
- 28 Cold & showery. George heard that Connie is coming tomorrow. 2 qts
- 29 Nasty cold damp day. Connie arrived. safely with her things. George went to Utterson to meet her. 2 qts.
- 30 Finer today. I ironed. Connie finished putting away her things. She & I and the children went to Forrests in the evening. 2 qts
- 31 Cool. Consecration of Church yard. George Connie & Eva went and Mrs. Vincent came back to dinner. George went to Falkenburg with Mr. Chester. Minnie Forrest was here to tea. 2 qts
- June 1 Cold and wet. I came back and went to Utterson to insure Hotel 2 qts
- 2 Sunshine and showers. Connie went to Brymers & had her gum lanced and George walked up to Brunel I went to Ladell's. 2 qts
- 3 Connie & Charlie went to church in morning & she & Annie B. went over to Thomses in afternoon. like rain. 2 qts

- June 4. Colder. We stayed in sewing. Book agent called and also H. Laddell. 2 qts.
- 5 Wet but cleared out in even. 2 qts
Connie has gone with Mrs. Forrest to Dodd's.
[Dodd's lived up The Lake before Mrs. Forrest lived]
- 6 We washed, good clear day. I was very tired. 2 qts.
- 7 Connie went to tea at Forrest's.
We ironed most of the clothes. H. Gale called. 2 qts.
- 8 G. went up to (Beekatta') The Locks. Mini (?) Forrest and the 2 Brymer girls came to tea and played games. 2 qts
- 9 George went to Utterson with Mr. Chester, Connie & I and the children went out in A. Ladell's boat and Louise Gall called. Fine day. 2 qts.
- 10 Hot Sunday Connie went to S.S. and I to church. G. went to Vincents, Arthur Ladell & his wife came back with me from Church 2 qts.
- 11 Monday very hot. We washed. Smoke overhead. Connie frightened us very much by fainting out on the verandah. I went to Ladells in evening. 2 qts
- 12 Connie much better, headache gone. Annie Brymer came & stayed with her while Charlie & I went to Vincents. very hot. G. Drove the stage yesterday & today. 2 qts
- 13 Very hot. We ironed & walked down to Brymers in evening. George went to Ball's raising. 2 qts.
[Laura, Ada, Louie, Connie] [Laura m. Somerset - San married] Wanda clean
- 14 The four Thoms girls came to tea and Mrs. Forrest, Miss Smith and Mr. Smith called. 9 1/2 in the shade flies bad. 2 qts
- 15 Hot again. George had a bad headache. Louie Thoms came in the evening to stay for a time. 2 qts.
- 16 Still hot. Connie & Louie walked over to Brymers in the evening. Political lecture.
- 17 Sultry but turned cooler. Connie & Louie went to church in the morning and G.C. & I in the even. Connie had a bad headache.
- 18 Thunder storm last night but still sultry. G. hoeing in the garden.
- 19 We washed. came out bright and then rain again.
- 20 Fine, we got the clothes dry and most of them ironed. Louie and I went to practice and then called at Smith's. Connie took the children down to Brymers even. Chilly. 2 qts
- 21 Warm day. busy baking. Miss Smith came to tea but not Mrs. Forrest. Political meeting. George went.

- June 22 Very hot & clear. Too hot for Connie to go up to Call's.
- 23 Evan & I went to bathe. Hot. G. went to Utterson.
- 24 Sunday. Violent thunder storm about noon struck a stub and killed two people in Huntsville.
- 25 Bright day. Edward Hay went up the lake with George
- 26 We washed & had another storm & heavy rain in afternoon. Girls went to Brymers.
- 27 Nice day cloudy morn. I went picking strawberries with Forrests. Connie and the children down at Brymer's. stayed-late practise tonight at church.
- 28 G. hoeing garden. Mr. Steward called. Thunder storm in evening.
- 29 Mr. Enty called. I baked for the pic-nic. Nice, clear, day. I went bathing. Connie and Louie rowed over to Thomses. Jack Brymer came home.
- 30 Hot day. The picnic passed off very well. We all went.
- July 1 Hot with thunder around. Connie & Louie went to Church in the morn and in the evening Louie & I went. We went down with the Brymers to have some ice cream and they came back with us and by the time we got to bed it was 12 o'clock.
- 2 Still hot. Connie had a fit this morning before breakfast and narrowly escaped falling down stairs.
- 3 High wind and rain turned cooler. Mr. Brymer & Annie came.
- 3 Cool. Mother & Ethel came. Connie went out rowing with Annie & Jack. Connie & Louie went to Forrests.
- 4 Cool wind. Finished washing. I went in to Utterson to meet Nellie. Louie went home tonight. Connie & Nellie have gone to see Brymers.
- 5 We ironed. I went to pick goose berries with Forrests. Clear
- 6 Showery and cold. We had our pic-nic in the Hall.
- 7 Gloomy & cold. Connie & Nelly went up to Ladells and then went in for a bathe at Brymers.
- 8 Cool Sunday came out bright. Connie & Nellie went to church in even. G.C. & I went over to Thomses in afternoon.

- July 9 Lovely day. Connie & Nellie rowed over to Galls and stayed all day.
- 10 We washed. Warmer. I intend D.W. taking the children over home for a few days tomorrow.
- 11 Hot. G. took us over in the boat and after tea he went to Pugsley's.
- 12 Rain at night and showery day.
- 13 Friday/ ^[wood] Father is busy drawing in. Bright & cool. Girls went to Vincents and George to Falkenburg with Mr. Chester.
- 14 Nice day. Lucy went to Huntsville. George came over & broght some mutton. He was on his way to the Locks. I am having a nice rest here.
- 15 Sunday, cool & fine. Lucy walked to Allansville. Mr. Lowe & Mr. Stewart came to tea and then we went to evening service. Cool night.
- 16 Hot day. George went to Mr. Cammuses (?)
- 17 Very hot. Father & girls busy haying. Nellie & I went to Madills. We picked some gooseberries.
- 18 94 in the shade. Nellie drove us home and took Connie & Nelly home.
- 19 95 in the shade. We picked a few berries. I went down for mail & saw Mrs. Roper.
- 20 Hot morning but we had a nice rain at noon. Mr. Mitchell called to see G. about the concert next Friday. G. sent bill to Aspdin with Mr. Lowe.
- 21 The girls still away. Nice day.
- 22 I went to S.S. in morn & Church in evening. Hot day.
- 23 Hot day. I picked a few berries. G. went up to Cotters dales (?) & rowed Mr. Leslie.
- 24 George took Mr. Leslie out to fish in afternoon. Lucy brought the girls home. Mr. Huggins called about bark. Cloudie & cool. Miss Smith, Mrs. Forrest & Leslie called.
- 25 We did a big washing and I picked some berries. George & I went to Smiths to tea. Brymer girls came in evening.
- 26 Hot day. We ironed & C & I picked berries. G. Took Mr. Leslie out fishing all day & had no dinner.
- 27 Very hot. 97° in the shade. G. went to Utterson. Concert in the hall in aid of the organ fund.

- July 28 There was over \$30 made at the concert. Girls went in for a bathe & G & I went in after dinner.
- 29 Very dry. I went to S.S. and the girls & G went to church.
- 30 Charlie & I picked some berries in morn & G & I called at Mitchells in evening. Cool this evening.
- 31 Lovely day. George and Mr. Leslie and I rowed up to Galls.
- Aug 1 Warmer. Ironed. The girls & I called at Forrests where there was a crowd of the Digtmans. (?) Cool and showery.
- 2 George went with Mr. Forrest to see Mr. Anthony Sufferen. G. & I went to tea at Forrests home at 11 p.m.
- 3 Cool & showery. Leslies left today.
- 4 A load of us went in Smith's wagon to pick berries. G. drove the stage. Girls had a bathe.
- 5 A hot day. George went to Mr. Sufferin's funeral. I went to church in even.
- 6 Girls went to pick berries. G. drove the stage.
- 7 We washed. Girls had tea at Forrests.
- 8 Sultry & like thunder storm but it turned cool without rain. Very dry. We all went to the cricket match at Vincents where Connie distinguished herself by fainting.
- 9 Bright & cool. George brought Connie home from Vincents by boat. We picked a few blackberries.
- 10 George took the children and me home where we stayed 3 weeks.
- 12 I went to church & heard Mr. Davidson.
- 14 George & Mr. Hay went & measured bark.
- 16 Mother drove us to Herberts place : Robbie is a fine little fellow.
- 17 Mother, Eva & I had tea at Hares.
- 18 The girls went to Huntsville and heard from Clarke that grandpa is ill.
19. No service. George came to see me and stayed all night. Baby's birthday.

- Aug. 20 George went home. I wrote to Mrs. Jarvis.
- 21 Annie came for a weeks visit.
- 23 Annie & Nellie went to Herbert's place. Miss Proudfoot ^(School Teacher in Huntsville) came but was called home again. Eva's birthday. Picnic in Pt. Sydney which I missed. Church organ arrived.
- 25 Lucy went to Huntsville.
- 26 George came and went to church in the morning with us. Mr. Lowe took service. G. stayed the night.
- 28 Annie went home and they got card saying grandpa is worse so mother is going down.
- 30 Father drove Mother to Utterson to go to Clarke and Nellie and Clara helped me through to Lawrence's when we met George. He told us that Connie and Nellie were going to Meaford. We got home about 4 o'clock. Ethel is here & is going tomorrow. Ruth & Connie Thoms called & Emily & Maud Brymer to see the girls. Mr. Mitchell also called to say goodbye.
- 31 The girls went off on the stage & Annie Brymer came to say goodbye. Ethel walked home & the children & I went as far as Ladell's with her & came home on the stage. G & I went to try the new organ this evening.
- Sept. 1 Smoky & very dry. I have been busy scrubbing & baking. G. went to Utterson with Mr. Forrest - Dave Hillyard came for some money. G. & Mr. Poorest went duck shooting. G. got 2.
- 2 Sunday very smoky & hot. G. has a bad headache. Annie Brymer took us out on the river. G & I went to church & Charlie stayed with the children.
- 3 Hot. nice shower last night. I was very poorly got Mrs. Jones to stay with me. George was away all day unloading cars.
- 4 Sultry. George drove the stage. I feel rather better. The children and I went to Forrests. We had a nice rain. Minnie F. stayed here in the evening while George went duck shooting but got nothing.
- 5 I washed white clothes & went for the mail in the afternoon.
- 6 Finished washing & baked. Charlie got up early and went with Herb Ladell as far as father's & Clara came back with him. George & Mr. Forrest went duck shooting got 3. Mrs. Forrest stayed with us while they were gone. I felt very poorly in the afternoon.

- Sept. 7 Feel weak today. I must be careful and not overtire myself. Clara & I ironed, we went in to bid Mrs. Chester goodbye. Like rain. G & Mr. Forrest went after ducks but got none.
- 8 Nice day. G.C. & I went to Church in the evening. Ernest Chamberlain called to say good bye before going to camp.
- 9 Nice rain last night - turned cold & like frost this evening. The Vincents came this afternoon. Mr. V. skidded logs for us. Picked Tomatoes.
- 10
- 11 Clara & I washed. George walked up into Brunel. Mr. Price came in today and spent the evening here. C. & the children & I called at Glarke's. [where Mr. Price planted trees]
- 12 Finished washing & ironed. G is getting some wood. Mr. Price called. Clara & I walked to Ladell's in the moonlight.
- 13 Turned wet. G. is driving the stage.
- 14 Friday. warm. Mr. & Mrs. A. Ladell & Mr. Price came to tea & Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell called.
- 15 Hot with violent rain storm in the afternoon. I went up to the store. G & Mr. Price went partridge shooting but got none.
- 16 Lovely day. George went out in a boat with Mr. Price. The Forrest children came for a while. Father came & stayed to tea. George, Clara & I went to Church. Lovely moonlight.
- 17 Gloomy. I wrote for G. to two men who want to buy farms in Muskoka.
- 18 C & I washed. Cold.
- 19 Like rain but mild. G & I went to Ladell's to tea. There was quite a nice party there.
- 20 We went to the Church to decorate.
- 21 Mr. Thoms & Mr. Price went shooting with G & were here to dinner and tea. Got 3 partridges.
- 22 George, Charlie & Mr. Price went up the lake and were caught in a storm. We went to the church and finished decorating. Heavy rain. Mrs. Ladell came.
- 23 Cool & cloudy. Harvest festival. G & I went to see Mrs. Ladell. We went to church in the evening.

- Sept. 24 Cold & wet. We washed. G went to Utterson & helped unload a car and commenced night watching at night. Arthur Ladell and family & Aggie went away from Pt. Sydney.
- 25 Fine & cool. Mr. Price called for gun. George in bed. We ironed. Frost. We took G. supper down to the mill(?) in the evening. Utterson Fair.
- 26 Eva & I went to Ladell's, Mr. Thoms & Mr. Price called fine cold winter.
- 27 Lovely mild day. Clara & I and the children took a walk to the pic-nic ground. Mr. & Miss Smith came to tea & spent the evening.
- 28 Fine day. I had a letter from Connie. Went to the P.O. before dinner.
- 29 Hot day. Charlie is digging the potatoes which are very poor. I wrote to Herbert.
- 30 Clara & I went to church in even. & G. went to bed. Wet morning.
- Oct. 1 The McEntyres vacated the house. G is night watching.
- 2 Set in wet. We washed. ~~IsitxxxMxxxMayx~~ 2 I called at Smiths to see Miss S. as she is going away soon. 1st. Mr. Hay came & G went with him to measure bark. High wind.
- 3 Clara & I were doing some cleaning at the home. Wet.
- 4 I whitewashed the pantry & we ironed
- 5 Ethel came and brought Nellie & took Clara home. gloomy wet weather. Mrs. Forrest & Miss Smith called.
- 6 Cold & gloomy. Herbert came to move us and I took the children to Forrests. We got most of the things over & Herbert stayed all night. G went to the mill and came back cold.
- 7 Sunday. Herbert & Nellie went away and Connie Thoms came home with me from Church. Fine morning.
- 8 I cleaned stove & mopped D. room. Nellie came back got a ride with Mr. Lowe. busy putting things in order.
- 9 Nellie scrubbed bedrooms & we moved over some things. Fine & sharp. Laura & Louie Thoms came in the evening with for Connie.

- Oct. 10 We washed. Wet day. Mrs. Clarke called.
- 11 Gloomy & showery. Mr. Thoms came & stayed tea. Miss H. Hay called
- 12 Fine but turned wet at night. I went to Clarke's to a quilting bee and they had a dance at night.
- 13 Still very wet, it rains nearly all the time these last few weeks.
- 14 Snow on the ground this morning. Cold with dashes of snow. Nellie, G & I went to church in even
- 15 Fine with hard frost. Mrs. Gall & Henry & Louise came to tea and Louise stayed. Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell called.
- 16 We washed. Nellie & Louise went for a walk. I went to the store.
- 17 A little rain. George has finished night watching. He is getting subscribers for a Daily paper.
- 18 Charlie had his birthday party. Lovely day.
- 19 George went to Utterson to get his money from Stule (?) but did not get it. Louise & Nellie visited the school. Eva & Baby went to Brymer's.
- 20 First day of hunting. George was out all day but got nothing. Nellie and Louise went home. I went to help sweep the Church. Lovely warm day.
- 21 Warm & pleasant. G & I went to Church in the evening. Brymers came in the afternoon.
- 22 Lovely day but turned wet at night. G went hunting & to Utterson but got nothing.
- 23 Gloomy day. Nellie came back. Mother is at home. G. went hunting and the dog brought a deer to the landing but no one got it.
- 24 We washed. Cool but fine. G went to Thomses for a hunt but got nothing. He had dinner at Vincents
- 25 Nice morning. George has gone to Woodbine lake to hunt with Lou Nickason.
- 26 George did not hunt but took measurements for insurance. He went to Maccabes meeting. [Maccabes Lodge - Fairview?]

- Oct. 27 Lodge here tonight. George & Charlie and party hunted at Clearwater L. but the deer escaped them
- 28 We are having lovely weather. George & I went over the lake home to see whether they would take Connie there to board.
- 29 Lovely day. George & Charlie went to Clearwater Lake and met with their usual want of success. Mr. Brymer came in.
- 30 Wet day but we washed. George at home and Charlie at school.
- 31 Still wet. Clothes down in the wind. Ironed some. cleared out.
- Nov. 1 Wet morning. Mr. Brown came.
- 2 Fine & cold. George went hunting but got nothing. Charlie piling wood. Had telegram from Connie at Huntsville, no one to meet her.
- 3 Wet cold day. Charlie walked out to Father's and they fetched Connie from Huntsville.
- 4 Cold & gloomy. G & I went to Church in the evening. Nellie went home. Laura Thoms came.
- 5 Cold wind & frost. George went to Clearwater Lake but got nothing. He went to the Parsonage in the even. Laura here over night - cold.
- 6 Mr. C. King called George and Mr. Forrest went off to hunt north of Huntsville. Lucy & Ethel and Connie came and Herbert was here to dinner. Lucy & Connie went back. Cold wind & frozen ground.
- 7 Fine & sharp. We washed and I went to Ladell's. Laura Thoms went home last night - with Willie & Arthur Clarke who shot a deer yesterday.
- 8 Fine & frosty. Ethel & I called at Forrests to ask Mrs. F. to come tomorrow.
- 9 Gloomy. Mrs. Forrest could not come.
- 10 Snow on the ground. I went up to Ladells and met George who came in on the stage having lost Barney and got nothing.
- 11 Sunday. cold wind. George & I walked to Vincents and I got a bad toothache. Ethel went to church.
- 12 George went out still hunting. I had bad toothache. Lou Clarke shot a big deer.

- Nov. 13 George stayed at home. Mr. Brymer came to pull my tooth but could not. G. got me some stuff to put in it.
- 14 Tooth better this morning. I went with Mrs. Forrest to meeting at the Parsonage.
- 15 George went still hunting at Clearwater. Mr. Forrest came home with no deer. Sleighing is going fast.
- 16 George cutting wood. Ethel papered passage upstairs. I walked to Ladell's it is pretty muddy.
- 17 Colder & frozen. George at home. Ethel did not go home & Lucy did not come.
- 18 Ethel & Charlie walked home. G. & I called at the Forrests. I went to church & G stayed at home & kept house.
- 19 Fresh snow and cold. Ethel & Charlie came home very cold.
- 20 George went to saw wood with B. Brown. We washed.
- 21 Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell called. George went out to look for a deer with B. Brown and Mrs. & Mrs. Forrest spent the evening here.
- 22 Nice mild day. Mr. Clarke came and killed our pig which weighed 172 lbs. I went to meeting at the Parsonage - quite a number present. Received letter & will from lawyer at Newcastle.
- 23 Rain at night. George went to Browns again to saw. I wrote to mother and Connie.
- 24 Herb Ladell called to see George. G. cut up the pig and salted it. Lodge tonight again.
- 25 Sunday. cold. Ethel and the children went to S.S. George Ethel & I went to church in the evening.
- 26 Sharp & snowy. We washed and the clothes blew down. George went to Utterson to the Court of Revision. I made some sausage meat & melted the lard down. Herbert came to dinner.
- 27 Cold. I went to Ladells. Mr. Rumball came and took the affidavits.
- 29 Nice evening. George and I went to Ladells party. There were quite a number there. We came home about 1.30.
- 30 Friday. Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell called. Will & Louise Gall called & brought Gladys. Ethel went home with Madills.

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- Dec. 1 Sat. Maccabees meeting tonight.
- 2 Charlie went to church in the morning and G & I in the evening. Harriet Hay called. A slight fall of snow but the sleighing is still scant
- 3 Father & Connie came & brought Clara. George & I spent the evening at Mitchells. Mild.
- 4 Snowing slightly. Clara & I papered the room over the kitchen. mild.
- 5 We washed. Clara & I took the children up to Ladells.
- 6 I went to meeting at the parsonage. Lovely day.
- 7 Nice day. George is getting ready for shooting match. We went to Forrests to tea & met the Thomses & Miss Munroe.
- 8 Shooting match went off very well. George won a goose. Lodge night.
- 9 Damp, trees all coated with ice. Mrs. Mitchell called after S.S. we went to church at night.
- 10 Clara & I washed & scrubbed the sitting room & cleaned the stove.
- 11 We scrubbed the dining room & I made the Xmas cake & Mr. Brymer came.
- 12 Clara ironed and we made the mince-meat & puddings. Wet day.
- 13 Frozen but pleasant. George went to shooting match at Utterson. We washed a little bedding and took the children to see the toys at Laddells. G. got letter from Miss Terry.
- 14 Lovely day, sleighing going. Clara got a ride home with Ted House(?).
- 15 Saturday. Lodge again. Soft.
- 16 Rain. roads icy. G went to Church
- 17 Frozen up wagons out. Laura & Ruth Thoms called and stayed tea.
- 18 Sharp. G. sawing wood. Mrs. Brown called.
- 19 George & I washed. Nice weather
- 20 Mild & thawing.

