

George Gordon Browne Leith's Diary 1834

March 26th, 1834: My indenture expired this day.

April 11 : Received this day from William Clarke to pay his passage etc to New York an order on the Commercial Bank Dumbarton for L21

13 : Still at Ross

May 25th: At sea off Cape Cod. My feet very much swelled & very painful. Relieved a good deal by bathing them with vinegar and water.

Mem: To make enquiries about the Valley District in Virginia-it lies between the Blue Ridge & the Alleghany Range

28: Dropped anchor in the Hudson about noon in a very heavy rain which continued all day, came on shore with Clarke eager to taste fresh bread butter eggs etc. Dined at Clinton's Lunch. Everything of course to us excellent. Park Theatre in the evening. The house itself is good but the drop scenes etc very paltry. The orchestra rather too loud to be agreeable. Wishing to sleep on board. Clarke and I went down to the quay when the Yankees wishing to do us for the tune of a dollar for putting us on board. We went up to Bunkers & got beds & bugs.

29th : Still heavy rain. One of our boat men gravely attributed the amount of rain to the presence of the Quakers who are here in great numbers to hold their annual festival. This was again mentioned to me by the custom House officer who assured me that tho' the Quakers changed their time of meeting, still for a number of years past it had invariably rained whenever they met. This to our cost is true eno' just now at any rate. Dined at Bunkers. Good eno' dinner, nothing remarkable about the men except that not one of them looked like a 'gentleman' one or two of the Ladies remarkably pretty, went to the Park Theatre to hear Mrs. Wood when I had the felicity of seeing a very pretty girl, who had a few hours before received my money in a confectioners shop, seated, full dress, in the centre dress box & apparently perfectly at home.

30 : The rain ceased but still cloudy. Breakfasted at Bunkers. Very busy till 3 o'clock with Custom House Officer on board. Dined at Bunkers, wandered about the town till supper.

31 : Rain again. Went to the Custom House with Mr. Laurie to settle about the duty for my gun when thanks to his exertions I was allowed to take it duty free. Clarke had paid the day before for his 8 dollars. Sent off my chest & tin box by the Tow Boat to York. Went to the Battery-view very tame. Returned to Bunkers to dinner. In the evening went to the Bowery Theatre.

June 1, 1834: Started at 7 a.m. for Erie up the Hudson. It rained incessantly all day but still the scenery was beautiful. Reached Albany about 8 PM bundled myself bag & baggage to the Temperance House. Safford the landlord very civil & attentive-coffee & bed both very good

2^d: Weather still threatening yet the sun very warm. Breakfast not so good as at Bunkers, no omelets, no sweet meats of any kind, rambled about the town. The

Capitol a very paltry affair in its present state. An indifferent dinner Theatre very slow, not well attended.

3rd: Warm wind & dust. Clarke & Calder made their appearance for New York.

4: Started per railroad for Saratoga. The road for the first dozen miles is flat & uninteresting. The soil in most places, sand, the trees apparently quite young, very few trees of any considerable sizes. The approach to Schenectady is really beautiful. The distant hills etc. well cultivated & well cleared country made it more resemble an European view. The Mohawk rather disappointed me. It appears to be a slow river, not 100 ft broad from Schenectady to Ballston Spa the railroad runs thro' a very pretty & by no means flat country. Ballston Spa seems a clean & considerable village. The environs very pretty from this to Saratoga the road is entirely on sand. Scenery pretty tho' tame. The weather was very warm all day. The crops very backward & poor. Put up at the Columbian Hotel apparently every thing comfortable. Here the bedrooms are truly American containing bed, table & 1 chair. The taste of the Congress water resembles soda water with salt in it. Rain during the night.

5: Windy-cloudless & dusty, remained in the house all day reading

6: A very powerful sun & a cloudless sky, started on foot with Buchanan to visit Saratoga Lake about 4 miles S. E. of this. This lake is much resorted to on Sundays & holidays for the sake of catching fish which are said to be plenty but we could only hook 5 of the Bull Head fish. These are reckoned very excellent eating by epicures. The Lake is pretty but its banks, although well cleared & apparently fertile, will never make a good sketch from their want of abruptness & height, no high hills to form a background. The road to it from the springs is good, formed mostly upon a sandy soil, part of it thro' a swamp. The road in this part is formed on trunks of trees but these are so thickly covered with earth & sandy soil as scarcely to be perceptible. In returning to our inn late in the Evening, we heard the bull frogs in great force in the swampy ground & saw numbers of fire flies

7: Powerful sun thermometer 80 in the shade, warm bath at the Washington Spring

8 : Sunday-Therm. 82 in the shade. At noon all day in the house. The sole thing in the shape of a servant at our meals (with 12 or 14 at table) is the innkeeper's daughter about 14 yr old, a very intelligent girl. As far as I have hitherto observed, the servants, when attending you at dinner invariably sit down when not wanted except when they are of colour, in which case, the only difference between them & English servants is that the former wait much more quietly & promptly.

9 : Thermom. 75 in the shade. Walked with Buchanan to Saratoga Lake. Fished, sketched etc, slept there. Here I first observed the American fashion of having no washhand stands in the bedrooms, we performed our ablutions at the bar.

10 : Therm. 72 in the shade; Fished, sketched, came back to the Springs in the evening in a Yankee waggon, heavy rain in the afternoon

11: Cold, cloudy, wind & dust, remained in the house the most of the day

12 : warm & dusty. Left Saratoga Springs in the stage for Lake George House. The scenery along the whole of this road reminded me more of Scotland (Perthshire) than anything I have yet seen. Bed etc. very comfortable & every body very civil & obliging.

13 : Rather rainy & cloudy. Spent most the day on Lake George. From several

points this lake reminded me of Loch Lomond, tho' deficient as far as Ben Lomd was concerned. I met Mrs. Sewels & 3 daughters from Montreal, very agreeable & kind. Admiral Van Sittart & family are here on their way to U. Canada to settle at a place called Zora in the London District.

14 : Beautiful day on the Lake by 5 a.m. Rattlesnakes are said to abound on the hills around the Lake. The majority of these hills are covered with thick natural wood of about 6 years growth with almost impervious brushwood. Bears are said to frequent this neighbourhood in the winter. The Lake abounds in bass, trout, perch. Phelps is now himself too old to shoot as formerly. His son is now employed by Colonel Williams to fish for the Lake House. Visited Diamond Island in the Evening with the Misses Sewels.

15 : Sunday Very warm. Busy all day sketching. Judge Hays came here this Evening & gave me a good deal of information as to the condition of the Indians. He seems to think they have been shamefully treated by the U.S.

16 : Cloudy & damp. Up at ¼ past 4 drawing in the house. Cast some bullets, bathed in the Lake, saw two Indians with canoes.

17: cloudy, ½ past 4, packed up. Commenced my trip down Lake George in steamboat. The weather beautiful & the scenery very pretty. Mostly a succession of tolerably high hills covered with trees to the water's edge. Every here & there might be noticed the shoots down which the trees are shot into the water. We arrived at the Landing place at the north end of the Lake about 12 o'clock. Had an indifferent dinner & then started per stage with four horses over a tolerably good road for this country to visit Fort Ticonderoga. The scenery was rather pretty. About the last mile to the Fort was thro' what I at first conceived to be a gentleman's park, it proved upon enquiry to be the property of a man of New York who had made a large fortune in trade. The view from the fort is splendid. We then started over a bad road to the Ferry, crossed over to Stoneham (Vermont) on Lake Champlain. After waiting an hour or two the Franklin steamer picked us up. This vessel is one of the neatest & best furnished boats in every point. I have yet seen -Captain Sherman-. It rained incessantly the whole way to St. Johns where we arrived next morning. After a fair breakfast started over a most villainous road to Laprairie, a distance of 18 miles, 3 ½ hours. I perceived a great difference in the lower classes here, being almost all French Canadians, apparently very slovenly & indolent-, -no tolls on the roads. The number of speculating, grasping low English about this part of the country is enough to damn it. A bad dinner at Laprairie. Crossed by steam to Montreal. This town presents a singular appearance from the water owing to its bright tine roofs. As it was a dull rainy day when we crossed the tine roofs gave me the idea of snow. During the two days that I remained at Montreal it rained incessantly, consequently, I saw little or nothing of the city. The French Roman Catholic is a handsome building both internally & externally not quite finished. Dined at the Mess of the 24th with Major Yule. Lost my way coming home but was soon put on the right way by the watchmen who appeared to be all French Canadian. The scenery on the banks of the St. Lawrence is in some parts well worthy of admiration. Every body complaining of real depression in trade. Reached Toronto in safety. Ontario House called upon Sir J. Colburne, very kindly received. Dined with him, had a good deal of conversation with G. as to settling, establishing

a store etc. Dined with Lady Campbell. Good dinner etc, chest not arrived yet. Mem: never send baggage by two boats or Canal boats of any kind unless specially directed to some merchant. Weather very variable-rain & heat-. Dined with W. Allan President of the Bank of U.C. Very kind. He is said to be rich. On my return home found an invitation from Archdeacon Strachan, sent an excuse. Next morning set off per steamer to Hamilton in company with Gibson to make enquiries as to land. Possibility of success in store keeping etc. Several large & apparently prosperous stores already established in Hamilton. A great deal of Land in the market. Some bushland in the immediate vicinity of Hamilton as high as £5 & 6 per acre. Was offered Taylors farm of 200 acres where-of 140 cleared, with frame & log house for £1500. The soil in the vicinity rather light. The scenery the prettiest I have seen yet on this side of the Atlantic. Mr. Secord showed a curious spring on his property which contains so much gaseous matter as to ignite readily. There seems to be a general want of ready money among the owners of land. Both Hotels at Hamilton large houses & full. This town seems to possess every natural requisite for becoming one day the first town in Upper Canada. There are extensive layers of lime stone & free stone on the mountain.

July 1: Came up with Calder to Toronto to see Sir John Colborne as to half pay officers right to 'draw back' the officers actually taking possession a sine quo non. Begged Letter of Introduction from Lady Campbell to the Patrick's.

Hamilton:

Advantages: capital situation at the head of Lake Ontario. Hamilton from its position must always be the great outlet for the grain & produce of the Western & N. W. districts of the province. Rather good society, within 5 hours sail of Toronto. Beautiful scenery, healthy climate. Light soil on a limestone bottom.

Disadvantages;

Soil in the vicinity apparently light & sandy, very high price of land, bush land from L2-10 & upwards. Cleared lands L5 & L6 & upwards. Want of running streams

Mem: I have since been offered bush at 6 & 8 dr.

Dr. Wells Cholera Treatment to be observed on the Mountain.

Two table spoonfuls of common salt dissolved in half a tumbler of warm water. After the emetic has taken effect, a table spoonful of carbonate of soda mixed in two thirds of a tumbler of cold water. This may be taken every ten minutes according to the symptoms. Flour of sulphur may be used to allay the cramps. Mustard poltice to be applied to the abdomen.

July 2: Still in Toronto.

July 3: Calder returned to Hamilton.

July 4: Still in Toronto, returned to Hamilton, met on board Captn Fuller who is settled in Walpole on the shores of Lake Erie. He has planted a number of mulberry trees with the intention of rearing silk worms. He seemed a very intelligent gentlemanly man. He proposes buying up next year all the wheat in his neighbourhood. He speaks very highly of his neighbourhood. He had with him a remarkable pretty Irish girl just imported from the Emerald Isle with the sweetest brogue imaginable. She was his servant.

July 5 : Rented the only Hackney coach Hamilton boasts of (no saddle horses to be had) in company with Calder & the Bruces to visit some small farms, the latter

wished to purchase. At a distance of about 10 miles from Hamilton 6 dollars-8 & 5 ½
Were severally asked for Bushland with small clearings. Bruce could not please
himself. Extremely hot day. The morning & evening delightful. Want of water
characterizes some parts of this neighbourhood especially towards Niagara.

July 6: Sunday Therm. 90

July 7 : Thermometer 92. walked 24 miles to look at a farm for Bruce. No bargain
made. Farm consisted of 112 acres. 50 clear, log house & barn. Price £400 or 1600
dollars. From this to the 10th living at the Promenade House Hamilton. Weather
particularly warm therm. averaging 90. Two thunder showers.

Mem: The pita or aloe (Aloe soccotorina) is an important plant in the husbandry of
Spain. It grows by the leaf, which it is only necessary to slip off and lay on the
ground with the broad end inserted a little way into the soil. It makes excellent
fences and the fibres separated from the mucilage have been twisted into ropes &
woven into cloth. Bowles, the best Spanish writer on natural history says the
mucilage might easily be made into brandy. The same plant is uses as a boundary
fence for villages in the East Indies and is found a powerful obstacle to cavalry. The
nina or Indian fig (cactus opuntia) is cultivated in the plains of Seville for its fruit &
also for raising the cochineal insect. It is either grown on rocky places or as hedges.

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in Georgia

12^t: Beautiful day. Still at Hamilton. Bruce bought Law's farm for 1600 dollars. Our
worthy host is a perfect Boniface. Jolly, civil, contented looking. He is evidently
rather puzzled as to my profession, occupation etc. etc. A horse jockey offered me
this morning two black stallions 14 ¾ high 5 years old, very little worked, as he
said, for £75 currency = 300 dollars. They are worth I think say about 200
each.(These horses have since been bought at 300 dollars by Captain Neville. Settled
somewhere near Hamilton, since sold by him for 190 dollars.)

14th :for the last eight or nine days we have had perfect midsummer weather
thermometer averaging 92 in the shade. Immigrants of a vary respectable class
arriving in great force.

21st :Still at Hamilton had a long conversation with an intelligent butcher of this
place who is decidedly of opinion that a grazing farm would pay better than a grain
one. Less outlay require less care & would find a ready market in Hamilton. The
Genesee country or St. Catharines on the road to Niagara the best place for stock.
From this date to the 29th I remained at the Promenade House in Hamilton reading,
drawing etc. with the interruption of two days visit to Brantford. Saw the Patrick's.
Received a kind invitation to return. I paid this visit in congruency with Hughes. On
the 29th the two Bruces, Calder and I moved up to Bruce's farm on the mountain.
Several degrees cooler here than at Hamilton.

Hamilton July 28th , 1834: thermometer 93 in the shade. Remained all day in the
house waiting for Bruce & his waggon. En attendant, read the Shoshonee Village. (
the vale of the Sewasserna ie. The sea green river in the Rocky Mountains. The Lake
of Buena Ventura in the Rocky Mountains wide & beautiful-brotherhood in arms-
common among the Indian warriors

Aug 2nd : Established at Bruce's farm-rose at 5 went to the stable to look after the

horses. Wanted Jim shod. One blacksmith drunk or asleep. The other had give up that branch long ago, both Yankees. Chopped firewood, breakfasted. A man brought a cow, price L6 washed the breakfast things, out to chop & mow. About 3 in the morning Oneas Bruce was seized with violent cramps etc. after severe suffering he got the better of it.

3rd: Sunday a beautiful warm day, Sheriff called, busy all day in the house read some Spanish.

Exact statement of expense of settling on a farm of 100 acres within 10 miles of Hamilton, a tolerable log house, barn & stable. The crop as follows (p 34 of diary) Rode into Hamilton in the cool of the evening with Bruce. My old room at Burley's.

Up next morning very early, got Jim shod, received two letters from Gibson expressing a great wish to speak to me at Toronto. Returned home on the

4th: Our well quite dry. We are obliged to fetch water from some distance. Old Tapley a near neighbour came to invite us to a Bee (cradling) he is a drunken old beast, troubled with an eternal thirst like Duke Wildebrod.

5th : Rose at 4 commencing mowing in the meadow. Breakfasted at 7 mowing again till 9. Groomed & fed Jim. Cleaned out the barn. Bought some tolerable mutton at 5 cents, put on the pot with a leg of mutton, onions, potatoes etc. having first consulted worthy Mrs. Nousse. ½ past 12 all hands enjoying a siesta. In the evening borrowed a sack of oats from Petit (60 lbs) old oats

6th: Rose at 5, out mowing till 7. Breakfast out again till 10, came in to get dinner ready (11 o'clock Therm 85 in the shade Fah.) Every body round is busy cradling, a great scarcity of hands

7th : Jamieson made his appearance today. Busy all the morning with horses, chopping etc, prepared dinner boiled mutton & pea soup

8th : Bruce engaged 4 men today to cut his wheat @ 10/York per day. Therm. Is the shade only 78 owing to a heavy thunderstorm last evening. From this to the 13th the weather variable, warm with heavy thunderstorms. Bruce's wheat not all in, hay not at all cut. We have been very much annoyed during the last week with a number of pigs belonging to a Mr. Law in this neighbourhood this morning (13th)

13th: As I was chopping in one of the back fields down came Mr. Law. I abused him about the pigs, he said if he had not been a magistrate he would have welted me. I told him I guessed he couldn't etc. He did not seem to relish coming to close quarters but vapoured about pistols etc. In the course of the morning, sent him a challenge by Bruce. He accepted & I started for Toronto to get my flutes. Cholera very bad in Hamilton, worse in Toronto & was much shocked to hear of poor Jamieson's sudden death of cholera. He died last night in Toronto, drew 200 dollars to repay the expense of journey to Goderich etc. Arrived safe with Jim at the farm on the morning of the 16th. After a good deal of jaw the Secords made up the row by recommending Law to apologize which he did fully

17th: Sunday heavy rain, reading in the house, Yesterday by the bye Oneas Bruce bought 6 sheep at 1 ¼ dollars overhead. In consequence of Jamieson's death, Bruce left us today for Toronto. From this to the 20th occupied with different things about the house and farm. Weather not so warm but still fine on the

21st : Jno. Ainslie came out to announce his arrival in Canada, on a settling expedition. I went into Hamilton next day to return his visit & bought a horse for

him price 110 dollars returned to the farm on Saturday night found that Bruce had not returned from Toronto. Two stacks of peas up in the barnyard & the rest of the peas cut & ready to eat in the hay still backward. The oats scarcely ripe.

24th: Sunday, therm. In the shade 72, The horses leaped the fences this morning & we had a long chase after them. In the afternoon reading & writing. Mr. Williams and his Lady took possession of a neighbouring farm yesterday. He is an Englishman.

25,26,27: Busy getting in the peas & stacking them, cutting hay & stacking it. Wallace & his son still with us at 1\$ per diem. Reports of Bruce's death from Cholera. Today (27) weather very warm Therm. 67 I the shade. Kelly the carpenter busy making two gates for us @ 10s Yk per day.

31st: Sunday Went into Hamilton with Calder he bought a one horse wagon with steel springs, secondhand for 80 dollars. A plain set of harness 16 dollars. Cholera ceased in Hamilton. Still raging in Toronto. Weather warm from 27 busy on the farm burning stumps etc. John Springstead commenced cutting our oats on Saturday afternoon (30) at 10 Yk per day. Finding his own progress

Sept 1-7: Nothing particular, part of the time in Hamilton. Bruce comes to life after a great deal of trouble with Jamieson's affairs. Preparing our journey to the north and west. Mrs. Ferguson of Woodhill presented my letters to him, devilish cool & civil he was. Received a letter from Erskine mentioning that he has purchased a farm 6 miles from Peterborough on the Otonabee River 200 acres log house & shanty 80 acres cleared of which 30 under crop. 1 yoke of oxen, 2 heifers, 1 cow & calf, 1 sow & young, 1 mare & foal with all the implements on the farm for L500.

Sept. 15th, 1834 Trip to Goderich:

Started for Bruce's log shop in our wagon. Master Jim full of oats & fun. Shyed at a wheelbarrow on the road & nearly upset us. Found Gibson at Burly's full of grief & lamentations on his way home with a wife & 3 children. Mem: this man's want of success easily accounted for. Two screws of the wagon absent without leave which will prevent our starting as early as tomorrow as we at first intended. The weather has been warm & beautiful all day, beautiful moon this evening.

16th: Tuesday warm weather, detained at Burley's all day. Calder not very well. Oats very scare (Granary for them in conjunction with woodyard?) Battermole favoured me with his company this Evening. We talked a great deal of nonsense & drank a good deal of Madeira.

17th: Wednesday Beautiful day. We this morning left Hamilton for Brantford in our one horse wagon. The weather warm & road very tolerable. We reached Brantford 25 miles about 4 without any adventure met there Captain Gibson. He has 500 acres in Blandford, is building a large house. He had with him a very pretty maid servant who appeared thoroughly knocked up with the jolting of Gibson's waggon. I of course insisted upon her taking my place in our wagon as far as Blandford, more particularly as the next morning

18th: Thursday set in thick hazy weather with a deal of rain. I started on foot with Gibson & his wagon & passing through an interesting rolling country, pretty well settled, we reached Blandford at 9 at night. 28 miles. The Inn at Blandford has no tenant. Heard that Clarke had purchased 200 acres of land on the Thames.

19th : fine warm day. Leaving Blandford we passed through a country well watered with cleared rolling & apparently a very fair soil. The latter part of the 5 miles to Oxford East which we reached about noon, runs close along the banks of the Thames. Here we waited and drove on to Oxford West 5 miles further through a very old settled & comparatively wealthy country, the whole surface still undulating. Tolerably good Inn, fair beds but as usual, the Yankee want of attendance.

20th : Our road today runs for the most of the way in a parallel with the River Thames, through an undulating pretty country with the exception of a mile or two through a pine forest which presented one of the gloomiest sights imaginable. After a 23 miles drive we reached London, situated in really a picturesque manner on the Thames, contains about 1200 inhabitants, has a very handsome brick court house and jail, three very large inns & several private houses of a respectable size. Some of the views from the Banks of the River very much resemble the old Country.

21st : Sunday occupied rambling about the neighbourhood. The Thames divides itself into 2 streams, one taking the name of the Medway runs up NNW, the other (still the Thames) continues its course west towards Lake St Clair. A Dr. Murphy resident here told me that he considered London very subject to fever & ague.

22nd: Monday left London & drove through the most abominable road 18 miles to the Black colony. This is the district road to Goderich. Here we were hospitably entertained by a black woman upon fat bacon & cabbage. The Black settlement is apparently a failure. The land appears of the richest quality requiring a good deal of draining to make good road. The Blacks have really done nothing more toward improvement than merely clearing a few hundred yards from the road. After dinner, we went on our way, and after a time some heavy drive through what the natives calls a turnpike road but through what more resembled a newly ploughed field, we found ourselves in the woods at 8 o'clock at night. The night so dark we could hardly see the horses ears & this too on the edge of a swamp, there was nothing for it but patience. Calder at length resolved to take the horse & explore-this he did-I slept in the waggon till daybreak & he got bitten pretty considerably by bugs at a small tavern on the roadside. To add to our comfort it poured with rain the greater part of the night

23rd : Tuesday, I was rather glad I guess early this morning to get a glimpse of Calder & Jim. After a short council of war we determined to retrace our steps to London & to leave Goderich to the safe keeping of old Nick. Without any particular adventure we reached the place safe & deucedly knocked up

24th :Wed. beautiful weather, ground still a little wet so we shall not start for Sandwich till tomorrow morning. Irish very numerous in this neighbourhood

25th :Thursday Rain during the night beautiful day on leaving London the road to St. Thomas 20 miles leads 2 or 3 miles through some oak plains. The remainder of the way through a well cleared & apparently old settled country. The approach to St. Thomas gives every promise of becoming some day soon very picturesque the rising ground its neighbourhood are numerous & well wooded. St. Thomas is a very clean pretty village in a flourishing state & increasing in size every day. We found two very good sized inns at St. Thomas. One Yankee, the other English. The Yankee one very comfortable & mirabile dicta good attendance. One of the largest & best stables in Canada.

26th Friday we left St. Thomas in the afternoon for Port Talbot on Lake Erie 10 miles west excellent road. Scenery quite Canadian. The woods etc. In the evening we made out Evans Inn 5 miles further.

27th : Saturday still at Evan's incessant rain keeps us close prisoners. We both feel most anxious to reach Detroit & to get into a new country, one days drive through Canada is exactly Ditto of the previous one. The greater part of the land in this neighbourhood belongs to Col. Talbot who will not sell on any terms. The landlord complains of a great scarcity of water, says it is very much the case in this neighbourhood.

28th : Hard frost during the night. Beautiful sunshiny day with sharp bracing wind. We left Evan's at about 10 o'clock & drove 18 miles to a comfortable Inn. Nothing new in the country, continual ravines formed by creeks running into Lake Erie. These in many instances might be much reduced by leveling & filling up but 'il n'y a point d'argent chez nous'. Shot a very small wild duck, the second I have seen in Canada. Here I tried to phlebotomise a bit on the body of an unfortunate land surveyor nomine Smith at present candidate for the Representation of Kent. He was thrown out of his sulky next morning got better

29th : Off to Chatham 30 miles road good for 9 miles, then indifferent the last twelve miles by a new cut through the woods. The darkness overtook us as usual we had to get out & walk with our lantern lit. After a tedious walk glad to reach Fulford Inn Chatham

30th : Called upon Mr. Jones crown agent here to deliver Mr. Robinsons official letter. He was very civil & gave me a letter to Mr. Dugald at Sandwich. After a pleasant drive of 20 miles, over a good road we reached Lawson's Inn where we are at present detained by incessant heavy rain. I am afraid from all I hear & see that we have been too late in starting. June July August & September are the best months for travelling.

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October 1st, 1834: Left Lawson's Inn with a broken axle which we spliced with rope as we best could. Rain pretty smart. Our road lay over heavy sand along the shore of Lake St. Clair the whole way to Brooker's Tavern where we stopped to feed. From the bad accounts we received here of the road from this to Sandwich we shall remain here all night.

2nd: Left Brooker's Tavern after a capital breakfast & drove 12 miles to Sandwich partly heavy sand, partly good hard road. The first glimpse of Detroit is really

pretty. Detroit is much larger than any of the Canadian towns (Toronto excepted) & apparently very thriving owing to the great number of emigrants into Michigan. There are several churches. Many very large brick buildings, both private dwelling houses & stores. Nothing can be stronger than the contrast between the life & bustle of Detroit & the calm of Sandwich immediately opposite. The mansion house is large & commodious. Feeling very fair

3rd : As the steamer Daniel Webster did not start till the afternoon we had nothing better for it then to ramble down the main street. Not a grain of oats to be had in Detroit for love or money so was obliged to take up a bundle of hay for Master Jim. At ½ past 4 we left Detroit. The passenger entirely Yankees-dirty, unshaven, ill-mannered, spitting brutes. The first night passed over quite calmly.

4th : Three or four times those Yankee brutes have poked their noses into the book I was reading sans ceremonie, two took the book up while I was looking another way & some one of them at last enraged I suppose at the cutting truths of the book (Hamilton Men & Manners), contains either stole it or threw it over board as I have not seen it since. Cleveland in Ohio is a very pretty thriving place on the shores of Lake Erie. Richmond is smaller in a very pretty bush , I should think unhealthy location. On leaving Richmond about 5 pm the wind rose & we had a very stormy passage to Buffalo, numbers sick. Poor Jim stationed in the bow of the boat was so frightened that Calder & I stood at his head. We got completely drenched

5th:Sunday This morning the wind abated a good deal though the Lake is still very rough. We got Jim & the waggon on shore although much difficulty& established ourselves by a great mistake at the Traveller's Home, a truly Yankee House, the Mansion House is the crack house. Finding the inn at Buffalo anything but comfortable we next morning (Monday) got the wagon repaired & off to the Falls. Jim however soon proved lame from the tossing about he had met with on Lake Erie. So we had the pleasure of walking him the whole way & reached the Galls (Eagle Tavern) about dusk. Our road today lay along the banks of the Niagara River, partly bad, partly fair enough road. Several large thriving orchards on both sides of the road but the apples in some instance do one good. Owing to the wind blowing upon us we did not hear The Falls till within 3 miles of them. The Eagle Tavern is one of the best & most cleanly houses we have yet been in. Of course we ought to have been all hustle about seeing the Falls but we were both of us too hungry to care much about anything but supper. Next morning (7) however we in due time paraded at the ferry owing to standing on a level with the top of the waterfalls rather disappointed in its height. Afterwards, on descending & crossing the ferry, the Falls burst upon us in fearful majesty.

In the evening we left for Lewiston, drove still along the bank of the Niagara River excellent road, arrived before dark at Lewiston & crossed over to see General Brock's monument, damnable exaction, on all sides. Beautiful scenery at the Ferry, The view from the heights is currently very extensive but too tame. The view from the top of the monument, strange as it may seem to say so, is not one bit better than the view from the front. Having nothing to detain us at Lewiston we crossed the ferry once more & found this a very pretty country, good road 11 miles to St. Catharines. Next day Calder started with Jim for Hamilton lea of me to follow per mail. I left St. Catharine's 3 o'clock in a machine more resembling a caravan for

wild beasts than a mail & after 10 hours of more miserable weather, jolting roads & infernal driving we reached Buley's without loss of life tho' leather considerably . The Elections are going on over the whole country. People are as great fools on this side of the water about election as on the other. From this to the 17 I spent partly at Hamilton, partly on the mountain, nothing particularly on 18. Left Hamilton for Toronto to look after Gibson. The Oakville took from 8 in the morning to 5 p.m. to make out the 50 miles owing to heavy sea, head wind etc.

19th : Sunday still at Toronto. Saw Dr. Dunlop, very kind. The weather just now is cold but very beautiful.

20th : After spending several days very pleasantly in Toronto I started by the Canada for Niagara to meet Vansittart. Niagara is a bare bleak place exposed to all the wind from the Lake. This was one of the oldest settled places in Canada. Duck shooting at Hamilton with Vans. Afterwards on the mountain. Intimate with several genuine Canadian families. Spent my time much between Hamilton & the Mountain.

Mem: scenery of the River Illinois very beautiful, Sanyamon District healthy. Lower Alton near St. Louis the confluence of the Missouri & Mississippi.

Toronto lots are selling in Hamilton at about L200 per sy4 acre. Town lots on the outskirts cheaper. G. Ainslie purchased 6 acres for L200 HC. Calder has made a purchase. (5 Nov)

Nov. 9th, 1834: At Bruce's Sunday. Fine frosty weather, the middle of the day as warm as midsummer in England.

20th: Rain still at Bruce's. Calder purchase is as follows:

230 acres on a broad deep creek with saw mill, with 2 saws, a barn, stable & several good frame & log houses with a yoke of oxen (subsequently sold for 70 dollars) for L600=2400 dollars, we have had several days hard frost with several slight small falls of snow

21st : Weather warm & dry. Busy chopping

22nd : Saturday. Heavy ran & sleet. Chopping

23rd : Sunday-sleet in the house very unwell

24th : snow with frost Received letter from Sam, chopping, visited Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams decidedly of opinion that farming at the present price (5/York) will not do more than support a man comfortably. Karle offered Calder his farm today. 100acre lot with good house & 20 acres cleared & under crop for 7 dollars per acre- Jones offered his farm about 190 acres with saw mill & several houses with acres cleared for L600=2400 dollars. Hay sells just now from 8 to 10 dollars per ton, oats 2/ to 3/ York per bushel. Very inferior to old country oats. Bran ½ cent per lb. Indian corn, per bushel 50 cents shelled.

25th : Lovely day, frost. Rode into Hamilton with Bruce & Williams to see a sale of cattle, sheep, pigs etc. Calder bought a Berkshire sow for 10 dollars. They asked 300 dollars for the bull but no bidders. No bidders for the sheep. The whole stock had been imported from England by Mr. Wingfield at a great expense. The event showed that this country is not in a forward enough state yet to justify long prices being given for stock however good they may be. A farmer in Canada must for many years to come observe the strictest economy in as much as inferior stock will find a readier & more profitable market. There is not enough money circulating in

the country yet to justify a man's importing beef of first rate quality, even workmen of first rate abilities had much better remain at home where a more refined style of living & greater abundance of money will call forth & reward their talents. I scarcely ever saw the stars so bright as they appeared this evening on our ride home.