- Dec. 19 George & I washed. Nice weather
- 20 Mild and thawing
- 21 Wet day. School concert. I took the children it was very good.
- 22 Frozen up & icy. Nellie came home and looks well.
- 23 Cold, gllomy day. George is lighting the Church fires this month. G & Nell & I went to church in the evening.
- 24 Milder turned snowy. Nellie & Charlie walked to Fathers. George went to Audit the school acts & Mrs. Chester came & stayed with me.
- 25 Xmas day. Cold & stormy. G went to Church. We had a quiet day.
- 26 Mr. Rumball died. ^{[FATHER OF CHRISTIN (EMILY) & JACK] [Lived where Watson's store - later moved to Cochrane]} George went to Utterson for half a day to unload a car. Louie Thoms came to stay a few days & Laura & Willie came with her. Charlie walked home. Very cold night. Lake frozen over.
- 27 Bitterly cold & stormy. Clarke brought a load of wood. Mr. Rumball's funeral.
- 28 Bright & very cold. George took Mrs. Forrests insurance. Charlie went to Thomses & skated all day. Louie Thoms is here still cold night.
- 29 Sent Mrs. Jones \$5.00 on the milk. Much milder. Cold snap over. Good skating on the lake.
- 30 About 6 inches of fresh snow. Louie Thoms went home after evening service.
- 31 Dance in the hall tonight - Mr. Norfolk and Mr. Holly came in in the evening.

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- Jan. 1 Snowy morn but came out fine. Father and Connie & Nellie came to dinner and tea. Connie went back with Father and Nellie went skating in the evening.
- 2 Nice mild day. Nellie & I washed and baked. I called at Joneses. Nellie has gone skating with the Brymers.
- 3 Nellie & Charlie went skating. Mrs. Dodd & Tom & Laura came turned stormy
- 4 Bright sharp night - Nellie, Eva & Charlie went to the Xmas tree and did not get home till 11 p.m.
- 5 Nellie mopped the Kitchen. Maccabes meeting here.

- Jan. 6 Soft & snowy. Nellie walked to the Thomses and she & George went to church in the evening. Mrs. Jones had twins born today. (Lucille & Lorne - Lucille Steffenhagen - mother of Alex, Ed, and etc.)
- 7 Father, Mother & Nellie came and Nellie stayed. Ruth Thoms came and the three girls went in to see the Chesters.
- 8 We got up early and washed. Tom Dodd came and took Ruth and Nellie home with him. Nelly went to the store. Mr. Vincent & Mr. Norfolk called. Bright sharpening
- 9 Nice morning. Bob Brown came to saw. Mr. Richardson called to get his furniture insured. The girls did not come back.
- 10 Nellie & Ruth walked home and then went to tea at Forrests. Mr. & Mrs. Thoms came to tea. very stormy. They went home late
- 11 Heavy roads. Mr. Vincent & Mr. Norfolk came to tea but Mrs. V. did not come. Nellie went away to school again.
- 12 Lodge at the Hall instead of here. Miss Hay called to say good bye.
- 13 Cold & stormy. Nellie went to Church in morning & she & George went in the even.
- 14 Not so cold. Mrs. Gall & Louise called.
- 15 Milder & sunny. We washed. Nellie went to Ladells. Nellie & Charlie have gone to the Pres. Xmas tree.
- 17 I got a letter from Ada Ladell.
- 19 Roads good. I took the children for a short walk.
- 20 Sunday. Nice day. George went to Thomses. He hurt his finger with wood at the Church. I called at Joneses. Mrs. Forrest called and then came in and stayed in the evening.
- 21 I was taken sick at 12 last night and baby was born at about 1.30 before either Mrs. Brown or Mrs. Forrest who had been sent for had arrived. It was a mild night & turned wet. In the morning Herb Ladell went and fetched Mother. The school house took fire but it was put out after considerable damage was done. Mrs. Brown called again in the afternoon & also Mrs. Forrest.
- 22 Mother & Nellie did the washing. Baby is very good & sleeps most of the time. I am feeling pretty strong. Mrs. Chester called.
- 23 Nelly did some more washing. It has turned cold & snowy. Mr. Forrest called in the evening.

- Jan. 24 Laura & Louie Thoms & the Mitchells called at the same time. Bright & cold. 29 below zero.
- 25 Good roads. Nellie walked home. Will Gall & his wife called & had some tea.
- 26 A lot of fresh snow & storming still.
- 27 Sunday. nice day but snowy roads. Had no visitors. Eva went to S.S. & George to church in the evening.
- 28 More fresh snow & no one came from home. though we need Ethel. Mother's cold is much better.
- 29 Not so stormy but still father did not come. The roads are pretty heavy.
- 30 Father and Ethel came but the roads are very bad and the snow still comes it is very deep now.
- 31 I had a letter from Lizzie & Lucy. George went to a meeting about opening a reading room at the Hall.
- Feb. 1 Snowing again. Mr. Lowe came to administer the Sacrament this morning only George went from here. Forrest girls came in.
- 2 Nice day. Mrs. Forrest called.
- 3 Snowing. George went to Vincents for dinner. Ethel and Charlie went to Church in the evening. Brymer girls came in to see baby who continues to sleep well.'
- 4 Bright but cold wind. Mr. & Mrs. Vincent came and spent the afternoon & Mr. V. drew some wood. George had to go up to Utterson to unload flour. Flossie Clarke called.
- 5 Bright & cold George went to meeting at the Hall to form Reading Room. Mrs. Chester called in the evening.
- 6 Cold snap continues, 33 below zero last night. Washing day. Supper at the parsonage for Church-wardens. Mr. Lloyd was there. George late home.
- 7 A little milder. Baby did not sleep so well.
- 8 Horribly stormy and cold. The dance at the Hall was postponed.
9. Bright and sharp. Ethel walked home. Lodge tonight.
10. Nice day. Mother is poorly, baby sleeps well. George went to church.

- eb. 11 Mild. Mrs. McInnis & Julia Watson called. Mother is better. Ethel came back with John Johnson & Mother went back with him.
- 12 Ethel & I washed. Martha Burton & Ruth came. George went to Club and came home late.
- 13 Nice day. Dance at the Hall. Mr. Gall & Vincent came in for a chat & G went with them to see the dance.
- 14 Lovely day. I wish I could get out. Henry Gall brought a bag' of potatoes. George went to Watsons to take insurance.
- 15 Nice day.
- 16 Bright. I went out for the first time. Mabel & Roy Forrest came and Mrs. Gall and Louise called. Mrs. Forrest came in in the evening.
- 17 Mild but dull. George went to Mrs. Harris' funeral. Ethel & Charlie went to church & Mr. Lowe preached.
- 18 Stormy. Ethel & Charlie went to concert in Utterson with Forrests.
- 19 Still snowing. G. went to club. Mrs. Dodd called to ask me there
- 20 Began to get a pint of milk daily from Joneses & a pint from Watsons. We washed. Stormy night. Galls called.
- 21 Roads bad so we did not go to Dodds.
- 22 Mrs. Forrest called & brought bottle
- 23 Nice day.
- 24 Sunday. Ethel went to church w George and I walked up to Ladell's & I went to Clarke's.
- 25 Snowy and roads heavy. Stormy night. Mr. Brymer & Annie came in evening.
- 26 Shrove Tuesday. nice day. Mrs. Ladell gave a party. George went
- 27 Eva & I went to the store and I went to church in the evening. warm.
- 28 Thawing snow has gone down . Louie is sick.
- ar. 1 Turned cold & stormy. M_____ and Maud Brymer came & brought lime-water. Louie is improving.

- 2 Connie came home. Began to get a quart of milk daily from Watsons. Connie & Ethel called at Forrests & Brymers.
- 3 Cold wind. Connie & Ethel went to tea at Forrests. G & C. & I went to church in the evening.
4. Terribly stormy.
- 5 Nice day. we washed. Eva & I went to Ladells. G went to the club.
- 6 Mild. Connie & Ruth Thoms came & went to Church with the girls.
- 7 Snowy. No sign of Spring yet.
- 8 The Thom's did not come but we quilted. Snowy.
- 9 Lodge meeting. They decided to have an oyster supper on the 22nd.
- 10 George & I & baby went to Thomses to dinner. Nice day. Eclipse of the moon.
- 11 Laura & Louie Thoms came and helped us to quilt.
- 12 We washed mild & damp. Lucy came.
- 13 Scrubbed and ironed. Lucy & I went to church.
- 14 Connie & Ethel walked to Galls and Lucy went home. Mr. Mitchell & Mrs. Bert called. Baby slept well.
- 15 Baby was wakeful so I could not do much work. I called at Chesters, and took baby & Louie. Mr. McInus called to see about oyster supper. Lionel Rumball called.
- 16 Connie's birthday. Harry Gall brought the girls home. I walked to Ladells.
- 17 Nice day but turned windy. G., C., C & I went to church.
- 18 Louie & Ruth Thoms called. Mr. & Mrs. W. Gall & Lionel & Duncan Forrest came to tea & stayed till after 11 o'clock.
- 19 Lovely warm day. we washed. I called to see Mrs. Forrest & Mrs. McInnus
- 20 I went in to Joneses. Mr. Vincent & Holly called.
- 21 Stopped getting milk from Jones and commenced to get 1½ qts a day from Watsons. Mrs. Marshall very ill. Ethel went to Thomses. Lovely warm weather.
- 22 George's birthday. Oyster supper in the evening. Snow is going. *21. 1895. Feb 25 Sunday. 42 years old 74 years*

- Mar. 23 Connie got her medicine and took it to Brymers to be mixed.
- 24 Warm & slushy. G. has a sick headache. We went to church.
- 25 Rain last night - warm & snow going. G wrote to Judge Mahaffy. Soft.
- 26 Frozen up. We washed. Lionel Rumball came in to dinner. The girls went skating.
- 27 Mr. Boydell preached in the evening. Connie & Charlie went skating. Father & Clara came. fresh snow.
- 28 Cold wind. The girls went skating & got home about 10. Eva & I went to the store. Aggie Ladell poorly.
- 29 Nice day. George is going down to Falkenburg. /I went with him and we drove home with Herb Ladell. The girls went skating.
- 31 Lovely day. I went to Sunday School
- Apr. 1 April fool's day
- 2 We washed. Raw wind.
- 3 Connie & I went to church in the evening.
- 4 The snow is not going much this week. I went to C.W.A.S. meeting & Mrs. Forrest & I took Mr. Smiths mat to him
- 5 Connie went with A. Brymer to the school & the children and I called at Forrests. Thawing fast.
- 6 Gloomy with rain.
- 7 2 services. I went in morning & the girls in the evening.
- 8 Charlie has a bad cold
- 9 We washed. Cold wind froze up
- 10 Lionel Rumball called to see Connie. Mr. Brymer & Annie called to go skating & the girls went out in the evening and stayed late.
- 11 Annie Brymer came to go skating but the ice was too soft and they walked to Ladell's.
- 12 Good Friday. George, Connie & I went to Church. Nellie came home for good. Connie & Charlie went to meet her & got wet.
- 13 Roads very bad & patches of snow. Connie & Nellie called at Forrests. Nellie & I called at Clarkes.
- 14 Easter Sunday. We all went to Church but Nellie & Louie and had Violet christened. Connie & Nellie were and Reba

April 14. EASTER SUNDAY. We all went to Church but Nellie and Louie and had Violet Christened. Connie & Nellie & Ethel went to Forrests to tea.

15 Mrs. Forrest called. George went up in Brunel buying bark.

16 Fine day snow nearly gone and roads drying up. George & Charlie went to Vincent's sale.

17 Lovely day. Vincents moving to P. Sydney. Lucy & Mabel came & took Ethel home. Mr. & Mrs. Vincent, Gall & Somerset were also here to dinner.

18 Hot day. Lionel Rumball & H. Gall came to spend the evening.

19 Lionel was to start for Winnipeg today. I went to Forrests for some milk. George strained his back yesterday and it is very bad.

20 Fine day. Connie & Nellie went to help Mrs. Vincent.

21 Fine but turned wet. I went to Church & S.S. Vincents here to tea.

22. Cooler. We commenced house cleaning. turned wet.

23 Colder. We washed. Mrs. Forrest and I went up to Ladell's.

24 I cleaned a room ready for papering. Nellie & Connie went to the Brymer's. Keeps dry.

25 NELLIE'S BIRTHDAY I cleaned pantry. Connie & Annie Brymer went to Bracebridge. George went to the Locks and came home with Vincent in his boat - Paper samples came.

26 We do not get on fast with the cleaning as we have not the paper. Mrs. V. & I went to see the boat. G & I went over to Mr. Williams (Z) for potatoes.

27 G & I went over to Thomses. I went to Forrests for milk. dry & hot.

28 I went to S.S. & Church

29 Sultry & like rain. I cleaned hall.

30 Cooler & no rain. I went to store & got Connie a letter, very dusty.

May 1st Ironed and papered dining room. Mr. Vincent runs in two or three times a day. Enty (?) called.

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- May 2 Finished dining room & I went with Mrs. Forrest to C.W. A. meeting.
- 3 Very hot, we cleaned kitchen. Wall paper arrived from Toronto.
- 4 Nice shower this morning but still hot, 80°. Connie & Nellie went to help Mrs. Forrest paper. Andrew Hood was here to tea.
- 5 Hotter than ever, 93° but no rain. G & I went to Church in the morning & Nellie in the evening. Connie went to Vincents. W. Gall called.
- 6 Hot. I papered Nellies room & moved the girls into the small rooms. Connie poorly. Thunder shower in evening cooler after.
- 7 Still warm. I cleaned room over Kitchen. Vincents & we bought a cow from H. Brown.
- 8 Nice day. We washed. Trees are out in leaf & blossom. Stopped getting milk from Watsons.
Watson's milk
We owe \$3.30
Connie 1.20
Total \$4.50
- 9 Hot and dry.
- 10 Hot & sultry. Connie has neuralgia. Lucy came and took the children and me home we called to see Johnson's. Thunderstorm at night.
- 11 Father & Ethel went to Huntsville. Another storm cooled the air. Cold night. Tramp called.
- 12 Very cold wind & frost. MY BIRTHDAY (born 1863 therefore aged 32 this year)(note aca) Mr. Lloyd came to tea and we went to church.
- 13 Bright & cold. I called at Hare's.
- 14 Snowed all the morning and George could not come to take us home. Herbert came.
- 15 Bright with cold wind. Ethel drove to Herberts.
- 16 Cold wind I bought a Recipe for making Maple Syrup.
- 17 Warmer but windy. George came & took baby and me home.

- May 18 I washed a few things and we made carpet. Wet afternoonn.
- 19 cold. Nellie & Connie went to church but Nellie was poorly and had to come home. G & I went in the evening. Annie Brymer came and stayed with the girls. Wm. Gall called.
- 20 Gloomy and cold. The girls and I papered two front-rooms upstairs.
- 21 We washed & I scrubbed upstairs. George & Charlie & I sailed over to Thomses. Mrs. Lestrangle came.
- 22 Connie went to help Mrs. Vincent. She fainted out on a rock and knocked two teeth out.
- 23 Lovely day. We all feel pretty seedy. Several people called.
- 24 Louise Galle & Nelly came and baby & I went to the pic-nic with them. George went over to Galls.
- 25 Hot. Connie feels weak and is lying down most of the day.
- 26 Sunday. Heavy rain while at S.S. George & I stayed with Connie. Mrs. Forrest & Mr. Vincent called.
- 27 Dr. Bridgland came to see Connie. Mrs. Forrest came to see him. damp & cool.
- 28 Fine day. Henry Gall called. Connie still weak troubled much with toothache. Children came home.
- 29 N. & I washed. Louise Gall came
- 30 We ironed. hot weather. Connie quite ill in bed all day. George & Charlie planted potatoes.
- 31 Hot. George went to take Mulvaney's Insurance. I had headache.
- June 1 Hot but cool wind. George has sick headache. Connie seems better. Laura & Louie Thoms called. Cool evening.
- 2 Hot day. two services only George went to church in the evening.
- 3 Heavy rain last night, warm.
- 4 Sultry. Nellie & I washed. Herbert came & stayed tea. I went up to Ladell's with children
- 5 Quite cool again. ironing.
- 6 Lovely bright day. I went to C.W.A.S. meeting in evening. There was a meeting to arrange for sports.
- 7 Lovely & cool night. Children & I called at Forrest & Mrs. F. and I went to the woods to get ferns.

- June 8 Warmer. George has gone to see Mr. Hay at Utterson. No lodge.
Mr. Vincent came & had a drink
- June 9 Hot day. Louie is ill. Eva Clark and I went to S.S. No service
Connie & Nellie went to Forrests
- 10 Hot. Louie a little better but Eva has a bad cold.
\$9 due to Jones for milk
- 11 No rain yet. Nellie & I washed and just as we had finished
Annie & Sam drove up & they stayed till evening. Bertha
Goodwin called. Annie Brymer came in evening.
- 12 Hot. Eva ironed
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- 14 We washed blankets. Heavy rain after dinner. George went
to unload flour.
- 15 Nice day. Baby is poorly.
- 17 Hot again. Took baby over to Vincents. George went up to
Brunel Hall.
- 16 Hot day. George Eva & I went to church Connie & Nellie
went to Brymers.
- 18 Nice day we washed with Mrs. Vincents machine. Rain tonight.
- 19 Cooler but not much rain.
I went up to Ladells with children.
- 20 George went to Bullins. Louise Gall came & stayed tea.
Strawberries are ripe.
- 21 Rain passed off leaving it hotter than ever. Baby still very
_____.
- 22 Baby poorly. George troubled with toothache.
- 23 Cool wind nice day. G & I were invited to Thomses but baby
was not well enough to go. Called at Forrests. Girls went
to church.
- 24 Warmer. Had a letter from cousin Phoebe, asking to come up
here this summer. Will Gall here to tea.
- 25 Hot. I felt poorly - baby better.

- June 26 Heavy thunder storm & rain. We washed. Connie not very well. I went for walk with children.
- 27 George got up early and went up to Huntsville in Mr. Smith's pretty steamer but could not get his tools. Laura & Louie Thoms came to tea and Laura & I went to meeting at the parsonage to price fancy work.
- 28 Cool day slight shower. I baked some biscuits. Excursion of S.O.E.
- 29 Busy baking for picnic.
- 30 Cool & dry. G & I went to morning service. Ethel came in afternoon.
- July 1 Lovely day cool wind. The picnic & bazaar went off very well. There were a lot there and the Aid society took over \$50.
- 2 No rain but cool. Nellie went with Vincent for huckleberries only a few. Ethel went home.
- 3 We washed. dry & smoky.
- 4 Hot. George went to Utterson C.W.A.S.
- 5 Like rain but passed off. very dry.
- 6 Cooler. I went to bathe with the Forrests. Like rain but none came.
- 7 Sunday. intinsely hot. George Eva & I went to church in the evening.
- 8 Thunder shower but not enough. George received cheque from England. Mr. Brymer came & made a hammock. George is getting signatures for a petition.
- 9 Cool we washed.
- 10 I took the children & got a few berries. They are drying up.
- 11 Hotter. Girls went to Vincents to tea Mr. Vs birthday.
- 12 George & I were going up to Brunel but thunder storm came up & prevented us. Mr. Thoms & Will Gall came. We had a few nice showers. Steamboat excursion from Huntsville. Connie went to Utterson to see the Orangemen.
- 14 Cool & not sunny. I went to church in the morning. & the girls & Charlie in the even. We went for a walk into the Forrests to the Huckleberry swamp & stayed for tea at Foressts
- 15 Gloomy. The girls & Charlie went to get Huckleberries but could hardly get any. I took the children to Clarkes &

- June 15 Gloomy. The girls & Charlie went to get Huckleberries but could hardly get any. I took the children to Clarkes & stayed to tea. Mrs. Ladell gave us an old baby carriage. Mr. Vincent heard of the death of a brother.
- 16 Nice rain last night. We washed very sultry. George went up to Lewises in Mr. Smith's steamer.
- 17 Hot but turned cool. Eva & I got 2 quarts of berries, the first I have preserved.
- 18 Bright. G & I got a few berries. I sent Lucy her Interest.
- 19 Finished hoeing potatoes. G & I went to look for berries but got very few.
- 20 Hot. George & Charlie took the cow away and exchanged her for a little one.
School Meeting.
- 21 Nice rainy day. cleared up before evening. G & Connie & I went to church. Good congregation with the tourists.
- 22 Cool, cloudy. Cleared out fine. Connie & Nellie went to Thomses.
- 23 We washed. After dinner, George & I went to Galls & took Eva & baby. Found Mrs. Gall very well and getting strong. Saw E. Chamberlain.
- 24 Turned wet.
- 26 Mrs. Thoms & daughters came to tea. George was helping put furnace in the Church. showery turned cool. baby poorly with teeth.
- 27 Cool & cloudy. Girls & Charlie went over to Rumball's and got 10 qts of berries. I took baby up to Ladell's.
- 28 Girls went to Church in morn and G & I in the even.
- 29 Cool turned wet but did not amount to much. Charlie & I went & got 4 qts of berries.
- 30 Showery but did not catch much water. G went up to Brunel with Mr. Chester.
- 31 Wet, we washed. Mr. Mitchell called.
- Aug. 1 Ironed & baked. Girls went to Forrests to tea. Minnie's birthday. I went to parsonage & took baby.

- AUG. 2 Fine and cool. Cousins May and Phoebe came on the evening stage. I would scarcely have known them.
- 3 Damp but not much rain. May, Phoebe, Connie & I went out in the boat after tea. George went to Falkenburg.
- 4 Sunday. Cool the four girls went to Church.
- 5 Nice day. We got about 7 qts of berries. Mr. & Mrs. Forrest came to tea.
- 6 Like rain but it passed off. G is doing road work. The girls and I went out for nuts (?) and berries. We went up to Ladells in the evening.
- 7 Showery turned wet, May & Phoebe were so poorly last night that they decided to go to Gravehurst where they can see a Doctor. I went with them to Utterson. Picnic at the Hall. Nellie & Charlie went.
- 8 Fine day. Charlie & I went and got about 4 qts of berries.
- 9 Nice cool day. Mother drove over & brought Mrs. Cooper to see us. Laura & Louie Thoms & Min Forrest came to tea. School meeting.
- 10 Extremely hot.
- 11 Two services. Mr. Nockridge officiated. we like him. hot. Mr. Brymer & Minnie came in the evening.
- 12 Turned cooler. The three Thoms boys came to play with Charlie I took baby up to Ladells. I had a letter from Phoebe.
- 13 Bright cool day. we washed.
- 14 Hot & clear. George rode on horseback up to Lewises. Nellie brought Mrs. Cooper to make us a visit.
- 15 Nellie went bathing & stayed tea at Forrests. Mrs. C & I went to Ladell's
- 16 Hot. Mrs. Gall & baby, Louise and Mr. Chamberlain came to tea. Mrs. Vincent called. very dusty.
- 17 Connie went down to Falkenburg. We went bathing with Forrests and the children & I were kept there for tea by the heavy rain.

- 18 Showery. Mr. Cooper & Mr. Cliff came on bicycles and we all went to church except Nellie & children.
 - 19 Louie's birthday. She got a doll and had some children to tea. Mr. Cooper & Mr. Cliff went out to Father's & Mr. Cliff went off home. Charlie went to the circus. George drove the stage. Mr. Cooper came home in the evening & Connie came home with Mr. Forrest.
 - 20 We washed and Nellie walked home with Laura Dodd after school. Turned cold. Mrs. Cooper & I took the children up to Ladell's.
 - 21 Cool. George helped Hugh Brown with his lumber. Mrs. Cooper & I went to Forrests to tea. Frost at night.
 - 22 Baking for picnic. Connie went to Falkenburg for a month.
 - 23 Eva's birthday. Heavy rain but cleared up about 2 and we went to picnic & had a trip on Mr. Smith's boat. Hot. Father came & took Mrs. Cooper home. Nellie did not come home.
 - 24 Warm. Thunder storm. Nellie came home: sow got away. Cooler. G had a letter from Mr. Prier
 - 25 George, Eva & I went to Church & Nellie & G went in the evening.
 - 26 George went on at the mill nightwatching. Fine.
 - 27 George went to measure bark with Mr. Hay and got home & went to the mill again. We expected Mr. Hay to spend the night but he did not come.
 - 28 Wet day. George slept till noon and got up. Nellie is poorly, lying down all day. Mr. Hay called.
 - 29 Nellie is better, we ironed. Several cases of TYPHOID at the boarding-house.
 - 30 Lovely day. We did not get over home as G could not take us.
 - 31 We scrubbed. Shower came up but it cleared off.
- Sept. 1 Cooler. G & Nellie Went to church in even. N went to Forrests to tea. expected Laura Thoms but she could not come. Charlie still poorly.
- 2 Bright day. Ethel & Cousin Will surprised us and stayed all day. We went out on the lake in afternoon.

- Sept. 3 Warmer. we washed. Charlie & Eva are sick. I called at Clarke's & asked him to make me a cradle. I called at
- 4 Turned wet but it did not amount to much.
- 5 Will is not coming this week. Eva & Charlie very poorly. I went to C.W.A.S. at the parsonage.
- 6 Children are better.
- 7 Dr. Hart came last night and said he was afraid it is Typhoid. Fever the children have so I moved them into the front room. Mrs. Vincent has another son.
- 8 Turned cool. Sunday but no church for us. The children were rambling last night & are very ill. George drove Louis to Father's & brought mother here which is a comfort. Dr. Hart called again & confirmed his opinion of the fever, he gave them more medicine and we have to be always worrying them to take so many kinds.
- 9 Hot day but cold night. Children about the same fever high in afternoon.
- 10 Restless night but I was not disturbed as I had baby in Nellie's room. hot again. Lucy came & mother went home. The Dr. came & had dinner here. Lucy sat up all night. Hot. Thunder storm.
- 11 Very sultry & trying for the children. Thunder storm in evening.
- 12 Still warm but turned cold in the afternoon. Children rather better. The Dr. came at 1 this morning. Nellie sat up till 1 and then Lucy. Baby was sick all night & I did not sleep much. Jones & Vincent are digging us a well. Dr. Hart came at 1 o'clock in the night. Nellie was sitting up.
- 13 Children keep about the same but the cold weather is easier on them. Frost tonight.
- 14 Baby seems no better of diaharrea - is getting so thin.
- 15 Severe frost cut off garden. Fine & cold. Dr. came again & a Miss Thomson & had tea. Eva is much better of fever.
- 16 George at home lastnight. Eva rambled most of the night & did not sleep. Charlie sleeps quietly. Lovely day.

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- Sept. 17 The Dr. came today & brought Mrs. Hart & child. He thinks the children are much better & on the mend. not much fever. Baby still poorly. Presbyterian picnic, but rather cool for it. The well is nearly completed and there is good water.
- 18 We washed - damp day.
- 19 Lucy is poorly. The children are improving & baby too. Dr. Hart came.
- 20 Hot day. Father came & took Lucy home. Louie is well.
- 21 Very hot & trying for the children. Ethel walked here. Dr. Hart's assistant came in the evening & found the fever worse with both of them. no wonder when it is so terribly hot.
- 22 Hot & bright. I went to church in the morn & G & Ethel in the even. The children seem better & very hungry.
- 23 Wiggins storm arrived but in a modified form & it is much cooler a blessing for the children. Mr. Hay came up to measure bark. Duncan Forrest is banking up the well. Dr. Hart came in the evening & finding Eva in a fever he stopped her food.
- 24 Cool again. Eva has diarrhoea. Up a good many times at night. The Mitchell's called.
- 25 Eva passed a little blood so I telegraphed for the Doctor. The Doctor says they are both doing very well. Mrs. Hart and the little girl came.
- 26 Lovely day after the rain. The children had very little fever.
- 27 Colder & cloudy. The children are doing well and drink quantities of milk. I went up to Laddell's.
- 28 The Dr. did not come but the children are doing all right - Very high wind at night - turned wet.
- 29 Cold wind, showery. Dr. Hart's assistant came & found them in a slight fever. Nellie & Esther went to Church & G went to bed & slept till 3 o'clock a.m.
- 30 Showery. George up all day. Mr. Leith went away. Mr. Price came to Laddell's. First snow.
- Oct. 1 Showery. we washed. Mrs. Jones is ill. Katy Cook went to the hospital with the fever. Children doing well.
- 2 The Dr. came & allows the children to have a little corn starch. He went to see Mrs. Jones. Ethel & I called at Michell's.
- 3 Bright day. Utterson Show Mrs. Jones has the fever & is going to her mother's. We sent away a sample of Jones water to Ottawa. Ethel has gone to the mail. Nice moonlight night.

- Oct. 4 Dr. Hart's assistant came, the children are doing well. Baby and I went to the meeting at the parsonage.
- 5 Bright weather. G. went to Reed's
- 6 Harvest Festival today. Nice day. George came home last night & will not go on till tomorrow morn. Children doing well. G & W. Price went to Thomses.
- 7 Heavy rain. George went to Utterson. Mr. Clarke brought baby's cradle.
- 8 Cold with a little snow. Children eat heartily.
- 9 I went to Ladells & bought Charlie an overcoat. Saw the Thomses.
- 10 Fine but cold wind. Children dressed up in their room for the first - Lucy drove over Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell called. I went for mail.
- 11 Charlie's birthday, wet day. The children are up & dressed but not downstairs yet.
- 12
- 13 Sunday nice & warm. Charlie & Eva came down stairs for the first. Nellie & Ethel went for a walk & G Ethel & I went to Church in even.
- 14 Cold wind. Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell called. George stayed at the mill at night though there was no fire.
- 15 Warmer. The children went out for a little while. G. has gone shooting with Mr. Price. He did not go to the mill tonight. Wet.
- 16 Wet day. Ruth Thoms has the fever.
- 17 Cold wind. G. went shooting. Children went out for a little while. I went to Forrests.
- 18 Nice day. Father came & brought Louie. & said that Lucy has the fever, caught here. Where is it going to stop.
- 19 Wet again but milder. Heavy lashes of snow in afternoon & severe frost at night.
- 20 Ground covered with snow. Louie & I went to Church in morn & George & Nellie in the evening.

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- Oct. 21 I fumigated & cleaned the sick rooms and moved my bed into the larger room for the winter.
- 22 Nice mild day but turned wet.
- 23 Cold wind. George's last night at the mill.
- 24 Mr. Vincent came for a load of furniture & had dinner here.
- 25 We cleaned 2 bedrooms.
- 26 Cleaned 2 front chimneys. Mrs. Jones died last night at about 9 o'clock. I went to help make Elsie a dress. Louie was sick last night. Lodge tonight.
- 27 Lovely morning but turned wet for Mrs. Jones' funeral. Mr. & Mrs. Forrest came & went with us to the funeral. Mr. Vincent was here to tea. Nellie went to church
- 28 Heavy snow fall. George went to the woods with his gun but was driven home by the storm.
- 29 George put in posts at the well & then went into Utterson & got his money \$53.80 from the Company.
- 30 Bright day. There are about 3 inches of snow & some sleighs are out. Mr. Clarke is coming to kill our pig. Mrs. Mitchell called.
- 31 George went hunting with Bob Brown & they got a fawn. John Nickason is here banking up the well.
- Nov. 1 Geo. got up early and went hunting. We cleaned the dining room - snow still lies. Julia Watson called.
- 2 G. fetched a hind quarter of the Fawn. The children & I went to Ladell's. Snow melting.
- 3 George & I went to Church & I took the little girls to S.S. Warm day.
- 4 Warm. George went out with Mr. Forrest but got nothing but a bad headache. Herbert (Coldwell) came & stayed to dinner. We cleaned the Kitchen. Geo. sent balance of money to the Bank. Orillia. Geo. paid Mr. Balls \$6.50 on account.
- 5 Indian Summer Weather. Geo. & Bob Jenner banking up the well. Charlie went to Thomses.
- 6 We cleaned the pantry & I sewed Charlie's coat on Jones' machine. Nellie went to Forrests to tea.

- Nov. 7 Turned wet. I went with Mrs. Forrest to meeting at the parsonage.
- 8 Gloomy & turned cold. Minnie & Mabel Forrest & Julia Watson came here to tea.
- 9 Cold day. I went to Jones' & finished C's overcoat. Machine needles came.
- 10 I went to S.S. & Church in even.
- 11 George went to Mainhood's and they got a deer, he came home late & tired & was sick in the night.
- 12 Charlie got up early and went to tell C. Mainhood that his father could not go up. Charlie had a party but only the Thomses came. Soft. George went to Mainoods in the evening to hunt next day.
- 13 I went to the church to see Milly Cock's wedding and George & Nellie went to the party at night.
- 14 Gloomy & mild. George went up to hunt at Mainhood's but got only a partridge. Charlie & I went up to the store in the evening.
- 15 Showery. George at home. Nellie went up to Ladells.
- 16 Clear & cold. I went to see Mrs. Watson's baby. Paid Y. Howard \$5.00
- 17 I went to church in the morning but none of us went to S.S. Mr. & Mrs. Herb McClure & Herb & Sadie Humphrey's called.
- 18 Nice bright afternoon. I cut Eva's hair. Julia & Dimeau(?) & Winnie called.
- 19 We washed. Turned snowy & I did not go up to Jenners. Minnie & Mabel Forrest called.
- 20 Stormy cold night plenty snow. Julia & Miriam & Mabel came to practice dancing.
- 21 3 below zero last night. Clear & cold. George went to shooting match at Uttersen. Nellie went to have her dress fitted.
- 22 Fine. Mrs. Forrest & I went to Jenners.
- 23 George went to Jenners & sold them an organ.

- Nov. 24 Pleasant day. I went to S.D. Minnie Forrest was here to tea and went to Church with Nellie. George went to Thomses.
- 25 Stormy turned to rain & thawed Mr. Mitchel & Bertie called.
- 26 Warm but blew cold we washed. Free concert at the Hall tonight. was a great success.
- 27 Nice day. Nellie spent the even at Chesters.
- 28 Laura & Louie Thoms came to tea also Henry Gall brought Turkey & stayed tea. Nellie went to Foressts but we sent for her to come home, heard that Lucy is worse. Moonlight.
- 29 George went over to see how Lucy is & found her not so very bad.
- 30 Turned very cold but fine. Shooting passed off successfully, made \$2.70.
- Dec. 1st I went o Church & S.S. Nellie went to Forrests to tea.
- 2 Stormy & cold. Julia & Mr. Harrison called.
- 3 Cold 14 below but turned mild. The wedding & party were well attended & passed off well.
- 4 Felt rather tired but we washed some of the clothes.
- 5 A terrible thing happened today while we were at the meeting at the parsonage. Bertie Mitchell broke through the ice skating and was drowned before he could be got out. We stayed with Mrs. Mitchell until dark.
- 6 Nice, bright day. Mr. Vincent & Mr. Somerset were here to dinner. G. called at Mitchells. Nellie went with Mrs. Forrest & Minnie to Mitchells in the evening.
- 7 Mild, inclined to turn stormy. Ironed late this week. I went to Ladells with George in the eveing. Charley spent the day at Thomses. George payed T. Howard \$17 for hay.
- 8 Nellie, Charlie & I went to Church and Mr. Ulbricht preached. Nellie took a wreath up to Mitchels for Berties coffin, she stayed to tea.
- 9 Gloomy. I took the children to Forrests and we all went to Bertie's funeral. Mr. Lloyd buried him.
- 10 Milder. Mr. Summers was buried today. George and I called at Michell's in the evening. Their whole theme is Bertie.
- 11 Gloomy. I made the Christmas cake. Cold night.

- Dec. 12 Very cold day we are having it very severe for so early in the winter. Minnie Forrest called.
- 13 Eva & I went up to Ladell's. Nellie & Minnie Forrest went to the store.
- 14 Milder.
- 15 Lovely day. Mr. Ulbricht came and assisted at both services
- 16 Mild. I went up to Ladells and got some presents.
- 17 Wet but turned out fine. We washed.
- 18 We are having a good thaw. Father drove over and brought a quarter of beef but Nellie did not go back with him.
- 19 Raining hard. Meeting of C.W.A.S. at Ladell's today. Only Emily & I were there.
- 20 Singer machine agents came and stayed over night in the village.
- 21 Snow about gone nice morn but turned wet at night. Nellie & Minnie Forrest went to Huntsville & Nellie stayed at Fathers.
- 22 Gloomy & a little cooler I went to S.D. & G. to Church in the even.
- 23 We are likely to have a green Xmas. George & Charlie are piling wood at the mill. Connie came home in the rain.
- 24 Lovely morning but it began to snow towards evening. I stuffed the Turkey & made some mince pies. We put up a tree & some decorations. Laura & Louie Thoms called and Mr. & Percy Mitchell called & left some presents for the children.
- 25 A green Xmas. I went to church. The children got a nice lot of presents. Forrest's cow died.
- 26 Snowy day. we washed.
- 27 Connie went to Graham's. Mr. Forrest drew some wood. Connie fainted in the evening.
- 28 I ironed. Connie is better.
- 29 A nice day. G & I went to Church in the evening. Annie Brymer came to stay with Connie, Charlie went to Fathers to tell Nellie to come home.

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- Dec. 30 Father brought Nellie & Charlie but did not come here.
Herbert came in for a while & had tea. Snow falling.
- 31 We washed a few things. Heavy snow fall in fact a regular blizzard.

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- Jan. 1 Snow deep & more coming. We finished washing & had the Forrest family to tea & spend the evening.
- 2 Connie fainted again this morn. George, baby & I went to Forrests to tea it was too snowy to take the children & Eva was much disappointed.
- 3 Still snowing. Charlie went to the S.O.S. concert and Nellie stayed the night. with Minnie Forrest.
- 4 Sharp night & cold day will be very cold tonight.
- 5 30 below zero today but fine. The children & I went to S.S. Mrs. Chester came in in the evening.
- 6 42 below last night but moderated.
- 7 Meeting at the hall & debate. Henry & Louise Gall came & stayed till after the meeting.
- 8 Began to get a quart of milk daily from Watsons. Nellie went to Forrests' party and did not get home till 2 a.m.
- 9 We ironed and prepared for Thomses coming to tea. Mr. & Mrs. & 2 of the girls came.
- 10 Still rather cold. We all went to the Sunday School entertainment but George & Connie who was not very well.
- 11 Milder. An apple tree pedlar came. The Thomses found Lestrangle half frozen in the snow in Vincent's field. Lodge tonight.
- 12 Snowing I went to S.S. & church.
- 13 Still snowing. George went to meeting at Parsonage.
- 14 Nellie went to drill & Connie to Forrests. Henry Gall & Louise came & went with us to the Concert. sharp night.

Jan 15 Nice day.

- 16 Mild day. George stayed in bed with sick headache till noon but was better & went with Charlie & me to Thomses in the afternoon. We saw Dr. Bridgland there & he pronounced Lestrangle much better.
- 17 We have bad colds. Nellie went to drill (for concert, aca) & C _____ Brymers. I took the children over to Forrests with Mrs. Chester. I went to Ladells in evening.
- 18 We scrubbed. George was away all day sawing with Bob Brown.
- 19 Pleasant weather now. I went to S.S. & the girls went to church
- 20 Tommy Caswell called. The Mitchells called.
- 21 I called at Brymer's with the children and invited the girls to tea.
- 22 Fine. Connie & I & the children called at Mitchells. Nellie spent the evening at Clarkes.
- 23 Connie rather poorly. George went to Utterson to unload flour for $\frac{1}{2}$ a day. Emily * Minnie Brymer came to tea.
- 24 Mile & snowy. Broom drill at the hall. Some of us went to the Pres. (Presbyterian, aca) Xmas boat at the hall.
- 25 Keeps mild. George went to see McEchney about an organ. The children & I called at Clarkes.
- 26 Eva & I went to Church in the morn & the girls in the evening.
- 27 Lovely day. Mrs. Forrest & I were going to walk to Dodds but Father & Clara came.
- 28 George went up to Brunel with Herb Laddell. The girls & Charlie went skating in the evening and Connie fainted on the ice and Arthur Clarke drove her home.
- 29 Mild. George went up to Newton's but came back to tea. The children called at Michells & met Laura & Connie Thoms coming here. They had tea & Nellie went skating with them.
- 30 George went to Utterson to unload salt. Mr. Seymore called to see him. Connie & Nellie went to see Minnie Forrest who is poorly. Nellie went to a dance at the hall with the Thomses. Sunny.