26: Snow storm during the night, hard frost. Showers of snow at intervals during the day. Busy chopping in the bush till dinner time. Calder arrived to dinner with the news of a bear having been seen within 4 miles of this. Also numbers of wolves heard during the night.

27th: Thursday very fine frosty weather. The middle of the day as warm as summer. I busy chopping. Oneas carted slabs from the sawmill. The Laird & Calder made a pigsty. J. Holland busy thrashing peas.

28th: Fresh weather rain towards evening chopping & carting firewood all day. Oneas putting up shed for the cattle. J.H. thrashing peas

29th: rain at intervals, chopping, Oneas still busy with the shed. The Laird unwell. Newell called on his way home & brought me a letter from Alick. Calder has since made another purchase: 100 acres of which 20 cleared. Bounded at the back by a running stream broad & deep, a good log house & shanty 5 acre of wheat, 8 rye, 8 grass price 7 dollars an acre, crop included.

30th: Sunday Very fine day.

Dec. 1st: Cloudy warm weather, walked with Calder through the bush to his sawmill. The Twinty is about 50 yd a cross at the broadest. Shot a black squirrel, saw one other & a few partridges. Voila 'tout'.

In a conversation I had with Mr. John Secord on the subject of the late war with the United States, I mentioned to him Fergusson's statement that in the event of another war the Canadians would be very backward in turning out to fight & asked him whether he thought it correct. He said 'decidedly not'. If another war takes place we shall all turn out to a man. J. Secord carried General Brock's declaration of war from Fort George to Detroit. He rode the distance of 300 miles in 2 days and a half.

2nd: Rode with Sheriff to the Grand River, reached Webster's house after 26 miles riding

3rd: Snow storm which prevented our stirring far from the house

4th: Rode in to Hamilton, spent the evening with J. Ainslie & his Lady

5th: Fine frosty day, made some purchases then rode out to the Mountain where I found Bruce & Oneas quite well. Calder has gone over to his mill.

6th: Snow, Bruce took Jim into Hamilton in the cart & got himself floored. I spent the day chopping.

7th: Sunday. Snow commenced a letter to Alick

8th: Snow, rain, frost towards evening. I remained in the house reading & writing chopped for an hour or two. Bruce & John Holland killed & cut up a 2 year old steer, price 13 dollars

9th: Walked to Stony Creek. Met Charles Moore, Auntie Kate & Harriet. C. M. put two balls with my rifle into a piece of moss the size of a breakfast cup at 110 yards. Spent the evening flirting with Auntie Kate, cupped with C. Moon. In the course of the conversation C. Moon mentioned an incident he had himself witnessed during the last war. Some 3000 Siouxes were brought down by our Canadian Gov't to assist against the Yankees. Some of these devils having captured an America boy, brought

him to Stony Creek & offered him for sale to Hopkins, a farmer settled now on the Mountain. The boy was bought for a few gallons of whiskey. The bargain concluded Hopkins left home on business without the least apprehension on the boys account. The Siouzes returned toward evening, stole away the boy & next day the majority of them having assembled on the Mountain near Hamilton to celebrate some festival, the boy was tied to a tree, his body stuck full of pine knots & a fire kindled round him, which at length consumed him after he had suffered the most excruciating torments. As the whole of our army was engaged on the American frontier no notice could be taken of this barbarous act.

10th : Beautiful day. Hard frost. In the bush all day busy chopping firewood. A large barrel of pork costs us when we first came at 17 dollars. The ox we killed at 13 dollars fills nearly 2 barrels same size.

11th : Beautiful day, frost. Rode in to Hamilton to attend poor Weir's funeral. Mr. Webster from the Grand River spent the evening with him at Cattermoles'. He still seems very low spirited about his or any other man's future prospects in this country. He says, & from all I have seen & heard, I see no good reason to doubt the correctness of the assertion, that the present generation (i.e. the original settlers) may live comfortably enough because the generality of them bring their education with them, but that from the great difficulty, nay almost impossibility, of realizing many dollars from farming, the next generation will be little better than the present race of Canadians & Yankees, mere drawers of water and hewers of wood, with merely a common English education. He asserts that this country is unfavourable to Ladies from home, as well on account of the sudden changes of climate as well from their enjoying but few opportunities of walking, riding or driving. Also from the incessant domestic drudgery to which the wife of every man no matter who he may have been at home must submit

12th : Fine day. Thaw at Hamilton. But still frosty on the mountain. After making sundry purchases of candles etc. for the house rode home heavily loaded.

Yankee effusion in the visitor's book at the Falls:

A parson & a tailor one day

To Niagara took their way.

Thy wonders Lord! The parson cries

With their greatness fills mine eyes!

The tailor merely took this note

Famous place to wash a coat...fact. I expect.

13th : Saturday. Cloudy thaw towards evening. Chopping firewood before dinner & putting up weatherboards in front of the house. Aneas busy with the cowshed. The Laird & John H. in the bush chopping. After dinner The Laird rode to Williams & Mr. Morgan's. Aneas J.H. & I went into the bush

14th : Sunday Frosty. The Laird dined with Mr. Newell. I remained at home writing a letter. Beautifully clear moonlight night

15th : Monday: frosty chopping & Spanish

16th : Tuesday. Ditto chopping & Spanish

17th : Wednesday went over to help Mr. Williams to chop firewood dined with him returned to the log chop. Beautiful moonlight night

18th : Frosty. Calder came over from the Twenty. Brought me 2 letters from Mama.

In the afternoon I practiced rifle shooting. Jim has a slight cold. Mama mentions Papa's has sold his Spanish bonds for L6000 which has been invested in the 5 percents. The Laird & his man J.H. took in peas from the stack yard

19th : Frosty. Busy chopping. Oneas is busy finishing his cattle shed. J. H. thrashing peas. The Laird making an ass of himself all the morning. In the afternoon he rode Jim to Williamsons to get back Kate.

21st : Sunday. Slight fall of snow during the night. Hard frost in the morning. The President's message about war with France. White Ash is considered the best & most lasting wood for posts etc. Hickory beech & maple for firewood. Potatoes sell along the Grand River just now at 6/York per bushel. This is owing to the works that are now in progress there.

22nd : Chopping

23rd : Drove into Hamilton with Mr. Williams Frosty

24th : Walked out from Hamilton with Calder. Dined at Stony Creek. Heavy snow all the way home. Drew a bill for L50 on Sir Wm. Forbes Edin. Endorsed by Adam Fergusson of Woodhill.

25th : Christmas day. All day at Bruce's

26th : Snow still on the ground. Went thro' the bush to Calder's Mill. Saw one doe which Moore fired at but missed. In the evening went over to Moore's house & supped

27th : Saturday. Thaw. Chopping firewood. Read some Spanish

28th : Sunday Thaw In the house all day. Read a lot of Gisborne

29, 30, 31 Snow.

January 1st, 1835: Rode into Hamilton dined at Cattermole's. large party music etc. to bed at 4

2nd: Received from Stevens 40 dollars for order. Sleighed out with Mr. & Mrs. Williams Found Kelly better

3rd: From this to the 6th nothing particular at the farm. Attended a meeting at Stony Creek about the bye laws etc. of the township the whole affair a perfect burlesque.

6th Snowing hard. The thermometer has been for the last few nights 27 degrees below freezing. The days however are mild. Chas. Moore told me a curious anecdote of the celebrated John Brant's father. It seems that one of his sons of the name of Joe betrayed signs of the most savage and desperate disposition amounting indeed at times to madness. He had repeatedly threatened his own father's life and one day when a large party of the Mohawks were assembled in Brant's house, a slight quarrel arose between Joe & his father. When the former presented his gun evidently with the intention of firing when a bystander with a devotion worthy of the olden time thrust his finger between the flint space thus saving his chief's life, though with the loss of the use of his hand. Some of the rest interfered & Joe was handed upstairs. His father then addressed them saying that he foresaw that somebody would be forced to put his son Joe to death to prevent the effects of his ungovernable temper, that he preferred being the executioner himself as it would thus prevent any feud. He then with the gravity & composure so peculiar to the Indians rose, went up to the room above & thrust his knife into his son's chest, who shortly afterwards expired.

Snowing hard 12 inch or so deep. Weather rather mild. I chopping. J.H. & the

Laird butchering a pig which Kelly shot yesterday by accident not our own of course.

7th: The Laird & I sleighed into Hamilton with the intention of visiting John Brant's sister but not being able to get a conveyance gave up the idea. Met Webster from the Grand River & his wife. She complains of cold but will not use buffalo robes because she says they look dirty! The sooner she packs up her kit & takes herself home the better. Received a letter from my dearest mother containing rather discouraging news as to Alick's hopes of success. The L6000 received for the Spanish bonds has been invested in Russian stock.

9th: Took Kelly a ramble through the bush chopping in the afternoon. Most splendid sunset

10th: Saturday: Fine frosty weather with a very powerful sun. Went out with Bruce & Williams to get some quail, shot 3 black squirrels, quail scarce

11th: Sunday fine day

"The population of the peninsula of Michigan according to the census just taken is 85,856, in June 1830 it was showing about 28,000, showing more than a three fold increase in four years in the course of the present session the Peninsula will doubtless be admitted into the Union as an Independent State. Arkansas and Florida will soon follow. The country west of Lake Michigan will be united into a Territory. Journal of Commerce Dec. 1, 1835"

The thermometer has averaged for the last fortnight from 20 to 25 degrees below freezing point & yet the least exercise diffuses a glow of heat all over the body.

12th: Monday snow on the ground, the sun is warm as midsummer

13th: Tuesday snow on the ground, thawing, chopping, rain in the afternoon

14: Walked into Hamilton-chemin faisant & met John Secord who favoured me with the narrative of the lover's leap. The melancholy event which rendered this picturesque little spot famous (famosus?) occurred about twenty years ago. A very respectable Irish family emigrated to this country of the name O'Reilly. One of the daughters, a very interesting pretty girl accepted the situation of companion governess in the family of a Capt. Service, a neighbour of Secord & there became acquainted with a young farmer who after paying her great attention, was accepted as her lover & future husband. However, his mother, a rich old devil on whom he entirely depended, refused her consent & threatened to disinherit him if he married poor Kate O'Reilly. The youth preferring the loaves and fishes abandoned the poor girl. She did not show her grief but leaving her situation came to take up her residence under John Secord's roof. Her brother highly indignant waited upon her faithless lover but he denied most solemnly ever having made any promise of marriage. When Kate was informed of this by her brother, she made no answer, but burst into tears. Next day John Secord & a neighbour were standing at the door of his store when Kate & Mrs. Secord passed them as they said to take a walk. The only peculiarity Secord says he observed about Kate was that she seemed to have paid particular attention to her toilette. In a few minutes Mrs. Secord came running back dreadfully frightened & said "Oh run Papa, Kate has thrown herself over the falls." The remainder of the story was soon told. Secord reached the foot of the waterfalls first & raising her up in his arms he thought he perceived signs of life when he immediately bled her with a pen knife. She sighed once or twice & then

saying as if with great difficulty "Oh let me die!" immediately expired. Started on the stage for Queenston. The coach full violent dispute the whole way to St. Kath: between a tailor looking beast & a Methodist preacher about universalism Etc. wished them both up to their necks in a horse pond. Reached Queenston safe & sound about 12 o'clock next day. 14 hours for 50 miles, credit Judous! Crossed the ferry after another tedious drive during which I was asked whether I was a mechanic etc. reached Lockport & Lower Town vide Guidebook for a specimen of Yankee lying in puffin off this place. Slept at the Eagle Tavern Upper Town. Quite a Yankee house. Bar keeper rather inclined to be civil. Next morning went of along the famous Ridge Road to Rochester at about 5 miles an hour. Coach full. Conversation as usual about pigs, dollars, etc. The Eagle Tavern a first rate house. Strolled out to see the Genesee falls. Heaven help Fergusson for his want of taste in comparing them to our Scotch waterfalls. The fact is that all the falls, rivers etc which I have as yet seen in America, look much more like works of art than nature with their abrupt banks & not one decent tree to hide their ugliness. Rochester near Keles is certainly a first rate town considered in a manufacturing point of view. The falls are admirably adapted for driving mills etc. The Yankees have availed themselves most liberally of this facility. Every possible point being ornamented with a mill of some sort. Twelve years ago the ground on which Rochester now stands was a complete forest. Now it can boast of its nine churches, 12000 inhabitants, count house & jail & other good things in proportion but I soon found that Rochester was not a place for an idle man. There is not a single place of amusement of any kind. Everything is sacrificed to the accumulation of dollars. As soon therefore as I possibly could I jumped into the stage & retraced my steps to Lockport. I was taken to the Lower Town Eagle Tavern which though not so promising in its exterior, I found much more comfortable than its rival on the hill. The fire in my bedroom window contains carpet etc put me more in mind of an English Inn than anything I have yet met with in this country. A slight fall of snow & intense frost in the morning made the road to Lewiston very tolerable. I immediately crossed the ferry & took a hurried sketch of the river from Brocks monument although the cold was so great that I could scarce sit still for 20 minutes. Reached Hamilton without any adventure. From this to the 12th Feb. I remained at Bruce's log house dining out occasionally at Newell's, Williams' Morgan etc. flirting with Auntie Kate etc. By the bye on the 26th Jan. 1835 pretty Mrs. Williams was safely delivered of a daughter by great luck I had sent for Campbell that morning to lance my eye so that he was in attendance though not required. On the 12th all the mountain boys dined with me at Busley's to wish me good bye.

January 13th 1835: Calder & I started this morning in Bernard's waggon for Toronto but owing to our losing a linchpin we did not reach The City till 10 o'clock when we found Keating's brilliantly lighted up, it being an assembly night! The little man came out bowing & scraping with a thousand apologies for not having room. No room at the Ontario House. We finally got beds & a comfortable sitting room at another Inn. The Thermometer has been repeatedly during the last three weeks as low as 25 below 0. Sleighing in great force on the mountain though not a bit at Toronto.

14: Remained in Toronto. Calder doing business negotiating for the purchase of

another 100 acre adjoining & essentially necessary to his saw mill. Started at 6 pm for Port Hope in an old lumber waggon dignified with the name of stage however with the help of my buffalo skin we made ourselves pretty snug. We travelled all night by the light of a most splendid moon through a country which some years hence will I have no doubt deserve the name of pretty, but at present the wood which every where meets the eye hides half the beauty of the landscape.

15: Sunday reached Port Hope without adventure about 9 a.m. a distance of about 60 or 70 miles. A Mr. Hale, a fellow passenger, was kind enough to take us up in his sleigh to Petersons'. We both agreed that the 30 miles to Peterborough will in a few years be one of the prettiest rides in Canada but at present there is an overpowering extent of forest. Peterborough presents another instance of the astonishing rapidity with which towns spring up here. In there was only one house in it. Now there must be full a thousand. Three Taverns, mills in abundance. Peterborough is very prettily situated upon the Otonabee which River runs into Rice Lake which again is joined to Lake Ontario by the River Trent, which last river however is not yet navigable & till this important object be affected, of course many will be deterred from settling in Peterborough whom the beauty of situation might otherwise tempt. Firewood strange to say sells in Peterborough even now at 10/ per load.

16: After kicking our heels about for some time we procured a waggon & rattled up to see Erskine. Staid all night & drove down with him next morning to Peterborough along the banks of the River the whole way. James Heriot an Edin. Man, has a sawmill, grist mill etc near J.S. Thomson's but he is said to be in want of cash. We passed a farm belonging to a Mr. Maloney who came out here with Mr. Peter Robinson's Irish colony in 1825. When he landed in America he was not possessed of five pounds. He received a grant of 300 acres & by his own industry & perseverance he is now the possessor of a comfortable house & farmsteading a well cleared farm & some L300 in the Bank. After an indifferent dinner at Linton's Inn I hired a sleigh & we returned to Port Hope. Bed excellent, people very civil.

17: This morning I parted from Calder. He returned to his farm & mill. I started by mail stage for Kingston. Snow storm the whole way to Brighton where we dined. Dark & cold from thence to Belleville where we now are. Just going to try the possibility of sleeping a bit on my buffalo skin as there is not a bed to be had for love or money. The snow is about 6 inches deep where it has not drifted & the sleighing most excellent.

18: Mild day. Left Belleville at 6 & after a pleasant enough drive through apparently old settled country, part of the road along the Bay of Quinte, part along the St. Lawrence, we reached Kingston about 4. I immediately waited upon Bishop McDonald. He is a tall stout man rather inclined to corpulency dressed in a long black priest's gown, red buttons etc. with a gold chain around his neck supporting a crucifix of gold. He is very kind in his manner, talks broad Scotch in the midst of all he said I thought his eyes every now & then glanced at the person he was addressing as if to watch the effect it made. It might however have only been fancy on my part. He spoke of the Radical McKenzie in very strong terms of dislike. Our conversation however was principally about Scotland & the Ross Family Returned home in about an hour to mine Inn..capital driver, amused myself with James 'Charlemagne' &

then to bed

19: Dined with the Bishop. Mr. Macfarlane & Mr. Harper & three or four aspirants to clerical honor & who are supported by the hospitable Bishop formed our party. The Bishop seemed quite of opinion that farming alone was not the thing for gentleman emigrants but both he & Harper highly approved of raising stock. After dinner the conversation turned upon Spain. The Bishop has spent 10 years of his life there & speaks in the highest possible manner both of the country and the people. He favoured us with a minute account of a bull fight of which he seems an admirer. He is 73 years old but lively & cheerful to an extraordinary degree. Mrs. Armstrong (late Miss Farrell) is settled here.

20: Still at Kingston. Called in the evening on the Bishop. His letters not yet ready. Spent the evening at Belanger's shop cattering & such with his wife.

21: Heavy rain rather bilious soda of course. Read a good deal of the American Annual Ann. 1770-1777. The 66th are greatered here. Saw the humble petition of the L.C. House, parts of it border on the ludicrous but the design of Papineau & his party is but too apparent. His chance of success I should think but small owing to the geographical position of L. Canada. The loyalty of U. C. & the numerous British loyalists in Lower Canada. I notice a curious similarity between the request of the "Humble Petition" for the recall of Lord Aylmer & a resolution of the Massachusetts provincial congress in 1775 that General Gage has by the late transactions & many other means utterly disqualified himself from serving this colony as a Gov. & that therefore no obedience is due to him etc.

Dined with the Bishop by the bye I was to have breakfasted with him this morning but not feeling very well when I got up, I wrote him a note to say so & excused myself about 2 hours after I was surprised b the kind old Bishop's making his appearance, not withstanding that it was pouring with rain, to enquire after my health. After dinner he & I were left alone & I certainly never remember to have spent a pleasanter evening nor to have been so deeply impressed with the good sense, gentlemanly feeling & manner & warm hearted disposition of any man. He mentioned that he had 1200 acres on the banks of the Ottawa near Bytown which he was willing to sell for 3 dollars per acre. Upon my expressing surprise that he should wish to part with what should in a few years be so valuable, he told me that he was now old, childless, that he conceived he had done all he could for his own relations & that his sole wish was to found a seminary near Kingston for the educating of young people & that therefore he wished to realize some ready money. He mentioned as an instance of the rapid increase in the value of land in Canada, that he had some years ago made a purchase of 21 acres in the immediate neighbourhood of Kingston for L800 & that last year he sold 2 of these acres for L1400, the remaining 19 acres he has given away to Trustees for the erection of the foresaid Seminary. He spoke a good deal of the Glengarry Family of Lady Ramsay & of the Ross Family.

Mem: He wishes me to write him all the information I can collect about Oneas' marriage & about the whole Glengarry Family. Also about Lady Ramsay & her family. He spoke of the probability of Colonel Cameron coming out with L10or15000. I was truly glad to find that his opinion perfectly coincided with mine as to the use such a sum ought to be put to in this country. He thinks that Kingston

has a fairer chance of increasing than any other town in Canada from it being such a centre. May there not be some partiality or prejudice in this opinion? We have had rain during the early part of the day & thaw during the remainder.

Mem: When I deliver his letter to Mr. Buchanan I am to ask to see his God-daughter who he says is remarkably pretty.

The Bishop spoke of Sir. J. Sinclair. He considers a vain pompous sort of a man. Ditto his son the clergyman. He asked after Bishop Sanford said he thought him very well read but by no means naturally clever.

21: Sunday accompanied a new acquaintance the Rev. Mr. Milton (parish of Rawdon LC) to the Episcopal Church was introduced to the Archdeacon. The Church is a large commodious building but the sacramental table being placed behind the pulpit & reading desk struck me as ugly & inconvenient. A thaw accompanied with a good deal of rain has rendered the streets of Kingston almost impassible. Dined with Mr. Macfarlane, his wife a very agreeable piquante little gipsy with beautiful eyes, from New York, called in the evening on Mr. Armstrong & the Bishop to take my leave.

22: Left for Montreal. Capt. Darnforth, a fat good natured woman & myself formed the sum total. Nothing particular occurred the road & horses good, but the delay in changing most tedious.

24: Arrived in safety at the British American good attendance & good bedroom but very indifferent dinner. Spent the evening at Mr. Sewells' Capt. Darnforth his son-in-law is on the point of settling a few miles from Belleville on the Bay of Quinte. Dined next day with Mr. Swell after knocking about a cariole all day in the evening Mr. Bingham's fancy ball.

Started on Friday for Quebec & arrived at Trois Rivieres safe & sound the same evening. The country is generally speaking flat & particularly tame at this time of the year owing to the snow.

Started this morning (Saturday) in company with the Hon. Mr. Hatt a member of the Legislative Council. The distance from Trois Rivieres to the first stage house (15 miles) we got over in 1 hour & twenty minutes the rest of the journey to Quebec was performed equally quick. Nothing can surpass the beauty of the approach to Quebec. The mountain scenery reminded me of Scotland but owing to the St. Lawrence being frozen over I did not see the landscape in its greatest perfection. We reached Quebec about ½ past 5 when I had the pleasure of dining with Mr. Molson the merriest old cove of 75 I ever saw. The thermometer has averaged latterly 20 below 0. Col. Heriot says land can be bought in the Eastern Townships from 2/6 to 5/ per acre. He is himself settled on the St. Francis at Drummondville. He speaks in the highest possible terms of it-prefers it infinitely to Upper Canada with which as well as the lower province he is well acquainted. Lord Aylmer (who travelled oer the whole of the Up. Province with Heriot perfectly coincides in this.

March 5th, 1835:

Drove with Grant & Maxwell to Lorette the Indian Village. Saw some very pretty squaws. There is apparently an admixture of 2/3 French blood. The women from working at moccasins etc within doors have the most lovely white hands possible. The moose deer is called 'original'. The small deer caribou about the size of a cow.
Monday March 9: thanks to Lord & Lady Aylmer Col. McDougall Col Heriot and a

host of other kind friends I have spent a very pleasant week. Nothing can exceed the beauty of the environs of Quebec.

Tuesday 10th: Left Quebec early this morning in an extra for Trois Rivieres-first three stages drove near 10 miles an hour but this good driving is universally counteracted by their slowness in changing horses. I reached T. R. at 6 o'clock was shortly afterward overtaken by a whole flight of the House of Assembly who are returning home because Lord Aylmer will grant no contingencies bill. One of them observed this evening 'Point d'argent point de soupe?' The weather was really beautiful today although the thermometer stood considerably below zero.

11: Left T. Rivieres at 7 and after a pleasant enough drive reached Montreal at 8 & installed myself with all dispatch in my own room at the B. American.

12: Rose at 6 devilish cold. Walked out before breakfast & took out my place for Burlington. Called upon Logan, Mr. Sewell dined at the Hotel & afterwards teed with Mrs. Sewell. Came home in a shower of rain.

13: Friday rose at 6 to be in time for the stage but devil a stage ever made its appearance. They had forgotten me. I consoled myself as well as possible with cigars & books as it was a very disagreeable day

Sat. 14: Started in a full sleigh crossed the ice to Laprairie & from thence over villainous roads & an ugly flat country to St. Johns. Dined there. Started once more in a wagon about halfway to Highgate the wheel came off. This delayed us so long that it was dark before we reached this place & I consequently lost much of the beauty of the scenery.

Sunday 15: After having diddled a knowing one who wanted to charge me 8 dollars for an extra to go 35 miles I concluded to wait for the stage tomorrow morning. In the meantime sketched & rambled about the neighbouring hills. The River Missisquoi here has a fall of some fifty feet of course covered with mills etc. Had a capital dinner of which follows the bill of fair. 'Fried fish, potatoes, Indian corn bread, wheat bread, boiled eggs, apple tarts, 3 kinds of preserves, cheese, butter, tea, sweet cake & beet roots'. During the whole of yesterday & today we have had the most lovely sunny weather but as if to make us sensible we were mortal, the roads are thawing & consequently exorable

Monday 16: Left Highgate early this morning. Road to St. Albans lay through hilly & picturesque country soil in most places strong, slight showers of rain. On reaching St. Albans I was informed that the stage would not start for 2 hours so I strolled up some rising ground at the back of the town & obtained a lovely view of the Town itself with Lake Champlain & several very picturesque ranges of hills and mountains in the background. The first few miles of the road from this to Burlington is hilly & very pretty owing to the many beautiful views which are obtained of Lake Champlain. I regretted much not enjoying the view from the hills above Burlington but it was dark before we reached the place. Inn very large as usual and tolerably comfortable. Next morning

Tuesday 17: started before daylight which annoyed me not a little as the light appeared I found our road followed the course of a pretty rapid stream the Winooski. In a succession of scarcely perceptible ascents towards Montpelier (or rather the stream flows to Burlington) through a lovely hilly not mountainous country offering to me a most enchanting succession of sketches but alas the

thermometer was considerably below freezing point. At Montpelier we changed our stage for a sleigh as the snow was 3 feet deep. Nothing remarkable occurred on the road to Royalton where we slept excepting one upset. Nobody hurt

18: Left Royalton very early our road lay along the banks of the White River an extremely picturesque stream. The whole state of Vermont as far as I have seen well deserves its name. We crossed the Connecticut into New Hampshire a hilly poor stony country. As usual it was dark before we reached Concord though from the imperfect view I obtained of it I should think it fully merited the encomiums passed upon it by my fellow travellers.

Thurs. 19: Snow storm rain we got a most villainously bad dinner at Lowell & reached Boston of course after dark, so that if the approach will be pretty I am guiltless of knowing anything about it. The ruins of the Ursuline Convent look well at a distance but it is a tame modern building. Boston possesses a splendid market. The vaunted Faneuil Hale is a plain modern looking affair. I found in it a lot of school tons kicking up a row. I cannot say that I have seen four gentlemanly Yankees in the course of my peregrinations. As for instance in this instance in this house are just like our commercial travelers, writers, clerks, etc. very spruce & neat in their dress but not gentlemen. There is a want of blood. This I have found out to my cost is a Temperance House & the consequence everything eatable & drinkable is damnable. This is the second House of the kind I have been in & please the pigs shall be the last. Montreal notes no go here. Had to change a 10 dollar bill for which I paid 50 cents. The devil take all reprob. I thought Miss Jannau much improved more especially in her singing. She acted Marianne in The Wife & in Perfection. The house pretty full no pretty faces in the boxes.

Saturday 21: Started at 4 am that we might with some chance of success try to reach Providence by one pm a distance of 40 miles! We passed through a pretty but barren country uphill & down dale & did make out Providence by ¼ past one. The roads are certainly most villainous & this too with every advantage under heaven in the shape of metal fails to carry off the surface water etc. but they are free & independent & have a right to luxuriate in bad roads if they please. The driver was a very civil fellow & very anxious to gain some information about rate of travelling at home etc. After travelling all Sunday night by steam we reached New York by 7 & I fixed myself at Bunkers.

Sailed from New York per Sylvann, Jenkins Captain. Coffin on the 27 March. After a very pleasant passage made the S.W. coast of Ireland on the morning of Monday 20 April. Sr. John Gaskell, Mr. Joseph Earle, Mr. McGavin Mr. & Mrs. Thomson Mr. Dickson and the Captain's daughter.

In South America near Pompayn is a river called Rio Venagre. It takes its source in a very elevated chain of mountains & after a subterraneous progress of many miles it reappears and forms a splendid cascade upwards of 300 feet high. When a person stands beneath this point he is speedily driven away by a very fine shower of acid water which irritates the eyes. Analyzed contains among other substances sulphurine & hydrochlorine acids. Sulphuric acid 0.00010, hydro 0.00091, alumina 0.00040, chalk 0.00013, soda 0.00012, silix 0.00023, oxide of iron & magnesia traces.

A Canadian Song by Mrs. Moodie

T'is merry to hear at evening time
By the blaring hearth, the sleigh bell's chime.
And to know each bound of the steed brings higher
The friend for whom we have neared the fire.
Light leap our hearts, while the listening hound
Springs forth to hail him with a bound.

T'is he and blithely the gay bells sound
As his sleigh glides over the frozen ground
Hark he has passed the dark pine wood
And skims like a bird o'er the ice bound flood.
Now he catches the gleam from the cabin door
Which tell that his toilsome journey's oer.

Our cabin is small & coarse our cheer
But love has spread the banquet here
And childhood springs to be caressed
By our beloved & welcome guest
With smiling brow his tale he tells
While the urchins ring the merry sleigh bells.

From the cedar swamp the gaunt wolves howl
From the hollow oat loud whoops the owls
Scared by the crash of the falling tree
But these sounds bring terror no more to me.
No longer I listen with boding fear
The sleigh bells distant chime to hear.
Hamilton U. C. 1834

Diary from 23 May 1835

Sunday, May 24: Alick was cupped to relieve his head. Rain, damp weather.

Monday, May 25: Out at 6 with the dogs, from 7 to noon reading 'Marriage in Erskine' Beautiful weather but cold and at times cloudy

Tuesday, May 26: Up at 9 wrote to Miss Noble, from 10 to 12 read 'Marriage'
Heavy rain in the morning and during the day

Wednesday, May 27: Reading law

Thursday, May 28: “ “ dined with Sam

Friday, May 29: “ “ attended Lyon warm weather with easterly winds

Saturday, May 30: “ “ attended Lyon

Sunday, May 31: Rose at 8, to church in the morning, heavy rain in ye afternoon,
felt very dreamy & unable to settle to anything Canada in my head the whole day long. rain all day and all night

Monday, June 1: ushered in with rain, up at 5, from 6 to 9 read Law

June 2: Nothing particular

June 3: I copied Min: of Proof Longlands & Easton & Curator, 25 sheets for E.

Logan W.S. with Lyon from 4 to 5 making up titles

4: from 5 to 9 read Vassals right on getting the Feu (legal contract in land transfers) & servitudes with Lyon

5: from 5 to 8 reading Law, walked down to Caroline Park in the evening with Alick

6: up at 7 till 9 reading Law

7 Sunday: not up till 8, lay in bed dreaming of Canada

8: Up at 4, out with 4 dogs till 6, read Ilyiad till 9, Law again from 10 to 1 (dam the Law) with Lyon at 4, sparred at Roland's

9: Beautiful morning, up at ½ past 4, out with the dogs to St. Bernard's well, the water like a washing of a gun barrel though very weak, from 8 to 9 read in bed, adjudications etc.

Inscription on a home in ye High Street Edinburgh:

(Latin...translated at Montreal by Charles Elrington Counsell, July 10, 1907, who received this diary from his Aunt Jemima)

'As you are the master of your tongue, I am the master of my ears'.