Feb 1 George took insurance of new school I went up to Laddell's in the evening. Snowing.

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- Feb. 2 Cold. I went to S.S. & Church.
- 3 Nice day. Connie & Nellie called to see Minnie Forrest.
- 4 Henry & Louise Gall & Nellie came in on their way to the concert. George & Charlie went.
- 5 Connie & George received letters from Mrs. Paxon asking Connie to go back so we thought Nellie & Connie could go. I went to meeting at the parsonage & Laura Thoms came home with me.
- 6 Mild & snowy. G. walked up to Brunel.
- 7 Snowy. Nellie came with Galls cutter & the children & I rode up to Ladells
- 8
- 9 George & I went to church in the morn. W & Annie Brymer called. I went to see McInnis baby.
- 10 Louisa Gall called. G. went to see Girvin & Thomses (Girou?)
- 11 Windy. blocked up the roads
- 12 Fine but roads too bad to go to Dodds. I called at Forrests.
- 13 Mrs. Forrest & I & Louie went to Dodds; it was rather snowy.
- 14 Cold but not so stormy. George went to Aspdin with Wall Thoms. Miss Reid's concert, Connie, Nellie, Charlie & Eva have gone. Sharp. Concert pretty good.
- 15 George & I went up into Brunel with Wall Thoms. Snowy.
- 16 Bitter cold wind, we did not go out to S.S. Connie & Nellie went to ten at Forests. 39° below zero.
- 17 Cold & Bright. I went to Ladells in the evening.
- 18 Cold wind. Father did not come. George started for Toronto to attend the Grand Lodge.
- 19 Mild with a little fresh snow. I expect father & Ethel today. They came & I went home with them.
- 20 Cold. Mr. & Mrs. Hares came and stayed to tea.
- 21 I am amusing myself reading Girls' Own papers.
- 22 Sat. I went to Huntsville with Lucy. raw wind. George came home.

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- 23 No service. I stayed in & read. Soft with rain. Connie went up to Vincents with Brymers.
 - 24 Cold wind. Herbert came in the evening for the horse.
 - 25 Bright & sharp. I went home with Herbert & came back in the evening.
 - 26 George & Wall Thoms came for us. Quite mild.
 - 27 Henry Gall came & took Nellie home with him.
 - 28 Warm and thawing, a little rain. Connie went to a concert with the Brymers. got home after 12.
 - 29 Nice day. Ethel & Minnie Forrest went for a walk. The Forrest children all called in here.
- Mar. 1 Came in like a lion.
- 2 The girls went to Thomses to tea & Nellie came back. Bitter cold wind.
 - 3 High cold wind.
 - 4 Cold. We washed. I went to the meeting at the parsonage. Cow calved.
 - 5 Windy but turned out very nice. The children & I went up to Ladells.
 - 6 Ethel walked home. Snowed, turned to rain. Connie, Charlie & Eva went to Brymers to a party.
 - 7 Snowed heavily. Tom Dodd came & took the girls home for a few days. Mr. Thoms was here to tea.
 - 8 Stopped getting milk from Watsons. Roads snowed up. I went to S.S. & George to church.
 - 9 Nice day. Herbert called in. Nellie & Connie came home
 - 10 The girls decided to start next week for England.
 - 11 Connie went down to Falkenburge to get her cheques cashed. Cold & windy.
 - 12 Cold wind. Mrs. Forrest called & decided to have a sewing machine. Mrs. Clarke also called. Connie came home on the stage near midnight. She had been to Bracebridge.

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- Mar. 13 20 below this morning but came out nice. Mrs. Forrest called. George went to Utterson. Nellie spent the even at Ladells.
- 15 Nice day. The children & I went to S.S. & the Girls to church. Minnie Forrest came to tea.
- 16 Lovely day. The girls started to England. Baby poorly with cold.
- 17 Lovely warm day. I washed. Lizzie C. came with her little boys & Minnie Brown. Rec'd card from Connie.
- 18 Warm. Finished washing & I went for a walk.
- 19 Snowing & blowing. I ironed.
- 20 Cold, tracks snowed up. Annie & Emily Brymer came in in the even.
- 21 No mail in yet, soft wind. Mrs. Dodd & Mable Forrest called.
- 22 Sunday. George's birthday, fine but cold wind. I went to church.
- 23 Sharp cold wind. 17 below at night.
- 24 Fine but cold wind. I washed. Mr. Somerset was here to tea.
- 25 Finished washing. Nice weather, the snow is going.
- 26 It seems very quiet now the girls are not here and nobody comes. I mopped Kitchen.
- 27 Warm the snow is going.
- 28 Warm. The children & I went to Ladells & I called at Clarkes.
- 29 Soft. I did not go to Church nor did any of us. Charlie went to Thomses.
- 30 We caught some water so I washed. nice day.
- 31 Mr. came in. I ironed.
- Apr. 1 I called at Forrests but did not go to meeting at parsonage as baby is sick & I dont feel well myself.
- 2 Louie is poorly too, baby a little better. I have commenced to wean her. Snowing & colder.
- 3 Good Friday. Eva went to Church. I dont feel strong but hope to be better after baby is weaned. Cold & not thawing, fresh snow.

- Apr. 4 Mabel Forrest came & stayed with the children & I went to Ladells.
- 5 Lovely warm day, thawing fast. Easter Sunday. I took the children to S.S. & G. & I went to church in the evening & Charlie & Eva in the morn.
- 6 Easter Monday. The three Thoms boys spent the day here. I called at Forrests with the children. Baby has been weaned without any trouble. A little snow fell.
- 7 I washed, cold wind.
- 8 Mr. Vincent & Torrie (?) called and Louie & Ruth Thoms came to tea. Lovely day snow is melting but it is very late about it.
- 9 Warm. Henry Gall drove his mother over the lake to see us. George went to Utterson.
- 10 Windy. wagons are taking the place of sleighs. Dance at the Hall.
- 11 I took the children to see the new school, mild.
- 12 Cold wind but it is drying up the roads. Geo. & I went to church in even.
- 13 Very warm. 75° above. snow going fast, rain at night. I called at Forrests. 3 weeks ago it was 17° below zero.
- 14 Lake is opening towards Rocky Island. & the roads are drying.
- 15 Very warm. Hannah Nickason was married. The children & I went to Brymers.
- 16 Hot. 80° in the shade. Charlie & the Brymerx boys played truant all day. I went to Ladells with the children.
- 17 This is more like summer weather than April. Rain last night has made the grass green. The frogs are singing away. I called at the school. George is tidying the garden.
- 18 Like rain but it passed off. George & Charlie were busy tidying up the garden. I mopped a room upstairs.
- 19 The children & I went to church in the morn & we had a walk in the afternoon.
- 20 I cleaned a bedroom & moved the children into it. Much cozier.

April 21 Heavy rain in afternoon, I washed.

22 George went to Utterson. Mr. Balls came & took the calf away. I cleaned my room. Clara came to stay a few weeks. Mr. Hall called to see sewing machine.

23 We cleaned a bedroom & ironed. The children have bad colds. Joe Marshall called.

I went to Forrests & took some milk.

24 Finished cleaning upstairs. Baby & Louie had the croup at night and we have to keep them in. Baby is very troublesome.

25 I went to Ladells. George went to Falkenburg. Minnie Forrest came in with Clara. Charlie & I walked to Laddells in the even. cold night.

26 Lovely warm day. I went to SS & then went up with Mrs. Forrest to see Mrs. Mitchell. Clara went to church in even. G. went over to the Thomses in a boat.

27 Mr. Hudson plowed the garden. Clara & I cleaned the sitting room, very warm again.

28 Rain last night. We cleaned the dining room. Mr. Vincent brought his cow. G. up in Brunel buying bark.

29 Mr. V's cow calved. he & Mr. Gall were here to dinner. we washed & churned.

30 George went up to Seeley's buying bark. The two Lewises called to see him. We cleaned the Kitchen. nice day.

May 1 Rain again at night. We ironed. Mrs. Vincent & baby & Louise Gall called but did not stay. Mr. V. & Chilton Rumball & Louie were here to dinner. Showery all day.

2 Cleaned the pantry which finishes up the house cleaning. Clara & the children & I called at Clarke's. George went to Utterson & took Ingram's insurance.

3 Rain at night, cloudy morn. I went to SS & we went to Church at night.

4 Heavy rain last night but lovely today. George & the children & I went to Thomses & stayed to tea. Ruth is going to start for Texas on Wednesday.

5 We washed, nice day.

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- May 6 Lovely day, I went to Forrests to get my book ready for the meeting but Mrs. F. did not go. I had a ride to the Parsonage. There were only 3 members present besides Mrs. Mitchell. We churned.
- 7 Like rain but it passed off. Clara went to Forrests' fo tea.
- 8 Very hot 88°. We washed blankets. Minnie & Mabel Forrest came to tea. G. Mainhood called.
- 9 Hot, Geo rge went up the river about bark. Will Geall took the bark canoe away in exchange for a revolver. Tom Esson called.
- 10 I went to SS & Clara to Church in the evening. hot. Annie Brymer came in the evening.
- 11 Like rain but it passed off. cooler.
- 12 Cool & like rain but it cleared out. Laura & Connie & Cyril Thoms came to tea. Henry Lewis was here for dinner.
- 13 Lovely day but so dry & dusty. Mother came & took Clara & Eva & Louie home. It will be dull without them.
- 14 Smoky again. I ironed. baby is good without her playmates. Louise Gall & Dorothy came to wait for Henry. Mosquitoes are bad this year.
- 15 A sprinkle of rain but cleared out, a lovely day, cooler. Mr. Brymer brought some ointment for my hands. Received a letter from Nellie & Connie.
- 16 George went to Vincents & Caswells. Mrs. H. Johnson called.
- 17 Nice rain this morning. SS begins in the morn now. I went to Church twice.
- 18 George went to meet Mr. Hay at the townline. Nice bright day.
- 19 Bright & cool. I washed & George gardened. We received an express parcel from Connie containing some useful things.
- 20 I ironed & churned & sold 5 lbs. of butter. George & I and baby went up to Ladells & we heard that our well water is unfit for use, so G. will have to carry water from Forests.

- May 21 George went up into Brunel to see Reid. I went in to chat with Mrs. Chester. Rain in the evening & at night. Commenced a bag of flour.
- 22 I mopped the dining room. My hands do not get any better. I took baby up to Ladells & called at Mitchells but they were not at home. Mr. Leith called about buying an organ.
- 23 Cooler & bright. I went to Forrests in the evening with Mrs. Luty (?). G. went to Utterson.
- 24 Whit Sunday. I went to Church. The service was a special one for the S.O.E. & the Church was full. Hot day. The Brymers & Forrests were here in the evening.
- 25 Wet evening. I washed. we get plenty of rain now.
- 26 I finished washing & churned. went to Ladells in the evening.
- 27 Alfred Kay brought Charlie a rabbit & me a very uncivil letter from Mr. Taylor. I went to Forrests to see Minnie. George went to Mr. Lances & expects to sell an organ there. Lovely day.
- 28 Wet again. George is ferreting out this affair of Taylors. He called in the evening & had a talk with George. Mr. Leith left word that his Utterson congregation will take an organ from him.
- 29 Wet day. we are getting plenty of rain.
- 30 Cleared out & I went up to Ladells.
- 31 George & Charlie went to Church in the morn & G & I in the evening. Like rain.
- June 1 Nice day but cool. Father & Ethel came & brought the children home. Father took me for a drive up the 4th. G. went to Utterson. Minnie Forrest came to see Ethel.
- 2 Lovely day. George & Mr. V. went to the Camp to take some affidavits. Mrs. Forrest & I went & got some ferns.
- 3 I went to the meeting at the Parsonage & Mabel P. stayed with the children.
- 4 Hot.
- 5 Heavy rain at night - but it is no cooler.

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- June 6 Very hot. George went to Utterson to get the organ for pres. church & Mr. Vincent came back with him.
- 7 Intensely hot, turned wet. G. & I went to Church.
- 8 I baked & churned. a little cooler. Political meeting in Hall.
- 9 I did not feel well so I did only part of the washing. cooler, rain.
- 10 I went up with Mrs. Forrest to Private Communion with Aggie Ladell as she is going away.
- 11 Cool & bright. George went to Falkenburg.
- 12 Nice day. Nellie & Louise Gall came in the evening & Nellie stayed till Sunday.
- 13 Nellie mopped the Kitchen & dining room & I helped her make a white blouse. We went to Ladells in the evening. There was a political meeting & George & Charlie were out late.
- 14 Hot day. Nellie & I and the children went to Church in the morning & George at night. Nellie walked home after dinner.
- 15 Nice day not too hot but it is getting dusty again. I called at Forrests.
- 16 I washed. Minnie Forrest came & stayed while George & I were at the political meeting. Annie Brymer was here also. I received a card from Mother saying she would come Thursday to fetch me to give my hands a rest.
- 17 Very hot & dry. George & Charlie went up to river. Minnie Forrest was here to tea & went to Ladells with me.
- 18 Hot. Mrs. Gall called. Lucy came & took us home with her.
- 19 Cooler & like rain.
- 20 Hot. I went to Huntsville with Lucy & saw Dr. Hart's assistant who gave me some stuff for my hands.
- 21 No rain but it turned cooler. Lucy, Clara & I went to Huntsville & heard the Bishop. I went to St. Michaels in the afternoon.
- 22 Too cool & windy to come home by lake so Ethel drove us home.

- June 23 I swept & churned.
- 24 I washed, George went up to Brunel. I am suffering with toothache.
- 25 finished washing, very dry.
- 26 George went to Brunel. Mr. Thoms called. I went up to Ladells with the children.
- 27 Lodge night.
- 28 A wet Sunday. George & I went to Church in the evening. & I played (the organ).
- 29 I washed & baked. Mr. Brymer came & lanced my tooth which is badly swelled.
- 30 George went to Gall's, after dinner he piled wood at the mill. Last day of school. My face is no better. I baked for pic-nic. The weather looks rather doubtful for tomorrow.
- July 1 Fine hot day. The pic-nic passed off successfully, there was an excursion from Huntsville. George made \$8 from the booth. Lucy & Nellie & Clara came & went with us. got home about 8 o'clock.
- 2 My face is badly swelled & painful. George went to see Mr. Hay & got home with a sick headache. like rain. Mrs. Johnson called.
- 3 Hot. I took the children & went bathing with Forrests. Thunder storm in the evening. the berries are getting ripe.
- 4 Still wet. This will do a great deal of good to crops. Too wet to pick any berries.
- 5 The children went to SS & George to Vincents after dinner but it turned showery.
- 6 George went to Porter's & sold a mower. Bob Brown came in the evening.
- 7 Still showery. I washed & picked a few berries. George went to see Theobald but did not sell him a mower. He went to Caswells Mahood's (?) after dinner.
- 8 Lovely day for the excursion which was a success. The Forrests & we had a little pic-nic at the landing. George went to Lamelot (?) on horseback.

- July 9 High wind. Charlie & I went to the Rocky island & got some huckleberries. George at home.
- 10 Shower of rain. George went to Utterson with the Browns to get the mowers. Bob was here all day putting them together. I called on Miss Smith who came yesterday.
- 11 Hot & fine. Mr. Porter came for his mower. I went with Mrs. Forrest to pick nettles & then took the children to bathe. warm night.
- 12 The children & I went to church in the morn & George at night.
- 13 Charlie got some berries. Mrs. Thoms & boys came to tea.
- 14 Hot, we did not get many berries. Our washer & wringer arrived ready for tomorrow. like rain.
- 15 Much cooler. I washed & found the washer satisfactory. Ethel came in the evening with Mr. Smith. Charlie went to stay at Vincents.
- 16 Cool. Ethel did the ironing & picked some berries in the afternoon. Got wood drawn mill.
- 17 Ethel went to the swamp with the Forrests and got about 8 qts of berries. George went up the river. Baby & I called at Mitchells.
- 18 Ethel scrubbed the Kitchen & went bathing in afternoon. The children & I got some berries. C. came home from V's.
- 19 Showery & warm. G. & E. & I went to church & took the children. Ethel at Forrests to tea.
- 20 Charlie went to Vincents again. We got some raspberries. Wet morning.
- 21 Hot. We washed. After tea Ethel & took the children out in Ladells boat, Saw Mr. Lowe come to Ladells. George throwing out wood again.
- 22 G. & I went to the swamp & got caught in a thunderstorm. after dinner we went & picked raspberries & Mr. Lowe called, he stayed to tea.
- 23 George & I went & got 9 qts of huckleberries. Laura & Louie Thoms & Minnie Forrest came to tea.

- July 24 Ethel went to the swamp and got 6 qts of berries. We heard that Adam Watson's little boy died from scalding.
- 25 Jack Watson is to be buried today. George had a day at Uttersons unloading cars. Miss Smith called.
- 26 Like rain. I went to Church twice & played the organ. Mr. Lowe preached at night.
- 27 We washed, baked & churned.
- 28 Like rain, but it passed off. I went to Gravehurst & had two teeth out. In the evening there was a little party at Mrs. Bailies. The best part of it was the ice cream.
- 29 May, Phoebe, Miss Shaffer & I went for a row on Gull Lake. It came on wet after dinner. May saw me off at the station & I got home from Utterson dry.
- 30 Ironed. Eva & I went to pick blackberries but did not find many. Turned cool. Ethel went with Minni F. to Thomses & is not back yet.
- 31 Very hot weather. Typhoid has broken out.
- August 1 We went bathing. Duncan Forrest came home
- 2 Ethel & George went to Church.
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- 4 Mr. Hay came & G. went up to Brunel with him. I went to Forrests to tea & George came later. very hot.
- 5 I went to meeting at Parsonage & we had a heavy thunderstorm while there which lasted till night. Mr. & Mrs. Duncan Forrest came to tea. Gloomy evening. G. up to Brunel.
- 6 We went bathing and found father here when we returned. Ethel went home with him. Baby Clarke got bitten.
- 7 George went to Porter's & B. Henry's. We got 9 lbs. beef from Bob Jenner.
- 8 Rain again but no cooler.
- 9 Intensely hot. I went to Church with the children in the morning & G. in the evening. I called at Clarke's.
- 10 Hot. Sam Martin died of Typhoid last night. Special meeting at Parsonage. I sent up milk for ice cream.

August 11 Sunday School picnic, nice day. We went out on the steamer. Charlie got into a row with Percy Mitchell. Got home late.

12 I washed & went bathing in the afternoon. G. & C. got some black berries.

13 Cooler at last. I ironed & went to Ladells in the evening.

14 Hot days & cool nights. George walked to Lancelot & came back done out.

15 Hot, a heavy thunderstorm came up. We went bathing with the Forrests. Another storm at night did some damage.

16 Cool. We went to Church & Archdeacon Body preached. Began on 50# sugar.

17 G & I washed. cool. shower at night.

18 I churned. George does not feel well. Louie & I went up to Ladells. Showery.

19 Louies birthday. She & Eva had their party. We are having bright days & cool nights.

20 George is busy sawing up wood for the winter. I scrubbed the dining room.

21 George & I spent the evening at Smith's & met the Bodys. Fire at Huntsville 5 lives lost, cold night.

22 We went bathing but found the water very cold. Miss Smith & Mrs. Forrest called in the evening. & invited me as one of the C.W.A.S. to tea at Smiths on Monday.

23 I went to Church. George & Charlie spent the afternoon at Thomses.

24 Busy all day, preserved some plums. Charlie & Eva commenced school. I went to the Smiths & we had a jolly evening, quite a crowd there. I weigh 115 lbs.

25 Charlie turned the washing machine for me. Violet is poorly today.

26 Baby no better. Father & Mother came & stayed all evening. Rainy afternoon. They brought some crabs (applies

27 I ironed. Nice day. Cool nights.

- Aug. 28 Fine. George went to see Bob Brown. I made some crab jelly.
- 29 Nice day. Baby is poorly.
- 30 Very wet day. G. & C. went to Church at night. I stayed at home all day, baby no better.
- 31 Cool & showery. Charlie & I washed today. I went to Ladell's. Toronto (Ex hibition) Ex. opened today.
- Sept. 1 Baby is not well yet. Keeps cool. George up in Brunel about bark.
- 2 George was helping load bark^{at} Mainhood's.C.W.A.S. meeting but I could not go. Mrs. Forrest called. Laura Thoms came & had tea & the(illegible)
- 3 Cool & fine. G. & Mr. Forrest went duck shooting. The children & I went to Forrests after tea. Mrs. F. came back with us & G. & C. came back directly after.
- 4 Lovely day. Mrs. Forrest, Louie & baby & I rowed over to Thomses. I got a letter from Nellie.
- 5 Like rain which came at night. I went to Ladells & got me a pair of boots. G. bought a pk. of pears of Forrest.
- 6 Fine morning. The children & I went to church, came on wet in the afternoon. G. went to church at night.
- 7 Lovely day, warmer. I preserved pears. G. & C. went duck shooting.
- 8 Charlie & I washed. Hot again.
- 9 Hot but turned cool at night & like rain but it passed off.
- 10 Turned cool & like rain at night. George went to see some people out Allensville way. Mabel & Nellie Clarke came to tea & play with the children.
- 11 Cool. I preserved some plums which we got from Mr. Hay. I made baby a new coat.
- 12 Cold wind but no rain. George went to Utterson & Mr. Smith came back & had tea here. Eva & Louie spent the afternoon at Clarke's.
- 13 Warm. George walked to Vincent's & came back to Church. I also went.

- Sept. 14 I went to Ladells to post some money. George had to go up to Mainhood's to help Mr. Hay load _____.
- 15 George & C. hunting partridges, got one in afternoon.
- 16 G. went up to Rumball's old house to see if he could shoot any partridges but was unsuccessful. Dusty.
- 17 Wet morning. We washed & it cleared up after dinner. Eva has a bad cold. A party at Dodds.
- 18 I ironed.
- 19 Wet day turned very cold. Bob Brown brought the straw cutter.
- 20 Fine & cool. Harvets Festival. I went to Church twice.
- 21 We caught plenty of water. I mopped the Kitchen & churned. Windy night.
- 22 Cold N. wind. Most of us have colds.
- 23 We washed. it was warmer after a very hard frost last night. 15° of frost. I took Louie & Baby up to Laddells
- 24 Lovely day. I took the children for a walk. Mr. Smith came in the evening. George wrote to Nellie etc.
- 25 Nice day but turned wet.²⁶ Cyril Thoms came & stayed to tea. nice day. Lodge meeting.
- 27 Cool & cloudy, heavy rain last night. I took the little girls to the Pres. church to hear Mr. Leith's farewell sermon.
- 28 Lovely day we are having frosty nights.
- 29 I took the children over to Forrests. Came on rain which lasted all night & next morn.
- 30 Cooler but turned wet again. Bob Jenner came about a plow.

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- Oct. 1 Fine but cold wind. Herbert brought his wife and baby. They went home in the afternoon. I went to the meeting at the parsonage but it was the wrong day and there were not many there so we will have the meeting next Wednesday. Bob Brown called in the morn.
- 2 Lovely day. George & Charlie went to the fair at Utterson. Eva & I started to walk but Herb Ladell gave us a ride there and back. Father & the girls were at the show but I did not see them. Frosty night.
- 3 Warm day. George at home. I made an apron for the sale of work at the Hall.
- 4 Nice day. The children & I went to Church in the morning & G. & C. in the evening. I took the children out in the afternoon. The trees are very pretty but are getting brown now.
- 5 George went to Utterson to unload a car, he brought me letters from Connie & Nellie. It was nice & mild.
- 6 Gloomy & mild. G. went over to get Mr. Smith's team to draw pine but could not get it. We washed. I took Louie & Violet up to Ladells. Mr. & Mrs. Percy Mitchell called. It came on wet at night & we caught quite a lot of water.
- 7 Very cold this morning with flurries of snow, the first of the season. I went to the C.W.A.S. meeting & we arranged to have a tea meeting on the 22nd.
- 8 cold & damp. I ironed.
- 9 Lovely day. George went to Beatrice but did not sell an organ. Aggie Ladell came & spent the day.
- 10 Windy & fine. I borrowed some G.O.P. (Girl's Own Papers) from Forrests & took them over in the evening. Charlie had the 3 Thoms boys here in honour of his birthday.
- 11 Lovely warm day. C's birthday. He is 13. I went for a walk with the Forrest children. G. & I went to Church in the evening. Mr. Hay called.
- 12 Nice day. we washed. George went up to Brunel. The Mitchell's called.
- 13 George stayed all night at Mainhood's and got home in time for dinner. Louie & I went up to Ladells & I got 50 cts. worth of sugar etc.
- 14 Nice day. Father came & brought Ethel to stay. Minnie Forrest called afternoon.

- Oct. 15 We are having lovely mild weather. Ethel & I cleaned Charlie's room. I went to see Mrs. Forrest. George & C. went trolling with Herb Ladell & caught nothing. The Utterson robbers have been arrested.
- 16 ~~We commenced her~~ Mrs. Forrest & I went up to see some people in Brunel we walked as far as Dodd's & back. Cold wind.
- 17 Ethel finished scrubbing the Kitchen.
- 18 About an inch of snow this morning. We went to church in the morn & Geo. & C. went at night. Stayed in the rest of the day.
- 19 Mr. Hay & Charlie called & Charlie went to Falkenburg with C. Hay & came back on the train. George went to Brunel & then to G. McEntyre's funeral. E. & I cleaned the two front bedrooms.
- 20 We washed ~~but~~ cleaned Ethel's room, miserable day. I k went up to meeting at Parsonage where we priced the articles to sell at tea meeting.
- 21 We washed but it snowed & we did not get the clothes dried.
- 22 Wet & snowy. Mr. Mithcell called. I made a pinafore for the sale. We ironed some of the clothes.
- 23 Nice day, thawed the snow away. We finished baking for Tea & Ethel & I went to the hall to help prepare for evening. The tea & concert passed off very well & over \$20 was made.
- 24 Nice day. Ethel mopped Kitchen & room above. she & the children went to the hall to have tea & finish the provisions. Charlie went to Thomses.
- 25 Gloomy day. Mr. Thoms came. Ethel and Charlie went to Church at night.
- 26 Nice sunny day. We washed & churned. I went to Ladells. George is watching at the mill tonight.
- 27 G. at the mill again. Cleaned sitting room.
- 28 G. at the mill, did the dining room.
29. We cleaned pantry. M. Newton called.

- Oct. 30 Cleaned the Kitchen which completes the housecleaning. George went to Utterson half a day to unload a car. Wet morning.
- 31 George went to Falkenburge & settled with Mr. Hay, came home in the rain & brought Mr. Somerset to stay all night. - also the apples from Meaford arrived.
- Nov. 1 Somerset found his boat on top of Watson's stables as he went to Church Ethel & I went twice.
- 2 Nice day. George & Charlie went deer hunting with Mr. Forrest but got nothing. We washed blankets. Ethel called at Forrests. Eva & I went to Ladell's. The Mitchell's called.
- 3 We washed. Herbert came & took Charlie home with him. G. & C. went out with Mr. Brymer but got nothing. Minnie & Mabel Forrest came to tea.

Receipt for pickels

6 lbs. salt 2 oz. saltpetre. 1 qt. molasses.
4 gals. water.

- 4 Rather wet. I went to meeting at the parsonage.
- 5 Miserable wet day. The Vincents moved into their old house. Mrs. V & children were here to dinner & tea.
- 6 Colder. Charlie walked home. Allan McInnis killed the pig which weighed 174 lbs. Mr. Forrest came to arrange a hunt. Ethel had tea at Forrests.
- 7 Nice morning but wet evening. Herbert came & had dinner. We cut up the pig & I took a piece over to Forrests.
- 8 Cold but no snow. Mr. Vincent came in. I went for a walk with Mrs. Vincent and the children. George, E. & C. went to church at night.
- 9 Snow on the ground. George went hunting with Mainhood. I went to Ladell's & got a wrapper etc.
- 10 George went out with Mr. Forrest near Clearwater. Mr. F. called in evening. Nice day but wet a t night.
- 11 Wet morning. blew out fine & we got some of the clothes dried. George & C. went hunting after school. No deer so far.
- 12 Hunting again no result.

- Nov. 13 George, Charlie, Mr. Brymer & Lou Clarke got a deer a nice large one. We got a hind quarter. Connie & Jessie Thoms were here to tea. Wall called for them at night. Turned cold.
- 14 Mr. Forrest drove Mr. B., G. & Mr. Whitmore up to Keeler's hunting but got nothing. Cold & snowy.
- 15 Sunday. I went twice to church. G. & I called at Forrest's & saw Eva O'Connor.
- 16 Lovely day so mild. We washed. I commenced to make a wrapper & had a walk with the children. G. went hunting with Tom Dodd.
- 17 I went to meeting at the parsonage & took Louey. G & I went to Forrests to tea. The mithcell's were there & Miss O'Connor.
- 18 Mild & wet. Miss O'Connor went off on her way to Vancouver.
- 19 Busy making my wrapper. Ethel is making a blouse for the party.
- 20 Busy sewing, frozen ground makes hunting useless.
- 21 Bee to scrub the Church, which we forgot all about. Ethel & I went to Ladells in the evening, moonlight. I got a letter from Nellie.
- 22 Crisp day, dry walking. I went to Church at night.
- 23 We washed but it turned wet. G. went up to Mainhoods but came home again as C.M. could not go out.
- 24 Nice day. Louie & I went to Ladells. I churned & Ethel ironed.
- 25 Snow & sleet. George went out hunting. I finished Eva's coat for school. Taxman came.
- 26 Very mild, snow melted. I called at Chesters. Tea arrived from Mr. Hay.
- 27 I went to the Church but there was no meeting as the carpet had not come so I went for a walk with the Mitchells & Mrs. Forrest instead. It was a lovely day & pleasant to be out. Ethel & George went to Herb Laddell's party & did not get back till nearly 3 o'clock. Herbert came & had his dinner.

- Nov. 28 Cold with flurries of snow. G at the mill piling kindling wood. Charlie went to Thomses & brought Cyril here. Ethel went to Gleaner's meeting at the parsonage. Lodge night, G. went
- 29 A little fresh snow. Ethel & G. & the children went to church. I took Mr. Smith's class in S.S.
- 30 Snowy. G. went over to Vincent's farm.
- Dec. 1 G. unloading a car half a day. Mr. Lee called. very cold night. we washed.
- 2 Milder. G. & Mr. Vincent drew pine from the mill. Father came. Mrs. Forrest & I called to see Mrs. Kennedy. good sleighing. Charlie brought a pup for Mr. Kerr.
- 3 Snowing & blowing. Mr. Wollinstow came & took 2 machines away.
- 4 Soft but it began to snow. I called at Forrest's & got G.O. papers.'
- 6 No service. The Forrests came in the evening and we sang hymns. George went over to Vincents
- 7 Mild. We washed, churned & mopped the dining room.
- 8 Mild & thawing a little. Henry Gall brought 94 lbs. of beef at 5¢. There was not meeting again as the carpet had not arrived. Ethel's birthday. she went to tea at Forrests.
- 9 Soft with dashes of snow. George went to Beatrice with Mackie Kinton. We expect Father to take us home to spend his birthday. He came & we went in the snow storm.
- 10 Father's birthday. Nice mild day. Herbert & family came. George went to Ufford but did not take the Insurance.
- 11 Friday. Nice day. I spent most of it in reading.
- 12 Ethel, Nellie & Eva went to Huntsville. After dinner Louie went with the girls to Hares to practice.
- 13 Sunday. no service, turned wet. George & Charlie had dinner at Vincent's and tea at Forrests.
- 14 Cold clear day. Lucy drove us home. Vincent brought a load of hay.

- Dec. 15 We washed & baked. Laura & Jessie Thoms were here to tea.
- 16 Ethel ironed & I made Xmas cake & mince meat.
- 17 Louie & I went to Ladell's. There was a cheap concert at night most of the program was made up by Harry Bridgland and another gentleman from Bracebridge. Something over 4 dollars was realized.
- 18 I picked the Xmas turkey & iced the cake. Ethel is making herself a skirt.
- 19 Windy last night & pretty cold today. Ethel called at the Mitchell's. She brought me a letter from Connie.
- 20 Cold. G. Ethel & I went to Church at night.
- 21 Very sharp. We washed, baked, churned & mopped the Kitchen. Ethel went to a teacher's meeting & brought letters from Nellie & Alfred Paxon also a Graphic.
- 22 Snowed a little. The Mitchells came to tea but Mr. Smith did not come. Cold.
- 23 Snapping cold & clear. Cyril Thoms came & brought us cards & books. Lake frozen over. Letters from J. Coldwell & Miss Terry & A. Paxon with cheque.
- 24 Christmas Eve. Very cold still busy with preparations for Christmas. Ethel walked home. Louie Thoms called. I called at Vincents.
- 25 Christmas day. Good skating. G. went to Church. Children had bad colds & we had a quiet day.
- 26 Milder but turned sharp again.
- 27 Clear & cold. C. & I went to Church at night.
- 28 Lovely day. Charlie skating. G. went to see Mr. Hay. Got back tonight.
- 29 Soft & thawing. I am pretty busy with Ethel away.
- 30 Thaw continues. Charlie turned the washer. G. Cleaned stove pipes. I took the children & called at Porres's.
- 31 Frozen up. Good skating. Busy as usual. Dance at the Hall tonight to dance the old year out. This is the last day of 1896. I hope the next year will be a moreprosperous one.

- Jan. 1 Good skating but came on wet. Ethel & Clara walked here. I asked the Vincents to tea but the baby was ill and they did not come.
- 2 Wet day. Ethel & Clara called at the parsonage. Mrs. Forrest called here.
- 3 Icy but fine & mild. Clara went home, baby poorly.
- 4 Thoroughly wet day. took all the sleighing off. George went to Utterson to vote. School opened.
- 5 Lovely spring like morning. Snow storm in afternoon. We washed & took the children up to Ladells & Clarkes in the afternoon.
- 6 A little sleighing again. Ethel went to Ladells to sew & was there all day. Nellie walked over & is to stay over Sunday.
- 7 Ethel & Nellie called at Forrests'.
- 8 Nice day but barely sleighing. Nellie took the children to Kenneday's. Mrs. Zavitz came to tea but McClue could not come.
- 9 Raw wind. Cyril Thoms was here. Ethel was not at Ladells in the afternoon but she & Nellie went to a meeting at the parsonage. George went to Utterson. Turned wet.
- 10 Sunday. Fresh snow. The two girls & 3 children went to church in the morning & all of us but the children at night. George spent the afternoon at Thomses.
- 11 Nellie & Ethel washed & Father came & took Nellie home. Ethel was at Ladells in afternoon. Geall & McInnis were here late auditing Lodge books
- 12 Very cold & clear. E. at Ladells. McInnis was here to dinner.
- 13 Cold. I got McInnis to make a sleigh for baby.
- 14 Lovely day. Ethel stayed at home in the afternoon & we took the children for a walk. Mr. & Mrs. Thoms came to tea.
- 15 Bright frosty morning & nice day.
- 16 Ethel went to SS meeting at the parsonage. George went to school meeting.

- Jan. 17 Very wet & sloppy. None of us at Church. The children did not go to SS.
- 18 Turned cold. Nellie came in the evening having got a ride with Mr. Smith.
- 19 Ethel & Nellie went in the afternoon to dress the Xmas tree. We all went but G. & baby in the evening & had a fairly good tree & entertainment. Cold night.
- 20 Raw E. wind. I called at Vincent's. George got a bl. of apples from Ladells. Nellie walked home.
- 21 George went to Hay's with Mr. Thoms & got a lot of things. Laura & Louie were here to tea & Mr. T. also stayed. snowy.
- 22 More snow. George went to Huntsville with Herb Ladell. Ethel & Charlie went to Thomses to tea.
- 23 Baby poorly with croup. Ethel was at home this afternoon & is not going to work at Ladells any more. Cold. G. at lodge tonight.
- 24 Very cold. Two services. The children & I did not go out.
- 25 Cold snap continues. Ethel went to see Mrs. Zavitz. Baby is very feverish & troubled with earache.
- 26 A little milder. Eva at home with cold. I got letter from Meaford at last.
- 27 We washed. George went to see Mr. Gervin & rode with Mr. Smith. softer.
- 28 Stormy. Children have bad coughs. Mrs. Vincent came in for a while.
- 29 I have caught the cold now. Nice day we took a walk.
- 30 Lovely day.
- 31 Another nice day. I did not go out much but the others went to SS & Church.
- Feb. 1 Lovely day. We washed & scrubbed and had a walk. Mrs. Dodd called & invited me then for Thursday with Mrs. Forrest
- 2 Nice day. Father came and Ethel & baby rode with him & called at Kennedays. Laura Thoms came to stay a few days.
- 3 Lovely day. Ethel & Laura had a walk.

- Feb. 4 Mrs. Forrest & I went to Dodds & spent the day. We are having frosty mornings & sunny days.
- 5 Fine Presbyterian concert. Laura, Ethel, Charlie & Eva went. Louie & Connie Thoms called for them.
- 6 Mild & snowy turned wet. Charlie shot the cat.
- 7 Thaw. Ethel & Laura went to Church in the morn to the Pres. Church in the afternoon & to Forrests for tea. They called in on their way to evening service with Mrs. & Minnie Forrest & Laura said goodbye as she is going home tonight.
- 8 A little shaper. I called at Vincents & found Mrs. Vincent poorly with cold. We commenced to get 1 qt of milk a day from the Vincents.
- 9 Nice day. we washed. Jim Snell brought a load of straw. G. paid him \$4 for it. G. was at the meeting at the hall tonight.
- 10 Fine day. I called at Forrests & met the Thomses there.
- 11 Called to see Mrs. Vincent who is no better.
- 12 Stormy all day. George started to go to Aspdin but got no further than Ladells. E. & I wrote to Nellie for her birthday.
- 13 Clear & sharp. The Mitchells called. I received a piece of Cousin Frank's wedding cake. Ethel called at Vincents.
- 14 Sunday. St. Valentine's day. Mild & snowy.
- 15 Nice day. George went up to Aspdin with Ladell's horse & took Joe Clarke's insurance.
- 16 Fine day. George went to Utterson. Beautiful moonlight tonight. Mrs. Forrest went to a concert in Huntsville with Mr. Smith.
- 17 Nice day. Began to get a pint of milk daily from Mrs. Watson.
- 18 Fine. Laura & Louie Thoms called & invited G & me there for tomorrow. Tom Howard brought a load of hay.
- 19 Sharp & clear. George Thoms came for us but the Forrests could not go on account of colds. Mr. Thoms brought us back at night.

- Feb. 20 Raw wind. came on a terrible storm in the evening. Charlie went over to Thomses & is not back yet. He stayed all night.
- 21 Charlie came home. Fine again. Ethel went to Church twice & to SS. G & C also went at night.
- 22 I took a fit of trembling at night & we sent for Mrs. Brown but I was better before morning & she went home.
- 23 Snowy. Ethel scrubbed our room. The cheese factory meeting was very successful & Mr. Thoms came back to tea with George. Service at night in aid of the India famine. Ethel only went from here.
- 25 Concert at Utterson but very slimly attended.
- 26 Very cold 35° below at night. Ethel went home with Mr. Smith & got back in good time.
- 27 Stormy all day. Old Mrs. Mainhood's funeral. I finished a white dress for Eva. milder. Lodge tonight.
- 28 Cold wind. Ethel and Charlie went to Church in the evening. very cold night 31 below.
- March 1 Cold & blustering. I wrote to Connie & Nellie. Mr. Vincent called in the evening.
- 2 Fine day. Ethel washed in the afternoon & baby got scalded but thanks to some oil of Mr. Brymer's she is nearly all right. George went to the club.
- 3 Ash Wednesday. Ethel went to the meeting at parsonage in the afternoon & to church in the evening. George went to a special lodge meeting at the Hall. Snow is getting deep a fresh fall this morning.
- 4 Roads keep too bad for Lucy to come this week.
- 5 Soft cheese factory meeting.
- 6 Cold. George went to Lancelot with Mr. Smith
- 7 Sunday, lovely day. The children went to SS & Ethel only went to church twice.
- 8 Soft. we baked & washed. Baby has a billious attack & has to be nursed. Brymer girls called.
- 9 Wet day. baby not much Better. I sent a letter to Nellie.