10: Beautiful morning up at 5, out with ye dogs, read Obligations & contracts till 8, breakfasted, Alick off to the Parliament House & Law again. Letter from Hamilton about chariot from Croo.... Wrote to J.H.in answer

11 Thursday: Reading Law, with Lyon in the afternoon, walked down to see Lady Gifford, devilish sorry to go down again to see the cutty-fine day

12: Up at 7, not well, read Law till 9 with partial interruptions from dreaming about Canada. Hume called, copied 58 pages for him in causa Dempster v Potts

1st August, 1835: With Mama at the Brocks, weather very variable

2nd, Sunday: still at the Brocks, in the morning rainy, misty, chilly infernal weather. The papers contain an attempt to assassinate Louis Philippe Marshal Mortier & several of his attendants said to be killed, his horse shot under him, he himself escaped. The Yankees do not seem inclined to allow Jackson to apologize in terms of the resolution of the chambers. Lord Aylmer has been recalled as it is said to take the command in Ireland. Bothered with sore finger.

12: At Ross, heavy rain. Lord Gifford & Alick out, shot 3 ½ brace. The Lords occupied with the Municipal Reform Bill, Papa & Mama also at Ross.

17: Still at Ross, weather very variable

21 Friday: Thundershowers, wrote to Sir G. L. about I.C.R. not sent yet. Still at Ross. Missey at the Oban Regatta. Sir G. & Lady L. at Ardgour. Received a letter from a Mr. Ferguson of Greenock announcing the arrival of my large chest from Montreal. Thunder & lightning. Paid a visit at Napiers of Ballachinrau

22: Heavy rain, billiards, went out snipe shooting for nothing but wet feet.

23 Sunday: Fine morning.

September 7: Rain at Dumbuck. Lady C.M. Macgrigor and daughters

My son fear thou the Lord & King & meddle not with them that are given to change. For their calamity shall rise suddenly. Proverbs

Sept. 21: At Auchelston-Fife with Jemima Grace etc. Weather very variable.

26 Saturday: Drove Jem to Inchrye. Weather most lovely, home again at 6. Enroute saw the Gable of a house fall in and a poor mason buried in the ruins, he

was got out much hurt & Jemima sent out Dr. Smith to visit him.

Oct. 12: In Edinburgh at 41 Melville Street, helping Jemima to pack up in 32 Melville Street, Alick in town.

The Emigrants Garden from The Country Journal

Far in a deep Canadian wild
A loved, yet lonely, garden smiled;
Both foreign, to that forest were
The flowers, & they who placed them there
The seeds were sown by stranger hands.
The blossoms born of stranger lands
And spoke of years no more to come.
And breathed, as with a voice, of home.

There oft at sunset's dewy hour
Would he who raised that Eden bower
Turn fondly back to scenes of old
Where Clyde's majestic river rolled.
The hearth within his own green isle
His mother's voice, his sister's smile.
All crowding came, that heart to fill
Whose pulse of joy lay cold & still.

Perchance, while musing there, he deemed
Those plants the living things they seemed
When drooping 'neath the alien shade
The orphan flowers would fall & fade
Or homeward turn the deep blue eye
Or to the breeze give back the sigh!
Twas but a dream! Yet sweet to him
Such dreams amid that forest dim.

Dwelt he alone amid the wild?
No one he loved beside him smiled,
Kissed from his lids the starting tear
Or sang the songs he loved to hear
Or when his soul more shadowed grew
Could feel or bear that sorrow too.
And though it pained, would not forswear
A thought tho' sad t'were sweet to share.

But other happier years drew on
And now the wanderer's grief was gone
Or mellow'd to that soft repose
Which steals o'er sorrow's dewy close.
And little pratters round his knee
Recalled the hours of childhood's glee

With memory came a gentle shade
And healed the wounds she once had made.

The distant torrent's voice is sounding
The wild deer thro' the woods are bounding
The pine log on the hearth is blazing
The herds are in the pastures grazing
And silvery voices rise and fall
Within that wide, yet homely hall
That cottage home within whose bound
Nor grief, nor hate, nor strife is found.

Behold beside that hearth of love
How fair a group hath fancy wove!
There manhood's form and woman's face
Have made their meet abiding place
And by the household brow are found
The 'olive boughs' that gird it round
And worldly hearts, and souls sustained
By holiest ties alone are chained.

And one is there from whose calm brow
The light of youth is faded now
Yet by that glance around her cast
Not all her early dream is past
Such visions crossed her girlhood's sleep
For this she passed the desert deep
And closing now life's folded page
Is blessed alike in youth and age!

But noblest of that group is he
Whose love had led her o'er the sea!!
Within his own hearth's sacred light
He sits-his grey hair waving white
His sons upon their sire attending
His daughters 'neath his blessing bending
And on his knee his first-born's child
The honored patriarch of the wild!!

Mr. William Thomson New York 44 Anne Street

Dec. 25, 1835 : Mrs. Leith safely delivered of her third son.

1836:

January: Mem: When all Jemima's sisters are either married or dead, she or her issue will have a claim for a share of the proceeds of the sale of furniture at 32

Melville Street.

8: Dull & towards evening slight rain, in Edinburgh preparing for my marriage. At Rolands, sparred with Lawson, Evening read 1 volume of Agnes de Mansfeldt & some of Alison's French Revolution

14: Reached St. Andrews at 7 with Alick and J. Ramsay, was married & reached Cupar, Fife, about 10, the happiest fellows in creation, snow during the night

15: Quite a Canadian winter day, snow on the ground & sin out in tolerable force, breakfast at 11

16: Fine day, snow under foot, walked out with Jemima, Aleck left us for Edinburgh

18: Left Auchtertool, wind & rain, reached Melville Street about 4 o'clock. Jem rather tired.

1836 March 6 Sunday: heavy rain, still in Melville Street

30 Wednesday: fine frosty day, trunks all packed

31: Sent of 11 trunks to Leith to be shipped by Cyprus for Montreal, wind & rain & glimpses of sunshine.

April 12, 1836: Left Edinburgh with Papa & Mama about 2 o'clock per coach to Glasgow, arrived at nine, had tea went to bed, rose at 8 next day, had breakfast & sailed by Vulcan for Liverpool, had several showers of rain & landed at 11 next day (Thursday) went to the Adelphi, had breakfast, came down & saw the South American, took a walk, got dinner at 6, George & Jennie Ferguson went to the play to see Madame Vestris, thought nothing of her, Mama went to bed early.

Friday: rose at ½ past 8, got breakfast, Mr. & Mrs. Murray of Eaton Lodge called & took us to see the cemetery & various other things

Saturday 10: Sam went off to Chettenourry, Papa & Mama sailed per Vulcan to Glasgow. We sailed for New York, had fair weather, the two first days but since very stormy with wind right in head of us. All the ladies very sick & dearest George also, some of the gentlemen making great fools of themselves, only it amuses one, & I spend an hour or two-This is Saturday 23rd have been a week at sea. I sit on deck all day, have bread & milk for breakfast, & a bit of turkey or fowl for dinner, read & work.

Mem: For view of the Arabian Jack asses & particular apply to Geo. Douglas & Co. 147 Front St. upstairs

Saxon & McKnight Toronto

4 June 1836: Landed at Hamilton. Jemima rather tired but upon the whole pretty well. Money exceedingly scare, legal interest 6 %, Interest offered 9 & 10 %. The Canvass for next Assembly going on in all quarters with great vigor.

5 Sunday: rode up the mountain to see Bruce etc. Jem. Remained at Burleys.

6: Called upon Law to ask about the loan to Thornton of L200 at 6%. East wind, mist & rain.

7: Fine sunshiny day, walked about with Jem in the afternoon took Jem for a drive in a Jersey waggon of Dr. Campbell's, weather rather warm but with a pleasant breeze

8: Fine sunshiny day, cattle show at Hamilton under the auspices of the "Gore Agriculture Society"

9: Fine sunshiny day drove out to Cooper's left Jem. There & went on to look at some farms in Binbrook, home by 9 o'clock

10: fine sunshiny warm day, went with Secord to look at J. Stewart's farm, 264 acres of land, 30 cleared with 17 acres in wheat, good frame tavern 6 miles from Hamilton, Title from the crown, 3000dollars, watered by a swale & two springs. Heavy rain during the night.

11: Fine day, but rather cloudy, attended sale of Arnold's town lots, 20 acres for which he gave L8000, said to be mortgaged. Monhain ? Was selling them for him in ¼ acres lots, nothing done, drove Jem. In Burley's poney waggon

12 Sunday: Fine sunshiny day, went to church in the morning, no evening church. Jem wrote home to George

June 17: Fine hot day with one heavy shower, concluded my bargain with Smith for his farm. Gave him L1000 HCy (Halifax currency) for his farm

100 cleared land

280 bush

In the cleared land there is sown

30 bushels of wheat

10 bushels of peas

11 bushels of oats

25 bushels of potatoes

A good log house of 3 rooms, capitally watered by the Twenty which runs through it, one yoke of oxen, three cows, two 2 year old heifers, four calves, one mare & colt, five pigs, harrow plough & other farm instruments

18: Heavy rain almost the whole day, wrote home, F. Webster called & Williams gave me a promissory note for L70HCy to be exchanged for a mortgage over his farm as soon as possible, engaged John & Mrs. Holland at 16 per month & found (ie. their keep)

19 Sunday: Heavy rain, in the house all day

20 Monday: Still rain, had a wet walk down to Gunn's wharf to look after the baggage not yet arrived, in the morning Blair & Webster called

21 Tuesday: a drizzling rain

July 15th: Mem: about lumber required for the house p. Hills estimate

1800 feet flooring 1 ½ inch thick at 6/3 L 5. 12. 6

3800 feet Lath at 2/6 4. 15

1600 feet inch boards for roof at 2/6 2.

1000 feet clear inch board at 5/6 2.16

800 feet 1 ½ inch plank wide at 7/6 3.

L 18.3.6

The Bricks can be procured at the kiln for 4 pence Cy mille & the number required will be little short of 40,000, say 50,000 at L1pmille 50.

22 July: Busy cutting hay all day myself. Noah & Bill, John Holland drove to Stony Creek with Adams & Lawson who left us this day for Niagara Falls. Weather fine, cool & sunshiny. Yesterday a number of my friends assisted me to mow some grass & then dined with us.

Mem: Noah Moffat engaged with me from the 19th July at 8 dollars per month by

the month.

25 July: Absalom Jones commenced quarrying stone for the well. He is to get 1 ½ dollars per foot for digging quarrying & stoning. Derrick commenced work this morning at 1 dollar per day, board paid extra, busy with the hay all day. John Holland hauling stones for the well. Mrs. Williams rode over to see Jemima. Fine weather all day.

26th: Fine day, busy with the hay all day.

27th: Hay

28 & 29: Hay

30: Fine day, sun very warm. Hay all day, borrowed from Tenlyck 56 lbs of flour.

31 Sunday: Fine warm day. Some friends to dinner.

August 1: Rain, Derrick at work. Jackson has been at work here two weeks & 3 days, myself & John Holland fencing up near the new Gate at the Pine wood. The boys at the hay. John Holland took Jim & the bay mare to be shod. 2 fore shoes on each.

2: Fine warm day. Jack Welsh & the boys all day mowing. John Holland drawing stone for the well. Myself & Morgan went into Hamilton touching the loan to him for L300.

3 Wednesday: Heavy rain. Derrick not at work.

4 Thursday: Fine day Hay making

5 Friday: Ditto Ditto

6 Saturday: Fine day though' rather cloudy, getting in the hay from the meadow, cut on shares by Henry the Yankee

7 Sunday: Dull cloudy day Servants in to prayers. Jones called about the well.

8 Monday: Very hot sunshiny day, rain in the afternoon, rode into Hamilton with Morgan to conclude the mortgage over his place pL300 currency. Oneas Bruce returned from Jamaica.

9 Tuesday: John & Pringle went into Hamilton. Morgan & John Bruce helped me with my hay in the log house field. Oneas cut his foot with the axe across the instep.

12th: Beautiful day, taking in the last of the hay, boys hoeing potatoes before breakfast. Oneas still with us.

13: Raising the shed. Boys hoeing potatoes. John Holland removing dung from before shed.

14 Sunday: fine day, prayers. Jem & I took a ride in the afternoon

15: rode into Hamilton to sign seal etc about Williams mortgage pL100 currency. Jerry Springstead cradled today for me at 1 dollar pday & board found, commenced cutting my wheat

16: Fine day at home, mowing all day. John & the boys cradling the wheat, paid Derrick his account up to this date

17: Fine day. John Holland & boys & Mrs. Holland at wheat. Derrick commenced hewing timber for the room

18: Fine day, barring one shower at five A.M. wheat till 2 o'clock then heavy rain the rest of the evening. Derrick only worked half a day

19: Fine windy day, wheat Mrs. Leith set fire to a number of stumps. John Holland & Moffat drove into Hamilton for Port etc. no letters from Papa, one from Grace to Jemima, no particular news.

20 Saturday: Fine sunshiny day, with a little frost in the morning, wheat all day
21: Fine windy day, prayers, took a walk with Jemima, Calder & Williams called took some dinner & went in about 2 hours, no letters from home yet
22: Fine day, still busy teaming in wheat
23: Fine day, cutting peas
24: Very hot day, boys & John Holland cutting peas. Derrick & I set fire to the brush in the new fallows. Yesterday I gave John Holland notice to quit on the 18th of September for laziness & insolence. Jackson the carpenter still at work.
25: Fine hot day. Boys cutting peas, Jemima very unwell during the night, confined to bed. John Holland went into Hamilton to fetch out my new man Charles Donaldson. I rode into Hamilton on Jim, read letter from Papa dated July 2nd
Friday, Aug. 26th: John Holland, Charles & the boys cutting hay, Noah ploughing. Bill gathering the Dung
Saturday, 27: Fine warm day, Peas, hay etc Jemima very unwell during the night
Sunday, 28: Fine day, prayers. Bruce called & dined & I rode over with him to see Oneas poor Jem still in bed
29: Fine morning Noah ploughing. John Holland chopping firewood. Bill with Charles gathering timothy for feed. About 11 A. M. a heavy thunderstorm. Little done after that except chopping. Jackson cut his foot with the axe. Dear Jem got up after dinner
30th: Fine day. Noah ploughing John Holland & Charles cutting peas Bill making the dung hill, Oneas Bruce called, stayed dinner, Newell called in the evening
31st: Cloudy windy day, Newell, self & servants cradling the wheat, hurt my eye with a wheat stalk, heavy rain during the night.
Jemima fainted in the evening. Derrick not at work today.
1 September, Thursday: finishing cutting peas & wheat windy blustering kind of a day. Derrick not at work.
2nd: Fine sunshiny day. Derrick at work again. Took in the rest of the wheat & part of the peas, myself chopping. Noah ploughing. Jackson still in the house with sore foot. We have had very sharp frosts during the last week before 8 o'clock when the sun dispelled it.
3rd: Frosty cold morning, rode to Stony Creek to answer Jones demand about work, came home at night thoroughly disgusted with the want of common honesty manifested by all order of Canadians.
Mem: in this country a man engaging to dig for a well is not bound to find water unless it is expressly so stipulated. Received several letters from Allan, Alex, Wood, Buchanan, Lawson & Thornton about his confounded loan. Derrick not at work.
4 Sunday: Rainy thunderstorms, prayers at home.
5: Cloudy day, went over to help Newell with his oats but found he had got them all in. Donaldson chopping girdled trees, John Holland all day getting the mare shod when he came home made him harrow the wheatland. Noah ploughing in the spring ground, Bill heaping the dung, Oneas & Monty Bruce called & Newell dined with us.
6: Fine day, John Holland & wife went into Hamilton with waggon to get sundry things we wanted. I rode in myself to get some money
7: Fine day, rather cool with frost in the morning. John Holland & Noah ploughing.

Donaldson chopping, Bill with dung, self chopping. A young heifer of Calder's died here yesterday, suppose inflammation of bowels from overfeeding on wheat.

8: Fine day, not much frost of any in the morning. Calder came over to bury his heifer. He, Davidson & Fred Williams dined with me. Donaldson & Noah ploughing. Bill working in the dung. John Holland went & sent some messages & in the afternoon chopped. During the night heavy rain. Derrick was only at work ½ day on the 7th.

9: Rainy morning, burning out stumps, Derrick only half a day.

10 Saturday: Heavy rain, busy with Newell & my men clearing up the road past Derrick's & Thomas'

11 Sunday: Prayers, dined at Newell's, home early, Jemima walked there & back

12: Fine day. Donaldson & Noah ploughing. John Holland & Bill digging a cellar. Derrick at work, rode over to Morgan's with Jemima & Bruce in the afternoon.

13: Noah brought from Condon's Mill 418 feet 1 ¼ inch plank, 31 feet 2 inch plank About midday, Calder & Morgan, Bruce & Williams came to raise Jem's new room & afterwards dined with us. The day was very cloudy & threatening but no rain, received a letter from Papa & Mama, Jackson recommenced

14: Fine day Noah brought from Teneyck's 600 feet rough edge boards. Donaldson & he ploughed all day. John Holland & Bill thrashed wheat in the afternoon. John Holland went over to Thomas' to a logging bee. Derrick put on rough edge board on roof

15th: Fine day, rode into Hamilton about sundries, no salt pork to be had

16th: Heavy rain. Derrick not at work all the men busy in the barn in the forenoon, pulling out stumps in the afternoon, cut my hand with the axe

17th: Bill & John Holland thrashing in the barn, Noah & Derrick ploughing for wheat

18th: Wet in the morning, fine afternoon, prayers-Jem not very well during the night

19th: John Holland left us, sold Bruce eight buckets of wheat at 10/ Yk bushel, in the afternoon Jemima rode over to Morgans, sent all the men there to help him log, brought home 6 bushels of oats, we were caught in a heavy thunder shower coming home, Jemima not at all well during the night. Heat very great all day & all night

20th: dull cool day, rode into Hamilton, no pork to be got...two letters from Hamilton

21st: Fine day. Juriss called to ask me to his Bee. Men thrashing in the barn

22nd: Cloudy, raining in the after part of the day, finished sowing & harrowing the wheat field near the house, took the men over to Juriss's rode into Hamilton to look after some port, got wet through for my trouble. Derrick not at work

23rd: Fine day, men thrashing, Bruce & Williams called & they ate dinner, Noah brought 280 feet of flooring from Calder's Mill. I rode over to the stream mill, was introduced to Macmicking, got some turnips from Williams, Derrick at work half the day

24th: Fine day, but showery. Jack Welsh brought 13 bushels of oats Noah in the afternoon went & brought 13 bushels of oats-Donaldson cut his leg with the axe in the morning. Derrick working. Jem & I turned out a score of cattle out of the log house field. Pork came out from Hamilton with Teneyck's wagon-two barrels.

23^{5th}: quantity of oats received fro Morgan up to this date, 32 bushels

26th: I took a long walk. Fine windy day. The boys & old Moffat sowing wheat. Jem

& I drank tea at Newell's. Aeneas Bruce brought us letters from Mrs. Nicoll & Lawson.

27th: Fine cloudy day with one heavy shower, the two boys putting up fences in the wheat field. A. Bruce brought 11 lbs beef. Jem & I with him took a walk to the new rode to look after fires. Pettit altered my two bulls.

28th: Ground covered with snow, Noah hauling lumber from Teneyck's for stable and Jemima's room. Paid Bruce for letters, took a walk with Jem.

29th: Frosty morning, hunting pigs with Williams, Noah & Bruce. Received a letter from his Father announcing his intention of going to Jamaica. Brought 2 pigs to fatten for port, one 6, the other 4 dollars

30th: Noah & Bill hauling fire wood, Newell called with cow, paid her also feathers, went to bring home Jem and the mare. Jemima not well. Derrick not at work. A rainy day.

October 1st: Noah & Bill thrashing wheat & winnowing the peas (4 bushels) Jem & I went to Mrs. Coopers, home in a very misty evening. Derrick at work half the day.

2nd: Fine day, with showers, Pettit came to see my bulls, both doing well, took a walk with Jem. Morgan met us on our way home.

3rd: Morgan came & got the oxen for a day Noah went into Hamilton & so did I, no flour bought sundries, paid Thomas for pigs, Bill busy at home, one of the pigs died, Derrick not at work, on account of Mrs. London's death. Wheat first quality 17/3 . received the deed for my land from Honorable William Allan—gave Law a cheque for L50 Cy with instructions as to the loan to Thornton

4th: very rainy day. Derrick not at work—Noah & Bill thrashing peas in the barn Bruce called & paid me for 8 bushels of wheat, one of my sows died & was duly buried.

5th: Noah & Donaldson went into Hamilton, brought out flour & sugar, fine frosty day. Bill & I thrashed peas. Derrick at work half a day.

6th: Noah & Bill thrashing out wheat. I chopping pine trees for hen house & pig sty, dimensions of pine tree 100 feet long, 78 clear stem

7th: slight frost in the morning, cloudy & cold during the rest of the day. Newell called & paid for rings & curtain pins. Bill & I sawing up logs for hen house. Noah ploughing. Donaldson chopping fire wood. Aeneas Bruce called for seed wheat & stayed all night. Major (the dog) returned after being away two days. Mrs. L baking cakes.

8th: Fine cloudy warm day. Noah ploughing Donaldson & Bill chopping & clearing up branches of trees etc. Morgan returned the oxen & brought 8 bushels more oats. Morgan & Aeneas stayed for dinner. Donaldson's wages are to be 9 dollars per month.

9th: Cloudy but mild, prayers. Mrs. Leith rode Jim & I walked over to Bruces. Heavy rain during the night.

10th: Frosty morning cold only in the forenoon, sunshine afternoon. Donaldson chopping. Bill hauling nails to fence the meadow. I assisting both. Morgan sent 11 bushels more oats. Jemima feels still very weak & gets tired with the least exertion. Aeneas Bruce brought some beef and remained all night. Noah took Mr. Holland into Hamilton to consult Dr. Campbell also to get pork—no pork to be got-. Received letter from Frank Webster requesting loan of L100 answered that I had no money to

spare as the security was only a promissory note. Derrick not at work

11th: No. of bottles of port wine in the cellar-34 not including 1 today drawn
No. of whiskey-2

Frosty morning-writing part of letter to Mama-Donaldson & Noah chopping Bruce came about 11 & we were busy till sunset logging across the creek, Aeneas also here. Morgan sent me 14 bushels of oats & I sent him 33 ½ lbs of beef at 5 cents & I jar of whiskey. This makes the 4th jar besides a 10 gallon cask of whiskey he has had. Derrick not here.

12th: Frosty morning. Major (the dog) died early this morning in our room & was buried this evening. Donaldson & the boys chopping & logging in the new clearing. I wrote to Mama before dinner. After dinner helped the men to log. Beautiful sunshiny day. Derrick not here.

13th: Fresh morning. Donaldson & Noah chopping in the new clearing. Bill went to Newell & brought back 87 feet of lath. Afterwards he & I joined Donaldson & Noah in burning brush-rainy afternoon & rain during part of the night. Jem very weak, far from well-Derrick not here.

14th: Fresh morning-fine sun-sow pigged, took 1 bottle port from the cellar & 2 bottles scotch whiskey-Donaldson, the boys, & myself logging in the new field. Calder called to take leave previous to going home with Bruce who brought 2 letters- from Mrs. Douglas & 1 from Miss Greig & with Newell who invited us to drive with him on Monday next. Derrick not at work. Sent into Hamilton 1 letter to Mama & 1 to F. Webster by Bruce.

15th: Sat. Donaldson chopping firewood in the forenoon. Bill hauling Donaldson & Noah hauling 2 inch plank from Calder's mill (340 feet) In the afternoon all hands logging on the new ground. Derrick not at work.

16th: Sunday. Rainy day. Prayers. Took a short walk with Jemima-sleet during the night-1 bottle port taken out.

17th: Frosty windy wet & beastly-tried to log but found it too cold. Let the men to thrashing out peas in the barn, dined at Newell's, slight showers of snow & sleet during the day Derrick not at work

18th: fine clear frosty morning. Soon after breakfast dear Jemima rode off to spend a couple of days with Mrs. Williams. Noah took the ox cart on the sleigh to Pettit's to be mended & then took on the oxen to help his uncle plough. Donaldson ploughed all day with the grey mares. Bill accompanied Jemima. I amused myself all day took my axe improving the Eastern approach. Calder & William Benner called on their way to collect some debts due to Calder & dined with me. Jacob Tenlyck brought me for the stable 427 feet siding, 69 feet two inch plank & 28 feet 1 ½ inch plank for the corners also scantling. Derrick commenced shingling etc. the stable D Jackson at work with my binn for oats & peas. Morgan sent me down 11 bushels of oats & I returned him the 4 bags & 8 more which I had of his. This makes the quantity of oats received from him 76 bushels.

19th: Rain all day with short intermissions Jemima still at William's. Noah returned home with the oxen. Donaldson & Bill thrashing in the barn. Derrick not at work. Morgan called. I paid him for the oats & then walked with him to Calder's. Stayed there a short time & came back to attend to my pigs. Heavy rain all afternoon. Derrick has sold two village lots ¼ acre each for 30 dollars each

20th: Snow all night-thaw during the day. Frosty at night. Williams rode over & dined with me. Jemima returned safe from Williams. Donaldson thrashing in the barn. Noah took the tongue of the ox cart from Pettit's to Benner to be mended. Bill took Jim over to fetch Mrs. Leith home. I occupied in fifty different ways. Derrick at work on stable.

21st. Frosty with a little snow towards evening a cold frosty wind. Donaldson & Bill in the barn thrashing wheat. Noah & Pringle went into Hamilton with the old grey mare in Calder's one horse wagon to fetch out nails. Derrick at work on stable.

Jackson at work in Jemima's room. Morgan called to take leave of Mrs. Leith. I busy as usual with pigs. Chopping in the Eastern approach-salting horses & calves. Got from Fee 6lbs barley, molasses, from McNab nails, from Jackson 3 tin milk pans & two pieces sheet iron for stove, from Layton 1 box pills & 2 bottles tincture, from Young W & Co. 1 pair blankets & 9 yards of canvass

22nd: fine frosty morning. Derrick not at work, Donaldson & Bill cleaning & winnowing wheat in the barn. Noah took the oxen to help log up the road to the Steam Mill. I busy chopping for hen house. Mem. We make upon an average 11 lbs of butter per week from the milk of 4 cows & use about 1 lb per day in the house because no port can be procured. Jackson at work on Jemima's room & putting up spout for rain in front of the kitchen door. Fine clear frosty day with a warm sun at intervals.

23rd: Sunday fine day. Prayers. Took a walk with Jemima. The creek very much swollen. Bruce came to dinner. After him Mr. & Mrs. Cooper called & stayed tea. Most beautiful moonlight night.

24th: Noah ploughing. Donaldson rode into Hamilton for the harness of one of the mares, was out again by 12 o'clock & then ploughed the rest of the day. Bill digging in the orchard. I chopping & reading British India-beautiful day, rather frosty, beautiful moonlight. Derrick on stable. Aeneas Bruce called late in the evening & brought four cows feet

25th: Fine clear frosty weather. Donaldson & Noah ploughing Bill digging in the orchard. I chopping for hen house. Jemima took a walk before breakfast. Teneyck brought 547 feet siding. Derrick at work siding the stable

26th: Fine frosty day bottle of port drawn. Donaldson ploughing. Noah hauling firewood all day. I chopping in the Eastern approach. Bill about sundries. Derrick on stable for half a day. Jackson at work on Jemima's room.

27th: Fine frosty day, warm sun. slight shower of snow in the morning & during the night. Donaldson & Noah ploughing all day. Bill about sundries. Jemima and I rode over to Steam Mill & I bought a pair of chopping boos from McMicking. In the evening Bruce brought a letter from Papa-one from Allan enclosing Plan of Craigleith. Derrick at work on stable. Jackson on room.

1 bottle port wine drawn

28th: Friday. Fine frosty day. Drove into Hamilton with Bruce & Noah to get potatoes, sent Donaldson home with a load of 23 bushels from Middleton. Noah ploughing all day. Ferris refused to take back his stinking pork.

29th: Cold frosty day. Jem & I rode over to Bruce's to fetch home my wheat bags. Donaldson & Noah ploughing all day.

30th: Sunday. Fine mild day with a slight frosty feeling in the air. Donaldson &

Pringle walked into Hamilton to attend the Presbyterian sacrament prayers as usual. Noah away to look for a place. Bill at his fathers. Brought back a present of two turkeys from Williams

31: fine sunshiny day without frost except a very little only in the morning.

Donaldson, Bill & self killing pigs. Mr. Holland assisting –Derrick at work on stable. Jackson on Jemima's room. Noah brought 2 loads of different kinds of lumber from Condon's mill which Calder made me a present of-also from Teneyck Lath boards 415 feet siding 493 ft & 2 inch plank 134 ft.

Nov. 1: beautiful Indian summer day-self cutting up & salting 2 pigs. Bill & Noah & oxen hauling logs for the henhouse. Donaldson ploughing the flat in front of the house. In the afternoon Donaldson burning out stumps in said flat. Noah rode Jim to Harris the cooper to order 2 barrels to pickle beets. Bill hauling logs for henhouse. Mrs. Moffatt called & I advanced her at her particular desire Bill's half year wage. Derrick at work on stable Jackson on room

2nd: Fine day. Donaldson harrowing field Noah brought from Teneyck mill 2 inch plank 248 ft, scantling 323 ft, inch boards 160 ft. Derrick at work in stable. Jackson on room, Oneas Bruce brought 10 ½ lbs tallow Cooper brought 420 lbs of good beef. Williams called. We had a long discussion about our intended church & after they left me I prepared a subscription list. Bill digging in the garden in the afternoon sent him on Jim for dung forks

3rd: Fine frosty day. Rode with subscription list for church. Bruce fetched home in his waggon 15 bushels line for Jemima's room. Donaldson & the boys making a dunghill employed them all day. Jackson at work. Derrick not here
Bottle of port drawn.

4th: Fine Indian summer day with a hard frost at night. Donaldson & the boys busy with dunghill. Self putting up fences round meadow etc. etc. Jackson at work on staircase of room. Derrick at stable.

5th: Hard frost in the morning. Lovely warm sunshiny day. Donaldson & bill chopping up firewood. Noah away on leave. Self hauling wood with oxen. Bruce brought over his 2 cows & two ace handles for me from George Cunningham. After dinner he , Jemima & I took a walk. Derrick & Jackson only half a day at work, in the afternoon went to the steam mill

6th: Sunday lovely day prayers. Took a walk with Jemima & Bruce round by Oslo Smiths & Thomas '-bottle of port drawn

7th: Fine frosty day. Jack Welsh commenced with me. He Noah & Bill Bruce & self niggering in the gate field. Donaldson ploughing in the east flat. In the afternoon Noah took the horses to be shod. Bill Brown & his brother called & dined. Jemima & Bruce walked over to Stockery's to get my crosscut saw etc.

Bottle of port drawn

Jackson at work on staircase. Derrick commences with Henry & Raymond to hew out timber for my cattle shed. Derrick not at work

8th: Most beautiful sunshiny frost day. Jemima Bruce & I went in the wagon to help Williams with his logging. Noah drove us. Donaldson & Jack Welsh & bill remained at home niggering in the gate field. Mrs. Williams safely delivered this morning of a fine boy, both doing quite well. Jackson at work on staircase. Derrick lathing the ceiling of Jemima's room.

9th: Very misty morning. Fine warm day after Rode into Hamilton with Bruce to get sundries, sugar etc. Noah drove in the waggon. Donaldson, Jackson & Bill niggering. Received letter from Papa etc. number of newspapers. Jackson & Derrick at work lathing Jemima's room

10: Fine day. Donaldson & Jack niggering. Noah part of the day with them & part with oxen hauling firewood. Bill keeping up the fires. Derrick not at work. Jackson working on staircase. Walked over to steam mill with John Willins & spoke to McMicking about our church when he said he would give 1 acre of land & 50 dollars worth of lumber. 2 bottles port drawn 22 left

11: Friday. Wet day. Derrick not at work. Donaldson & Jack thrashing wheat. Noah & Bill helping Jackson at work

12: Half cloudy, uncertain day. We all turned out on the road to the steam mill. Derrick not at work. Newell, W. Benner, Bruce Oneas, John Williams, Cooper, Willie, Ames, Swiss, & afterwards they all dined with me. Jackson at work.