- March 10 Nice fine day, dried the clothese. Ethel went to church. Baby much better. I was poorly last night & G had to get up.
- 11 Fine day. I called at Vincents. Mrs. Forrest called in the evening.
- 12 Blustery & stormy at night. Henry Gall called about some flour.
- 13 Ethel moved the children's bed into the room above the kitchen. Came on very windy at night.
- 14 Sunday. Regular blizzard we denned up except Ethel & Charlie who went to SS & E. to church at night.
- 15 Fine & pleasant but the roads are pretty snowy. We washed & baked. Minnie Forrest called. Mother did not get here.
- 16 Father & mother came. Fine & sharp.
- 17 Lovely day. The children can play out of doors. Ethel went to church at night. Bright moonlight night.
- 18 Gloomy.
- 19 Thaw & rain.
- 20 Warm weather. snow is disappearing.
- 21 Sunday. two services. nice day. Mrs. Forrest & Minnie called on their way to church.
- 22 George's birthday. Father came & brought 6 bags of potatoes.
- 23 Gloomy but mild. George went to Utterson after dinner to unload flour.
- 24 Snow storm. Mrs. Chester called also Mr. Goring. Mrs. Forrest came in on the way to church.
- 25 Fine but cold wind. G. went to see Bob Brown. La Grippe is around again. Mrs. Vincent called. Mother had tea at Forrests.
- 26 Lovely mild day. Ethel took the children to Kenneday's but found them away. I had a walk.
- 27 Lovely day. Cheese factory meeting at the Hall again. Lodge tonight.

March 28 Sunday. Fine. Mother, Ethel & Charlie went to church in the evening.

29 Began to get a quart of milk from Watsons. Fine & warm again. Thawing fast.

30 Lovely day. Ethel washed. Lucy drove over here. The Mithcells called. I did not feel very well. Watson's for milk \$1.15.

31 The cow calved. We got milk from Watsons & Vincents for the last time today.

April

1 We are having a number of lovely days & the snow is going fast. Mrs. Brown & Mrs. Forrest called.

2 Old Mr. Kay was buried & George was a bearer.

3 Nice day. The cow is giving a nice lot of milk. we did not keep the calf. Minnie Forrest called & stayed to tea. G. heard from Insurance Co.

4 Mother, Ethel & the children went to Church in the morning & G & E in the evening. Mrs. Vincent called.

5 Minnie & Mabel Forrest came & got some milk.

6 I was taken sick in the night & about 1 o'clock in the day baby was born, another little girl. she cries a bood bit. Ethel washed.

7 Baby did not let us have much sleep last night. Mrs. Chester called. Ethel went to the meeting at the parsonage & Mrs. Forrest came up for a moment to see me on her way home. They talk of having a picnic on May 24th.

8 Baby continues cross. Mrs. Vincent came up to see her. She has less hair than any of my other babies had.

9 Cold & windy. George has a sick headache. Baby is sleeping much better which is a comfort. Laura & Louie Thoms came to see me. snowy night.

10 Fine morning. baby slept very well all night.

11 A fine Sunday. Mother, George & Eva went to Church at night. G. had tea at Forrests. Mrs. S. Kay came to see me.

12 Baby sleeps most of the time. Fine day.

- April 13 Very wet. Ethel washed. Mrs. Chester called in the evening but had to go home again almost at once.
- 14 Drizzly again. Mrs. Forrest came to see me. George went to Utterson & took Creaser's insurance.
- 15 Cold night but fine day. George went to see Bullin about hay. Mrs. Vincent came to see me. I got up today for the first.
- 16 Gloomy turned wet. Good Friday. Mother & George went to Church. Mrs. Chester called.
- 17 Gloomy after the rain. I got a letter from Nellie yesterday. Baby sleeps fairly well & does not cry much. Mrs. Mitchell & Minnie Forrest came to see me. I did not feel so well.
- 18 Easter Sunday, fine with high soft wind. The Brymer twins came to see baby also Mrs. Clarke & Bertha.. I came downstairs for the first time.
- 19 Blew cold with rain & snow. Miserable day. Ethel washed. George went to Utterson to unload flour.
- 20 Cold wind but fine. Lucy came and took mother home.
- 21 Nice day. Baby sleeps badly these nights. George went to Falkenburg. Got some hay from Hugh Brown.
- 22 Warm high wind. I went out for the first. Mrs. Dodd came to see me. Min Forrest called for butter.
- 23 Very sultry, wet afternoon. Charlie went to a Taffy pull at Hudson's.
- 24 Wet. Children all sick with colds. Lodge night.
- 25 Wet Sunday. children stayed in all day. Nellie's birthday. Baby sleeps very well.
- 26 Wet and cold. children had to stay in.
- 27 Fine but cold wind. Ethel & Charlie washed.
- 28 Nice warm day. Eva went to school again. I went up to Ladells & took Louie & Violet. & got myself a hat.
- 29 Windy turned cold. George went up to Brunel to buy bark. I called at Vincents.
- 30 Nice mild day. G. went to Brunel. I had a walk. Baby poorly with the thrush. Lucy sent some onions with Mr. Forrest.

May

- 1 Gloomy but no rain.
- 2 Fine & cool. G & I & the children went to Church in the morning. SS is in the morning now.
- 3 Lovely day. Ethel & I took baby for a walk in the evening.
- 4 We washed. I called at Forrests.
- 5 George walked to Falkenburg. I called at Chesters.
- 6 George went to Huntsville as a witness (?) Ethel and the children went to a Taffy party at Jones'es. G. walked home & got here late. Mr. & Mrs. Forrest were here in the evening.
- 7 Cool & fine. baby is not better of the thrush and is very cross today. George & C. went trolling & caught 1 fish. Ethel went to Lancelot for a few days.
- 8 Baby was cross as I had the work all on my hands.
- 9 Warm. I went for a walk with the children. Turned wet at night. I called at Vincents.
- 10 Cool & bright. George went to Brunel. Ethel came back in the afternoon. G. got back very tired.
- 11 G. gardening. E. washed, fine & dry.
- 12 My birthday was not celebrated at all. Heavy rain after dinner. The Thoms girls called in the evening.
- 13 Cool. Ethel finished cleaning upstairs. I went to Ladells. G went to see Jim Brown and Mr. Thoms. Minnie Forrest & Mrs. Brown called.
- 14 George walked up into Brunel to Seymours.
- 15 George & C. went over the lake to see some people but G. did no business. C. & Cyril Thoms went to fathers & had dinner. Cool & bright - the children keep catching colds, the weather is so changeable.
- 16 Nice day. We had baby christened and Mr. & Mrs. Forrest & Laura Thoms were sponsors. They were here to tea. Herbert came in the morning & stayed till after tea.
- 17 Lovely day - we washed. baby takes a good deal of nursing. Mr. Mitchell called.

- May 18 Ironed & cleaned the pantry. Colder.
- 19 Fine but cool. We cleaned the sitting room. rain in the evening.
- 20 Wet day cleaned the dining room.
- 21 Nice day. cleaned the kitchen which finished up the housecleaning.
- 22 George's & Charlies eyes are sore still. Mabel Forrest came & nursed baby. (POLLEN ALLERGY???) (Query aca)
- 23 Sunday. Wet & cool. I went to Church in the evening. Terry Hord (?) stayed with Ethel.
- 24 Cloudy & cool. Clara came & went with Ethel & the children to the picnic. George heard of his mother's death.
- 25 Clara went home. We washed & Mr. Hughes came & plowed the garden.
- 26 Ethel mopped the dining room & ironed.
- 27 We all have colds & coughs. The weather keeps so wet and cold.
- 28 Wet & cold. Ethel went to meeting of SS teachers. George's eyes are getting better but Charlie's don't seem to mend.
- 29 Nice day. The children & I went to Ladells. George cleaned out the cellar.
- 30 A wet cold Sunday. I went to Church with the children in the morning and Ethel at night.
- 31 A wet miserable day. Baby has a bad cold & cough.
- June 1 Cold last night but nice day. George Hughes finished the garden & charged \$1.50.
- 2 Like rain. Mr. Hughs came & sowed grass seed. Mrs. Forrest called & went to C.W.A.S. meeting with Ethel. Mrs. Vincent came in a while. G. went to Huntsville and bought a horse. Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell & Percy called.
- 3 Andrew Hood brought us a tiny little pig which got out.
- 4 The childrend & I called at Forrests. Mrs. Chester had a son also Mrs. Alex Kerr.
- 5 Like rain.

- June 6 Sunday. I went to SS wet afternoon. this rainy weather is going to ruin the crops if it continues. I went to Church at night. Ethel has the mumps.
- 7 George went to Brunel & Charlie & I started up the lake to meet him but the rain came on & we went to Thomses. very heavy rain. we got wet coming home.
- 8 We washed. Mrs. Forrest & Mrs. Marshall called.
- 9 Ethel ironed. Tom Howard & S. Proudfoot called. Damp day.
- 10 Fine & hot.
- 11 George went to Huntsville but did not get back. Took the cow away.
- 12 Nice day. George got back with the pony. it is named Jessie.
- 13 Hot. I went to Church in the morn & G. & E in the evening. We went to see the steamer (?) Crat (?) and I calked with the children at Brymer's & Vincents'
- 14 George went to Raymond & bought some hay got back at 10 at night.
- 15 Father did not come. George & baby & I went to tea at Forrests. G went up to the Henry's in the afternoon. Harmil (?) brought Lucy home.
- 16 Laura Thoms came to make me a skirt and brought Aggie Ladell. Father came and took Eva & Louie home.
- 17 Warm day. George was away all day in Brunel. Laura went home & I walked up to Ladells with her. Mrs. Dodd & Tom came to tea but did not stay late. Charlie went to a concert in Utterson.
- 18 Lovely day. George at home. I saw Dr. Howland in the boat about my hands, he is going to send me some medicine. Ethel went to a party at Galls with the Forrests & did not get home till 4.30.
- 19 Fine morn but damp afternoon. G. rode in to Utterson to the Council meeting. Ope of the N.L. Companys teams is drawing wood for us from the mill.
- 20 Cool & fine. Ethel & Charlie went to jubilee service at Utterson I went to Church at night. Mrs. Clarke & Elie came.

- June 21 Father brought the children home. we washed & baked. Fine and cool.
- 22 Diamond Jubilee. Ethel went to a picnic at Bullen's & the rest of us went to one here. an excursion from Huntsville came. we had a lovely day. There was a great show of bunting.
- 23 Ethel did not get back till evening. very hot & like rain. G. rode up to Howards after tea and just got home before a heavy thunderstorm came up.
- 24 Very hot but turned cooler in the evening. Herbert & Will Gall were here to tea.
- 25 Fine & cool. George went to Brunel. School closed. Charlie went on an errand for Mr. Vincent. George has got the booth for Dominion Day.
- 26 George & C. have gone to Brunel by bota. got back after dinner & Cyril Thoms with them.
- 27 Bright with cool wind. G. & I went to Church in the evening. I am taking the 2nd bottle of medicine from Dr. Howland.
- 28 Hot day. We washed I went over to Forrests & paid my arrears to C.W.A.S. George went to Ufford on horseback. got home to tea.
- 29 Ironed. Minnie Forrest called. wet day.
- 30 Busy baking for picnic & for Galls who came to tea.
- July 1 Hot. we all went to the picnic which went off well.
- 2 Very hot. Churned. Charlie hoeing potatoes. George went up to Lynch's. Laura Thoms called.
- 3 Ethel walked home. Mrs. A. Ladell came to Thomses from Texas. Very hot.
- 4 Very hot. 104 in the shade. Ethel & Nellie came .. & went to church in the evening.
- 5 Still hot. Thunder storm threatened but passed over. Nellie & I & the children went to bathe.
- 6 A little cooler. I went up to Ladells. Nellie & I went to Jenners in the evening.
- 7 Very hot. Nellie ironed & Ethel baked for picnic.

- July 8 Presbyterian excursion. Ethel & Nellie & Charlie went & Nellie got off at Huntsville and went home. Very hot and dusty. I wish it would rain.
- 9 Hot alittle like rain in the even. George went to Brunel after tea. Got back late.
- 10 Hot day. I took the children for a bathe.
- 11 Much cooler with light showers. The children & I went to Church in the morn & G. & E. at night.
- 12 Fine & cool. no rain. George went to Utterson half a day to unload salt. The children & I went to Thomses to see Ada.
- 13 We washed. Cloudy & cool. showery in the evening. I went to Forrests.
- 14 Ethel went to Bible class. Rain.
- 15 Hot. The children & I got some gooseberries. We went to see Mr. Smiths boat launched. Louie Forrest christened it & it was named the "Gem".
- 16 Hot. George & I went over the lake to Galls. Nellie was there.
- 17 Hot day & so dry. We all except G. went for a trip around the lake in Mr. Smith's boat in the evening.
- 18 Fine & hot. G & the children & I went to Church in the evening.
- 19 Windy, came up stormy but the rain did not amount to anything.
- 20 A storm came up but passed away without rain. Went to pick raspberries but they are late & scarce. Mabel Forrest & Maud B. called in the evening. George went up to the locks in the steam boat.
- 21 Very dusty. I went up to Ladell's my face is swollen up from toothache.
- 22 Lucy brought Mrs. Harmion & children. We had heavy storms but they got home pretty dry I think.
- 23 Ethel & Charlie went to a party at Forrests. Charlie got sick and had to come home.
- 24 Ethel went to the swamp for huckleberries.

- July 25 Showery. I went to church in the morning and Ethel at night. George had a bad sick headache.
- 26 Fine & cool. Charlie & I went to the swamp & got 10 qts of huckleberries. G & I went to Forrests in the evening.
- 27 Wet day
- 28 Very wet. we washed.
- 29 Fine & cool. George went to Ufford. Duncan, Minnie & Mabel Forrest came to tea. McClure & the Clarke boys came in the evening to take some affidavits.
- 30 Mrs. Forrest was taken ill. I went to see her in the evening. Part at Dodds. Mrs. Hood called in the evening. Rain at night.
- 31 Fine day. Herbert came & Ethel went back with him.
- August 1 Sunday. I could not go to Church.
- 2 Charlie & the Thoms boys went to the swamp but got very few berries.
- 3 Cloudy. Charlie & I washed. Eva & Louie went to Clarkses. I went to see Mrs. Forrest. Flossie Clarke & Ethel Allman called. G. went up the lake.
- 4 Cloudy. Charlie went to the Rocky Island & got some huckleberries. Ethel came back.
- 5 Hot. Charlie went berry picking with the Vincents. Flossie Clarke & Ethel Allman came to tea and went to a lecture at the Pres. church afterwards.
- 6 Charlie, Eva & I went to the island to pick berries.
- 7 Hot.
- 8 Hot. G. & I went to Church in the morn. George went to Thomses. Mrs. Vincent came. I called to see Mrs. Forrest in the evening.
- 9 George went up the lake in the steamboat. Ethel & Charlie went to the swamp. I went up to Ladells.
- 10 They washed. A thoroughly wet day. Tom Young came and brought Jessie.
- 11 We had our S.S. picnic. It rained a little. we went in the boat around the lake.

August 12 Cool.

- 13 G. went to Lynch's. Ada Ladell & Jessie Thoms & Ada's children came to spend the afternoon. G. is up late.
- 14 Ethel went home she rode with the Hares. Rain at night.
- 15 Sunday. I did not get to Church as Ethel did not come back on account of the storm & heavy rain.
- 16 Cool & gloomy. Ethel came back. I went with Mrs. Vincent to the swamp & got some berries.
- 17 Cloudy & cool. Ethel & Charlie went to get rasp berries but got none. George is doing road work. I went with Mrs. Forrest to call on Mrs. Johnson at Smith's.
- 18 Showery all day. G. finished road work. Lucy did not come.
- 19 Lucy came & took us home with her. she got some berries in the swamp.
- 20 Nice day. Violet got lost & we had quite a search for her.
- 21 Violet & I went to Huntsville with Mother. I got a new boiler.
- 22 Cool. I went to Church & heard Mr. French.
- 23 Father drove me to Herberts place.
- 25 Mother went to Fearens to get the children but their grandma would not let them go.
- 26 Lucy drove us home & got some berries. George & I went to a party at the Thomses.
- 27 Ethel & I & baby went to Mr. Smith's & had a trip in the boat. A cold cloudy evening.
- 28 Mrs. Forrest is ill again & had Dr. Bridgland. Mrs. Gall & children called. Will & Henry Gall were here to tea.
- 29 Fine morning but wet evening. I called to see Mrs. Forrest. G. & I went to Church.
- 30 Fine. Ethel washed. Charlie & I went to pick blackberries. G. went to Lancelot.
- 31 George went to see Dodds etc. I called to see Mrs. Forrest.

- Sept. 1 George & Charlie went duck shooting. I went to Ladells.
2 Warmer & dryer.
3 George & Charlie went up to the lake about bark.
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5 A Sunday with no service. I took the children for a walk. Hot.
6 Hot & like rain. Ethel washed.
7 George, Louie & I went to Falkenburg on the train. Cool.
8 Hot again. G. & I got some blackberries. I took the children to bathe.
9 Hotter. Tommy Caswell was here to dinner. Violet & I went to Forrests.
10 We got a basket of plums from Forrests. Ada Ladell & Laura called. Ada is going home soon. Sultry turned wet.
11 We had a nice rain which cooled the air. Ethel went home yesterday.
12 Ethel came home before tea & G. & I & the children went to Church. We had a clergyman from Hamilton.
13 G. & C. went up to Mainhood's. I went to see Mrs. A. Ladell off but was too late.
14 We washed & baked. G. & C. went up the lake.
15 Warmer. I had a letter from Nellie Gibson telling of Lizzie's death. (Elizabeth, daughter of William & Annie Gibson at Meaford?)
16 Damp & sultry. blew cold at night. Got the goods from Hay.
17 Cold wind. but sunny. Charlie shot the first partridge of the season. Herbert was here to tea.
18 Mr. Hay came to measure bark. Eva & I went to Ladells.
19 Sunday cool. I went to Church in the morn. Mr. Geaghan preached.
20 Cold north wind. We are constantly missing the cow.

- Sept. 21 Cold. Ethel washed. Charlie went up to Seeley's George insured Nickason's school.
- 22 Warmer. Mr. Hay & George went up the lake in the steamer & to Huntsville. Mother came & brought Robbie & took Ethel home for a week. G. brought Mr. Hay.
- 23 G. went up the lake to see Byron Seeley. Lovely warm days & cool nights.
- 24 School holiday. G. & the children dug the potatoes. about 12 bags. warm.
- 25 Hot day & so dry & dusty. G. sold a plow to Mr. Brennan. Mabel Forrest came & nursed baby for me.
- 26 G & I & the children went to church. & Charlie stayed with baby.
- 27 Ethel came home.
- 28 She washed. Charlie is staying from school with a sore foot.
- 29 Ethel went to Church to decorate for a little while & I went after dinner. I brought Laura & Louie Thoms back to tea.
- 30 Very fine & dry.
- October 1 Lovely day. George, Ethel & Charlie went to Utterson Fair.
- 2 Cooler. George went to Utterson & saw Mr. Hay. Cyril Thoms was here to tea & to shoot with Charlie.
- 3 Fine day. Harvest festival. Father & Uncle Thos. came to church & to spend the afternoon. I was very pleased to see him. I stayed home in the evening.
- 4 Hot & dry. George went to Brunel.
- 5 Washed. Mr. H. Petman came to dinner. Geo. went to insure Somerset barn. Turned wet at last & we had a good rain.
- 6 Colder. Laura Thoms came to sew for a few days. She & I went to Ladells in the evening.
- 7 Cold Wind. Mr. Hay called.
- 8 Laura is still here.
- 9 Mr. Hay was here to dinner. Laura left in the evening. McClure called to show her how to do the tent.