13: Sunday fine frosty day. Thaw in the after part of the day. Prayers as usual. John Williams rode over to Bruce's in the after part of the day. I wrote to Papa & answered Davidson about loan of 500 dollars.

14: Fine sunny day. Rather muddy under foot Donaldson & Jack Welsh chopping girdledtrees. Willins ploughing with the oxen. The Laird & I chopping & looking for sand. Noah went into Hamilton & inter alia brought out from Fee's 50 lbs of flour 6 lbs coffee 8 lbs candles sixes- 4lbs candles fours & a parcel of things from MacNab. Finished a letter to Papa. Derrick not at work.

15: fine day. Though rather misty in the morning. Jack & Donaldson chopping in the gate field. The Laird & Noah went to Secord's for sand. Oneas & I chopped etc & niggered. John Williams rode into Hamilton & got some papers of mine from John Law. Paid some accounts etc. Jackson at work on Jemima's press. Derrick & the 2 Thomas's hewing timber for shed.

16: Snow storm. Pringle & Mrs. Holland very unwell so much so that I sent Bruce in for Dr. Campbell at Stony Creek towards evening he arrived with Dr. M. & Dr. Duncan Campbell. St. John came at 1 o'clock & commenced the plastering of Jemima's room. Donaldson & Jack niggering in the gate field. John Willins & Noah thrashing wheat. Jackson working on Jemima's press. Derrick & the Thomas's half a day

17: Snow. The Dr. Campbell left us this morning. Pringle much better. Her complaint inflammation of the bowels. Snowing the greater part of the forenoon. Jemima not at all well. Oneas brought sundries from their house. Derrick not at work. Jackson on press. St. John plastering Jack Welsh helping him to make the mortar. Noah hauled a load of sand from Secords. Donaldson niggering.

18: Fine clear frosty day. Donaldson & Jack Welsh niggering. The Laird & I chopping. Oneas helping Jemima. Willins & Noah thrashing wheat. In the afternoon Noah took the grey mare to Pettit to shoe them. Willins & I cleaned the wheat he had thrashed in the morning. Oneas & Jemima took a walk. The Laird rose over to Cooper's. Jackson at work Derrick not at work. St. John plastering. Bill helping him.

37 bottles of rum brought by Oneas yesterday. 1 bottle of port drawn. 2 ½ pairs of blankets brought by Oneas

19: fine day Cooper, Newell, Juriss, Wm. Brenner, Williams, J.P & Oneas Bruce, John Willins myself Jack Welsh & Donaldson & foster finished chopping out the road to the steam mill. They afterwards dined with us. Derrick not at work. Jackson & St. John both at work. The steam was put on the steam mill for the first time last evening & again today I was found to answer every expectation.

20: Sunday prayers as usual. I took a walk round part of the farm on my return found the Laird & Willins had gone over to Mud Street. They returned after dinner. Heavy rain all the afternoon

21: Rain at intervals. All hands in the East approach chopping & clearing up. Jackson & St. John at work. Derrick not at work. Paid Noah his wages up to the 18th & parted with him during the winter

22: Rain sleet & snow. Jackson & St. John at work. Derrick not at work. Donaldson & Jack Welsh thrashing wheat with the horses. John Willins rode Jim into Hamilton. Bruce brought the long saw from Stockings. I was busy with sundries. Received from John Willins L42.15 Hfy to keep for him

23: Fine frosty day with a little snow. Donaldson & Jack Welsh thrashing wheat in the barn. Oneas Bruce rode into Hamilton & brought out Jemima's curtains. Jackson at work on Jemima's press. St. John finished putting on the second coat of plaster on the new room & I paid him off. Derrick not at work

Jack Williams brought home a tame fawn from the Brenner's for Jemima

24: Snow. Donaldson & J. Welsh getting out a shingle tree. J. Willins, Oneas & self chopping on east approach poor Bob was crushed by the fall of a tree. The Laird went to Foster's & got his tooth taken out, came home drunk. Derrick not at work

25: Hard frost. Donaldson & J.W. thrashing wheat in the barn with the grey mares. Oneas & self chopping in east approach. J. Willins about sundries. Bill brought home my new sleigh from Brenner's. Wooley borrowed my wheel barrow. Derrick not at work.

26: Snow afternoon fine clear cold. Derrick, Donaldson & Welsh hewing half a day. Tenlyck brought 540 ft two inch plank which I safely deposited in the stable loft. Oneas brought over 3 calves (2 steers & 1 heifer). Newell called, Jackson at work on lower press of bookcase

27: Sunday Most lovely day, sunshine, frost, prayers. Jemima The Laird Oneas J. Willins & self took a walk nothing particular

28: Fine frosty weather. Derrick J. Welsh & Donaldson & J. Willins hewing out timber for shed. Dr. M. Campbell from Stony Creek called dined & slept here self pulling up rack for calves

29: 1 bottle port drawn.

Fine day with a little snow in the morning. Derrick not at work. Jack Welsh & forces chopping & niggering in the field near Thomas. Dr. C. left us after dinner

30: fine frosty day. Derrick & all hands at work. Newell brought 313 lbs beef & 287 lbs port. Oneas rode into Hamilton

December 1st: Beautiful frosty day. J. Williams & Jack Welsh & Jackson went into Hamilton in the waggon to fetch out flour etc. Bruce self Oneas & Donaldson helped Derrick to get the frame of the shed out. Bill drew in firewood with the oxen. Rode over to Isaac Springstead's to see old Thomas about his hay. He has already sold it. Cooper came to dinner & brought me 14 bushels of peas for which I paid him

directly. Jemima busy all day with the new moreen curtains for the new room
2nd: Fine cold frosty day. Donaldson the Laird & self chopping all day. J. Welsh & Williams made their appearance from Hamilton today. Derrick not at work. The young grey mare rather lame, having cut herself on the top of the coronet. I fomented it with hot water, rather unwell myself with cold & pain in my chest. Derrick mentioned that a Mr. Green had offered him L400 for his place.

3: Fine cold day. Derrick at work ½ day. J. Welsh, Donaldson etc getting out rafters for shed. The Laird & I chopping. Calder's oxen at work with me today.

Sunday 4th: Fine sunshiny frosty day-prayers- The Laird went to McCabe about his hay. He wants 7 cents per ton. Jemima & I took a long walk. Monte Bruce came over to dinner & stayed all night. Rain during the night

5: Mild thawing day. Derrick not at work. Isaac Springstead brought over his tools but did not work. J. Welsh absent on leave. Donaldson hauling the lumber for the rafters of the shed. The Laird, J. Willins & self chopping. Oneas went to the Indian Camp & brought me home from Cunningham 7 axe handles. It began to freeze towards evening. Jackson at work on passage. Yesterday wrote a long letter to Alick.

6: Fine frosty day with one slight shower of snow in the morning. Derrick & Isaac Springstead both at work. Jackson fixing barn door. The Laird, J. Williams, Welsh, Donaldson & self taking in hay from stack. Oneas brought home some potatoes about 4 bushels belonging to Bruce. Everybody in the house laid up with cold in the head

Wed. 7th: Fine clear frosty day. Oneas rode into Hamilton for barley & papers. Williams went to see McMicking about his own concerns. Donaldson & J. Welsh niggered in the gate field. The Laird chopped & drew in firewood with the oxen. I sat in the house all the morning laid up with a severe cold. Jemima the same. In the afternoon we both took a walk.

8th: Fine clear day. John Williams went into Hamilton. Donaldson, J. Walsh, the two Bruces & myself logging in the field near the wood. Jemima took a walk with the deer. Newell drank tea with us. Jackson, Derrick & Springstead busy at the new shed

9th: Mild warm day. J. Walsh, Donaldson, the Laird, John Williams & myself logging in the gate field. Oneas at the Indian camp all day. Newell called in the morning & I drew up a petition to the house of Assembly for money to be paid out on the road to the mill which after being signed by as many of the inhabitants of Binbrook as possible is to be forwarded to Mr. Aikman our member to be by him presented to the house. Rain in the evening. Derrick, Springstead, & Jackson at work at the shed. Jemima took a walk with the deer & the cat

10th: Warm damp day. My hand so much swelled in consequence of the axe cut that I was obliged to lay myself up. Derrick, Springstead & Jackson at work on the shed half a day. Donaldson & Walsh chopping firewood. In the afternoon the all went to Kerr's bee to raise his barn. Monty Bruce brought over a turkey for Jemima's party.

11th: Sunday fine day prayers took a walk

12th: fine mild day with a little frost on the ground. Jack Welsh hauling lumber from Teneyck's Mill. The Laird, Donaldson & Willins chopping. Myself laid up with sore

hand. Williams called & stayed dinner. Jackson, Derrick & Springstead working at the shed.

13th: Snow storm from four in the morning till 12. Then gradually turned into rain. Donaldson & Bill thrashing wheat in the barn. Jack Welsh & Jack Williams hauling lumber from Teneyck' Mills. The Laird & Oneas lounging in the house. I laid up with my sore hand. Monty called after dinner & brought me a Genesee farmer.

Derrick & Springstead not at work

14th: cold frosty snowy day. Derrick Springstead & Jackson working at shed. Jack Welsh & Donaldson thrashing wheat in the barn. Jack Williams hauling lumber from Teneyck. The Laird brought an oak saw from Brenner's. Oneas rode into Hamilton no letters. The wind particularly sharp & cold.

15th: fine clear frosty day. Donaldson, Jack Welsh & Oneas killed & cleaned the pigs (2). Jack Willins went to the Lake to see his brother, the Laird & myself went to invite people to come to my raising bee of shed upon Saturday. Jackson busy making corn bin. Derrick & Springstead working at the shed.

16th: Fine hard frost with very keen wind Derrick & Springstead at work on shed. Jackson on corn bin. Welsh & Donaldson thrashing peas in the barn. The Laird & Bill sawing oak supports for the shed. Myself still laid up with sore hand. Jemima complaining of rheumatism in her thigh. Snow in the evening.

17th: Fine hard frost with deep snow. Newell, Monte Bruce, Juriss, the two Benners, Cooper & Williams all here helping to raise shed with rest of us & dined afterwards. My hand is better but not well. Jemima better. Cooper, Williams, & Newell came in their sleighs

18 Sunday: snow on the ground very beautiful day over head

19: Fine frosty day sleighed into Hamilton brought out things from Fee. Young & Weir-Bigelow etc. called at Mrs. Campbell's Derrick Jackson & Springstead at work on shed. J. Welsh Oneas & Bill drove home my two heifers. Donaldson drove us into Hamilton. J. Williams took sleigh to Benner to be mended

December 20 1836 : Drizzling rain all day towards evening a regular pour of rain. Donaldson & Welsh took 18 bushes to mill J. Williams brought me 20 bushels of oats John McCabe called & agreed to let me have 10 tons of hay at 6\$. Derrick & Springstead at work only half a day on shed. Teneyck brought me a load of inch plank ^ 2 inch plank 150 ft 2 inch 500 ft inch

21st: Clear sharp frost with an intensely cold wind. Welsh & Donaldson returned from Ancaster with the flour having left 3 bags at the mill. Derrick & Springstead not at work. Jackson making a bin for flour. In the afternoon I turned out with all hands to work on the road near the pinewood. Sorry to find that 8 hams & kauds are rotten & good for nothing

22nd: fine clear frosty sunshiny day all hands chopping

23rd: Donaldson & J. Welsh thrashing wheat all day. The Laird & I chopping. Oneas B. walked into Hamilton snowing

24th: Fine mild day. Donaldson & J. Welsh thrashing. Myself, Williams & the Laird chopping till 12 o'clock when Jemima & I started to walk to Cooper's to dinner. We slept there all night. Snow in the evening & rain next morning

25th: Christmas Day left Coopers after breakfast in his sleigh a little distance from his house we met Donaldson coming to meet us with our own sleigh & we arrived

safe at home in a pour of rain. Oneas returned yesterday from Hamilton but brought no letters.

26: Chopping Jackson left me & was paid up present

27: cold day. Hard frost with one good snow shower. Chopping Donaldson & J. Welsh finished thrashing out the wheat. The Ox Bull fell on the ice & strained himself so as to be unable to rise. Next day

28: we pulled him into the barn & made him comfortable there. All hands chopping. Bill took Jim & the grey mare to Pettit's forge to get their shoes sharpened

29: Snow-Jemima & I went over in the sleigh to dine with Williams etc. came home

30th: Jemima & I returned from Williams' after which all went to chop a fine day

31st: fine day. Snow I was busy sorting shed for the colts. The Laird & Jemima went over to Bruce's to bring some things & to Newell's, the rest chopping.

January 1st, 1837:

New Year's Day fine warm day. Newell & Benner came over to wish us a happy New Year. Jem & I took a walk

2nd: Very hard frost all chopping & gave a dinner to the Newell's, Coopers, Williams got a letter from Maggie

3rd: Snowing. Williams & wife left us at 1. Dr. C. Stoney Creek went over in the afternoon with Bruce & I to see Mr. Swiss, returned & stayed here all night

4th: Dr. C. myself Mrs. Holland went into Hamilton, fine day. No letters

5th: McCabe called & bargained about 10 ton of hay at 6 dollars

6th: Jack Welsh & Donaldson hauling hay from McCabe's the rest chopping

7th: Paid Harris (Cooper) his bill fine day. Jack & Donaldson hauling hay

8th: fine day, prayers. Jem & Jack Williams & the Laird took a sleigh drive. Williams, Benner called

9th: Teneyck called with lumber & was paid & got petition paper fine day. The men hauling hay, the rest chopping.

10th: very snowy day. Jem, the Laird & I went into Hamilton as I had to attend the Jury. No letters but papers

11th: in Hamilton the Jury not over. Drunk the Governor's health in a glass of champagne, got a letter from Papa, saw Dr. D. Dickson who called & stayed tea. Donaldson got 3 bags of wheat down the mill

12th: the Jury over, we returned home at night very glad to get away, fine day had another letter from Papa. Donaldson went to the mill with Morgan's wheat to grind.

Jack chopping

13th: fine day, Jack Williams the Laird & myself chopping. Donaldson & Jack went to haul hay. Dumfries Alston came to see us about dinner time

14th: Heavy snowfall. Donaldson & Jack Welsh hauling hay from McCabe. Myself, the Laird & Alston putting up 2 inch plank on the loft of the shed. Jack Williams laid up with toothache. Oneas idling his time as usual. Myself not very well...bilious etc. Waters called about the price of his harness

15th: Sunday Jemima, Dumfries & the Laird sleighed down to Stoney Creek & J. Williams went with them to get his teeth drawn

16th: Sleighed into Hamilton to pay sundry accounts & pay some money into the Bank. Received a letter from Shepherd New York announcing the arrival of a box from home which he had forwarded to Albany where it must remain till spring.

Dumfries returned to Fergus & took Jack Williams with him

17th: The Rev. Mr. O'Neill & Mr. Millar of Ancaster called. Newell brought them over. Mr. O'Neill has been sent over to this country by 'a private society for the propagation of the Gospel in Upper Canada' as a missionary to ascertain what townships required any assistance to pay their clergymen & to make all enquiries as to the state of religious feelings in the Canadas. He mentioned that the Hon. Capt. Wellesley was an active & influential member of the Society. Jemima The Laird & self & Oneas went over to dinner with Newell afterwards. Mr. O'Neill christened Newell's little boy by name William Henry. Jem & The Laird & self Godfather & Godmother. In the evening Mrs. Twiss & Mrs. Fosters' children were christened & Mr. O'Neill preached. Came home by the light of a beautiful moon

18th: Fine mild day. Oneas rode into Hamilton. Henry finished drawing away his stack of hay. The Laird & J. Donaldson & J. Welsh chopping all day. In the afternoon took a walk with Jemima. Oneas brought out a letter from Papa dated 12 Nov. containing duplicate of draft on Smith Payment Co. for L150. Bill brought over Calder's oxen.

19th: Snow on the ground. Jack Welsh & Donaldson chopping girdled trees. Oneas & I busy with calf rack. McCabe called in the evening about his hay & I paid him for 10 tons.

20th: snow on the ground. Oneas & I chopping girdled trees & Oneas made a ladder for hay loft & I completed my door for the colt shed. Jack Welsh & Donaldson drew home two loads of hay from McCabe. The Laird unwell. Wm. Benner called on his way home & staid dinner. Toward evening snow commenced & continued all night

21: Snow all day

22: Sunday prayers. A most lovely sunshiny day. Dr. M. Campbell called & staid all night. The Laird & Jem. Took a sleigh drive

23: Snow in the forenoon. Donaldson drove Jem & Dr. C & self into Hamilton Jack Walsh & Bill chopping firewood at home. The Laird still unwell. Paid a few accounts in Hamilton no letters & no news.

24: Snowing at intervals during the greater part of the days. Self. J. Walsh Donaldson & Oneas chopped trees. The Laird still unwell Jem bottling off Maclaren's port & sherry. Newell called & I paid him his account

25: Lovely sunshiny day. J. Welsh, Donaldson & self chopping. Alston Stewart Rennie & Jack Willins came today from Fergus. We all went down in the evening to Stoney Creek to see Oneas Bruce off on his way to Jamaica.

26: I this day completed my 25th year. J. Welsh went on leave to Stoney Creek. Donaldson J. Willins & self chopping. In the afternoon Jem & The Laird went to Williams' to dinner. I went for them in the Evening. Mrs. Holland in bed all day not well

27: Fine day with about 1 foot of snow. J. Welsh Donaldson & the rest chopping. Williams brought over Dr. Campbell to see Mrs. Holland. Bill hauled firewood with the oxen. Dumfries took Jemima for a drive to Stocking's about a sausage stuffer

28th: Saturday Fine sunshiny day. Dumfries & Rennie left us today for Woodhill Donaldson J. Welsh Bruce self & Jack Willins chopping girdled trees. Bill hauling firewood with Calder's oxen

29th: Sunday. Fine day took a drive & saw MacKerley's settlement

30: Snowing Donaldson drove Jemima & myself into Hamilton no letters but some Standard & Courants. Jack Welsh & Willins brought home 20 bushels of oats

31: Misty morning thawing but very fine day. Jack & Donaldson sawing logs. Bill hauling firewood. Willins & myself chopping The Laird went to his own place & brought over a load of hay. Wheat 2 dollars a bushel

February 1st, 1837: Sleet in the forenoon all hands getting out saw logs. David Smith brought 5000 shingles

2nd: Sharp cold wind Men drawing saw logs to the mill drew 6 The Laird Willins & self chopping down trees for rails in the flat Lawson made his appearance in the Evening on his way to Niagara

3rd: Friday getting out logs Men drew 8 logs to mill Sun quite warm

4th: Lawson & Jack Willins laid up with bilious attack The Laird & bill sawing Men drew 8 logs to mill self putting up rack for calves Received a letter from Papa 16 & 18 Dec.

5: Sunday cold day

6th: Drove to Halstead & engaged 10000 bricks L10 Cy

7th: Sleighed into Hamilton with Jemima & sent letters home got one from Papa

8th: Men hauling bricks

9th: Beautiful day men hauling bricks. Jack Willins went & brought 38 bushels of oats. The Laird Lawson & myself chopping at the eastern approach

10th: Men hauling bricks. Jack Willins & Lawson chopping The Laird & myself went to help to kill cow for beef, brought it home & kept it all got it from Benner. Mr. & Mrs. Pitt Brown called fine afternoon Paid Pettit for shoeing horses

11th: Men chopping Bill hauling firewood the Laird brought hay over & then took Jemima down with hams to Mrs. Cooper's, Jack, Lawson & myself busy at calf shed beautiful but cold day

12th: Sunday

13th: Most lovely sunshiny day tho' very cold & hard frost. Derrick commenced getting out timber for the new rooms. Jack Welsh Donaldson etc helping him. The Laird drove Jem & the old grey mare to Guelph to get potatoes

14th: fine day. Derrick at work Jack Welsh helping him Donaldson not well. Jack Willins & myself helping to get out timber. The Laird still at Guelph. Lawson left us for Niagara

15th: Rain all day. Derrick not at work. J Welsh drew up some of the timber for the new room. Jemima complained of a toothache

16th: Dull cloudy day Derrick at work half a day. The Laird returned about two o'clock with 21 bushels of potatoes. Towards the afternoon it commenced snowing & continued without intermission all day & night so that next morning

17th: we had a tolerably deep coat of snow & a bitterly cold wind. Nothing done. Derrick not at work

18th . Deep snow Derrick not at work. Jack Welsh hauled bricks

19th : Sunday Lawson returned from Niagara

20th : Monday Deep snow nothing done. J. Welsh & Donaldson drew bricks. Derrick not at work

21st : Deep snow Donaldson at mill 12 bushels J. Welsh drew bricks. Derrick not at work

22nd : Wednesday fine frosty day. Derrick commenced shingling shed Welsh & Donaldson hauling bricks. Derrick commenced shingling the shed. The Laird, J Willins & myself assisting him. Yesterday Mrs. Holland brought home two letters for Jemima one from Grace Ramsay the other from Jemima Leith (sister-in-law)

23rd : snowing in the morning indeed all day men hauled bricks & some lime. The Laird, Lawson, Willins & myself went to Cooper's to invite him to come with Williams to haul sand on Monday. Alston Stewart & Rennie came to pay his last visit before leaving the country. Derrick not here

24th **h:** Fine day. The Cooper's The Williams Newells & Benner dined here. Alston , Renny & Lawson still here. Jack Welsh & Jack Willins shingled out shed. Derrick not here. Donaldson went for lime....frost

25th : Fine day. The Laird & Lawson went for a load of hay & brought home two loads. Dumfries & Renny left us today for Hamilton. Jack Willins went in with them & brought out Jim Crow, Donaldson & J. Welsh chopped firewood cleaned out barn etc. Mr. & Mrs. John Secord called this morning. She trying to collect the subscriptions for her church. Derrick not here. Halstead wants 50 dollars

26th : Sunday very cold day

27th : Cooper, Williams etc helped me to draw sand for chimneys from the lake shore. Afterwards they all dined with me

28th : Jack & Donaldson & Bill took the horses & oxen down to the Lake for sand. Jack Willins Fred Willins The Laird & myself chopped some sticks for pigsty. Lawson left us Dr. Campbell (Stoney Creek) dined here & slept. Beautiful frosty day

March 1st: Derrick at work all hands helping him except Donaldson who hauled 52 bushels of line. Dr. C. & Fred Willins left us

2nd: Beautiful day Derrick at work Donaldson & self went into Hamilton & brought out 1 barrel salt, 2 dozen port @ \$18 1 barrel Canadian whiskey 42 gallons. Jemima not very well, kept her bed all day

3: Beautiful frosty day. Derrick not at work. J. Welsh absent on leave. Donaldson & Bill hauling hay from the log house field Mr. & Mrs. Newell & Mrs. Secord called dined & drank tea.

4: Beautiful sunshiny day. Jemima & I drove into Hamilton. Saw Mr. & Mrs. Gale. Derrick at work Walsh & Donaldson The Laird & Willins helping him. Called for Mrs. Secord on our way home but she had gone to Willins & had not yet returned.

5. Sunday fine day

6. Jack Willins & I drove into Hamilton & brought out Mr. & Mrs. Gale. Derrick at work

7: Derrick not at work. Drove Mr. & Mrs. Gale to the steam mill then into Hamilton, consulted O'Reilly about Capt. Shaws mortgage

8: Derrick not at work. Drove out with Jemima & called at Pitt Brown's dined & then home. Heavy rain. The roads very bad with thaw

9: fine frosty sunshiny day. Derrick at work. J. Walsh & Donaldson helping him. The Laird rode over to speak to Foster about evacuating the farm as Mr. Gale intends purchasing it. J. Willins walked over to G. A. Ball to get description of his land & afterwards helped Bill to haul rails. W. Benner came to dinner. Pringle so unwell that I was obliged to send for Dr. Mathew Campbell

10th: Fine day. Derrick at work Donaldson & Jack getting out timber. Old Thomas came to settle about land for Jack Willins, the Laird & Mrs. L. drive with Matthew Campbell to Mrs. Williams Pitt Brown & Fred Willins took him thence home

11th: Fine but cold day. Derrick half a day working with Jack & Donaldson, the Laird, myself & Mrs. Leith went into Hamilton & brought out fish, apples, tables & drawers from Clay's. Had a letter from Grace Ramsey. Williams brought out the things from Clays & dined here.

12th: Sunday Pringle so unwell that I sent for Dr. Mathew Campbell Prayers as usual heavy rain

13th: Raining all the forenoon. The men busy about sundries, cleaning out barn etc. Newell called. We shot at a mark with my rifle. In the afternoon the men went over to the steam mill & brought home 4 loads of the lumber for the new rooms. The Doctor & I accompanied them on horse back. Pringle better Derrick not at work

14th: slight fall of snow during the night. The young red heifer calved this morning. By the bye we yesterday concluded the purchase of Thomas' place for J. Willins. Beautiful clear frosty sunshiny weather. Derrick at work all hands helping him. Pitt Brown came to dinner. Cooper brought the remainder of the furniture for Papa's rooms.

15th: Fine day. Derrick at work all hands helping. Mrs. Holland paid wages & went away with John who came for her.

16th: fine day. Derrick at work all hands helping him except Donaldson who was hauling lumber from the mill for the new rooms. Derrick finished getting out the timber today.

17th: Blowy fine day. Derrick not at work. St. Patrick's day. Donaldson & Bill hauling firewood & the timber from the wood. The Laird went into Hamilton to dine at St. Patrick's dinner. Jack Willins & self sawing rail cuts

18th: Blowing cold sleety day Derrick not at work. Jack Walsh & Donaldson hauling lumber from the steam mill. J. Willins & self in the woods chopping and underbrushing. The Laird returned from Hamilton. No letters & no news

19th: Sunday Williams called to announce that his boy was to be christened next day at Ainslies

20th: Snow in the night & towards morning Derrick Shaw & Springstead commenced framing the new rooms. Jack Welsh hauled a few logs to mill & broke the sleigh which Bill took to Benner the wagon maker to get mended. Donaldson chopping out stump. Old Smith called & got away his remaining wheat 30 bushels. The quantity of bran Donaldson brought from the mill the other day was 200 lbs

21st: Rain snow & sleet. Jack Walsh & Jack Willins sawing rail cuts. Donaldson hauling lumber from mill. Self doing nothing. Wm Benner called & staid dinner

22nd: Mrs. Leith's mare slipped her foal. Derrick & co. not at work. Snow all day. Men hauled the hay from Newell about 2 tons. I attended a meeting at Sheriffs about the Town Line business. It was decided that old Mr. Condon should give me a full statement of the whole affair & that I should take his statement into Hamilton & get the opinion of counsel on it. All which I did & tomorrow please providence go into Hamilton. Jack Willins & Bill moving rails to fence in the flat

23rd: Thaw Derrick not at work. Thaw. Shaw at work whole day. Springstead half a day. Derrick not at all. Drove into Hamilton got O'Reilly's opinion about Town

Line. Received newspapers from home. Jackson called & got a new 2 inch chisel in lieu of the one I had broke

24th : Most lovely day. Clear blue sky. Shaw at work the whole day. Derrick & Springstead half a day. Jack Willins helping Shaw. The Laird & self sawing & splitting rails. J. Walsh laid up with cold. Donaldson hauling logs to mill. Bill hauling rails, brought a yoke of oxen from Wm Benner & a sleigh

25th : Fine day. Though a little showery in the morning. Derrick, Shaw & Springstead at work whole day. The Laird, Jack Willins & self splitting rails all day. Jack Walsh & Donaldson off to the Chippewa to look at some land for C's Dr. Bill chopping firewood & hauling rails

26th : Easter Day most beautiful day. Fred Willins came & dined.

27th : Donaldson drove into Hamilton. Waggon for Helen Campbell the Dairy maid & brought out from McLaren's 30 lb of sugar, I rode into Hamilton on business * stayed all night. The Laird & Jack Willins, with Jack Walsh splitting rails.

Springstead, Derrick & Shaw at work all day. Cow, the red one, calved last night & both doing well.

28th : I returned from Hamilton a cold rainy day. Derrick Shaw & Springstead half a day. Walsh etc splitting rails Bill hauling rails

29th : Fine day but cold frost wind. Derrick, Shaw & Springstead at work all day. Walsh etc. splitting rails. Bill hauling rails. Blaikie came to dinner & staid all night

30th : Dull warm day frost in the morning & thaw towards 12 o'clock. Derrick Shaw & Springstead at work whole day. Self Donaldson & co. splitting rails. Donaldson hauling lumber from the mill. Brought 146 lbs of bran from this & the former bran has to be deducted the weight of the bags. Walsh absent on leave. Blaikie left us for home

31st : Very rainy day Derrick & Co. not at work. Donaldson & Bill hauling dung to the potato field. The Laird over at his own farm. J. Willins & Walsh in the woods getting out mauls (*log splitting hammers*) . Self in the house drawing sketch of intended church.

April 1st : J. Willins rode into Hamilton brought out barley etc. no letters for us. One from Morgan to the Laird myself laid up in the house. Donaldson & Walsh brought home mauls from the wood. Donaldson & Bill hauling dung. Derrick & Shaw at work. Springstead not.

2nd : Sunday J. Willins went off to shoot ducks. Yesterday Macdonald called & settled about taking Willins farm

3rd : Blowing day in the morning, flying violent storm of wind & snow which lasted 20 minutes. Derrick & Co. not at work. Sent to mill bushels of wheat. Jack Walsh & Donaldson went up to Morgan's to thrash out oats, took three horses.

4th : Fine sunshiny frosty day. The men at Morgan's J. Willins & Bill sawing logs. The Laird splitting rails. Self laid up with piles. Derrick, Springstead & Shaw at work. Henry brought 7000 shingles

5th : Fine sunshiny day. The men at Morgans. J. Willins & the Laird splitting rails, self laid up. J. Willins went to Stoney Creek for Dr. Mathew Campbell in consequence of Jem's illness & came back without him. Derrick, Shaw & Springstead at work

6th : Derrick & Shaw & Springstead at work. Dr. Mathew Campbell made his

appearance at breakfast time. The men still at Morgan's. The Laird splitting rails. J. Willins away on his own affairs. Self & Dr. C. wandering about all day. Jem's face paining her much. Bill chopping firewood.

7th: Cloudy day In the afternoon one or two heavy showers, again at night.

Donaldson came home with 10 bushels of oats. The Laird & Willins sawing blocks to put under the new room. Derrick, Shaw & Springstead half a day. Dr. Campbell left us for Stoney Creek. Jem a little better

8th: Fine blowy day. Donaldson brought 20 bushels of oat. J. Welsh came home in the afternoon with Jessie. Derrick Shaw & Springstead half a day. The Laird at rails. Willins & self underbrush. Henry was paid for his shingles.

9 Sunday

10th: Lovely day with frosty morning J. Welsh & Donaldson hauling hay from Condon's. Willins into Hamilton. Brought out letter from Papa. Bill helping me to underbrush. The Laird on the spree. Brought home our three hams from Mrs. Cooper. Derrick at work half a day. Shaw & Springstead the whole day. Myself down at steam mill to fix on the ground for the church

11th :a beautiful day, frosty morning Welsh & Donaldson hauling hay. The Laird duck shooting. Jack Willins & myself under brushing in the flat cut my foot, sent for Dr. Mathew Campbell. Derrick Shaw & Springstead at work all day.

12th : Derrick, Shaw & Springstead at work all day. Donaldson & Bill hauling hay. Jack Walsh clearing away rubbish from the site of the new rooms. Self still confined with sore foot, the Laird & Willins sawing blocks to put under the new rooms

13th : Self still laid up. Wet afternoon Derrick & Co. at work half a day. All hands helping them to lay the sills blocks etc for the new rooms. Dr. M. Campbell left us.

14th : Bill brought 53 lbs of bran from the mill & lumber. Derrick, Shaw & Springstead & Shaw at work all day. Donaldson in be not well, self in bed with foot, Dr. Campbell came back, the Laird went to ask Newell, Benners & Monte Bruce to house raising. Jack Welsh & Jack Willins in Hamilton. Brought letter from Mrs. D. tea & sugar from McLarens', nails & shutters

15th: fine day till 2, rain for a little while. Derrick, Springstead and Shaw at work all day. All hands raising house.

16: Sunday

17th: Fine warm sunshiny day. Derrick, Shaw & Jackson at work all day. The Laird & Willins splitting rails. Donaldson & Walsh brought home 54 bushels of oats in the afternoon. Walsh brought 13 bushels more. Bill took Jessie to the Smithy to get all her shoes taken off & brought home 22 lbs of bran

18th: Carpenters not at work. Walsh absent on leave. The Laird & Willins splitting rails. Donaldson hauling dung, self laid up

19th: Carpenters not at work. Walsh, Donaldson, The Laird & Willins splitting rails. Dr. M. Campbell made his appearance with Cooper & Wm. Benner. Beautiful weather a fall of snow during the night

20th : Donaldson drove Willins into Hamilton & brought out one barrel of pork. J. Walsh & the Laird splitting rails. Derrick Springstead Jackson all day, Shaw half a day. Bill brought 91 lbs bran from the mill

21: fine but cold day. Donaldson ploughing pea field, the laird shingling with Jackson, Derrick Shaw & Springstead all day. Jack Welsh helping also Williams &

Newell dined here, myself not well

22: Derrick Shaw Springstead Jackson the Laird, J. Walsh shingling. Willins brought 4000 shingles from Raymond (this makes 7000 from him) Donaldson ploughing pea field. Dr. Campbell made his appearance & remained all night **23rd.** Sunday. Dr. M. Campbell left us.

24: Derrick Shaw Springstead Jackson at work all day. The Laird & Walsh splitting rails. Donaldson ploughing pea field. Bill burning out stumps my foot not yet well.

25: Derrick Shaw Jackson Springstead all day. Donaldson ploughing pea field. Bill burning brush heaps over the creek. Walsh, Willins & the Laird splitting rails. Self with sore foot.

26: Derrick Shaw & Jackson all day. Mrs. L. self & Donaldson into Hamilton. The Laird Willins & J. Walsh splitting rails. Bill burning brush heaps. Pringle unwell.

27: Derrick Shaw & Jackson all day. The Laird & Walsh quarrying stones. Donaldson harrowing potato ground. Self glazing

28: Lovely warm day. 2 masons commenced (Halstead & Co) Shaw & Jackson whole day. Derrick but half a day. J. Walsh & Bill helping masons. Donaldson drawing stones. The Laird helping & I looking on. Jemima churned & made about 1 lb. butter.

29: Masons at work. Shaw and Jackson whole day. Donaldson drove Derrick into Hamilton & brought out our new maid Anne. Lovely warm day. Jemima & I rode into Hamilton. Went to register office to enquire if there were any encumbrances on Gass' property. There is a mortgage on it to Forsyth L61.10. Jack Walsh & Bill assisting masons. Cows selling in Hamilton from 25 to 30 dollars. Willins laid up with a cold. The Laird on the sofa half the day & feeding calves the other half

30: Sunday

May 1st: Donaldson the laird & Willins logging across the creek. Welsh & Bill helping masons. Shaw & Jackson whole day. 2 masons all day. Lovely day with pretty sharp frost at night.

2nd: The black cow calved this morning. Derrick Shaw & Jackson & two masons whole day. Bill & Walsh helping masons. Donaldson Laird self & Willins logging across the creek. A few showers of rain & one of sleet in the afternoon

3rd: Donaldson The Laird & Willins logging. J. Walsh & Bill helping masons. Derrick Shaw & Jackson & 2 masons at work. Self still lame, glazing a few windows etc. Beautiful day

4th: Frosty in the morning. Lovely sunshiny day. Donaldson brought 54 lbs bran from the mill. Donaldson hauling sand & stones. J. Welsh & Bill helping the masons. The laird JW & self burning etc over the creek. Derrick Shaw and Jackson & 2 masons whole day.

5th: The masons finished building the double chimney & were paid up. Derrick, Shaw & Jackson at work all day. The men logging over the creek. Dr. M. Campbell came to see my foot. Donaldson sowing 6 bushels peas. A storm of rain & hail, thunder & lightning. Jean foaled a fine filly

6th: Donaldson went into Hamilton. Jack Welsh the Laird & Willins putting up rails in meadow & then went to log. Dr. C. still here. Myself still lame. Derrick, Shaw, Jackson at work till four o'clock

7th: Sunday

8th: Men logging over the creek Shaw & Jackson whole day. Derrick half a day. I drew out an Indenture of Bargain of Sale Derrick to McMicking & Mortgage & Bond McMicking to Derrick all over Derricks 114 acres price L400

9: Rainy in the morning. Men busy putting up outside fences. I still laid up with my foot. Jackson & Shaw whole day Derrick not here

10: Men logging across the creek. Shaw, Jackson & Derrick all day. Self still lame, glazing windows.

11: Lovely day. Men logging across the creek. Shaw, Jackson, & Derrick all day. Self still lame. Newell called and borrowed 6 lbs of nails (tenpenny)

12: Heavy showers at intervals. Fine afternoon. Men logging across the creek. Derrick, Shaw & Jackson all day. Jemima's birthday. Self still lame.

13: Most lovely day. Shaw & Jackson all day. Derrick idling his time at the mill. Donaldson with horses & Bill with oxen hauling lumber all day for the house. Donaldson brought home 10 bushels bruised oats, 10 bushels wheat & 10 bushels wheat in flour. J. Walsh absent on leave. Jemima busy with her calves, self still lame

14: Sunday warm in the forenoon rain in the afternoon

15: Heavy rain Shaw & Jackson whole day. Derrick absent. Self, Donaldson putting up fences Bill hauling rails. J. Walsh laid up with sore finger

16: cloudy with slight showers Derrick, Shaw & Jackson all day. Donaldson, self, The Laird, J. Willins & Bill logging. J. Walsh still laid up

17: cloudy dull day. Derrick, Shaw & Jackson all day. Donaldson etc. logging. Last night Mrs. Newell safely delivered of a daughter.

18 : Dull but dry day. Men etc. logging over the creek Derrick, Shaw & Jackson all day

19: Logging across the creek. Rather fine day with showers at intervals. Derrick, Shaw & Jackson all day. Received letter from Papa with Bill of Exchange for L500

20: Fine windy day with occasional heavy showers, all hands across the creek burning log heaps. Derrick, Shaw, Jackson half a day

21: Sunday, Dr. Campbell came up from Stoney Creek

22: Rainy all forenoon. Cleared up at 12 o'clock. Jackson & Shaw all day. Derrick unwell & absent. Walsh & Donaldson ploughing in the flat near Sidney's. The rest attended to log heaps. Dr. C. left us. Sharpish frost during the night

23: Most lovely warm day. Walsh etc. attending log heaps. Jackson Shaw & Derrick all day. Self & Donaldson drove into Hamilton for pork etc. Paid sundry accounts on my return home found Dr. Campbell

24: fine day with slight shower in the afternoon. J. Walsh & Donaldson sowing oats in the flat near Sidney's. Bill picking there. Shaw & Derrick all day. Jackson unwell in bed. In the afternoon Walsh self the Laird, Willins & Bill over attending log heaps. No flour to be had in Hamilton, pork from 18 to 22 dollars per barrel. Meat from 7 to 9 cents

25: Donaldson sowing peas. Walsh etc over the creek sowing oats, felling timber for rails. Derrick & Shaw all day. Jackson still unwell, went home towards evening

26: Fine hot sunshiny day. Killed a pig. All hands in pea field. 18 bushels of peas sown. Afternoon Walsh & the Laird sawing logs for rails. Bill harrowing in oats with oxen. Donaldson harrowing peas with horses. Self & Mrs. L. cutting & salting pork. Derrick & Shaw all day. A man of the name of Christie commenced digging me a cellar 28 by

14 10 feet deep on highest & eight feet on lowest side for 35\$ J. Willins in Hamilton

27: Sunday Walked over with Jemima to Mrs. Newell's

28: Fine warm sunshiny day. J. Walsh, the Laird & Bill over the creek. Donaldson & self harrowing oats & grass seeds in front of house. J. Willins went to Stoney Creek to procure Mrs. Smith's ratification. Derrick, Shaw & Jackson at work all day

29: Dreadful hot day. Walsh etc over the creek splitting rails. Donaldson ploughing for potatoes. Derrick, Shaw & Jackson all day

30: Hot thundery day but no rain. Walsh, Bill & the Laird across the creek. Donaldson & Willins drilling for potatoes. Derrick, Shaw & Jackson all day. Isabella Nicoll died at London this day.

31: Warm sultry day. Rode into Hamilton about Gale & loan etc Derrick, Shaw & Jackson all day. By some unaccountable mistake it seems this should be the 1st June

June 1, 2nd: Hot sultry day. Derrick, Shaw & Jackson all day. J. Walsh, Willins, the Laird & Bill across the creek getting in the oats into the new ground. Donaldson hauling dung to the potatoes, self with Jemima in the wood chopping in the Governor's walk

3rd: Fine day with 2 or 3 thunder showers towards afternoon. Bill harrowing oats across the creek. All the rest getting in the potatoes. Sowed about 10 bushels. Derrick and Jackson all day. Shaw absent on leave. Jemima suffering from mosquitoes and heat

4: Sunday

5: Militia day. All hands at it. Jemima and I rode into Hamilton & concluded the loan to Gale. Slept in Hamilton all night, agreed with wood for the lath & plaster work of new rooms at 1/per square yard. Jackson & Shaw all day

6: Rode home early in the morning. Jemima rather tired. Ned Foulkes commenced his month with me at 14 cent & boards himself barring his dinner. Shaw & Jackson all day. Very warm day with thunder storm in the evening. The Newell cow calved. Walsh Donaldson & Ned splitting rails. Willins & Bill harrowing in the oats. The Laird & Bill Benner sawing, self sundries

7: Rain all day. Derrick, Shaw & Jackson all day. Masons at work. Willins & Ned waiting on masons. All hands hauling sand from the Lake for the plaster. Macdonald hauling lumber from the mill

8: Rain all morning & fine sunshiny afternoon. All hands down at the Lake for sand. Macdonald among the rest. Derrick, Shaw & Jackson all day. Ned & J. Walsh splitting rails over the creek & waiting on masons

9: Fine warm day. Donaldson hauling lime (21 bushels) all the rest splitting rails & fencing across the creek. Derrick, Jackson & Shaw all day. Ptolemy called & signed mortgage

10: Rode into Hamilton. Received letter from Papa announcing his day of sailing. Derrick, Shaw & Jackson all day. Donaldson hauling lime hauled 49 bushels. Walsh etc fencing across the creek

11: Sunday went down to Stoney Creek with Jemima on Bruce's mare

12: Jackson, Derrick & Shaw at work all day. Jack Willins went to Swiss's with sleigh to get nails & plough from Newell's the men at work over the creek. Williams & Cooper with Juriss dined here

13: Jackson Derrick at work all day. Shaw left at 3 o'clock. Jack Welsh & Jack

Willins carried lime & sand for masons & then went to help to fence field nearly done. Grace (Ramsay) died at Edinburgh this day.

14: Derrick & Jackson at work. Shaw not here. Derrick went over to mill with Donaldson for lathing & siding. Donaldson, Jack Welsh & the Laird over the creek at field. Jack Willins went away to see Fred. The plastering begun, Williams came & took home his wife & child, Bill went to bring home Maggie, Jim Crow went to be shod at Pettit's & Maggie also

15: Jackson, Derrick, & Shaw at work all day. Jack Welsh & Jack Willins over the creek with Bill. Foukes not here. The Laird & Donaldson went for sand brought 20 bushels. Bill took Julia to Calder's in the morning. Jack Willins went into Hamilton this afternoon borrowed ½ a dollar

16: Jack Welsh & Foulkes splitting rails & in the afternoon made the drain. Jackson, Derrick & Shaw at work. The Laird & Donaldson hauling sand 20 bushels. Dr. M. C. came to dine. Jack Willins came from Hamilton with letters, one from Papa, one from Cockburn about wine, one from Agnes, & one from Margaret. Cellar finished. Jack Willins got 4 dollars from me.

17th: Jackson, Shaw & Derrick all at work. Jack Welsh went for lime to Holstead who had none. Donaldson, Foukes & Bill sowing turnips. Jack Willins in the afternoon went to Tennets to ask for lime & came home saying we could get as much as we wanted. Jack Welsh & Foukes in the afternoon chopped trees down for cellar. The Laird went to Benner's to ask for oxen. Dr. M.C. went to see Juriss & returned with the Laird. Derrick went at 4 o'clock. Mrs. L. very busy ironing & sowed 3 hills of turnips. Grace was buried.

18: Sunday prayers & then Jack Willins & Mrs. L. went over to William's & spent the day. The Laird went to Stoney Creek with Dr. M. Campbell

19th: Derrick, Shaw & Jackson at work. The Laird & Donaldson went for lime to Tennes's brought 41 bushels. Jack Welsh, Jack Willins & Ned Foukes chopping trees for cellar. Bill hauling them. The cellar begun.

20th: Derrick, Shaw & Jackson all at work. The Laird & Donaldson hauled home 41 more bushels of lime from Tennes's. Jack Welsh, Jack Willins & Ned Foukes putting up fence round the wood flat. The day very rainy. Mrs. Leith white washed kitchen. Mr. Newell dined here.

21: Derrick, Shaw, Jackson all at work. Lobby finished. The Laird went over in the afternoon to ask Benner to go for sand. Jack Welsh & Jack Willins, Ned putting up rails. Bill hauling logs. Donaldson burnt his legs with the lime so bad was in bed

22: Derrick Shaw & Jackson all absent Donaldson still in bed. The Laird & Jack Welsh went for sand. Jack Willins & Ned putting up fence. Bill hauling logs.

23: Shaw, Jackson at work. Derrick not here. Jack Welsh & the Laird went for sand. Donaldson still ill. The Dr. came up to see him. Ned Foulkes & Bill clearing water out of cellar. Red cow over at Calder's. The Ainslies called here with Williams, Newell brought letters from Sir George & Mrs. Douglas.

24th: Shaw & Jackson at work. Derrick not at work. Jack Welsh, Foukes & Bill cleaning up room. Donaldson better. The Dr. went away after leaving directions for Donaldson. The Laird reading & writing. Jack Willins went to Bruce's. rainy day.

25th: Sunday fine day, prayers. Mr. Woodhouse & Mr. Hales (came from England) friends of George Willins called with letters for Jack Willins, stayed all night.

Calder's bull came over by himself.

26th: Derrick, Jackson & Shaw all at work. Donaldson still lame. Jack Welsh, Foulkes & Bill putting up fence in the afternoon Jack went to Jackson's for doors. The Laird drove me & Jack Willins into Hamilton. Fine day, came home at 8. Jack's friends went with us. Nancy Benner from mill came to wash new room paid her half a dollar

27th: Derrick, Shaw & Jackson all at work. Jack Welsh away for lime (31 bushels) The Laird & Willins at home. Mr. & Mrs. Newell & Mr. Benner dined here. Papa & Mama arrived here very bad day.

28th: Derrick, Shaw & Jackson at work. Jack Welsh, Foulkes & Willins at fence. The Laird & myself drove into Hamilton to sale. Papa, Mama, Jem & I took walk.

29: Rainy morning. Fine warm day, afternoon attended Kings sale. Derrick, Shaw & Jackson all day. The Laird came to fetch me & we rode home towards night.

30: Friday, J. Welsh & Willins, Bill & oxen at the fences. Donaldson laid up with burnt feet. Derrick, Shaw & Jackson all day.

July 1: Derrick & Jackson all day. Shaw half. Saturday putting up the walls of cellar & pier of foot bridge. A Mr. Mackay from Blandford called with a note of introduction from Vansittart

2nd: Sunday took a long walk with Papa & Mama. Black cow bulled. Dr. M. Campbell made his appearance, examined papa, feet of Donaldson. Very heavy rain with thunder & lightning during the night

3rd: Very rainy day. Dr. M. Campbell still with us. Derrick unwell. Shaw & Jackson all day. Yellow cow bulled

4th: Drove into Hamilton left Dr. Campbell at Stoney Creek. Got two barrels flour from Fee. Derrick half a day. Shaw & Jackson all day. Masons still at work. Donaldson & Walsh fencing. J. Willins taking water out of cellar. Heavy rain towards night & during the night with thunder & lightning.

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5th: Thick mist all the forenoon, toward evening the sun broke through & the weather was beautiful. Derrick unwell. Shaw & Jackson all day. The masons finished their plaster work today. All hands fencing. Isaac Springstead called this morning to say the owing to his wife's confinement & the attendant expenses he had not one cent to buy bread & begged that I would lend him the dequoi. I lent him on receipt L3 which I much suspect I shall never see again. Newell also called to try and borrow L50 or at any rate L25 to pay a bill which falls due the 10th. I could not assist him having so many workmen etc to pay up. MacDonell agreed to log & burn off the calves field for 40 dollars. Jessie's foot shows symptoms of ringbone

6th: Fine warm day. Derrick unwell. Shaw & Jackson all day. All hands getting out gate posts, fencing etc. Dr. Gilborne called to examine Jessie's foot & declared it to be a quitor, took her home with him. Ned Foulkes unwell. MacDonell commenced burning etc. The creek rising very much. Woods called to measure plaster work & was paid. Christie also for cellar was paid

7th: Fine warm day. Derrick unwell. Shaw & Jackson all day. All hands getting out gate posts, niggering etc. Ned F. unwell. The creek fell towards evening. Wooley called & got the order for the price of the lumber changed from McMickings name

to his. Bought half a calf from Oslo Smith 18 ½ lbs & 21 ox @ /7

9th : fine warm day. Derrick unwell. Shaw & Jackson all day. All hands putting up gate posts & working on road

10th : Fine hot day. Derrick unwell. Shaw & Jackson all day. Self rode into Hamilton & bought sundries. Received letter from Logan announcing arrival of baggage per Blackness & departure for Hamilton per Macpherson & Crane. Received one box with baby clothes etc. Donaldson, Walsh, Bill niggering. The Laird over at his own farm. Willins in Hamilton with MacDonald who brought out for me a barrel of whiskey. MacDonald & Willins signed a lease of the place for 5 years. Lent MacD. L10 per promissory note to pay Willins rent also L5 per promissory note to enable him to buy wheat. During the night a heavy thunder shower

11th : Fine warm day. Derrick still unwell. Jackson & Shaw all day. Donaldson & Walsh moulding up potatoes. Bill thinning turnips. Bruce & Dr. Campbell left us. The Dr. for Stoney Creek & Bruce for John Wilson to ascertain the truth of Newell's account of a petition having been entrusted to J. Wilson for presentation, that Duff McKerlie etc might be put in the commission of the peace, as usual there was no truth in it. Woodhouse & Hales made their appearance when I took them to see Caspar Tenlycks' farm. He asks L500 for it, only 85 acres. 50 cleared & log house & barn, creek & close to saw mill. Bill brought from the mill 396 feet flooring 100 ft inch

12th : fine hot day. Derrick unwell. Jackson & Shaw all day. Bill & self road making etc. Walsh & Donaldson niggering. Hales etc went over Tenlyck's farm again. He seems likely to take 1500 dollars. They left us in the afternoon for Stoney Creek. Dr. Gilborne brought back Jessie, cured, as he says & had the impudence to ask 10 dollars for so doing

13th : Fine warm day. Jackson & Shaw all day. Walsh etc hoeing potatoes. Self chopping stumps. Jack Willins made his appearance this afternoon with fish. Also Dr. Campbell who had been visiting old Bond. Christie commenced digging ice house for which he is to get 20 dollars 16 ft by 14 & 10 deep

14th : Fine warm day with heavy showers during the night. Jackson & Shaw all day self & men on the road. Bill Benner commenced digging holes for railing posts @/6cents each. Red cow bulled. J. Willins rode into Hamilton to get bread for Papa. Jim Crow shod by Pettit

15th : Saturday Fine warm day. Donaldson laid up with sore shoulder. Shaw & Jackson all day. Dr. Campbell with us

16th : Sunday fine warm day. Dr. M. Campbell left us

17th : Fine warm day. Springstead, Shaw & Jackson all day. Papa, Mama, Jemima & self went into Hamilton on way to Toronto reached Toronto that evening

18th : Springstead & Jackson all day. Shaw absent at raising at Steam Mill. Papa & I waited on His Excellency Sir Francis Bondhead, very affably received but no invitation to dinner which appears contrary to all precedent. Also saw Archdeacon Strachan about our receiving Government assistance to pay the stipend of an Episcopalian clergyman. No funds at present but he strongly advised the church being built as we should thus have a good claim when there were funds

19th : Springstead & Jackson all day. Shaw absent. Left Toronto for Hamilton where we dined. Flour 12 cents per barrel. Reached home in our own carriage & Davis horses about 6 o'clock

20th : flooring brought from mill 575 feet. Jackson & Derrick whole day. Springstead half a day. Oslo Smith self, Walsh, Donaldson & Ned on road. In the afternoon rode with Jemima to Coopers & Mrs. Reid bought from Mrs. Cooper 9 ¼ lbs cheese @ 1/ found on my return home John Harris from near Smithsville wants to borrow 500 dollars farm as under:

400 acres about 100 cleared with buildings in the Township of Grimsby. No. 11 & 12 in the 8th Concession and part of 11 & 12 in the 9th concession

21st : Fine warm day. Oslo Smith, Walsh, Donaldson & Willins on the road. Jackson Springstead & Derrick all day. Self rode into Hamilton to get sundries. MacDonald teamed for me today brought out new cook at 4 dollars per month

22nd : Fine warm day Oslo Smith, MacDonald & son, self & all hands on the road. Hill offered his farm 150 acres with new house, barn etc. for L600, without crop or L700 with crop. Jackson, Shaw, Springstead & Derrick at work all day. Christie digging ice house. William Benner digging holes for fence

23rd : Sunday

24th : Very cloudy warm day but no rain. Donaldson, Walsh, Ned & Willins mowing in log house field. Bill left me because I would not raise his wages. Derrick, Shaw & Jackson at work all day

25th : Warm sunshiny day Oslo Smith & oxen Donaldson, Walsh, Ned & self & Willins & young MacDonald working on the road, half of day. Rest of the day in the log house field cutting hay. Hale & Woodhouse called to look at Henry farm. Derrick & Springstead Jackson & Shaw all day. Christie half a day on road & rest of the day ice house

26th : fine hot day, self into Hamilton. Found Papa's baggage at wharf shipped part of it on board 3 waggons, one wagon with a team of Davies & a Lower Canadian driver arrived safe at Craigeleith same night. The other two teams from Wilson tavern keeper with a lout of an Irish boy. Teams stuck in mud Donaldson Walsh Ned & Willins making hay Springstead, Jackson & Shaw & Derrick all day

27th : Fine hot day. Donaldson, Walsh, Ned, Willins & self in hay field. English's son brought out a load of Papa's baggage. Jackson, Shaw, Springstead & Derrick all day. Christie at ice house. Bill Benner digging holes for paling. A man of the name of Sherman came to beg I would lend him 10 dollars to buy flour as his family were in great want. I lent it him on a promissory note & he agreed to give me half a day's work on my road

28th : Fine hot day. Donaldson, Walsh, Ned, Willins & self in hay field. Jackson, Shaw & Springstead all day. MacDonald's son went down to Stoney Creek for Mathew Campbell who made his appearance in the afternoon

29: Fine hot day. All my own hands with Henry. Dennis & Ab. Springstead & MacDonald & his son logging up the road. Newell & Wm. Benner came to assist us in the afternoon. Jackson, Shaw, Springstead & Derrick all day. Christie at ice house. Hales & Woodhouse purchased Caspar Tenlyck's farm for 1750 dollars, log house, barn, bad crops

30th : Sunday heavy thunderstorm & rain. Dr. Campbell came to see Jemima who was threatened with an attack of Rose. News arrived of His Majesty William IV having deceased of dropsy in the chest

31st : Fine warm day. Donaldson, Ned & Jack Welsh at the hay. J. Willins took the

Dr. & the dairy maid into Hamilton Jackson all day. Shaw absent. Derrick ill of ague. Jackson measured the lumber which has been sent from the steam mill for the dairy 1641 feet to be charged as inch boards. Christie at ice house. No fresh meat to be had in Hamilton for love or money. Flour still 6cents per weight

August 1st: Heavy rain all morning. Christie undertook a job on the road at 2 ½ dollars per rod (16 ft) to be ditched on both side 3 ft at the top 18 inches at bottom & 18 inches deep & to cut three cross drains 6 feet wide where the bridges are to be put. Also to take out all stumps on the said roadway. Roadway to be 14 feet wide. In the afternoon the men all went to the hay field. J. Willins & I cutting out a stump. Jackson all day.

2nd: fine morning but cloudy during the rest of the day with a heavy shower in the evening. All the men at the hay. Jackson all day. Christie on the road. Hales & Woodhouse concluded their bargain with Tenlyck. Old Harris called about his loan

3rd: Fine hot day. All hands hay making, taking in hay into the barn. Christie & Dennis on road. Jackson all day. Christie agreed today to take out all the stumps on roadway where ditching was not necessary at one dollar per rod

4th: Fine hot day all hands taking in hay. Jackson all day, Shaw half a day. Received accounts of poor Grace's death from Margaret

5th: Fine warm day. Jackson & Shaw at work all day. The men at the hay. Christie alone on road. Dr. Campbell dined & slept here. Papa fined the hogshed of sherry

6th: Sunday fine warm day

7th: Cloudy sultry day, towards evening thunder showers at intervals & during the night thunder, lightning & heavy rain. Shaw & Jackson all day. Christie on road. J. Willins hauling firewood. Donaldson & Ned at hay & niggering. A letter came today from Morgan in consequence of which J. Walsh left me to go & attend to Morgan's concerns. Jemima & I drove into Hamilton to get mournings for poor Grace. Brought Pringle out to make up Jem's gowns etc. Queen Victoria proclaimed in Hamilton this day.

8th: Rainy morning. Woolly called this morning & agreed to build me a barn with a floored granary & a shed 60 feet long 30 wide same as present shed for 400 dollars & I to give him 50 dollars over if pleased with the workmanship. Shaw & Jackson at work all day on dairy. Donaldson hauling the frame of dairy. Heavy rain the greater part of the day. Pringle at work here. Self in the house all day copying plan of Binbrook & with accounts etc and chopping firewood. Christie at work on road part of the day. MacDonald brought out 3 barrels of flour

9th: Cloudy warm day with occasional showers. Shaw & Jackson all day. The men putting up sides of ice house. Christie & hands on road

10th: Shaw, Jackson & Derrick all day at dairy. Men busy with icehouse etc. J. Willins took oxen over to help Hales with his hay. McMicking agreed to put up a shed for me according to given plan 60 feet long from E to W & 20 feet long from N to S & 20 feet wide boarded below with 2 inch plank & logs above with slabs enclosed coach house with tight floor above for L75. Agreed also to loan McMicking L200 on the security of the mill lot etc the price of the shed to be accepted by me as payment to account on 1st January. I at same time bought a village lot from him to build schoolhouse upon

11th : Heavy mist in the morning. Cloudy dull warm day. Men at the hay. Shaw, Jackson & Derrick all day. Self rode into Hamilton called upon Law about Shaw's

mortgage. Finding that I could get no satisfactory answer from him as to the payment of the money. I put the whole business into George Tiffany's hands. Wrote to Harris in consequence to say that I could not lend him the L100 proposed. Seached at Register Office as to encumbrance on steam mill lot. Found none

12th : Killed calf. Men at hay & raising Jem's dairy. Shaw, Derrick & Jackson all day. Fine morning. Cloudy windy & a little rain towards evening

13th : Sunday fine warm day

14th : Send McMicking an order for 500ft Rough edge, 1200 ft siding, 700 ft flooring (ordered); actually sent-500 ft Rough edge 1280 siding, 785 flooring, 341 scantling; & if possible 4000 shingles. Went over to Henry's with the subscription list for the schoolhouse, collected about 160 dollars. Ordered 4000 shingles from Henry * bought 6 cheeses from him a 1/ per lb. brought one home weight 10 ½ kbs, Derrick Shaw & Jackson all day Commenced our wheat harvest. MacDonald & his son helping us all day. Fine warm day with a shower in the evening

15th: Fine warm day though cloudy & rain towards evening Donaldson & Ned, MacDonald & son at wheat. J. Willins & self at stumps on new approach. Derrick, Jackson & Shaw at work on dairy. Denis & Co. on stumps of road. Christie drunk. 2 teams from steam mill hauling lumber for me

16th : Fine warm day. Derrick & Jackson on dairy. Donaldson etc cutting peas & taking in hay. Self at hay. Hales drove into Hamilton to get nails etc for me from MacNab

17th :Shaw & Jackson all day, rainy dull day Men attending to the ornamental about the house, turned off Christie for being drunk & let out the job to MacDonald on same terms. Hales brought out nails etc from MacNab, loaves from counter

18th: fine warm day. Peas turning them over, wheat setting up what had fallen down, getting in some hay. Derrick & Jackson all day at dairy. Shaw busy at Hales house

19th : Fine warm day. Killed calf, weight 112 lbs 8 weeks old. Derrick, Shaw & Jackson all day on dairy. Donaldson & Ned hauling in wheat, cutting peas in the forenoon. J. Willins & self on approach. Bruce called with a letter for his father & staid dinner. Dennis & three hands taking out stumps on road

20th :Sunday lovely day wrote to Alick. Jemima wrote to Miss Brewster. List of lumber brought & measured by Jackson; 2 inch plank 2022 feet, flooring 40 ft; siding for inside of room 1712 ft.

21st : Lovely warm day. Men carrying wheat self rode over to Williams to ask price of barley, from 4/York to 5/York reengaged Bill Johnston at 5 dollars per month for one year. Jack Willins rode into Hamilton brought out bread etc. Derrick & Jackson at work on dairy all day. Shaw working for Hales. Thunderstorm towards evening

22nd : Cold windy day but no rain. Men chopping firewood & burning rubbish in the meadow. Willins & self cutting out stumps. Shaw & Jackson all day on dairy. Derrick absent

23rd : Fine windy day with slight shower. Derrick, Shaw & Jackson all day. Men in the meadow part of the day, rest of the day taking in wheat. Dennis finished his job on the road & took a new one of cutting out stumps on my approach @ 14 dollars per 33 rods

24th :Fine warm day with some wind. Derrick shingling dairy, Shaw & Jackson all day on dairy. Men taking in & stacking peas. J. Willins & self burning log heaps on

the road. McDonald 7 party on road. Dennis cutting out stumps on approach McMicking & party working at new shed.

25th : Fine warm day. Derrick shingling dairy, Shaw & Jackson all day. Men thatching stack of peas etc. J. Willins rode into Hamilton to get bread etc. Denis at stumps on approach MacDonald & party on road

26th : Fine warm day cloudy with rain in the afternoon Men logging. Shaw & Jackson on dairy all day. Derrick absent

27th : Sunday fine warm sunshiny day

28th : fine warm sunshiny day. Derrick, Shaw & Jackson all day at dairy. Men logging on MacDonald's road in the afternoon getting in peas. J. Willins & self chopping down girdled trees (*ring around a tree trunk made by removing the bark and underlying tissue in order to kill the tree*). In the afternoon rode out with Mama & Jemima. Dennis at stumps MacDonald & party on new road

29th : Cloudy warm day with heavy thunderstorm towards evening. Men getting in wheat from MacDonald's field & cutting down girdled timber. Self went over to Francis Tenlyck's & brought his oxen for which I gave him 115 dollars. He brought them home the same evening. J. Willins rode into Hamilton & brought me out an answer from Logan to my application for some employment for J. Willins. He holds out no hope. Derrick, Shaw & Jackson all day on dairy.