- Oct. 10 Ethel went to Church & S.S. I did not go. We had a walk in the afternoon.
- 11 Charlie had Cyril Thoms to spend the day but it was rather showery. The Mitchells called. Charlie got a book from Connie. (Nov 14, S. R. W. & G.)
- 12 We washed. Ethel spent the even Terry.
- 13 Louie has a bad cough. Warm.
- 14 Warm & summer like. The children & I called at Forrests.
- 15 Quite hot. George oiled his tent. Ethel & Eva went to Thomses.
- 16 Warm wet day.
- 17 I went to Church in the morning. A new student for the Pres. Church has come. Colder.
- 18 G. sold a sewing machine to Joe Marshall. Washed & baked.
- 19 Nice mild day. Mr. & Mrs. Thoms & Connie & Mr. & Mrs. Forrest came to tea & we spent a pleasant evening.
- 20 G. & C. went hunting. I went to Ladells in the evening.
- 21 Very wet day. baby is poorly with cold.
- 22 Nellie came & Ethel walked home with her. nice day.
- 23 Fine. Charlie went to the Thomses. George went up to Brunel by boat from Gealls.
- 24 Fine but foggy even. Ethel came home & I went to Church at night.
- 25 E. washed. Mr. Goring & Vincent were boarding the dining room ceiling.
- 26 They finished the ceiling. Ethel cleaned her room. Lovely weather.
- 27 Mrs. Vincent called.
- 28 Mr. Goring came & fixed the wood shed.
- 29 Cold again we have had no snow yet but a few flakes.
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- 31 Sunday. Louie & I went to church in the morn & G. & E. at night. Cold & gloomy. Mr. Forrest came.

- NOVEMBER 1 Hunting season began disastrously, two of the Parkers were drowned trying to pull a deer out of the water. Wet morn. G. & C. went hunting but got nothing.
- 2 Cold & damp. George went down the river with Mr. Vincent to try to recover the body of G. Parker.
- 3 Mr. Forrest & Mr. Vincent got all ready & came over to start on their hunt but Bob Brown did not come. They had a hunt but were unsuccessful.
- 4 Fine again. The hunting party started off bag & baggage this morning. There were 6 in all not counting the dogs. Cleaned our room.
- 5 Fine but wet night. E. cleaned passage upstairs. The two Parkers were buried today. Laura & Connie Thoms called & Lucy Hares. Baby was cross.
- 6 Baby is sick with diaharreah. First snow of any consequence but it did not lie on the ground.
- 7 Baby poorly I stayed at home. Mr. Brymer called & gave me some powders for her.
- 8 Snowy all day the ground is white tonight. We expected to hear from the campers but were disappointed.
- They came back bag & baggage. It was too wet & cold for camping.
- 9 They went out hunting but got nothing. G. has a bad cold. Cleaned the sitting room.
- 10 They were out all day but Ada Watson shot their deer. I went to Ladells in the morning. A little snow on the ground.
- 11 Wet, we cleaned & papered the dining room. Charlie was out but got 0. Mr. Thoms came here & stayed tea.
- 12 We finished the dining room & cleaned pantry. Colder. G & C went out but got nothing.
- 13 Messrs Forrest & Vincent came back with some venison & G & C got nothing.
- 14 Sunday. Cold. G. & I & C went to Church at night.
- 15 They (the party) had a run but did not get the deer. G & the children have bad colds. I went to Ladells.
- 16 E. washed. I felt very poorly in the evening.

- Nov. 17 Better in the morning. I called at Forrest. G went up the lake to Cotterells.
- 18 Cold & gloomy. Mrs. Chester, Miss McNaughton & Minnie Forrest came to tea but Mrs. Chester's evening was spoiled by having to run home after the children every little while. Allan McInnis killed the pig it weighed 150 lbs.
- 19 Snow on the ground & snow falling all day. We cleaned the kitchen & papered it. G & I went for a tramp in the wood, & came back exhausted. We cut up the pig.
- 20 Turning soft. Finished the Kitchen. Joe Marshall sent his machine back.
- 21 Sunday. Thawing but turned cold. G. & C. & I went to church in even.
- 22 We heard of the death of Lawrence's baby.
- 23 Washed. Mrs. Forrest & Minnie called on their way to the funeral. Cold wind.
- 24 I went down to Falkenburg & did some shopping had to walk from Utterson as the stage left me. G came & met me.
- 25 Roads are icy & a little snow makes slipping for Jumpers (?). Thanksgiving Day Ethel walked home. Charlie has gone to a concert at the Hall.
- 26 It rained all day & melted the snow then froze at night.
- 27 Fine but cold. The S.S children met at the hall. Ethel came back in the evening. A strange man was here to dinner. He holds an entertainment at Utterson tonight. G. & Charlie gone.
- 28 The children & I went to Church in the morning & G. & E. & C. at night.
- 29 Snowy day G & C went out after a deer in the afternoon but did not see it. Mr. Newson was here to dinner.
- 30 E. washed. we are getting plenty of snow now.
- Dec. 1 More snow. Mrs. Forrest called & went with me to meeting at the parsonage. G went to Allenville & sold a sleigh to Morrison.
- 2 Snowy. George went to see Bob Brown.

- Dec. 3 A school holiday. The children & I went up to Ladells. It was a nice day. There was a shooting match at Ladells.
- 4 G & I went for a ramble. The S.S. children met at the hall to practice.
- 5 Nice day. I did not go to Church or S.S.
- 6 Father came, he is coming for the children before Xmas. turned windy.
- 7 Mild day, good sleighing. C. washed. Maud Brymer came to practice on the organ. Ethel made her birthday cake.
- 8 Ethel's birthday. Laura & Louie & Cyrial Thoms came to spend the evening & Louie stayed for a few days.. Nice day & good sleighing. The children, Louie & I went up to Ladells in the evening.
- 9 We cleaned stove pipes.
- 10 Raining fast & the snow is going.
- 11 Snow nearly gone turned cold at night. Ethel & the children went to practice.
- 12 Sunday. Louie & I went to Church in the morning & had a walk after noon. She & Ethel went to Church at night & she went home.
- 13 I went up to Ladells & the Mitchells came back with me for a call we found Mr. Thoms here. He did not see George so he came in the evening & bought a sleigh. Snow almost gone.
- 14 Wet soft weather. I called at Forrests.
- 15 A little more soft snow.
- 16 Soft still I went up to Ladell's & got some Xmas presents.
- 17 Snowy. Geo. had a shooting match & got a turkey for Xmas.
- 18 Cold N wind. sleighing again. Herbert came to dinner. I went to practice with the children. cold night.
- 19 G. & I & Eva went to Church at night very cold night about 20 below zero.
- 20 E. washed & I made Xmas puddings. George went to Utterson at 10.30 at night to see Mr. Stevens. he stayed the night in Utterson & got back next morning.
- 21 Good sleighing again.

- Dec. 22 Last day of school I went to the school. Eva & Louie got prizes.
- 23 Lucy came & took Ethel & the two little girls home, turned very cold.
- 24 Busy preparing for Christmas very cold day. Baby cross.
- 25 Much milder & snowing. C & I went to Church & George cooked the Xmas dinner. I took Violet out for a sleigh ride after dinner & called at Chesters. Mrs. Chester asked us all to spend the evening there which we did & had quite an enjoyable evening.
- 26 Sunday. G. & I went to church at night.
- 27 Sharp & Fine. Ethel & Clara came back. E. went to practice at McEntyres.
- 28 Mr. McInnis was here making some doors in the evening. Teeny (?) Hood, Mr. Cranston & McEntyres came to practice. We got 3 nice Xmas Nos. from England also a letter from Connie.
- 29 Mild & snowy. E & C washed & I baked. Charlie went to spend the day at Thomses. Ethel went to a Concert in Brunel with the Hoods.
- 30 The weather is alternately cold & stormy.
- 31 Jessie Thoms & the 3 boys & Mable & Louie Forrest spent the evening here. Laura & Louie came for them. There was a dinner at the Hall. Duncan Forrest came home.

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- Jan. 1 New Years day was very cold. Father did not bring the children. Ethel & I went to the practice at the Hall. Mrs. Forrest & Duncan called in the evening & brought baby a cap and gaiters.
- 2 Sunday very cold & stormy. I did not go to church.
- 3 Cold. Father brought the little girls home. The new school teacher arrived & went to Jones'. He called here to see George.
- 4 Raw. Clara went to Galls. The children started school. George & Charlie are at the club meeting.
- 5 E. washed. I called to see Mrs. Vincent.
- 6 George got his money from England. Ethel went to a concert at Utterson. S.O.S.

- January 7 George went to Bracebridge & Falkenburg and got his money.
- 8 We had quite a bustle. It was Cheese Meeting day & Mrs. Hares called & Mr. Johnson brought Mabel, they were here to ten also Allan McInnis who was putting up a new closet. We bought a quarter of beef from Jim Nickason.
- 9 The children & I went to Church in the morn & G. E. & C. at night. I called at Forrests.
- 10 There is skating on the lake by Ladells.
- 11 George went to Falkenburg. The children and I went to the Pres. Xmas tree & had a pleasant time. G. did not come. We got 6 bags of flour.
- 12 Turned wet rained all day. George came back having gone to Huntsville. Mr. Smith called about the S.S. treat.
- 13 Frozen up this morning. We heard that Mrs. Wm. Gall has a baby.
- 14 Mrs. Hood called & Mrs. Gall & Gladys & Dorothy came at the same time. Mr. Smith called in the morning. Mrs. Forrest came to see me about the S.S. treat on Saturday.
- 15 Practise at the Hall.
- 16 A lovely day. George & I went to Church in the evening. Mr. Price came after Church and stayed till 12 p.m.
- 17 Cold wind. (Milder) I went to Laddells in the evening. E. washed.
- 18 Lovely day. Charlie got hurt on the head at school sleighriding. We had the children here for practicing for the Xmas tree. Mr. Corm's (?) bought a sleigh from George. Mr. Smith came to see how the practice went off. Ethel went skating. I sent off a cheque to the Children's Hospital.
- 19 Beautiful morning, trees covered with hoar frost. We had practice here again. Mr. H. Somerset came to practice.
- 20 Stormy but mild.

January 21 Violet's birthday. She had Willie Chester, Elsie Jones & Louie & Theo Vincent here. Practise at the hall in preparation for tomorrow.

22 Mild day. I went to the hall to help get it ready. There were several men there & the hall looked quite nice decorated with flags & evergreens & the tree was also pretty. I went home at 4.30 & Laura Thoms Came with me & Ethel & she & the children went to the hall to get tea while Geo. baby & I did not go till after tea. The Lodge was held here at night. The performance went off very well & the Bishop came after a time with the Mitchells. he is rather small & clean shaven & he seems a very earnest man. They did not get home till 11.30.

23 About a foot of snow fell in the night & Mr. Smith had to get the snow plow out & make roads through the village. There was a confirmation in the morning. Ethel went. G & C & I went at night. Mr. Price was here to tea.

24 Mr. Cousins came & signed notes for sleigh.

25 George went to Toronto today. mild. E. washed & I went up to Ladells.

26 I wrote to George.

27 Snowed hard. Mr. Thoms brought Connie to stay a few days. very cold night.

28 Cold. Connie & I went to Ladells. George came home a day sooner than we expected him. Cold night.

29 Cold day and plenty of snow. The children all got new dolls.

30 Sunday. Mr. Price & Mr. Vincent came in for a while. Mr. & Mrs. Duncan Forrest came to tea.

31 Very cold. Duncan F. went away.

Feb. 1 Very cold N. wind. Mr. Price called.

2 I went to Ladells & called at Mitchells. Mr. Thoms & Laura called here.

3 E. washed had to dry clothes indoors. Mr. Vincent & Mr. Price came to tea. cold.

4 Much milder after the long cold snap. George & I went to Forrests to tea.

5 Soft snow. George went to Aspdin to attend Mrs. Wm. Crompton's funeral.

- Feb. 6 A nice sharp morning with white frost. Ethel went to Church in the morning & G & I at night. Mr. Price came after Church.
- 7 A nice mild day. Father came & took Ethel back. Mrs. Dodd called & asked me to go there on Thurs.
- 8 Lovely day. soft. Mrs. Vincent called. Geo. went to Utterson.
- 9 Thawing & damp. Geo went to Hville with Herb Ladell & Mr. Price. Ethel did not come back. G. got the children some school hoods & some baking tins.
- 10 Tom Dodd came and took Mrs. Forrest & me, Eva & Rog to spend the day. Ethel came.
- 13 Ethel, Charlie & I went to church at night. Mr. Price came after church as usual.
- 14 We washed. Fine.
- 16 Cold N. wind. Mrs. Bob Brown came to see George, he lent her \$7.00.
- 18 A lovely day. Mrs. Wm. Gall called to show me her baby. We all but Ethel & the 2 babies went to a concert at the hall & wax works show.
- 19 Nice day. I went out with the children.
- 20 Stormy. I went to church in the morning and Ethel & Charlie at night.
- 21 Very stormy. We expect the Thomses to come for us today. Laura came & took us & the Forrests. we spent a pleasant evening & got home about 12. We commenced to get milk from them.
- 22 We washed, snowy these days. Mr. Price was here to tea & went to the club after.
- 23 The children & I went up to Ladells & rode home with the Thomses. Mr. Price went away.
- 24 Snows a little every day.
- 25 Mr. & Mrs. Gall & baby & Mrs. Dodd & Tom were here to tea.

Feb. 26 Lovely morning but turned stormy. I am making Louie a dress.

27 G & I went to Church in the evening.

28 Nice day.

March 1 Lovely day I went to Clarkes & stayed tea. Election day causes considerable excitement. The Grist got in again. Mabel Clarke came back with me & Mr. Brymer pulled a tooth for her.

2 Mrs. Forrest called & Ethel went to the C.W.A.S. meeting. Mrs. Thoms came & stayed till after the service at Church. I received a letter from Annie asking to borrow \$25. G. went to Utterson to meet Hay.

3 Sent Annie Cheque for the amount. I went to Ladells.

4 Lovely days. Charlie has sore eyes.

5 I took the children for a walk to Jenners. Bob is no better.

6 Lovely day. G & I went to Church twice. Ethel went to Thomses & home with them as they went to the swamp church.

7 Ethel walked back in the afternoon.

8 Washed - George & Charlie went on a lynx hunt but saw a deer instead. Ethel went to church in the evening.

9 Thawing fast the roads are going. I went to Church at night & played the organ.

10 Turned wet. Geo went to a sale at Aspdin.

11 The snow is going fast.

12 Mr. Thoms called in the morning.

13 Sunday. heavy rain turned cold & windy. Ethel & Charlie went to Church.

14 Lovely day Ethel washed. Herbert came to see George.

15 Mrs. McKechnie called she was staying at Chesters. It thundered & lightened quite heavily.

16 Connie's birthday. fine weather.

- March 17 George went to Johnsons & sold them a harrow. Lucy came & brought us some potatoes, we did not go back with her. Herbert came & brought Sweezy to see Geo.
- 18 Cloudy. George went to Dodds & sold them a buggy.
- 19 Wet day. Mrs. Forrest & Miss Leyman called in the evening.
- 20 Nice day. The roads are drying up. I went to Church in the morning & G & E at night.
- 21 E washed
- 22 Turned wet. Mr. Johnson brought our potatoes. The children & I went to Ladells. George's birthday. rain at night turned cold.
- 23 In the morning we expected the Thoms girls to tea but they did not come. I went to church at night & practice, sharp frost.
- 24 Nice day & frosty night. The cow calved in the woods & we did not get her.
- 25 Charlie & Geo hunted the cow all day & C. found her in the evening & brought them both home.
- 26 Like rain. Jessie & Cyril Thoms called. The practice at the Hall fell through. Lodge tonight.
- 27 Sunday. Wet day. G & I went to Church at night.
- 28 Dark wet morning.
- 29 Ethel & Charlie went to Utterson to see Herbert off but he had gone. Fine & cool.'
- 30 Nice day. Laura & Louie Thoms came to tea & went to Church after.
- 31 Fine & cold. Geo went to political meeting.
- April 1 Fine & cold, river very high. I called at Forrests. Mrs. Clarke came & stayed to tea. Ethel went to Toffee party at Jones'es.
- 2 Fine & cold with fresh snow.
- 3 Sunday. I went to Church in the morning. windy & cold.
- 4 Cold with snow flurries.
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- April 6 Ethel went to Ladies Aid & brought Mrs. Leonard back to tea & then went to Church in the evening. George went to Bullen's & sold him a harrow.
- 7 Cold wind but fine. George went to see John Nickason's farm.
- 8 Lovely warm day. G & I & the children went to Church it is Good Friday. Mrs. Geall brought some eggs.
- 10 Easter day fine & warm. I went to early Communion. The others went to Church at night.
- 11 Ethel went to Hoods with Mary McEntyre. Lovely warm weather. Minnie Forrest came home.
- 12 I went to a meeting at the parsonage there were quite a number present.
- 14 E. cleaned Charlies room
- 15 Cleaned Ethel's room, warm & dry.
- 16 Cheese factory meeting Ethel went home with J.H. Madill. there was quite a fire at the point above the falls.
- 17 Like rain. Louie & I went to Church in the morn & G at night.
- 18 Very dry & windy. G went to Aspdin & sold a seed drill. E came back.
- 19 High E. wind brought snow. I cleaned room over Kitchen.
- 20 Washed. I went to see Mrs. Vincent.
- 21 I called in at Forrests.
- 22 I cleaned the two front bedrooms, rain.
- 23 Baked & churned.
- 24 Sunday. G & I went to Church at night.
- 25 Nice day. we got two little pigs. E & I papered two bedrooms. G went up to Dodds. G & C went to Thoms' for the horse. Ethel went to WA meeting at the Hall.
- 26 Washed & papered Charlie's room. Mrs. Forrest called & E went with her to see the Mitchells.
- 27 I Ironed & E. cleaned the passage & stairs.

- April 28 I was busy baking for the Pink tea. Some of the members meet at the hall at night to decorate. Like rain. I baked some more. Mrs. Forrest & Mr. Smith called to buy tickets for the SS children & performers.
- 29 Looks like rain. E. went to get tea ready in the afternoon & at 6 we all but Geo & baby went to the Tea which with the program went off very successfully.
- 30 The rain has passed off. I churned etc.
- May 1 The children & I went to Church & got caught in the rain which continued all the afternoon.
- 2 Fine. Ethel washed & I baked & cut some paper for the sitting room. Mrs. Forrest called. Rain at night.
- 3 Wet day. E & I papered the sitting room G went to Geall's.
- 4 We finished the sitting room and went to the W.A. meeting at the parsonage. I went to Mr. Smiths & payed him for the pink cheesecloth.
- 5 Fine day. Clara came & took me & the 2 youngest home.
- 7 I went to Huntsville with Lucy and got some things & met George there. he came to fathers in the evening & stayed all night.
- 8 G went home after dinner & I went to Church.
- 9 Mother & I went to Herberts place to see Lizzie. Got back about 9 p.m.
- 11 Severe thunder & wind storm.
- 12 My birthday. George & Charlie came & took us home so here we are back again.
- 13 Ethel cleaned the pantry. I churned.
- 14 Cleaned the dining room.
- 15 Sunday I went to Church in the morn. Hot day. took baby out in her carriage.
- 16 We cleaned the kitchen which finishes the housecleaning.
- 17 E. washed. Minnie Forrest calkd.

- April 18 G & C went to Father's to get a bag G left there.
Ethel went to Hood's.
- 19 Hot day. The cow went away . Rain at night. E. came back.
- 20 G & I went to Thoms' in the canoe caught a fish I came back with the girls.
- 21 Fine day. very hot.
- 22 Sultry thunder storm in afternoon with copious rain. G & I went to church at night.
- 23 Washed. Showery morn but got out fine.
- 24 A very wet showery holiday. A boat load of excursionists came from Huntsville. We expected the Thoms girls to tea but it was too wet.
- 26 Laura & Jessie Thoms came in the even.
- 28 Very hot. Peculiar circles were visible around the sun. Charlie & I went to Bracebridge & got C's photo taken. like rain.
- 29 Sunday. Gloomy & damp all day.
- 30 George & Charlie went with a party to Skeleten lake got 3 fish.
- 31 Laura, Louie & Connie Thoms came to tea & Laura stayed to do some sewing.
- June 1 Hot. I went to W.A. meeting at the Forrests. Laura & I had a walk.
- 2 Hotter but cool nights. Mr. Leach has gone away & the school is closed till they get a teacher.
- 3 Very Hot. G & I went to Wm. Galls by lake to Thomses. Laura went home this evening.
- 4 Hot & dusty. Applications are coming in for the school. C. went to Thomses. Ethel & Louie went to Essens with Byron Hood for a drive. Hot night.
- 5 Sunday. Cooler but dry & dusty. Ethel G. & C went to church.
- 7 Like rain but it passed off. washed.