30th : Rainy day. Shaw & Jackson & Derrick all day on dairy. Men cutting peas. Willins over at Hale's self looking on pretty much all day. Henry the Yankee called about schoolhouse & gave in an estimate at 220 dollars

31st : Fine warm day with some wind. Men cutting peas in the forenoon. P.M. getting in wheat from MacDonald's field. Derrick on henhouse. Shaw & Jackson on dairy. J. Willins & self helping all round.

September 1st, 1837:

Fine warm day. Little wind. Men cutting down girdled trees and peas. Derrick, Shaw & Jackson all day getting out timber for bridges. Self walked over the road with McMicking to settle about repairs necessary

2nd: Dusty windy rainy day till noon-clearer afterwards but with one or two heavy showers of rain. Willins & self helping Hales all day to chop down girdled trees. Men busy with peas-in the afternoon helping to raise the new shed. Shaw & Jackson half a day, the rest of the day helping to raise the shed. Bill brought from the Mill 56 lbs of flour

3rd: Sunday fine warm day

4th: Men busy with peas, fine warm day. Derrick Shaw & Jackson & young Shaw putting out timber for bridges. McDonald & party on road. George the Black commenced working on Steam Mill road at 1 cent per day. Christie on cellar at 1 cent per day. Framing timber for poultry house 910 feet.

5th: Fine warm day. Derrick Shaw & Jackson & young Shaw busy with dairy and poultry house half the day the 4 carpenters Sam Birchell & George were employed at McMickings expense raising the shed-Sam for rest of day logged for me. George on road, McDonald & party on new road

6th: Rainy day Men chopping in the forenoon & carting our dung to the pea field in the afternoon Shaw Jackson & young Shaw at work. Derrick absent. George on old road. McDonald & party on new road. Dennis & Sam finished their job on new

approach & commenced on old road. Christie commenced digging a ditch 6 feet wide & three feet deep & building an earthen dyke on one side of it at 10/ per rod

7th: Thick misty day Men hauling out dung. Derrick absent. Jackson Shaw & young Shaw all day. MacDonald & party on road. George on old road. Dennis & Sam on new road taking out stumps. Christie digging homestead fence. Morgan made his appearance from Ireland. McMicking's party at work on new shed. Half of my peas still out. A good deal of oats cut & stacked round about our neighbourhood but not taken in on account of the wet & damp. Wheat in some places still uncut. Potatoes & turnips promising well. My own oats owing to late sowing scarcely turned yet

8th: Fine warm day. Derrick, Shaw, Jackson and young Shaw all day. Christie on new fence & in the afternoon cleared out cellar the roof of which had caved in. Dennis & Sam by the day working on Government money. George the same. MacDonald & party on road. Men hauling out dung all day

9th: Fine warm sunshiny day. Derrick, Shaw, Jackson & young Shaw all day. Men logging in the park. Dennis & Sam helping them. Got in stack the remainder of my peas. George working on Mill Road. MacDonald & party on new road. Christie clearing out rubbish from the cellar. Mama, Jemima & self rode up to Morgan's. Newell brought beef, hind quarters 80 & 82 lbs at 5 cents, fore quarters (at 4 cts) 78 each of which Shaw got 78 lbs.

10th: Sunday. Rainy day. Morgan, Locke & Bruce dined with us

11th: Rain. Christie called & took calves skins @ 10 cents 21 lbs & ox hide @ 8 cents-42 lbs. Shaw, Jackson & young Shaw at work on gates & dairy. Men chopping girdled trees. Christie on new fence. MacDonald on road. Jim Heard on Community road-nobody else

12th: Fine warm day. Derrick all day. Jackson absent. Shaw & nephew half a day. Men spreading dung on wheat field & ploughing it in. Calder returned without a wife. MacDonald & party on new road. Jim Heard & Michael on old road. Christie digging new fence

13th: fine warm day. Donaldson etc hauling dung & ploughing wheat land. Derrick, Shaw & young Shaw, Jackson all day

14th: Fine warm day. Donaldson etc hauling dung & ploughing wheat land. Derrick & Jackson all day. Shaw & nephew commenced on job at ½ a dollar per rod putting up the picket fence. Christie at new fence. MacDonald & party on new road. MacDonald undertook new ditch to carry off the water towards the creek at 50 dollars. Morgan, Locke, Calder & Benner dined with us. Morgan paid me up L100 of his mortgage & interest on the whole

15th: fine warm day. Donaldson etc. ploughing in dung on wheat land. Shaw & nephew on job. Christie by days work helping them. Derrick & Jackson all day. Jem and I rode over to Williams & looked at Dewitt's farm with Morgan & Locke. He asks L350 for 100 acres. No building worth anything & farm 26 years under the usual Canadian exhausting system

16th: Lovely warm day. Donaldson etc ploughing in dung for wheat. J. Willins tending log heaps. Self & Jemima rode over to Greenman's & bought 30 bushels of wheat for seed @ \$1. MacDonald & party on new road. Shaw & nephew at picket fence by job & Christie helping him by days work. Jackson & Derrick absent

17th: Sunday

18th : We all left for the Falls. Jackson all day. Shaw on a job. Derrick absent.

Donaldson etc ploughing for fall wheat

19th-22nd : Jackson all day Lovely weather

23rd : Jackson all day. Donaldson commenced cutting oats. Dennis all day helping him. Jack Willins & self logging & burning

24th : Sunday. Lovely weather

25th : Derrick & Jackson all day. MacDonald & party on the road. Christie at new mound fence. Self rode into Hamilton to procure salt, beer, hinge for gates etc.

Jackson gave me in an account of the lumber last sent from the mill for fence, ice house etc. scantling 1580 feet, inch 721, pickets 1008, Rough edge 200, siding 540.

Donaldson, Bill & Ned cutting oats. Dennis & friend & Jim Heard one day cradling

26th : Dull rainy day. Derrick & Jackson all day. Donaldson & Ned ploughing. Bill helping Derrick. MacDonald & party on deep cut. Christie digging new mound fence

27th : Incessant drizzling rain. Donaldson, Ned & Bill carting out short dung to meadow. MacDonald & party on road. Christie on mound fence. Jackson all day at dairy. Self rode over to Steam Mill & bought another quarter acre for the blacksmith's shop (30 dollars), gave Derrick a plan etc for blacksmith's shop & house. The whole (with the exception of the mason work) to cost 180 dollars.

George the Blacks' foot (horse) in a very bad state owing to Henry & Dr.

Gilborne's mismanagement. Bill brought 14 lbs of flour from the Mill. He had brought the other day 9 lbs. Shaw has got from McMicking for the picket fence 10 lbs, 10 lbs & 14 lbs nails

28th : Rainy day. Donaldson & Ned at the MacKerlie bee to chop out road from their settlement to Steam Mill. Jackson, Shaw & nephew all day hanging gates & finishing dairy. Derrick absent. Christie at mound fence. MacDonald & party on road. J. Willins left us today for Montreal.

29th : Drizzling incessant rain. Donaldson & Ned ploughing near the house. Derrick not here. Jackson, Shaw & nephew all day hanging gates & finishing dairy. MacDonald & party on road.

30th : Incessant rain for one half hour more like a water spout than a thunder shower. Donaldson ploughing at intervals. Ned cleaning up round the house. Bill hauling lumber from the Mill. Jackson, Shaw & nephew all day. Derrick absent. Jones & party came to raise the woodshed but from their confounded Canadian laziness went away without half finishing the job. MacDonald & party on road, got 10 lbs more nails from McMicking for siding in dairy.

October 1st : Sunday a fine sunshiny day

2nd : A fine day, though rather threatening rain at times. Derrick, Christie & 2 of my own men making bridges on new road. MacDonald & party on deep cut. Donaldson drove into Hamilton to bring out new maid but she could not come on account of her sister's illness. Jackson all day.

3rd : Donaldson sowing wheat-bushels-Ned helping on bridges. Derrick & Christie on bridges. MacDonald & party half the day on deep cut. He lent me 4 hands half a day to bind up oats. Weather dull cloudy with a slight shower of rain towards night.

Calder dined with me & we agreed to start a Distillery at the Mill & to subscribe L400 each. Bill Benner to undertake the management and to get a certain as yet

undetermined, portion of the profits. Jackson all day.

4th: Rode over to Steam Mill & got 4 lbs cut nails & 1 lb wrought nails. The men cutting oats. MacDonald & party on deep cut. Derrick at work on blacksmiths shop & house by the job. Jackson at work all day by the day. Christie by job at mound fence Beautiful cold frosty day with sharp drying wind

5th : Incessant rain. Cleared up a little toward evening. Self & men doing sundry jobs about the new shed. Jackson all day.

6th :Newell brought me beef two hind quarters at 90 lbs each & 1 fore quarter at 68 lbs. Fine sunshiny day with slight frost in the morning. Dennis & man & Jim Heard all day cradling oats. Ned & Bill helping them. Donaldson into Hamilton & brought out new maid servant Elsie at \$4 per month sent me from the mill & some bran and 437 feet of inch boards. Hales & Woodhouse called & got away 300 bricks.

7th : Lovely sunshiny day. Men all busy binding oats, two of MacDonald's men half a day helping -Jackson all day

8th:Sunday Fine frosty morning

9th: Fine frosty morning & warm sunshiny day afterwards. Men stacking oats across the creek. MacDonald & party on road. Derrick on blacksmiths shop by job. Jackson all day finishing store room

10th: Dull cloudy morning. Men getting in oats. MacDonald & party on road. Jackson all day. Sent me from the Steam Mill two inch plank 144 ft-60 ft 2 ½ inch. Sent Ned into Hamilton on black Jim. Dr. M. Campbell came to lunch & he & I walked up to Morgan's & delivered him his summons to attend Jury.

11th:Sent me this morning from the Mill 252 feet 2 inch planks, also by MacDonald's measurement 272 feet 2 inch planks. Fine day with one heavy shower about noon. Men & women getting up potatoes. Christie & his man helping for ¾ of a day. Woolley borrowed a bowlful of white lead. Jackson all day potatoes.

12th:Rain all day-nothing particular done except cutting out a stump or two & redding up the barn. Jackson all day. Hales got 20 lbs of flour

13th:Fine frosty day. All hands getting in potatoes. Christie & Michael half a day helping us. 3 men from MacDonald's party quantity got in about 156 bushels up to this evening. Jackson all day

14th : Fine frosty day. All hands at potatoes (80 bushels) in all 236 bushels-four hands from MacDonald. Derrick & Christie with his 2 hands laying the bridges on new road. Jackson all day

15th :Sunday fine day

16th :Donaldson ploughing up the rest of the potatoes. I went over to Steam Mill to measure out ground for school house. Jack Willins returned from Montreal getting nothing to do there. Hales came over to help to bottle wine-25 dozen Port-18 dozen Sherry. Jackson at work

17th : Donaldson, Bill & Ned logging with Dennis & another man. Jackson at work. I went into Hamilton to attend the Jury. Fine day. Bill brought over 40 lbs of flour from the Mill

18th :The men chopping in the morning, ploughing in the afternoon. Jackson all day boarding up store room. Hales came & got 200 bricks. Mr. Secord called to sign paper for Papa-rainy all day

19th: Bad day. The men, Dennis & other man logging all day. Jackson all day

finishing flooring verandah.

20th: fine day. A very heavy thunder storm through the night. Men logging with Dennis & two other men. Jackson all day at work. Henry Morgan came to take away grease for soap

21st: Men logging with Dennis & other men. Fine day. I returned from Hamilton with Mr. Coffin. Wagon came out with stoves & goods from Fee's

22nd: Sunday fine day. After prayers took a walk with Mr. Coffin to Morgan's and Steam Mill

23rd: The men logging with Dennis & other men. Calder sent 2 quarters of mutton, one quarter 16 ½ lbs & the other 15 lbs. MacDonald gave back 58 lbs of flour. I went to Morgan's to breakfast with Coffin & then went to see his land on the

Chippewa, returned with Morgan to dinner rainy night. Jackson only half a day
24th: Donaldson, Ned & Bill went to Calder's to bring cooking stove in the morning, in the afternoon they put it up. Julia put up & Geordie the pig both to fatten. Paid Shaw. I & Morgan returned to Jury business. Coffin went again to see his land

25th: Very wet day. Donaldson & Ned helping to kill Julia with man who came to do it, paid him one dollar. Mr. Coffin returned from seeing his land. Bill hurt his hand, could do nothing. Jackson left after breakfast, at work the day before.

26th: Very bad day snow through the night. Donaldson went for McDonald to go with Mr. Coffin to Stoney Creek. Bill went to Tapleton for eggs brought 6 dozen. Ned not here

27th: Fine day but a thaw. Men chopping & Bill hauling wood. Dennis began to chop wood by the cord for Papa. The Rev'd Mr. O'Neill came about three o'clock & is to preach a Sunday here. He sent notice that he was to do so. Bill went to Clive's for his bag

28th: Fine frosty day men chopping. Bill hauling wood. Mr. O'Neill still here. I returned from Hamilton

29th: Sunday fine frosty day. Mr. O'Neill preached & had service here, a very respectable congregation & in the afternoon went & preached at Tapleton. I went with him a very respectable congregation

30th: Fine frosty day men chopping. Walked over to the Mill with O'Neill & Jemima to see blacksmith's shop & house which Derrick has finished. Christy working on fence ditch.

31st: Fine frosty day, not so cold as yesterday. O'Neill & Jemima rode over to Mrs. Cooper's. The men & self & Christy half a day making steps to shed for cattle, afterwards on the road & Christy resumed ditch fence. Bill took the blacksmiths cooking stove over to his house. Self laid up with a swelled face & bile. McWhinney the blacksmith called yesterday & got payment o Pettit's account (vide day book) also a loan of four dollars to enable him to buy more iron. Note of lumber as measured by Jackson on 28 Sept. Rough edge 277; inch 336; inch 394 rough edge 380; rough edge 371; inch 580; flooring 50.

Nov. 1st 1837:

Fine frosty day. Men helping Derrick to lay boards on bridges. Mr. O'Neill went to Hamilton. Dr. M. Campbell came to see me who was ill in bed with crisympelas (*applied to a multitude of conditions in which the skin was reddened and inflamed*) Paid Ann Clark her wages agreed to give a Yk/shilling a bushel for hauling lime to

the Steam Mill & 2 dollars besides for the hauling to the blacksmith's shop
2nd: Derrick left off work at ½ past four. Self confined to my bedroom all day, sent Donaldson into Hamilton with my sick certificate. Dr. M. Campbell all day with us. Derrick & Ned on bridges on new road. Bill hauling bricks to the blacksmiths shop & sand). Fine sunshiny frosty day

3rd: Hard frost all night but warm & sunshiny during the day. Derrick till ½ past four on bridges on new road. Donaldson & Ned helping him. Bill hauling bricks to the blacksmith's shop. Sent eleven bushels of wheat to Mill (Greenman's wheat). Isaac Springstead & Dennis came to me today to arrange about the sale of some of Springstead's land to Dennis price 200 dollars, \$50 down- the rest by 3 promissory notes at six-12 & 18 months from the 16th Oct. 1837. Springstead signed an obligation to grand a good Deed as soon as the last payment was made. Dennis paid him some dollars to make up a previous payment to the 50\$ required down. Dr. M. Campbell left us for Stoney Creek

4th: Dull cold night, threatening rain or snow but the weather kept up. Donaldson, Ned & Bill hauled hay 2 loads from the loghouse & 1 load oats from across the creek. Derrick all day getting out sill & sleepers for the 60 feet shed. Christie finished his ditch fence & let the waters off today

Mem: of prices at which work can be done by job

Siding-work only 50 cts per square of ten feet or per 100 feet

“ every thing found \$1 ¼ per Ditto

Flooring-work only \$1 ½ per square

“ every thing found \$3 per Ditto

Shingles \$3 per thousand every thing found

Case of windows \$1 work 1 ¼ per 1000 & 5d per light

Door \$1 ¾ each

Framing about \$3 per 100 feet running measure

5th: Sunday cold rainy day. Bruce brought over 25 skewers 3/ & letter for Papa. I went over to Calder's. Bruce told us Mrs. Ainslie had died on Saturday

6th: rainy day. Donaldson working with Derrick only ½ a day. Bill went for eggs brought other 5 dozen, we are to pay for 10 dozen 10Yk & 10 coppers-In the afternoon went to the Mill with oxen. Mr. Christy digging cellar. Mrs. G. Ainslie buried today

7th: Mr. Murphy came out to see Binbrook. Derrick at work half a day

8th: Took Murphy to see Tenlyck's farm & Oslo Smith's. He was much pleased with the former. Derrick at work getting out sills for 60 feet shed. Murphy, Calder, Jemima & self drove into Hamilton to attend Jury

9th: Derrick at work-self on Jury

10th: Derrick at work

11th: Derrick at a raising at Calder's. Jemima & self came home. Dull day with heavy rain towards evening

12th: Sunday

13th: Derrick half a day. Men preparing shed for alterations. Calder & self walked to the Mill & McMicking agreed to let us have four acres for 12 dollars per acre for the Distillery, came home & drew out deed Elizabeth Godfrey to Charles Locke of 200 acres in first Block 3rd Concession-price L300. The mutton we got from Hales

weighed 10 lbs

14th : Fine clear frosty day with a moderate fall of snow during the night. Derrick & Dennis all day with the men laying the sill & sleepers of the 60 ft shed. Self & Calder went over to the Mill & saw Harley survey our ground for the Distillery-discovered that Ball's survey & plan of the village was wrong & so desired Harley to resurvey-afterwards we dined at Hales to the number of 11-Venison came from the Mill 30 lbs @ 5cts

15th : Fine frosty day. Derrick & Dennis all day with the men laying the sills etc of shed. Dennis put up Mama's bedroom stove. Bruce borrowed 22 lbs of flour for Calder

16th : Fine frosty day. Derrick all day. Self surveying with Harley all day at the Mill. Donaldson over at Calder's helping him with thrashing machine. Bill took both lumber sleighs to Benner to be mended & took the new horse George to be shod-1 shoe before & 1 hind shoe

17th : Fine frosty day with a good deal of wind. Donaldson went over to Calder's to help with the thrashing mill. Derrick all day. Bill hauling firewood & throwing up earth round new paling. Self making hay rack for shed. Lumber hauled from Mill (pickets 100 feet used today)

18th : hauled in 3 cords of Dennis' wood. Jackson came & was paid off. Derrick at work half a day-heavy rain in the afternoon

19th : Sunday

20th : Very warm day Derrick not at work. Sherman came and paid 10 dollars & I gave him his note. Morgan, J. Willins & self rode into Hamilton to pay Burleys's Bill etc. heavy rain during the night

21st : Derrick not at work. Morgan self & Willins came out from Hamilton. Men thrashing peas-road dreadfully heavy from the quantity of rain that fell last night & this morning. Accounts of disturbances in the Lower Province-trifling us yet. Sent out our new cook Phoebe Glass at \$5 per month

22nd : Scantling sent from Steam Mill for partitions 272 feet. Derrick at work 2/3 of a day. Donaldson & Bill thrashing peas. High wind & snow during the night- rain during the greater part of the day

23rd : Snow & frost-Derrick not at work-self in the house with swelled face. Harley called with plan of village etc

24th : Snow & frost-Calder called to settle about Distillery-walked over with him to see the stone quarried by MacDonald. Derrick not at work. Men thrashing peas

25th : Hard frost-Men thrashing peas. Derrick not here

26th : Sunday-hard frost

27th : Hard frost-Bill went over to Calder's about mutton to Donaldson & self underbrushed during the forenoon-afternoon Donaldson & Bill hauled hay from across the creek. Derrick not here. Oslo Smith called & agreed to let me have from 7 to 8 tons of hay at 6 ½ \$. McWhinney called with chain fastening for oxen's stall-Lidey called to ask leave to go through my log house field etc to Mill-request granted. Woolley got away today-300 bricks for schoolhouse & 200 before for Clement's house-he brought 37 lbs of bran & some flooring __feet

28th : Rainy Day Derrick not at work. Donaldson & self about ornamental Bill rode into Hamilton brought out 30 lbs ten penny nails for McNab. Calder sent over a

sheep 60 lbs weight

29th: Donaldson underbrushing-self over at Steam Mill with Calder about fixing site for Distillery. Derrick not at work. Lawson made his appearance today to borrow some money

30th: Fine day in the forenoon-afternoon & during the night heavy rain-Donaldson & Bill, self & Lawson underbrushing during the forenoon-afterwards Lawson & I went to dine at Newell's-Bill took Jessie to the blacksmith's. Jackson recommenced all day.

December 1st: Jackson all day-Donaldson & self underbrushing in the flat-Bill rode into Hamilton to get bread-Papas poker, shovel & tongs etc. Nat Condon called & got price for some 800 ft of 2 inch plank. Heavy rain all the afternoon. I agreed today to lend Lawson L25 on his promissory note at 3 months-gave him an order on my cash account. He left us for Oxford

2nd: McWhinney the blacksmith has just called & agreed to pay me 17 dollars a year of rent for lot No. 3 & 4 (which last I am to purchase from McMicking) in Block B of our village of Woodbourne with blacksmith's shop & house as it at present stands. He has also agreed to shoe Calder's horses & mine (2 span of Calder's and 3 of mine) for 10 dollars per span for one twelve month-Dennis & his brother in law Arthur Ledlie called to talk about his buying a lot. Papa lent him L25 upon his and Dennis joint promissory note at 12md to enable him to build his house etc. Jackson all day Bill returned from Hamilton. Donaldson getting in cord wood. McMicking, Derrick & Shaw called today when McMicking signed & delivered a Deed to Derrick of Lot No. 1 in Block B of Woodbourne & Derrick signed & delivered a Deed to Shaw of same lot (Mem 4\$ to self). Thawing weather

3rd: Sunday

4th: Fine sunshiny day with one slight shower of snow & frost in the morning. Men getting out dung to potato pits & getting in turnips. Jackson all day at work on gate to 60 ft shed. Calder got away 12 bushels of potatoes @ 2Yk . In the afternoon men underbrushing.

5th: Fine frosty day. Jackson all day at work at shed. Young heifer died. Calder got away more potatoes. I went into Hamilton with Donaldson in the evening on account of a riot at Toronto

6th: Jackson all day helping Bill with hay-mended the sleigh also

7th: Jackson away all day sent in Bill to Hamilton for bread & Mr. Morgan called with letters & papers

8th: Jackson away at Hamilton on his own account Bill hauling wood & oats-good accounts from Toronto-Papa paid for eggs 1\$ 35cts

9th : Fine day Bill hauling wood. Jackson at work till ½ past 3 o'clock Mr. Newell called brought no news from Toronto-on the 5th Mr. Hales got one bushel of peas

10th: Sunday fine frosty day. I returned from Toronto after having assisted in quelling the rioters

11th: fine day returned into Hamilton, sent Black Jim & brown Jim to be shod at the Mill. Donaldson returned & hauled hay from Mr. Newell's with Jack Welsh Jackson at work all day

12th: Jackson at work all day. Donaldson brought sheep from Calder's (L60) & candles from Newell's. Hales sent & got 7 bushels more of peas.

13th: Fine day. Snow in the afternoon. Jackson at work all day. Hales sent to borrow wagon. Donaldson chopping wood

14th: Fine day. Jackson at work all day. Donaldson hauling hay. Mr. Morgan came with letters from home

15th: Jackson left after dinner. Donaldson hauling & chopping wood. Huie brought a hind quarter of beef 107 pound at 5 dollars a hundred. Bill came back from Hamilton.

16th: I returned from Hamilton

17th: Sunday

18th: Snow. Men thrashing peas. Bill brought 40 lbs of bran from the Mill

19th: Donaldson brought 240 lbs bran from the Mill. Bill hauling firewood.

Donaldson drove us in the sleigh. MacDonald's son borrowed 6 2bushel bags –slight fall of snow in the evening

20th: Most lovely weather-sunshiny but very frosty & cold. Donaldson & 2 of the maids sleighed into Hamilton. Self rode to Stoney Creek-Bill hauling firewood

21st: Snowy day, very cold. Jemima confined to bed. Dr. Campbell came out to see her-nothing serious. Donaldson & Bill thrashing oats. Self daidling about the house with a cold & sore throat and thinking of McKenzie

29th: Hugh has brought beef hind quarter 111 lbs @ 5 & 93 lbs @4=5.55 hind & 3.72 fore. 9.27 to go towards paying me for the Buck Ox

30th & 31st: Fine days-nothing particular

January 1838 : Monday New Year's Day

Morgan, Calder, Woodhouse, Hales & Newell came & dined fine day

2nd: Fine day but thawing, went into Hamilton with Jemima, no news, very bad sleighing

3rd: Fine warm day with a very quick thaw, went one Black Jim to Niagara to see what the rebels were doing

4th: Fine day. Donaldson went to Mill with 14 bushels of wheat, brought 6 bags back besides Shorts

5th: Rainy day. Donaldson went into Hamilton brought out new sleigh & paid Buck the Maker-frost at night

6th: Fine warm day, thrashing in the morning, hauling wood in the afternoon

7th: Rainy day. Newell called & brought word from Niagara

12th: Received mutton from Calder 53 lbs weight

14th: Spark ox died suddenly-Mr. O'Neill preached at Steam Mill

15th: Fine day with one heavy shower of snow-self cut open the dead ox-from the internal appearance he must have died of red water. Men cleaning up oats. Christie brought 8 additional bushels of oats weighing 39 lbs to the bushel

16th: Men thrashing peas. Mr. O'Neill (self & Jemima) went over to dine at Newells & christened Newell's baby Ann Eliza & Twiss's youngest son Edward. News came today of Navy Island having been taken. Heavy rain during the greater part of the night

23rd : Heavy fall of snow during the last night. O'Neill & Geddes drove out & staid lunch. McWhinney the blacksmith got 9 bushels of potatoes. The mutton from Calder weighed 43 lbs. Donaldson & Bill chopping wood & taking up a pit of potatoes. Yesterday Jemima & I drove into Hamilton & read letter from Jemima

Leith (sister-in-law, Alick's wife in Scotland) –no particular news

24th: Snow in the morning. Calder & (Lawson returned from the Lines) called-Donaldson & Bill chopping & hauling firewood

25th: Morgan came down & commenced sawing logs for himself. The men chopping girdled trees. Fine mild day

26th: Coldest day. My 26th birthday. All the Binbrook lads dined with me. Attended a meeting at Steam Mill about schoolmaster, agreed to give him a fixed salary of L65 Cy per annum. The Trustees appointed for the school house & management of school were Oslo Smith, Henry & myself. The Trustees are to draw the Government allowance & all the school fees & the surplus, if any, to remain in the Trustees' hands to form a school fund. Henry boards the schoolmaster at \$ 1 ½ per week. The salary of L65 is to include board & everything else.

27th: beef from Oslo Smith hind quarters 105 lbs @5=\$5.25, fore quarters 89 @4=3.56 8.81 also 2 ½ lbs tallow

28th: Sunday

29th: Cold windy day-drifting day-Calder & Lawson called the latter dined & slept here. Self attended a meeting of School Trustees-Men thrashing out wheat. Jackson all day.

30th: Mrs. Leith drove into Hamilton. No news & no letters. Bill & self chopping all day. Jackson all day laying a sloping floor to the stalls of the stable.

31st: Beautiful sleighing. Slight shower of snow. The men brought a stack of Newell's hay in three loads which at 1500 per load=2 tons & ½ -Morgan & J. Walsh hauling logs to the Mill. Jackson all day making passage to water closet.

Feb 1st: Jackson all day. Morgan hauling saw logs. Bill busy with firewood. Lady & Mrs. Leith & self started in the sleigh to pay a visit to Colonel Nelson but were met by & obliged to return with Mr. Geddes & Mr. & Mrs. Scott Burn. Fine cold day a little snow fell

2nd: Jackson all day. Fine frosty day. Bill hauling wood. Donaldson drove us to Nelson's. None of them at home. I called at Williamson's store & persuaded him to sign Papa's certificate. Oslo Smith called to ask if I would allow Whitfield an itinerant parson of no particular persuasion to preach in my school house on Sunday. I gave a decided refusal. Derrick called & was paid up to this date. (vide account book)

3rd: Fine frosty but very cold day with snow shower during the whole of the morning. Men thrashing peas with horses. Peter the colt commenced his work today. Jackson all day still at passage to water closet. Self rode over to Steam Mill to see Woolley about various things but he was absent. Lunched at Hale's with Locke & Morgan. Afterwards chopping by myself in the calves' field

4th: Sunday

5th: Fine frosty day. Calder took up his abode with us & drove Jemima & Mama into Hamilton, brought me out a letter from Alick. Donaldson thrashing peas. Bill & self hauling hay from across the creek. Jackson all day

6th: Fine frosty day. Donaldson & bill hauling hay from across the creek. Self & Jackson putting up stove in Calder's bedroom. Jackson all day.

7th: Snowing all day. Jackson all day. The men hauling oats from across the creek. I rode over to Menairey's farm to look at a yoke of 2 year old steers he wishes to trade

for my colt Peter-but we are not likely to agree. Corman's farm adjoining his consisting of about 180 acres-60 cleared, log house & barn has just been bought by Williamson for 1000 dollars

8th: Snowing all forenoon & during the night. Jackson all day. Self & men all the morning assisting Jackson to put up water closet. Afterwards Jackson at new shed-self & Donaldson thrashing oats & Master Bill away on Black Jim with a note to Wm. Benner offering to rent him my farm on this (the North) side of the creek & another note to H.G. Magill to ask him to act as presenter to our congregation on Sundays

9th: Jackson all day. Men thrashing oats. Bill brought over Cooper's boar. Saw Bill Benner who expressed himself very grateful for my offer about the farm & willing to become my tenant. Fine frosty day with a fall of snow.

10th: Jackson all day. Calder drove Mama & Jemima into Hamilton. Men thrashing oats

11th: Sunday-read the morning service at the Steam Mill schoolhouse for the first time, very fair congregation. Wm. Clarke made his appearance from Woodstock

12th: Jackson all day Snow on the ground & capital sleighing. Donaldson chopping firewood & cleaning up oats. Bill & oxen helping Calder to draw home some lumber from the Condon's Mill.

13th: Snow on the ground. Calder drove Phoebe into Hamilton that she might have an opportunity of dunning (*harass somebody for debt repayment: to press or harass somebody persistently for the settlement of a debt*) her late master Duncan Campbell for her wages.

14th & 15th: Snow still

16th: A snow storm all day. Papa & Mama left us to take their residence in Hamilton till the navigation opens. Calder & went in with them. Jemima laid up with rheumatism. Donaldson took in part of their baggage & Hales the rest. News from the Lower Province of Papineau's having collected some force in the neighbourhood of Montreal also report of the capture of a British schooner near Detroit laden with flour by the Rebels alias the Yankees. News also of 18 or 20,000 troops coming out from home-in short things look very like a war with the United States

17th: Fine day sunshine overhead but deep snow on the ground. The men thrashing out wheat. Self chopping. Calder went over to Morgan's. Jemima still laid up with rheumatism. Elsie also confined to bed.

18th: Sunday. Read prayers at the schoolhouse to a very respectable congregation. Jemima confined to the house with rheumatism. Mr. Williams brought Mrs. Grange of Guelph to dinner.