- June 7 Hot but we had a good rain towards evening which was much needed. I called at Whitbeys with baby & Violet.
- 8 Gloomy & wet but cleared out towards evening. We could not go to Galls. G & I went to Ladelles in even. More applications keep coming in for the school. Baby is over 14 months old & cannot walk yet.
- 9 Ethel & Violet went to Thomses and Eva & Louie went on the milkwagon to Galls to spend the day. Turned cold at night.
- 10 Wet again.
- 11 Gloomy & drizzly. Miss Willoughby the new teacher came. She called here.
- 12 Cloudy. Miss W. came to tea & went to Church afterwards. She is English Church. We like her very well.
- 13 Heavy rain.
- 14 Fine. We washed. I took the children & Miss Willoughby out for a walk after tea.
- 15 Lovely day. Charlie, Violet & I went to Galls to tea. we saw the farm family too.
- 16 Lovely day. Mother came & took Ethel home. Miss W. had a little walk with us. George went to Hville on the boat.
- 17 Bright & fine. I churned. Mr. Goring came to brick around the stove pipe in our room. George went to Brunel about bark. . . Herb Ladell came at night to get Miss W's agreement signed.
- 18 Miss Willoughby called & signed the agreement. I was pretty busy all day. W. Gall left Gladys & Clarence here while he went to the piggery. showery.
- 19 Fine day but cool. The children & I went to Church in the morn. Vincent's baby was christened. We went for a walk with Miss W. in the afternoon after Mrs. Clarke had left.
- 20 Quite cold & wet.
- 21 Charlie & I washed. Lovely day. The children went to pick strawberries after school & got over 3 qts. Miss Willoughby called in the evening.
- 22 Lovely day. Geo. went up to Lynches about bark. The children went after strawberries & got over 3 qts.

- June 23 Hot day. I took Violet & Baby to visit the school & then we went with the Forrests to the bathing place.
- 24 Very sultry. The Presbyterians had an excursion up the lakes. Charlie went, no school. George went to Falkenburg. Miss Willoughby came in after they got back & told us about the excursion. very hot night. we had a good rain before morning.
- 25 Morning fine but wet afternoon. we did not get any strawberries.
- 26 Wet morn but no service. It cleared up beautifully after dinner & we all went for a walk to the cave. Miss W. went with us. Louie & I went to Church at night.
- 27 Fine. Clara drove Ethel back. I went up to Ladells with Clara.
- 28 We washed.
- 30 I went to Brymers with baby in the even. The Forrests & Miss Willoughby were there playing croquet.
- July 1 Fine day. we all went to the picnic. I had to bring the younger children home early they were so troublesome. George & Mr. Cusson (?) ran a booth.
- 2 Very hot. A young lady called to see about getting some music pupils. We went to bathe in the evening hot night.
- 3 Sunday. hot day. G & I took the children to church in the morn.
- 4 Cool again & cloudy. E. washed. Nellie walked from home to stay till Friday. We saw Miss Smith who came in tonight.
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- 6 Very hot - ~~I took the children bathing with the Forrests.~~ The children & Ethel & Nellie went for a row with Ladells boat. I went to Forrests with baby.
- 7 Louise Gall came in the morning. hot. had some music in the evening.
- 8 A nice rain the morn which made it cooler. Mrs. Gall & Henry came to tea & carried off Louise & Nellie. Mr. & Mrs. Forrest also came. had a pleasant time.
- 9 Very cool. The raspberries are beginning to ripen. Ethel went to Hoods.

- July 10 Bright & cold. The children & I went to Church in the morn. Mr. Davidson preached morning & evening. Ethel did not get back till after Church.
- 11 Quite a heavy frost last night. Nice bright day. I went with the children to get some raspberries, got about 2 qts. Geo was busy till late putting a rake together.
- 12 Hot day. I called on Mrs. Matthews. Mr. Dunkley & son arrived & will stay all night.
- 13 Geo drove them to Lancelot today, they did not come back here. I called on Miss Smith who is staying at Smiths now.
- 16 Very hot & dry. I took the children bathing. The raspberries keep us busy now.
- 17 I went to Church in the morn with Louie.
- 20 I went up to Ladells in the even.
- 21 Geo. Charlie & I went to Bracebridge. I had 14 teeth pulled while under chloroform/ Geo had 3 out & Charlie 1 out. I had a bad headache when I got home.
- 22 Felt all right after a night's rest, very hot & dry.
- 23 Ethel & Charlie rowed Eva & Louie over the lake to stay a week at Grandpas.
- 24 I stayed at home & E & C went to Church. Intensely hot.
- 25 G carried water from the river & Ethel washed.
- 26 Very hot dry weather the ground is getting very parched up. Mr. Smith called to see George.
- 27 G & I went to Bracebridge. I had the impression taken for my teeth. We went & had dinner and in the afternoon we went for a trip on the boat around Muskoka Lake & got back about 10 p.m. We went to Topps (?) & got my teeth fitted in and we came to Utterson on the 12.40 train & then walked home, where we arrived at 3 oclock.
- 28 C & I picked 6 qts of berries. Mrs. Frost & Mr. Smith called, very hot day.

- July 29 Party at the Thomases. Geo & Ethel went & did not get home till 5 o'clock. I called to see Mrs. Vincent. Cooler evening.
- 30 Nice day. I went up to Ladells & Clarkes.
- 31 Hot & dusty. I went to Church at night.
- Aug. 1 Washed. Tried to get some berries but a little shower drove us in. Turned cooler.
- 2 Hot. There are plenty of tourists in the village now. George is very unwell with dysentery.
- 3 We had a lovely rain in the morn & then a thunder storm in the afternoon. Clara drove the children home & they got wet. I went up to Ladells in the evening & saw several tourists arrive.
- 4 Cool & showery. George is a little better.
- 5 A fine morn but a little shower came. The afternoon was fine for the pic-nic which was quite a success & well attended. Cool
- 6 Nice day. we went bathing with Forrests. Mrs. Sullivan & Aggie Ladell called.
- 7 Fine morn & wet afternoon I went to the Church yard with the children & got stopped at the Church. The children & I went to Church in the evening.
- 8 Fine. We got a few berries. Mrs. Thoms & Laura & Jack came to tea. Mrs. Thoms went to see Mrs. Vincent who is poorly.
- 9 Fine & cool. E. washed. I called upon Mrs. Lowdon.
- 10 The W.A. had a meeting at the parsonage when Miss Montizamba addressed both the Juniors & Seniors & we had tea on the lawn.
- 11 Nellie brought Ed Fearon & Daisy over in the boat. They took Ethel back & she went over to Hoods.
- 12 Mr. Vincent took his wife to see the Dr. she seems to be going out of her mind I am afraid. Mrs. Forrest has the baby & it is very good.
- 13 Fine & cool. Ethel is not back yet. Miss Willoughby came back to open school next week. Poor Mrs. Vincent is much worse & attempted to take her life today by taking an overdose of her medicine. Mr. Thoms & two of the girls are going to stay with them. The children are with the neighbours.

- Aug. 14 I was going to Church but Laura Thoms came to have a sleep so I stayed. Afternoon I went over & sat with Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Vincent who is in bed. Miss Smith & Mrs. Mitchell are going to sit up at night.
- 15 Geo. got up at 2 to go to Bracebridge. Mr. Thoms & Vincent took Mrs. Vincent away to the asylum at Toronto. Laura & Louie Thoms stayed & straightened the house up & then came here to dinner. G got home at noon.
- 16 Nice day. Mr. Vincent came back & will stay here for a few days. I called at Smiths & saw Mrs. Duck there.
- 17 G & Mr. V. went to sort the pigs. After tea G & I went to Thoms' to see if they could take the Vincent children.
- 18 Laura & Louie Thoms came to wash at Vincents they had dinner here.
- 19 Laura & Louie were at Vincents again and took the baby home from Forrests. Mr. V. was working at the bridge. E. went home.
- 20 Mr. V took the red cow to Thomses. Mrs. Sullivan called. Typhoid at Jones'.
- 21 Eva & Louie & I went to a service at Ladells in the morning. G & C went to Church at night. hot. Mr. V. went to Somersets..
- 22 Ethel & Nellie walked here. E is going to make Nell a dress. N & I went to Ladells & walked back with the Mitchells & Louie & Jessie Thoms who came to take Theo. V. to their house.
- 23 Eva & Louie had a birthday party. Mrs. Sullivan called to say good bye.
- 24 We did a big ironing. Mr. Vincent & Roley Junior (Jenner?) took Bob away. Nellie went home. Annie Poyner is to stay with us. Rain at night.
- 25 Wet morn. Baby is sick. I called at Brymers.
- 26 I scrubbed the dining room. Mr. Brymer called & looked at baby. Mr. Vincent came in from Toronto just as we were at tea. Ethel went to Lancelot.
- 27 Baby very cross & has come out in spots. Miss Willoughby called. E. came back.
- 28 The children & I went to Church in the morn & also to Mrs. Keeler's funeral. Violet is sick too. We think they have chicken pox.

- Aug. 29 Violet poorly at night - but baby better. I called upon Miss Smith's party in the evening & we went for a walk.
- 30 Fine - sultry night. Ethel walked home in the afternoon. I went up to Ladells for the mail, our tomatoes have arrived. The children seem better.
- 31 Ethel came back, Nellie drove her. George & I went to Bertha Clarke's wedding. It was a lovely moonlight night and very hot. we stayed till nearly 1 a.m.
- Sept. 1
- 2 Very hot. Ethel called at Forrest's. Mr. & Miss Smith & Mrs. Tye & the two Miss Puddiecomb's came to tea. It was lovely moonlight & we sat out on the verandah all the evening.
- 3 Ethel and Annie scrubbed the Kitchen. After noon E. went to Thomse's. It came up very stormy at night. Thunder & Lightning but very little rain.
- 4 Windy & cooler. Laura Thoms. Minnie Forrest & Miss Willoughby came to tea & we went to Church with them.
- 5 Mr. Vincent stayed here last night & went off to Toronto in the morn but Ethel did not go as it was wet.
- 6 George & I went to Smith's to tea.
- 7 Ethel started to Toronto. Eva & I went as far as Falkenburg & got some goods. I went to a party at Chesters in the evening. quite cold.
- 8 Cool. Mr. Vincent came back & is staying here.
- 9 Goods arrived from Hay's.
- 10 Cool with frosty night.
- 11 Sunday. G & C went to Church at night. Annie is away in Brunel.
- 12 I made crab jelly. Fine day.
- 13 Warm. Mr. V. is at Smiths mill. G & I went to the Thomse's.
- 14 Warm.
- 15 Heavy rain, still sultry. I called at Smiths & Forrests with Vi & Baby.

- Sept. 16 More rain, but fine evening. I went to Ladell's after tea.
- 17 Fine & cool. Eva & Louie & Annie went to the Thomses by the road. Miss Smith & her friends called in the evening.
- 18 Sunday. Fine & windy. G & I & the children went to Church at night. Mr. Vincent went to board at McInnis' as he is to be at the mill.
- 19 G & C went to Thomses for a hunt. Annie & I washed & I churned after dinner.
- 20 Cold night, bright day. I ironed & went up to Ladell's after tea with baby.
- 21 Annie scrubbed dining room. Nice day but cool.
- 22 G & I went over the lake to Father's and brought Clara back. Warm but turned wet. Annie stayed with the children.
- 23 Wet day. Clara went to decorate the church. C & I had a walk after tea.
- 24 Nice day. Clara & I went to decorate for the Harvest festival. Geo & Charlie having been hunting several times but with no success.
- 25 Nice day. Thanksgiving service. Mr. Mitchell came here to dinner. Clara & the children & I had a walk with Miss Willoughby who stayed to tea. I did not go to Church at night.
- 26 Wet after dinner so Clara stayed. Mr. Hay was here to measure bark. Clara & I called on Miss Smith who has been ill. Wrote to Nellie B. & Lizzie.
- 27 We washed. Clara walked home.
- 28 Fine day. I ironed & Annie scrubbed. Mr. Bain came to take an affidavit.
- 29 G & C. went to Thomses. G. came home and went to vote on the Plebecite. C. stayed and shot a fawn.
- 30 G. gave a piece to Forrests.
- Oct. 1 Cyril Thoms was here for tea. Annie & Eva went to Adam Watson's.
- 2 Fine hot day. G & I went to Church. Mr. French preached.

- Oct. 3 Wet morning. Geo. went up the lake about bark.
- 4 We washed. fine day.
- 5 Utterson show day wet morn but cleared out in the afternoon & was cooler. Charlie & Annie were the only ones from this house.
- 6 Miss Smith called and I invited them to tea tomorrow. Laura Thoms was here in the morning also Cyril who was moving Mr. Vincent's furniture.
- 7 Fine & cool. Mr. & Miss Smith came to tea. Miss S. is going away tomorrow.
- 8 Miss Willoughby came in & I had a walk with her, frosty night.
- 9 Violet & I went to Church in the morn, saw Mrs. Sullivan. Geo & I walked to Mainood's wharf after dinner. Mr. V. came in to write letters in the evening.
- 10 Nice day. G. & I went to Ladell's in the evening, heard that Mrs. Clarke is wrong in her head. Mrs. Taylor is a little better.
- 11 Heavy rain last night we washed. Charlie's (Bc 15) birthday. wet all day. Mr. Herbert Petman came in to see George.
- 12 I was very sorry to hear of Mrs. Taylor's death this afternoon.
- 13 Cold and gloomy. Charlie & I went with the Thomases to Huntsville we called at Father's. I got a new dress etc. We came home in the dark over the lake.
- 14 First snow last night cold & wet today. Geo went out with Mr. Vincent this afternoon & has not yet returned.
- 15
- 16 Sunday. Nice warm day. G & I went to Church at night.
- 17 Katy Lever came & is making my dress. The Cheese Factory closes today.
- 18 Wet day. Katy stayed over night.
- 19 The last pigs went today. Katy Lever went home.
- 20 We are busy house cleaning.
- 21 We papered the children's room & hall.

- Oct. 22 Wet again. Annie cleaned Charlie's room & finished the upstairs.
- 23 Cool & showery. We had the Bishop to consecrate the font & confirm. The new furnace was used for the first. Geo & I & baby called at Forrests after dinner.
- 24 We cleaned the sitting room. Mr. Gillespie came to see George.
- 25 We washed. nice warm day. Katy Lever came again to sew. Beautiful light evening. Katy stayed all night.
- 26 Wet day. I ironed. Katy went home after making 3 dresses for the children.
- 27 Mr. Vincent came & went hunting with Geo & Charlie he was here to dinner & tea. We cleaning the dining room & hall. There was about an inch of snow this morning & it was cold all day.
- 28 Cold with hard frost; we cleaned the pantry.
- 29 Nice day. Geo went to a Church meeting. Mr. Vincent & Wall Thoms came in the evening and brought Mr. V's clothese
- 30 Sunday. Mr. & Mrs. Forrest came. G & I went to church at night.
- 31 Hallow'en. Mrs. Forrest, Minni & I called on Mrs. McClure & Mrs. Clarke.
- Nov. 1 Hunting season began. The three hunters went out & got nothing.
- 2 The thomses party joined ours and got nothing. Nice fine weather. The children & I went up to Ladells Got Eva & Louie new boots. Lost Peter.
- 3 Hunters came back tired, no venison.
- 4 Mr. Vincent went to hunt with Mulveying (?) gang. Geo & I went to Forrest's to tea
- 5 Wet day. Geo got the hound at Flemmings. Charlie got wet. V. did not come back. Mr. Forrest called.
- 6 Snowy day. I went to Church & played the organ & stayed at home at night.
- 7 Forrest went out with our party & got nothing.
- 8 Mr. V. went with the Thomses & got a quarter of venison. Our men got none.

- Nov. 8(Cont'd) Mr. Stevens of the Massey-Harris came to see George & caught him in.
- 9 Mr. Forrest went with Geo & Chas to Dodds to hunt. C & Mr. F. stayed all night but G came home. lost Peter
- 10 Lew Clarke & Geo Thoms went out with our party & wounded one but lost it. They had dinner here, snow fell.
- 11 The men rested today cold wind. & snow. Mr. Ross called.
- 12 Nice day. Geo & Charlie were out all day got nothing. Mr. Vincent went with Thomses & got 3 deer. Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell called.
- 13 Miserable snowy day. I had a bad cough & so did not go to Church. Mr. Vincent went to Beatrice.
- 14 G & C went out & C. shot a deer.
- 15 G & C joined the Thoms party but got nothing. In the evening Mr. Vincent & Mr. Gall came to see Geo.
- 16 Finished washing & ironed. fine & still.
- 17 I went to Forrests & got Mrs. F. to go with me to call upon the Mitchells we found Laura & Louie Thoms there.
- 18 Wet day. Charlie went in search of the hounds & got them. Mr. & Mrs. McClure & Miss Willoughby came to tea.
- 19 Damp day. Annie went up to Brunel. Miss Willoughby called in the even.
- 20 The children & I went to Church in the morning. We had a walk after dinner.
- 21 Annie came back.
- 22 We washed. Tom Youngs came to see George.
- 23
- 24 Thanksgiving Day. We all but Geo went to a concert in the even.
- 25 We cleaned the Kitchen. cold snap
- 26 Still cold with a little snow. Jack & Dick Thoms came for the day.

- Nov. 27 G. went to Thomases. Eva & Charlie & I went to Church at night. Mr. Crompton took the service.
- 28 Mr. Clarke was here to kill the pigs. weight. 220 lbs. & 187 lbs. we sent one to Falkenburg. Trustees meeting.
- 29 Miss Willoughby called to see Geo about the notice she got to leave.
- 30 Two services at the Church I went in the evening.
- Dec. 1 Mr. Brymer & Mr. Smith both called to see Geo about Miss Willoughby leaving. the section wish her to stay. Geo & C went to Dodds to hunt. Miss Ladell came with Mabel Clarke. Snowy all day.
- 2 Cut up and salted the pig. Mr. Brymer called in the evening with a Petition to the Trustees.
- 3 Soft. The sleighs are out today. Miss Willoughby called.
- 4 Splendid roads. I went to Church in the morning. snow at night.
- 5 Roads blocked with snow.
- 6 Fine morning. we washed and got all the clothes out when it began to snow and covered all the clothes & snowed till there was more than 2 feet of the level.
- 7 Snowing. Mr. Gardiner came & the Trustees had a meeting. quite shut in with snow.
- 8 Could not get to the W.A. meeting. Alice Jenner called about the school. Mr. Smith also called.
- 9
- 10 Mr. Taylor was here helping Geo with the books. Mrs. McNicol came in the afternoon. Cheese Factory meeting.
- 11 Fine day. G & I went to Church at night. Mr. Crompton came & had tea here. I saw the Thomases about going to Huntsville. Very cold night.
- 12 Cold day. I went to the W.A. meeting & we arranged about the Xmas tree.
- 13 Snowy morning. The Thomases drove down for me & I went with them to Huntsville & got the Xmas presents.

- Dec. 16 I made puddings & mince meat.
- 18 Sunday. The children & I went to Church turned cold at night.
- 19 I went over in the afternoon to Forrests to make school bags. The Forrest girls & Miss Willoughby & Connie & Jessie Thoms were here to tea. Mr. Thoms & Cyril also came to tea on their way from Falkenburg. soft.
- 20 Miss W. & her girls were here practising club swinging. wet.
- 21 Thawing still. I went up to Ladells after tea.
- 22 Warm & Spring like rain at night. Baby & I went to school to see the prizes given out. practise at the hall for Xmas tree. Miss Willoughby & Minnie F. called at tea time.
- 23 Mild with snow. Mr. Vincent came back. We all went to the Xmas tree except George & baby. Miss Willoughby came to say goodbye.
- 24 A lot of fresh snow. Busy with Xmas preparations. Had the children's tree in the evening.
- 25 Sunday Christmas day. No morning service. Fine day. Geo & Charlie & I went to evening service.
- 26 We washed. Herb Ladell & Gardiner came to decide on a teacher. George went to Utterson after dinner & brought Mr. Vincent back with him.
- 27 Stormy. George had a shooting match. meeting at the Hall but Father did not get out as the roads are too heavy.
- 28 School meeting. Mr. Schmidt put in as Trustee. Mr. Thoms called. Very cold.
- 29 Fine mild day. I & Eva called on Mrs. McClure who is going away tomorrow. We also called at the Parsonage.
- 30 Mild & Raining but turned cold at night. very cold night.
- 31 Very cold day. Cheese factory meeting. Mr. V. came back. The old Year is going out cold. We heard the bell ringing the year out after we went to bed.



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