19th: Sleighed in to Hamilton with Jemima & staid all night

20th: Came out home in 1 hour & $\frac{3}{4}$. Lovely sunshiny weather both today and yesterday-took Elsie in with us yesterday on sick leave

21st: Lovely frosty sunshiny day. Calder drove Jemima to dinner at Williams'. Morgan & J. Walsh hauling logs to Steam Mill. The men took up a pit of potatoes & hauled a stack of oats home from across the creek. Self chopping in the oat field.

22nd: Sleighing still

23rd: Bachelors Ball in Hamilton

24th: Came out from Hamilton

25th: read prayers at Steam Mill Schoolhouse to a congregation of 70. Capital

sleighing

26th: Donaldson started with Anne & the baggage for Queenston. We drove in & brought Papa & Mama out

27th: Started from home with the new horses & drove Papa & Mama to Dishers Tavern 24 miles in 2 ½ hours & from thence to Queenston 18 in 2 ¼, got them safe over with bag & baggage to Lewiston where they engaged an Extra to take them through to Canandaigua 104 miles in one day for 45 dollars. Self returned to the Inn at Queenston where I found Captain Palmer & two companies of six months men quartered. The last news from Buffalo is that the Rebels are gathering thick there apparently with some intention of rescuing the prisoner's at Hamilton & Toronto whose trial comes on the 8th of March.

28th: Returned home in company with Donaldson & the grey mares-came home easy in 6 hours-found that Mrs. Leith was in Hamilton dining with Mrs. Robert Ainslie
March 1st 1838: Mrs. Leith & Mrs. Ainslie came out escorted by Bill Benner who this evening agree to take my farm on this side of the creek 100 acres or thereabouts with the exception of the calves field & the ground immediately round the house, for 100 dollars per annum. He also took the great part of the stock at the prices stated in his account with me. The men hauled home the last of Newells hay at 4 loads say 3 tons. This makes 14 tons in all.

2nd: Bill Benner & Donaldson hauling bricks from Williams which I have bought from Calder 6000 bricks for my ox cart

6th: Phoebe unwell-self unwell with piles-sent for M. Campbell who came & staid all night. George & Robert Ainslie made their appearance & brought their friend Brisbane Alison with them

7^h: Dr. M. Campbell left us-Donaldson went into Hamilton

8th: Snowy misty day. The Ainslies left us. Bill Johnston laid up in bed. Grist came from Mill

9th: Lovely warm day-Donaldson & Benner hauling stones for the chimney of Benner's house. Bill Johnston still unwell.

10th: Frost during the night. Thrashing wheat-Donaldson hauling stones for underpinning the house. News came today of Harley's death accompanied with a request from the widow that I would read the burial service of the Church of England

11th: Drove down with several Binbrook men to Harley's funeral-founds a congregation of about 80 people, read the Service & a sermon on the Resurrection by Rev'd Carr-afternoon Service in the schoolhouse at Steam Mill at 3 o'clock, thin congregation. Sermon on the parable of the Talents-lovely warm weather sleighing very bad

12th: Thaw-self across the creek. Woolley sent 600 feet 1 ½ inch plank for log house

13th: Self across the creek. Thrashing wheat. Donaldson hauling wood. Received letter from Papa & Mama from Albany announcing their safe arrival

14th: Thaw, cloudy damp day-all hands moving 2 large binns from the barn to one of the sheds. Morgan slept here last night & left us this morning for Hamilton to attend as a grand Juror in the afternoon, self across the creek laying the floor of loghouse for Archer's occupation. Donaldson chopping firewood. Jackson busy with Benner's house. Hales called in the evening with some eggs for Jemima & staid all night, night

dark & threatening rain

15th: Warmish damp day Jackson at work all day at loghouse for Archer. Donaldson chopping firewood. Bill Johnston made his appearance, quite well. Opened another pit of potatoes

16th: Snow all day Benner self & Calder laying up rails. Donaldson drove the wagon into Hamilton to bring out Archer & family. Self thrashing wheat part of the day. Bill hauling firewood

17th: Donaldson brought out Archer & family & Elsie. After getting tolerably wet & tired. I managed to get Archer & his baggage across the creek & safely installed in the log house. St. Patrick's Day-Calder & Benner attended the dinner in Hamilton. Cloudy damp weather

18th: Read prayers in the Schoolhouse to a rather thin congregation owing to Hales, Calder & Benner & Morgan being absent in Hamilton recovering from the effects of St. Patrick's Day-roads very muddy. Received a note from Mr. Geddes approving of my reading the funeral Service whenever required so to do

19th: Cloudy day, threatening rain-walked over to the log house & agreed to give Archer 18 dollars per month & he to find himself, to begin on the first day he is ready to work for me, also to let him the loghouse & the field in which it is rent free for one year fro this period. Everett the mason commenced building Benner's chimney. Donaldson & Bill hauled a load of sand with the oxen. Benner & self hauling cordwood with their grey mares

20th: Dull frosty day threatening rain or snow Benner with grey mare & Donaldson with oxen hauling cordwood. Everett at work on chimney B. Johnston helping him

21st: Dull frosty day. Threatening rain or snow. Received some Standards of January. Hales called to breakfast & brought Jemima some fresh eggs. Donaldson with oxen hauling cordwood. Everett at work on chimney B. J. helping him. Benner attending to his farm. Archer begun his month with me today at 18\$ per month. Thrashing wheat Dennis commenced working for me at 6/York & finds himself. He was chopping in the oat field. Morgan made his appearance from home on his way to Grand Jury. His name & Newell's have both appeared I the Commission of J. P.P. Morgan slept here

22nd: Threatening rain all day with one or two good showers, frost during the night. Archer thrashing wheat, he got from me today 13 lbs flour a 3 ½ -1/2 bushel of peas at 50 cts & 8 lbs beef at 6\$. Donaldson hauling firewood till 12 o'clock afternoon cleaning harness. Everett at work on chimney-Johnston helping him. Morgan came out from Hamilton after dinner bringing a letter from Lady Leith to Jemima & from Mrs. Leith to Ditto. Thunder for a short time this morning. I received a letter from Lawson saying that he intended paying up immediately the L31 I had lent him. Dennis all day chopping

23rd: Thick misty day morning towards noon it cleared up but continued oppressively warm all day. Everett & Johnston on chimney Donaldson hauling firewood. Archer thrashing wheat. Woodhouse called to consult me about the alteration of Hale's deed, staid dinner & bed. Benner helping Newell all day to lay rails, self rode over to Steam Mill & gave Shaw an order for a hotbed. In the afternoon Mrs. Leith & I laid rails on the fences. Dennis not at work.

24th: Benner laying rails, coldish wind. Donaldson chopping. B. Johnston & Everett

finished Benner's chimney today

25th: Sunday read prayers to a good congregation at Steam Mill Schoolhouse. Woodhouse came to dinner. Mrs. Leith & self took along walk over Calder's new farm & old one

26th: Warm sunny day. Archer & B. Johnston hauling dung for hotbeds. Donaldson chopping in the meadow flat, self & Mrs. Leith sorting up about the inside & outside of the house. Archer got 38 lbs flour Calder & Woodhouse left in the morning for Hamilton. Jackson laying the floor of Benner's house

27th: Heavy rain, cloudy & damp all day. Archer absent on leave all day working on his own field. Donaldson & Johnston thrashing wheat. Benner attending to his log heap fires. Henry called & brought Mrs. Leith a present from Mrs. Henry of a bottle of maple molasses & some maple sugar. Henry & Locke also asked my opinion about the transfer to Locke of a Security held by McMicking over Henry's farm. Hales called with them & staid dinner & bed. Calder & Woodhouse came out from Hamilton about 7 pm No particular news

28th: A dull cloudy day but no rain. Benner attending to his log heap fires. Donaldson & Johnston thrashing wheat 17 bushels thrashed & cleaned. Archer absent Mrs. Leith sorting up about the house. Self making roadway at gate Jackson working at Benner's house

29th: Beautiful warm day. Benner putting up fences. Donaldson ploughing up the grass lands round the house. Johnston helping me to make roadway near the gate. Archer absent. Mrs. Leith busy in the house with Mrs. Newell who called & staid dinner. Received some February Standards. Jackson working at Benner's house.

30th: Most beautiful warm sunshiny day. Donaldson drove Mary into Hamilton. Benner putting up fences, self & Johnston making roadway. Yesterday I gave Donaldson notice to quit on the 25 April in consequence of Mary's being in the family way to him. Archer thrashing wheat.

31st: Lovely sunny very warm day. Donaldson came out from Hamilton & brought me a letter from Lawson enclosing the amount of his debt to me L31 and 1 dollar over which has to be returned to him, also one from S. R. Ferguson containing no particular news. Benner putting up fences. Johnston hauling rails & self putting up fences. Archer thrashing wheat. he got 6 lbs beef Mr. G. P Bull came out to dinner, says Sir. P. Arthur told McNab that there would certainly be a war.

April 1st: Beautiful day-there has been slight frost these few nights past. We all walked to church where I read prayers & a sermon on prayer to a tolerably large congregation

2nd: Cold frosty morning. Bull left us before breakfast for Hamilton. Wrote to Alick, also to Lawson acknowledging receipt of money. Donaldson ploughing. Archer sorting dung heap for hotbed and thrashing wheat. Johnston & oxen helping Benner to log. Self & Mrs. Leith setting fire to sundry heaps. Commenced today dining at one o'clock. Johnston still at Benner's house. Calder left us today intending to stay at his own house the whole week to superintend his work people & to return here on Saturday night to spend Sunday with us

3rd: Slight shower of snow during the night with some frost this morning. Fine warm sunny day. Donaldson thrashing wheat with the horses. Archer & Johnston digging ditches on approach. Benner ploughing with oxen-self doing a little bit of

everything. Jackson still at Benner's house. Bruce called with letter from Papa from New York dated 23 March

4th: Most lovely sunny weather. Donaldson hauling firewood with oxen. Archer & Johnston digging ditches on approach. Benner ploughing with grey mares. Bruce still here. Mrs. Leith, self & Bruce walked over to Hales' to given him an old country letter which Bruce got in the Post Office, on our way back we underbrushed a path through McMickings' wood towards the schoolhouse

5th: Most lovely day warm as midsummer at home-but still with frost in the morning. Donaldson harrowing. Benner ploughing, self & Johnston cleaned up 10 bushels of wheat. Archer thrashing oats. After dinner Jemima & self rode over to Williams, a very pleasant ride. Jemima rode Jim Crow & liked him very much. Donaldson took over 4 bushels of potatoes to McWhinney at the Mill. Bruce came to tea & bed

6th: Dull cloudy day-towards afternoon drizzling rain which continued till night. Donaldson harrowing garden ground. Archer & Johnston thrashing oats. Benner ploughing. Bruce came out from Hamilton & brought me a letter from Mr. Patrick apologizing for not being able to pay the amount of his promissory note. Donaldson brought home from Shaw's shop the hotbed frame

7th: Rainy & cold (therm. @ 8 a.m. 50) Donaldson ploughing the garden ground. Archer in the garden putting up hotbed. John P. Bruce & self assisted Johnston who was turning over the midden (*compost*) for the garden. Afterwards walked over to Calder's & returned with him & Woodhouse, Benner ploughing for spring wheat all day

8th: Sunday, rainy weather, read prayers at Schoolhouse. Very tolerable congregation considering the weather. Magill being absent on account of Mrs. Magill's bad health, Bruce led the psalm & sang ten times better than our former clerk. Mr. & Mrs. Williams staid dinner & bed

9th: Fine morning with a little wind & an appearance of rain (therm at 10 a.m. 56). Donaldson & self thrashing oats. Ledlie called & got 2 dry hides weighing the one 23 lbs the other 28 lbs. Archer & Johnston about garden. Benner went into Hamilton to look after a dairy woman. Archer got 8 lbs flour.

10th: During last night we had a sharp frost. (This morning @ 6 a.m. therm. 42). Donaldson & Johnston thrashing wheat 10 bushels. Archer in the garden he got ½ bushel potatoes Benner still in Hamilton, -made his appearance towards evening but without a woman, very scare in Hamilton. No letters, no news of any interest

11th: Snow during the night. Donaldson at the Steam Mill with wheat. Bill Johnston, Benner etc thrashing wheat. Archer absent sent for Dr. M. Campbell to look at my eyes. Snow during the greater part of the day.

12th: Last night snow. The yellow & black cows calved this morning both heifers. Dr. M.C. still here amusing himself. Donaldson & Johnston thrashing out wheat. Benner ploughing. Archer still absent. Snow during the forenoon. Lovely afternoon. Everett called & finished the hearth of Benner's chimney. Dennis undertook to split 1000 rails @ 6/ good heavy rails. Mrs. Leith sorting up Benner's house all day. Self confined to the house with sore eye etc.

13th: Mrs. Leith's mare foaled the night-foal no beauty. Frost during the night. Donaldson & Bill thrashing wheat all day. They finished all that was in the barn.

The whole of it has generally been very dirty with rats dung owing to its having remained too long in the barn unthrashed. Benner ploughing. Archer working in the garden. Dr. M.C. still here on pleasure. My eye a good deal better. In the afternoon the men took up a pit of potatoes 38 bushels which was put in to the store room. Archer got 16 lbs flour.

14th: Frost at night. Archer, Donaldson & Bill in the garden. Benner drove into Hamilton & took away the Doctor. In the afternoon very frosty & chilly. Calder & Woodhouse came to bed. Benner got his new woman Catherine McDonald home & promised me ½ bushel of potatoes

15th: Sunday (Easter) read prayers to a very good sized congregation. In the afternoon the Rev'd John Law, a Wesleyan Methodist, preached. I have a decided objection to his style of extempore prayer, he in common with many other Dissenters seems to think that Heaven is to be taken by storm & strength of lungs. He preached on the necessity of regeneration, his text 'Nicodemus' etc.

16th: Calder got 16 bushels potatoes on Saturday @ 3/York. Donaldson & self thrashing peas all day with the horses. Archer in the garden. Bill harrowing the garden ground. Benner ploughing with the grey mares. Bruce called & staid tea & bed. Fine day but very cold & frosty. Jemima mending wheat bags all day.

17th: Cold day. Sleet all day. Donaldson & Bill thrashing peas. The stack held 22 bushels. Archer not in the garden but at home. Bruce left us today. Calder came over in the evening to bed, agreed to give me 300 dollars for new horse. I am to take Jim Crow at 65 & the rest in wheat, hay & oats at the market price.

18th: Very warm growing day. Donaldson & bill cleaned the remainder of the oats 12 bushels & afterwards chopped out a road from the flat to draw firewood home. Archer in the garden. Archer got 1 bushel potatoes.

19th: Awoke this morning & found the ground covered with snow so much for an equable climate! Archer in the garden. Donaldson & self chopping & drawing home wood. Bill brought home Black Jim & took brown Jim over to Calder's. Ledlie brought me home a new pair boots & measured Jem for a pair. He also got 5 dollars to account. Isaac Springstead called to try & borrow some money but I declared it no go. This worthy had bought some land on that worst of all systems, the installment system-before he had paid up all the installments he resold it to George Dennis who also bought it on the installment plan. Dennis' installments are not yet all paid but the original seller is now pressing Springstead for payment. The fact is such men who are in fact no better off than day labourers either in point of education or means have no business to become landed proprietors & I shall certainly do all I can to discourage it in the neighbourhood

20th: Hard frost in the morning. Archer in the garden. Donaldson & Bill helping him. Self chopping in the flat. In the afternoon Jemima & self walked over to Newell's to give Miss Swiss some rags to make a rug

21st: Archer got 11 lbs calf beef. Benner ½ bushel potatoes. Archer in the garden. Donaldson went into Hamilton to get out bread. Bill helping Archer-

22nd : Lovely day-good congregation-Ned Foulke' wife very ill with quinsy sent for Mathew Campbell-he came & blistered her throat

23rd: St. George's Day-went into Hamilton. Mrs. Leith went over to stay a day or two at Mrs. Williams

24th: Still in Hamilton-dined today with Bruce (his farewell dinner on his way to Jamaica) Calder & Woodhouse present. All more or less affected with the grief of parting

25th: Rode out with Calder-dined at Williams & then rode home with Mrs. Leith-found that Archer had been working in the garden during my absence. Donaldson & Bill working on the approach. Snow storm last night.

26th: Fine warm day damp at same time. Donaldson chopping. Bill helping him to talk. Archer in garden-self chopping in the park. Mrs. Leith making candles. Phoebe left us today. Calder came over to dinner & brought some garden seed for Mrs. Leith

27th: Fine warm sunshiny day with a slight shower or two in the forenoon. Donaldson went into Hamilton to bring out bread & to ask Mr. Gale as to his marriage with Mary. Archer at work in the garden. Bill hauling firewood in the morning-afterwards working on approach. Self chopping-Mrs. Leith making candles. Self went over to Village to sign (as Trustee) the Schoolmaster's Report

28th: Bill took over to Benner the wagon make 7 bushels potatoes at 3/York. Donaldson left us today. Elsie & Jemima busy in the kitchen. Archer in the garden, self cleaning up saddle & stirrup irons etc. Heavy rain & thunderstorm in the afternoon. Jackson called & was paid (vide account Book)

29th: Sunday. Cool rainy day with one shower of sleet. Prayers in Schoolhouse, very tolerable congregation McGill & Mrs. Benner absent

30th: Beautiful sunshiny day. J. Walsh got away 8 bushels potatoes for Morgan. Bill rode several miles on Jim Crow & Geordie. Self chopping out stumps. Morgan left us this morning with Newell to attend a meeting in the McKerlie settlement headed by a few Radicals, Hood etc. their object was to hold a Town meeting themselves but upon our J.P.P. explaining to them the illegality of their proceeding they dispersed quietly.

May 1st: Fine warm sunshiny day-almost oppressive towards evening which ended in rain. Archer in the garden. Bill digging with me on the approach all the forenoon, in the afternoon I sent him on horseback to Williams for some of Bruce's books. Jemima & I & Judge Hales attended the quarterly meeting of the Woodbourne School Trustees in the evening. Hales & Locke came back to tea & bed

2nd: Rain all night. J. Willins made his appearance this morning from Hamilton with newspapers & bread. He signed the Deed of his farm & after breakfast they left us. Heavy rain all the afternoon & night

3rd: Lovely sunshiny day. Bill helping Archer to haul rails all day-self cutting out stumps-over at Schoolhouse gave out a job to fence in Schoolhouse Lot at 3\$ for the work. Calder came over for his peas & got 13 bushels @ 6/York

4th: Cloudy dull day rather chilly-in the afternoon commenced raining & never ceased till I next morning. Calder & I rode into Hamilton. I drew a bill on Sir G. L for £80 @ 10 York according to his letter exchange at 8%. Some rumours of a war with the Yankees.

5th: Heavy rain all day. Calder & Hales came over to dinner. Clarke, the Schoolmaster, very unwell, bilious. Archer not able to work in the garden from the rain. Donaldson called to get a character reference.

6th: Sunday. No church in consequence of the rain & bad state of the roads

7th : Partial showers. Archer absent from the impossibility of crossing the creek. Bill & self ditching

8th: Archer in the garden. Bill hauling wood

9th: Fine day but very cloudy over head. Walked over to see Clarke-still unwell & wishes much to see the Doctor-sent Bill for him-in the meantime Mrs. Leith & self walked up to Morgan's to ask him to drive with us on Saturday next (Jem's birthday). Found the Doctor on our return. Archer in the garden. The following is the form by which Mortgages are cancelled according to Stat. " To the Registrar of the County of Wentworth I _____do hereby certify that _____ hath paid & satisfied all such sum & sums of money as were due & owing upon a mortgage made by the said _____ to me bearing date _____& registered at _____o'clock of the forenoon of the ___ day of ___ in full discharge of the same and I do hereby require an entry of such payment & satisfaction to be made pursuant to an Act of the Legislature in that case made & provided As witness my hand this ___ day of _____ 2 witnesses _____"

10th: Cloudy but fine. Hales got away 6 bushels potatoes @ 3/York & 6 bushels peas @ 6/York. Walked over to Henry's with the Doctor to see Clarke- the Dr. recommended port wine etc to strengthen him & a doze or two of fresh air every day. Archer in the garden. Bill hauling dung to garden etc. Archer got 1 bushel of potatoes @ 3/York

11th: Beautiful summer day. Archer in the garden. Bill into Hamilton for bread-self ditching. Dr . Campbell left us today for Stoney Creek on Jim Crow to return tomorrow to dine with us on Jem's birthday. Morgan got 8 bushels potatoes @ 3/York

Mem: Sermons to a country congregation by Augustus Wm. Hare A.M. late Fellow of New College & Rector of Alton Barnes. Also Bherings Village Sermons

12th: Jem's birthday large party at dinner. Williams & spouse, Calder, Newell & spouse, Locke, Morgan, F. Willins, Hales, Dr. M. Campbell, Woodhouse, Wm. Benner. Fine day beautiful sunshiny weather. Archer in the garden. Bill helping me to dig the ditches on the Avenue

13th: Sunday. Most lovely weather as warm as midsummer in England but still no appearance of leaves-very full attendance at church-preached one of Care's sermons "Oh the mark of being truly religious" MacDonald made his first day as precentor but owing to his timidity it was rather a failure but 'spero meliora' *I hope for better*

14th: Most lovely & very warm day. Sent Bill into Hamilton with Clarke the Schoolmaster who is ordered on a cruise for his health by Dr. M.C. Bill brought out a number of Standards & Courants but no letters. Archer with garden all day. Dr.M. C. left us today. Wm. Benner sowing spring wheat but still on leaves on the trees. Archer got 60 lbs flour

15th: Lovely day quite warm almost sultry threatened rain towards evening but none came. Archer in the garden. Bill helping him to haul dung & manure. Self digging on approach, setting fire to log heaps etc. Morgan made his appearance towards evening to ask me to lend him my oxen to get in his spring wheat

16th: This morning we have had some thunder & rain. During the rest of the day the sun out & the weather very warm till 4 o'clock when we had a regular thunder plump of rain. Archer in the garden. Bill helping Benner to log. Mrs. Leith & self

out walking etc. Hales came over in the evening on his way to Hamilton & staid all night. Archer got 10 lbs beef

17th: Rain in the morning. Hales did not go into Hamilton on account of the rain but staid to help us clean out the log house preparatory to its being taken down. Dennis & Mayhew have undertaken to take it down & put our old bedroom now the present kitchen into its place, also to move the dairy. Archer in the garden. Bill on road. Christie ½ day on ditch fence

18th: Very fine warm day. Archer in the garden. Jackson at shed. Dennis taking the log house down & Bill hauling away the stones of log house chimney. Hales went into Hamilton on black Jim brought out bread but no letters. Christie & one hand on fence

19th: Lovely sunshiny day Dennis with two hands taking down the log house. Bill & oxen helping him. Archer in the garden. Christie with one hand on ditch

20th: Sunday Prayers at Schoolhouse to about 68 people. Mr. Clarke & Dr. M. Campbell came up from Stoney Creek. The Doctor & Morgan & Calder dined with us a fine sunshiny, rather too warm if any thing.

21st: A fine warm sunshiny day. Archer in the garden. Bill brought home from the Steam Mill my roller & a gate which Shaw & Cooper took the whole day to mount. Mr. Clarke walked over about dinner time & staid all night. The Dr. still with us. Dennis & Co. busy pulling the old loghouse down. Towards evening a heavy fall of rain which continued all night. Hales slept here on account of the rain

22nd: Dennis & Co. with about 15 men moving the kitchen, rainy in the forenoon but cleared up in the afternoon. Archer only half a day. Clarke & Hales & the Doctor left us today. MacDonald went into Hamilton with his team (part mine part Calder's) & brought me out 1 barrel beer & 1 barrel whisky & 1 barrel whisky for Calder. Received a letter from George Ramsay & Betsy (*in-laws?*)

23rd: Dennis & Co. with 15 men moving dairy etc. Archer in the garden. Bill took Mr. Clarke into Hamilton on horseback. Newell & Benner at tea-got a sight of the Militia Act-nothing very particular in it

24th: Queen Victoria's birthday. Rain all the forenoon. MacDonald & self walked over some of the bush at the back of the loghouse when he agreed to clear & burn it ready for crop & fence it 7 rails high for 7 dollars per acre. Archer absent Bill over at Smithy with Jim Crow. Calder & Benner dined here. MacDonald brought Jemima a young wild fox. Christie not at work

25th: I this day sold MacDonald 35 ½ bushels wheat @ 7/York = \$31.60. Jackson ½ day Archer absent

26th: Archer came but being very unwell I sent him home. Bill & self on the road ditch

27th: Sunday Rained very hard all day so that my congregation was unusually small only Mrs. Leith, Benner, MacDonald & Leslie, however we went through the whole service & I read them one of Alison's sermons on the Ascension. Hales came to dinner.

28th: Still raining. I finished bottling off the beer. Calder came while I was in the middle of it & staid dinner-next dropped in Williams in search of cabbage plants-next Squire Newell to assess us. Archer absent from the rain MacDonald got today 40lbs of salt beef at 6 York shillings

29th: Rain all day till evening. Archer absent MacDonald got 186 lbs more beef making altogether 226 lbs @ 6¢ = \$13.56 & wheat before 31-6 = \$44.62 which is to go in part payment of the clearing @ 7¢ per acre he had agreed to do for me. Bill rode into Hamilton & brought out bread & 1 newspaper but no letters. Recommended by Rev'd Mr. Allan Village Sermons by Mr. Borden

30th:

31st: Thursday went in on Grand Jury. Archer absent.

June 1st: Still on Jury. Archer in the garden

2nd: Still on Jury. Archer here in the garden, came home & Dr. Campbell with me. On our arrival at home found a message waiting for us that one of Betty's children had hurt his arm. Went up with the Doctor & found that he had broken one of the bones in the forearm

3rd: About 60 of a congregation at Steam Mill-after wards attended at Tapley Town to hear the Rev'd Mr. Allan, a Presbyterian Clergyman, congregation of about 57 as counted by Morgan. Most lovely weather, rather warm, towards evening an appearance of thunder & rain which however wore off & was succeeded by a lovely moon light

4th: Self & Mrs. Leith rode into Hamilton to attend the Grand Jury, still at Ainslie's

5,6,7th: Still on Grand Jury & still at Ainslie's

8th: Returned home. On our way returned Mrs. S. Burn's visit. Most lovely weather during this past week

9th: Warm midsummer day. Archer concluded his engagement with me today as Gardener. He has undertaken to burn off & log a piece of land at the back of the loghouse which Smith had chopped before I got the land. I furnish him with seed & lend him a yoke of oxen ex miserie: Bob Benner called today to offer himself as schoolmaster-he is just as fit for the situation as the Great Mogul- Bill Benner planted his potatoes today

10th: Sunday very warm day.

11th: McWhinney the blacksmith came & hung his competition gate. Bill Benner & his brother Sam making a road from it to the farm yard. McWhinney got 3 bushels of potatoes. Jackson finished the new shed. Christie at work on ditch fence

12th: Dull day with one shower in the afternoon. Jackson putting up stair in the kitchen. Christie at fence. Benner drove into Hamilton to attend cattle show-brought out some bread & 1 barrel of flour for me at 7\$ & one for Archer. Williams called about dinner time & Jemima rode over to see Mrs. Williams-self chopping all day. Benner brought out a letter from Clarke, the schoolmaster, saying that he felt better & hoped to resume teaching about the end of the month. Also a letter from Agnes

13th: Rain during the forenoon. Jackson at work all day putting up fence between Benner's house & new shed. Christie self & Benner helping him-early in the morning went out on the road & gave a job to Absalom Jones of making the frame of two bridges between Newell's house & the old school house corner

14th15th, 16th: Oslo Smith McDonnell Benners (Sam & Bill), Archer & Christie on road doing the Statute labour-weather extremely warm with one thunder storm today (16th) at 2 o'clock therm stands at 88 degrees

17th: Fine sunshiny day Church very good congregation but no singing owing to

McGill's absence. A very good sermon by a Methodist Clergyman on the text xvi c 28 v John 'I came forth from the Father and am come into the world again. I leave the world and go to the Father' Morgan came over to dinner & bed. He was in very low spirits about a man's prospects in Canada says if he could get L750 for his 400 acres he would clear out home

18th: Fine sunshiny day (therm @ 9 a.m. in the shade 76) Absalom Jones called to get some money to account of two bridges he is putting up for me on the road from the old schoolhouse corner to Newell's house. Archer called to get money to buy a church. McWhinney called to get some money to pay off a creditor for coal. Ledlie the shoemaker called for advice about the Deed of his Lot at Steam Mill. I told him that I would draw no more Deed for lots except for L1 CS each Deed & that it was McMickings business to furnish him with a Deed

19th: Fine sunshiny day. Bill & Elsie into Hamilton brought out two letters one from Miss Twiss to Jemima & the other from James Hamilton (Cochno) to me from Jersey. Dr. M. Campbell still here on pleasure bent

20th; 21st, 22nd, 23rd: Most lovely sunshiny weather-general ornamental work about the place. On the twenty third I rode into Hamilton for bread & to my surprise found Sir George Arthur there & troops (32nd & 34) & arriving & marching on to Brantford & Niagara. The Gov. afterwards left for Niagara. Slept in Hamilton where by the bye we had a heavy thunderstorm

24th: Sunday beautiful day, thinnish congregation, preached on 'Death Judgment Heaven & Hell'

25th: from information received from Newell we were all on horseback early this morning well armed or at least armed as well as we could & on our road to meet Sir A. MacNab who started a lot of troops & militia & regulars to scour the whole country between Hamilton the Grand River & the Short hills to try and intercept the rips? Who disarmed Mapaths Lancers some days ago at the Short Hills-after patrolling for 4 hours or so we returned to Stoney Creek & dined. On my way home I met Capt. Johnson coming down for Dr. M. Campbell as Mrs. Leith was suddenly taken ill. On my arrival at home I found Jemima really very unwell-partly caused by the heat-partly by her dread of an attack on the house-Sir A. MacNab made an appearance this evening on his way to the Short Hills.

26th-30th: Weather very hot with one or two thunder showers-busy at home

July 1st, 1838: Fine hot day-very fair congregation several from Hamilton. The Bulls-Fees etc. As usual four youngsters to dinner. News of the occupation of Bear Island by the Rebels

2nd: (3 o'clock p.m. Therm. 92 in shade)

3rd: Very fine hot day. Jemima, Calder & self started off on our rambles, reached Hamilton & resolved to stay there a day in consequence of a report of some disturbances in the London District-1500 militia in Hamilton. The regular troops all in London

4th: Still in Hamilton

5th: Fine warm day. Still at Burley's-received a visit from Sir Allan McNab who asked us to dinner-we declined as we were just starting for Brantford-which place we reached about 8 in the evening. Jemima very much knocked up with the heat. Stopped at the Commercial Inn-very civil people & a clean house

6th: Started on horseback to visit Murphy about 5 miles from Brantford. From the extreme heat of the day Jemima was attacked with a fainting fit which was so violent that I sent for Dr. Digby

7th: All day at Murphy's. Most lovely situation on the Grand River. Bathed-water 4 feet deep & in the main channel of the River 10 ft

8th: Beautiful day-Leaving Jemima under Mrs. Murphy's care Calder & self rode on to Woodstock which we found very much improved since our last visit there 4 years but it owes nothing to natural beauty, every thing depends upon the quantity of money which can be expended there-it never will be a pretty place except from extreme high cultivation. On the Grand River on the contrary you have a splendid running stream good road, though with a light soil & most beautiful scenery i. e. for Canada-very tolerable society & two churches within half an hours drive

9th: Rode over an abominable road to Clarke's place-met him coming in to Woodstock (a distance of 8 miles) with 300 lbs of beef for sale. His farm is an ugly place without any road to it & the only thing to recommend it was the Thames about 60 feet broad running close to his door. We all dined together at Woodstock

10th: Returned to Murphy's & found Jemima much better from bathing in the River

11th: Rain almost all day which prevented our leaving. Almost all the hay saved about these parts

12th: Left Murphy's & drove into Hamilton where we found the militia disbanded & everything apparently tranquil

13th: Lovely hot day. Very glad to get home. Calder dined & went away after dinner to attend his hay making which is not so forward here as on the Grand River. Rec'd a letter from Papa concerning an increase in our income-now L160 instead of L150

14th:Lovely hot day. Therm 86 in the shade. Writing letters & in the garden all day. Jemima busy in the house

15th: Lovely hot day. (Thermo. 86) Middling Congregation. Dr. M. Campbell made his appearance.

16th: Cloudy warm day. Calder brought 16lbs of mutton Rain all night. Dr. M. Campbell left us

17th: Hot warm day. Self rode into Hamilton for bread & with letters to Hamilton in Jersey for Lady Leith, Murphy & Buchanan. Breakfasted & fed the horse at Burley's (1 gallon of oats). Found on my return with Dr. M. Campbell, Mr. & Mrs. Williams & the Willins come to dinner. Whilst in Hamilton today I draw a bill on Sir Wm. Forbes & Co. C/according to Papa's letter for L30 york which they allowed me L37 or 11\$

18th: Dreadfully hot. Therm 90 in the shade. Dr. M.C. & self rode up to Locke's & saw Hugh's leg-found it very bad owing to his having no one to take case of him-desired him to come down to the Village & take up his quarters with Dennis

19th: Dreadful heat (91 in the shade) Dr. M. C. still with us. Jemima taken ill in the afternoon. Did little or noting all day from heat. Benner has commenced his hay harvest

20th: In the forenoon i.e. before 11 o'clock therm at 100 in the shade. Dr. Campbell & self rode over to Calder's to witness Edmond Fowke's signature to a village lot Indenture whilst there a tremendous storm of thunder, lightning & rain came on which lasted 3 hours-after Dr. C. went to Stoney Creek & self came home. Bill

Johnston cutting thistle

21st: Fine warm but cloudy day. Johnston went into Hamilton for bread

22nd: Fine hot sunshiny day. Not over 30 people at church. Dr. M. Campbell came up to see Hugh's leg & staid all night. Mr. Clarke the schoolmaster returned from Toronto

23,24,25th: very hot therm. 84 to 90

26: Heavy rain we have already got from Calder 13 lbs mutton 15 lbs pork & 10 lbs mutton

27th: Wet misty day. Sent Capt. Johnston into Hamilton, after ten o'clock it became very sultry through no sun appeared-towards evening clouds gathered thicker with a mist. Jemima & self walked over to Steam Mill to see Mrs. Dennis who is unwell & also to dress Hugh, the butcher's, leg-found Mrs. Newell here on our return who said that Miss Twiss could come over & stay with us as long as we liked. We then all went over to tea at Newell's

28th: Dreadfully hot @ ½ past 8 a.m. the therm stood in the shade at 96 degrees

29th: Very fine warm day. Very good congregation at Steam Mill. Miss Twiss came over in the evening to take up her abode with us

30th: Fine sunshiny day

31st: Fine sunshiny day. Paid our first visit to Major Gourlay & drank tea with Mrs. Secord

August 1st: Fine sunshiny day. Drove into Hamilton with Jemima & Miss Twiss. On our way to Toronto & reached Toronto that evening at Ontario House

2nd: Fine day. Waited on Sir George Arthur-was most kindly received-received assurance of being placed in the Commission of the Peace & the Militia immediately. Drove out afterwards to Gallowshill

3rd: Fine sunshiny day-returned to Hamilton & slept at Burley's

4th: Returned home-Roasting hot day

5th: Sunday. Thin congregation-as usual 3 extras to dinner

6th: Fine day. Hales brought veal 16 lbsWheat harvest commenced

7th: Fine hot day as usual. Woodhouse, Jemima & self rode over to Mrs. Cooper's to tea

8th: Fine hot day. The Newell's came over to dinner & afterwards we all went to Williams to tea

9th: Rain pretty heavy

10th: Very hot. Walked over with Woodhouse & Calder to look at McDonald's farm. He (McD) agreed to give up the lease immediately & to give possession by February or March-Woodhouse has agreed to take it for a number of years with a break at the end of two years.

11th: As usual fine sunshiny hot day therm 90 Received letter from Papa

12th: Sunday good congregation bad Sermon as usual 4 extras to dinner. The whole of this week nothing particular has occurred, some rumours of a war. Some very heavy rain which rather injured the crop lying in swathe (*row*)

19th: Sunday very good congregation. Warm sunshiny day. Dr. Campbell, Morgan, Calder, Woodhouse & Young, Secord at dinner

20th: Rode into Hamilton with Calder & sold 20 shares of Bank Stock. No news. No letters. Warm sunny day (Mem: Foster came out here on Friday 17th to commence

working for me on Saturday 18)

21st: Very hot day therm 98 in the shade. Chopping all day. In the evening tea at Newell's

22nd: Very hot day. Though not so much so as yesterday. Therm only 82.

Woodhouse & self chopping all day. Bill Johnston went into Hamilton & brought out newspapers & bread. Mrs. Leith taken so ill in the afternoon that I sent to Stoney Creek for Dr. M. Campbell who came out accordingly. Foster busy hauling stones all day. Dennis & Everett at work on cellar. Mayhew (carpenter) half a day.

23rd: Very fine warm day. Mrs. Ainslie Robt & George made their appearance from Hamilton. Woodhouse & self chopping Mrs. Leith still very weak

29th: Hugh (*Coddington the butcher*) brought 127 lbs beef & before he had brought 66 lbs

Sept. 6th : Hugh brought 77 lbs beef

7th: Wrote to Fee to say he would not keep a barrel of whisky for me

13th: Received from Ledlie to be paid to the following address \$10 George Thorp, Merville, Care of Mr. Anderson, P. Master Merville C. Donegal Ireland

November 4th 1838: Memo: The address of the person to whom I am to write in the event of Mrs. Coddington & family (Hugh's) coming out to Binbrook is Henry Boyd Esq. Ardee Co. Louth Ireland The 5 Sovereigns to be sent to Mr. Mathew Magill Canport Park Parsontown Ireland

26th February, 1839:

On the 22nd September 183 we left Hamilton U. C. on our way to Scotland & proceeded to New York by way of Rochester from thence by canal boat to Syracuse a very thriving Yankee town with a most capital Inn-thence to Utica by stage a most uncomfortable and fatiguing ride-stopped at the North American Hotel a medium house thoroughly Yankee therefore not at all comfortable according to English ideas. Left Utica at 9 o'clock a.m. by railroad & reached Albany 90 miles in 7 hours-dined at the Eagle Hotel & started at 5 o'clock down the Hudson, reached New York safe & sound & were taken in at Bunker's-bad bedroom but good eating & sitting room (public) with a piano. Pringle accompanied us from Hamilton & left us here according to agreement in hopes of getting a situation. We sailed from New York 1st of October on board the Columbus-Captain Cropper-about ten passengers altogether-very pleasant-reached Liverpool on 19th October. Adelphi Hotel exceedingly comfortable-left Liverpool the 21st by coach by Carlisle to Glasgow (Mem: never travel that road again-6 miles an hour & little to see) reached Helensburgh on 23rd found all well. Since that we have paid a visit to P.R. Ramsay-to Ross & to Dumbrick-Disturbances broke out in Lower Canada shortly after we reached England-in Upper Canada the inhabitants themselves remained quiet but the peace has been repeatedly broken by Yankee sympathizers first at Detroit & then at Prescott-in both these instances as well as in the Lower Province, the scoundrels were completely defeated by the combined regulars & militias under Colonel Prinie, Sir John Colborne, Col. Dundas cum multis aliis numbers of the brigands were taken prisoners-some have since been tried & hung. At this date we have news of everything being quiet in both provinces. The main object of interest at home is the Corn Law question. Lord Durham's report with various letters in answer by a Colonist. The sitting of a set of idiots in London calling themselves a

National Convention-the blockade of Mexico by the French.

Feb. 27th. 28th, March 1st, 2nd : Rain with intervals of fine weather. No news from Canada-read Bubbles of Canada supposed to be written by Judge Haliburton-dry but very interesting & putting the affairs of the Canadian Provinces in their true light. Read also Polacks New Zealand-evidently a fine country apparently like Great Britain as to climate & temperature. Inhabitants cannibals-Lovely warm day with one shower

7th: Snow & frost but very fine overhead. Papers filled with discussions on Lord Fortescue's appointment to the Lord Lieutenancy of Ireland. Don Carlos & Marotto-The American Boundary Question-some reports of the Americans intending to occupy the disputed territory with an armed force. All tranquil in U. & L. Canada-some more of the sympathizers hung

19th: Rain. Debate on the Repeal of the Corn Laws going on in the House of Commons. No recent news from America.

We left Scotland on the 17th July 1839 for Liverpool. Alick & Mama accompanied us. Papa being afraid of the fatigues of the journey. Met my uncle Vaughan at Liverpool. Sailed from Liverpool on board the Columbus-Captain Cropper-a complete American but a southern one & consequently the very opposite of a Yankee. The only passengers besides ourselves were a Mr. Nichols of New Orleans, a thorough Yankee, Captain West, Mr. Murphy & his daughter being a pretty good specimen of that most odious of all animals an Irish Yankee vulgar ill bred & ignorant. After a tedious passage of 44 days we were glad to see Staten Island & making no longer stay than was absolutely necessary we reached Hamilton U.C. in perfect health & safety & received a most cordial welcome from all our friends in Binbrook found everything well & in good order with the exception of Ledlie the shoemaker's having murdered his wife-out of which occurrence has arisen a little bad blood between Newell & Hales etc which time alone can remove. Since our arrival the Grand Jury (of which I was one) found a true bill against Ledlie. He was tried & condemned. Judge Jones reprimanded Newell very sharply for being in court & hearing one or two of the witnesses for the prosecution give their evidence-he being a witness for the defence-he is reported to have said that he was unfit for a magistrate & that he should report his conduct to Sir George Arthur. As to the Province generally it is threatened with commotion from the broaching of a new Doctrine as to "Responsible Government" founded on Lord Durham's report. Adam Fergusson & G. S. Tiffany of Hamilton are amongst the leading Durhamites. On this point of "Responsible Government" Judge Haliburton says in the Letters of a Colonist in reply to Lord Durham's report.

October 16th, 1839: Lovely sunshiny day therm 70 in the shade of the verandah. Carpenters building additional room & verandah to Wm. Benner's cottage. Our new maid Agnes Gray came home on the 14th at 5 dollars a month. Three men all day on Hugh's job digging the ditches of avenue. Wm Benner and Jack Walsh hauling bricks from Halstead's kilns

17th: Another lovely day apparently the commencement of the Indian Summer-warm & a little hazy. The carpenters at work on Benner's house. Jack Walsh, Dr. M.C. & self chopping out a foot path to the schoolhouse through Oslo Smith's land-this for Jemima's comfort in going to church on Sundays. Finding the roads very heavy Wm Benner rode over to Halstead's & desired him to bring 5000 additional bricks at 7dollars per mille including hauling the 1000 already got being \$5 per mille having been taken at the kiln. Owing to his housebuilding etc Benner has as yet done no fall ploughing which ought & might have been commenced three weeks ago.

Nov. 30th: From the last date up to within a week the weather has been most beautiful. Now the roads are a little muddy owing to a slight thaw. Nothing can be more lamentable than the state of the country (Hamilton & its vicinity at any rate) as regards money matters. Scott Burn failed the other day & others are expected to follow. The Gore Bank is not discounting & the Hamilton merchants are suing right & left for payment of their accounts. As to Politics the Gov. General is in Toronto it is said with the intention of opening the House on 3rd Dec. & proposing the Union of the Provinces-of course it is impossible to give any opinion upon the propriety of the Union until we hear the details of the measure. One fact seems to be pretty generally admitted i.e. that we shall (have) a large majority of Durhamites in the next House. Sir Allan McNab is now lying at Dundurn very ill. At home we have been cutting & piling firewood, & helping Woodhouse to cut down the girdled trees on his farm. Yesterday the Rev'd & Misses Flanagan & Geddes came out from Hamilton, the former to perform Divine Service tomorrow at Woodbourne, the latter to ask as to my classical acquirements etc with a view to my being offered to the Bishop as a candidate for Orders. He went away in the evening apparently quite satisfied & with the intention of writing to the Bishop to the effect. Should I take Holy Orders it is more from a wish to benefit Binbrook which has otherwise but very little chance of getting a clergyman than from any idea that I am specially called as some pretend themselves to be –but being firmly determined to do my duty to the utmost of my ability in whatever situation I may be in whether lay or clerical as becomes a man & a Christian firmly believing in a future state of rewards & punishments & in the necessity of showing forth our faith in Jesus Christ by good works. I am content to leave the issue in the hands of Our Heavenly Father & trust that he will fit me for my clerical duties should I be called upon to perform them. My principal objections to undertaking the charge of the parish of Binbrook are that it may prevent our returning to live permanently in Scotland should it be placed in our power to do so & that should we owing to circumstances still do so. I shall leave this parish after the lapse of a year or two in a worse state than the one I found it in, in as much as by my taking upon myself the duties of its clergyman I may have prevented its obtaining some person much better qualified. In other respects from having been a resident here some years, from owning the best & largest property in the Township, from being personally acquainted & intimate with the more respectable settlers & from having spent a good deal of money in employing the poorer ones & thus acquired some influence I am about as well fitted for the situations as some of our Colonial clergy & may perhaps with the Divine Blessing be enabled to do some little good but nous verrons!

December 5th: For the last few days we have had most lovely frosty weather. Today's brought the Governor General's speech on meeting the House. Amongst other things it contains the following passages:

Speech: Honourable Gentleman of the Legislative Council and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: In discharge of the duties of Governor General of British North America, confided to me by our Gracious Sovereign, I have deemed it advisable to take the earliest opportunity of visiting this Province, and of assembling Parliament. I am commanded by the Queen to assure you of Her Majesty's fixed determination to maintain the connection now subsisting between Her North American Possessions and the United Kingdom and to exercise the high authority with which She has been invested, by the favour of Divine Providence, for the promotion of their happiness, and the security of Her Dominions.

It is with great satisfaction I can inform you, that I have no grounds for apprehending a recurrence of those aggressions upon our frontier which we had lately to deplore, and which affixed an indelible disgrace on their authors. If, however, unforeseen circumstances should again call for exertion, I know from the past, that in the zeal and loyalty of the People of Upper Canada, and in the protection of the Parent State, we possess ample means of defence, and to those I should confidently appeal.

I earnestly hope, that this state of tranquility will prove favourable to the consideration of the important matters to which your attention must be called during the present Session. It will be my duty to bring under your consideration, at the earliest possible moment, the subject of the Legislative Reunion of this Province with Lower Canada-recommended by Her Majesty to the Imperial Parliament. I shall do so in the full confidence that you will see, in the measure which I shall have to commit a fresh proof of the deep interest felt by the Queen, in the welfare of her Subjects in Upper Canada; and that it will receive from you that calm and deliberate consideration, which is importance demands.

The condition of the Public Departments in the Province, will require your best attention. In compliance with the Address of the House of Assembly of last Session, the Lieutenant Governor appointed a Commission to investigate and report upon the manner in which the duties of these Departments are performed. The Commissioners have already conducted their enquiries to an advanced stage: and the result of them will be communicated to you as soon as they shall be completed.

I am happy to inform you, that Her Majesty's government have concluded an arrangement for opening a communication by Steam, between Great Britain and the British Possessions in North America. In the completion of this arrangement, Her Majesty's Government have allowed no consideration to interfere with the paramount object, of conducing to the public advantage and convenience. I feel confident, that the liberality with which the Parent State has assumed the whole expense of the undertaking, will be duly appreciated by you.

The answers of Her Majesty to the various Addresses, adopted by you during your last Session, and Her Majesty's decisions on the Bills passed by you, but reserved for the signification of Her Royal pleasure, will be made know to you without loss of time.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly

The Financial condition of the Province will claim your early and most attentive consideration. To preserve public credit, is at all times a sacred obligation; but in a country so essentially dependent upon it for the means of future improvement, it is a matter no less of policy than of duty. It is indispensable then, that measures should be at once adopted, for enabling the Provincial Revenue to fulfil its obligations, and to defray the necessary expences of the Government. It will be my anxious desire to co-operate with you in effecting this object; and I feel confident that by the adoption of measure calculated to promote the full development of the resources of this fine country, the difficulty may be overcome. The Officer by whom, under your authority, these obligations have been contracted, will be able to afford you every information; and I shall direction a statement of your Financial condition to be immediately submitted to you.

The Estimates submitted to you will be prepared with every regard to economy, compatible with the due execution of the service of the Province.

It is with great satisfaction I find, that notwithstanding Commercial difficulties which prevail in he neighbouring States, the Banks of this Province have resumed Specie Payments; and I congratulate you upon the guarantee thus afforded of the greater security and stablity of our pecuniary transactions-a circumstance which cannot fail to be attended with the most beneficial results. I am commanded again to submit to you the surrender of the Casual and Territorial Revenues of the Crown, in exchange for a Civil List; and I shall take an early opportunity of explaining the grounds on which Her Majesty's Government felt precluded from assenting to the settlement which you lately proposed. They are of a nature which lead me to anticipate your ready assent to their removal, and to final settlement of the question.

Honourable Gentlemen; and Gentlemen:

In assuming the Administration of the Government of these Provinces, at the present time, I have not disguised from myself the arduous task which I have undertaken. The affairs of the Canadas have, for some years back, occupied much of the attention of the Imperial Parliament, and of the Government: and their settlement upon a firm and comprehensive

basis, admits of no further delay.

To effect that settlement, upon terms satisfactory to the people of these Provinces, and affording security for their continued connection with the British Empire, will be my endeavour; and I confidently appeal to your wisdom, and to the loyalty and good sense of the People of this Province, to co-operate with me for the preparation and adoption of such measures as may, under Divine Providence, restore to this Country peace, concord and prosperity.

January 7th, 1840:

Fine day-good sleighing-drove up with Jemima & the Doctor to attend the funeral of Duff's boy-in consequence of Mr. Gale's absence I was asked to read the Burial Service-on my return home found Nancy Benner waiting to retail to me some of her surmises & suspicions as to Wm. Benner & Mary. I advised her to read her Bible & not meddle with other people's affairs. She asked & got a Prayer book.

Paints for preserving wood:

Melt 12 ounces of rosin in an iron pot, add 3 gallons of train oil and 3 or 4 rolls of brimstone. When melted thin add as much Spanish brown or brown ochre, first ground fine, with as much oil as will give the required color, lay it on with a brush as hot and thin as possible and some days after the first coat is dry, lay on another.

19th March, 1840:

Ned Fowkes commenced his month with me at \$11 per month dinner & breakfast

28th April Maggie Gray commenced her month with us at \$3 per month

8th May 1840: Dr. M.Campbell commenced boarding with Norton at \$3 per week

5th May: Andrew Newell was thrown from his horse-fell upon his head & died in a few hours after, leaving a wife & 3 young children under 5 years of age to lament his loss

9th May: Incessant rain though not heavy nor cold, the buds etc begin to appear on the trees

12th: Jemima's birthday (31) Lovely warm weather but with white frosts at night which are said to indicate rain. I agreed to take Newell's farm at \$100 per annum (ex miseric)

15th: Rain leaves full blown on the tress

10th: C. Donaldson commenced his month with us at \$10 per month & board

25th June 1840:

Mrs. Leith & self rose at 4 in the garden weeding till ½ past 6. Jack & Donaldson went down to the Lake for sand for the last coat of Boydell's house. Ned, Hugh & tom on the road ditching

26th: Mrs. Leith & self rose at 4 in the garden weeding

28th: Sunday a rather thin attendance at church owing partly to the prevalence of sickness & partly to some friends of mine being knocked up with drinking whisky punch the evening previous by way of ensuring Boydell a safe passage home-a queer way certainly & one attended with the most pernicious consequences to the morals of this Township as the non attendance of the better educated at church is remarked by the servants & others & in some cases copied. I never till I settled in Canada felt the full force of some of Cassio's lament "O that men should put an enemy in their mouths to steal away their brains! That we should, with joy, revel, pleasure and applause, transform ourselves into beasts!" Mrs. Newell attended church for the first time since her husband's death. Donaldson & Margaret went into Hamilton to attend the preaching at Mr. Gale's church.

August 10, 1840: At eleven o'clock this day Jemima presented me with a fine boy. Dr. O'Reilly & Mrs. Newell attended her.

21st: This day The Rev'd Mr. Geddes christened our dear boy "George William" Robert Ainslie & Wm. Bull Godfathers Mrs. Bull Godmother

23rd: This morning it pleased Our Heavenly Father to take unto himself our dear boy-after an hour's illness.

November 10th, 1840:

Killed an ox (Bright) weight guessed at 700. Ned Fowkes got 170 lbs hind quarter at 5 ½ Jackson has 5 days due to him. Dr. O'Reilly came out to see Jemima & little Maggie. Received a letter from Papa dated September. Donaldson ploughing all day. Ned digging out stumps in the same field. Jack rode into Hamilton for bread & for the Dr. Miss Jane & Miss Helen Gourley came out yesterday on a visit to Mrs. Leith, answered old W. Boydell's letter announcing the breaking off of his son's marriage with Miss Griffiths

11th: Lovely day, cloudy with some appearance of snow. Donaldson ploughing. Ned & Jack hauling home a stack of oats from W. Newell's farm (Mem: spring wheat is very apt to ferment in the barrel when ground & is not considered merchantable)

12th: cloudy but warm with some appearance of snow or rain. Donaldson ploughing. Jack drove Mrs. Leith & the Misses Gourlay to pay Mrs. Williams a visit. Ned chopping firewood.

13th: Cloudy & unsettled with one slight shower of hail. Donaldson ploughing. Jack took Margaret in the waggon into Hamilton. Ned chopping firewood all day.

14th: Snow. Donaldson ploughing half a day, the snow came on too heavy in the afternoon so he cleaned out the barn to be ready for thrashing. Little Maggie unwell. Received a very civil note from the Rev'd Mr. Gale enclosing the Catechism of the Church of Scotland

15th: Preached at Woodbourne Schoolhouse not many attended owing to the state of the roads

16th: Fine cold frosty weather. Maggie still unwell. Ned hauling home firewood. Donaldson thrashing wheat. Jack helping me to barrel up the beef, mashing the cows & the Buck ox etc

17th: Hard frost. Jack drove into Hamilton for Margaret Donaldson & Ned drove home the young cattle from Mrs. Newell's & chopped rest of the day. Morgan came to dinner & staid the night.

18th: Hard frost. Donaldson thrashing wheat which turns out very poorly. Ned chopping & hauling firewood. Jack feeding the cows etc. Jemima was enable to ride over on Black Jim to Wm. Benner's, dined there & was accompanied back by Mrs. Newell & Miss Swiss

19, 20, 21: Snow commenced but slight at first but very heavy towards the evening of the 21st. A sale of Williams cattle etc took place today 12 months credit. Wm. Clarke is now with us on a visit

27th: Jack Walsh & Margaret Armstrong rode into Hamilton & were married by the Rev'd Mr. Gale. Donaldson drew 1 ½ ton of hay for Ned at 6\$ per ton roads very bad.

Dec. 14th, 1840: Terms & conditions of Lease of the farm of Craigleith

1. The tenant to enter into possession on or before the 1st day of March 1841.
2. The tenant to pay yearly for said farm the rent of 108 dollars or L27 HC.
3. The tenant to take as much of the stock crop & farming implements at a valuation by one or more mutual friends as may suit him.
4. The price of such stock etc so taken by the tenant & the rent as it becomes due to be placed to the tenant's debit in an account to be opened between him & his Landlord-said account not to bear interest.
5. The duration of the lease to be for 3 years certain that is from the 1st March 1841 to the 1st March 1844.
6. The tenant is bound on the expiry of said Lease to give up the farm building, houses & fences in good & sufficient repair.

I the undersigned hereby agree to let the said farm of Craigleith to Henry Morgan Esq. on the above written conditions. Witness my hand this fourteenth day of December 1840

George Leith

And I the undersigned Henry Morgan agree to rent the said farm of Craigleith on the above

written conditions. Witness my hand this fourteenth day of December 1840.

22nd, December 1840. Killed Buck ox weight meat 804 lbs worth L9 HC 87, Tallow 96 lbs 2 HC, Hide 99 lbs 1.4.9

Snow heavy fall with a strong wind. Morgan brought out a letter from Mrs. Nicoll condoling with us on the loss of our dear boy.

23rd & 24th: Still snow on the ground with a sharp freezing wind. R. Ainslie & his wife came out today (23) & staid all night

13th January, 1841: Agnes Gray commenced on trial with us @ \$5 per month

25th: Commenced boarding with the Rev'd Mr. Geddes at L2 per week

February, 16th: Great fire in Hamilton which destroyed Devereun's Exchange Hotel & all the buildings but one brick house in that block. On Monday the 14th was assisted to draw sand from the Lake for the Church by Webb, John McKerlie, Duff, Wm. Benner, Cooper, Woodhouse, John McCabe, Twiss & Foster, Hales, Rich & Benner

March 23rd: Jack Walsh commenced boarding with Tom Wilson @ 2 ½ dollars per week.

April 30th: Owing to my being laid up with ague I was obliged to send Black Jim to Burley's on Tuesday afternoon where he staid till Friday afternoon

1st May: Lovely weather, rose about 5 & went out to the stable to look after Jim

20th: Ned Fowkes commenced his month with me at 11\$ & breakfast & Dinner. Self & Savage at picket fence round garden. Jackson, I. Springstead & Lootz also at picket fence Morgan, Jack & Henry sowing oats & cutting potatoes. Donaldson ploughing all day.

Lovely warm weather.

21st: Lovely warm day with an appearance of rain. Morgan, Henry, Donaldson ploughing & sowing oats on Morgan's farm. Ned & Jack digging in garden-set some kidney potatoes. Savage & self at picket fence. Jackson, Springstead & Lootz ½ a day at picket fence

May 22nd: Lovely warm day with a slight shower during the night. Morgan, Jackson, Donaldson, & George on Morgan's farm ploughing & sowing oats. Savage, Haley & self sawing & nailing up pickets round garden. Ned digging in garden

23rd: Extremely close sultry day-good congregation at Schoolhouse-in the middle of the Litany owing to the heat & a previous attack of ague & bile I fainted but soon got better.

24th: Cool with an appearance of rain in the morning but afterwards turned out a very hot day. Rode into Hamilton & received from Rev'd Mr. Gale the payment of his debt to me L158 HCs. Afterwards staid all night at Ainslie's partly from weakness & partly in hopes of receiving letters by the Halifax Steamer next morning.

25th: Lovely day with a pleasant breeze, mail not yet arrived, went to Mr. Bull's about 2 o'clock to get my newspaper previous to returning was obliged to lay myself up there on a sofa for 2 or 3 hours & then toddled down to Geddes where I slept

26th: Beautiful day-started early for home & reached it in safety-wrote out orders for the sergeants of the Hank Company as to warning the men -took a mouthful of dinner with Jemima Mrs. Newell & Miss Twiss & then had a smart cold fit of ague (*malaria*) & then a good hot one which me to my bed where I was soon relieved by a profuse perspiration-self tolerably well & better next morning

27th: Lovely day rose at 5

July 12th: Commenced hay harvest. Lovely warm weather. Jackson, Ned, Donaldson, George & Henry mowing. Morgan drove into Hamilton-self ill with the remains of an ague fit I had yesterday-managed to toddle about looking after the men. Mrs. Newell & Nony came to dinner. Dr. M. C. dined also with us

13th: Hay - Mrs. Bull out on a visit

14th: Hay

15th: Hay Tremendous hail storm-fortunately of short duration-self laid up all the week with the remains of ague

16th: Every appearance of rain in the morning, cleared up after 8. Morgan took over to the

church a load of bricks for stove chimney. Men all busy with hay

17th: Lovely warm day. Saving hay. Two waggons & 7 hands

18th: Warm sunshiny day. Tolerable congregation. Jemima rode to church Miss Anne Gourlay walked

19th: Lovely warm day with a refreshing breeze. Jack, Ned & Donaldson mowing all day-commenced Delmige's meadows. Morgan & the boys saving & drawing in-self burning out stumps

20th: Lovely warm day. Morgan drove Miss Gourlay home & took the Misses Bull home-3 men mowing in Delmige's meadow, self & boys saving hay on the Boydell farm & saving hay on Delmige's meadow. Mrs. Delmige came over to tea-Margaret Walsh went into Hamilton with her child

21st: Warm sunshiny day. Morgan rode up to McCabe's & his own farm to see what prospects there were of hay etc. report tolerable. 3 men mowing all day-Savage & the boys saving hay. Self chopping. In the afternoon walked with Jemima & Miss Gourlay to Mrs. Benner's & drank tea

22, 23: fine weather ending with a thunderstorm-hay making

24th: fine day-self rode into Hamilton to get information as to what could be done about George Dennis who is mad with drink-Jack & Henry drawing sand for the church. Donaldson chopping-Ned absent on leave.

Original Gazette of the Appointment to 12th Gore dated 1838:

To be Major	Elijah Secord
To be Captains	John Secord
	Daniel Lewis
	George Leith
	Andrew Newell
	J. Williamson
	N. Hughson
	Alexander Calder
	Henry Morgan
	James L. Willson

Lieutenants	Henry Magill
	James Duff
	Wm. Benner
	John Gage
	John McKerlie
	Wm. Gage
	Peter Gage
	Charles Depeu
	John Carpenter
	Levi Lewis

Ensigns	John Lee
	Wm. Alex. Davis
	John McDavid
	David Kearns
	Mathew B. Secord
	Henry Carpenter
	Thomas Davis
	Elisha Bingham

Elijah W. Secord
Alexander Duff

Paymaster Wm. Blaikie

Surgeon Dr. McCartney

Quarter Master John Galbreath

July 25th 1841: rather thin congregation owing to the rainy appearance of the weather
26th: cool cloudy day. Mrs. Leith, self & Miss Gourlay burning stumps. Morgan & all hands cutting McCabe's meadow on shares. Mrs. L. etc drank tea at Mrs. Benners
27th: Cloudy with a couple of showers. All hands still at McCabe's-commenced in the afternoon cutting W. Benner's meadow on shares. Mrs. L. drank tea at Mrs. Delmige's
28th: Hay warm fine weather
29th: Hay ' ' ' with some appearance of rain
30th: fine cool morning, afternoon incessant small rain
31st: Rain all last night & this morning-sent Jack into Hamilton for oatmeal
Aug. 1st: Fine warm day-very fair congregation. Jemima & Miss M. Gourlay attended. Mrs. Newell & Nony came to tea, the fall wheat has sprouted a little with the last 2 days rain
2-6: cutting hay & fall wheat - fine weather
7th: Finished cutting fall wheat on my farm. Raymond, Hales & man. Donaldson, Ned & Jack Rich & Benner, Morgan & 2 boys
8th: Fine day in the morning, with rain in the afternoon 70 at church
9th: cloudy windy day. Donaldson, Raymond, Jack & Ned at fall wheat on Morgan's farm. Morgan, self & Henry pulling out stumps. Miss H. Gourlay Mrs. L. & self drank tea with Mrs. Newell
10th: Self & Peterson drove into Hamilton to bring out stove and pipes for the Church. Heavy thunderstorm overtook us on our way out but fortunately there was no rain in Binbrook so that Morgan got the whole of the fall wheat safe into the barn
11th: Incessant rain nearly all day. Walked to Woodbourne & superintended the putting up of stove & pipes-the two Bricks in the afternoon plastered our little sitting room
12th: Fine weather-Men cutting wheat & hay at Morgan's
13th, 14th: Jack & self cradling oats & spring wheat, in the afternoon Jemima & Miss H. G. & self walked over to the Church to try the effect of the Accordion
15th: Lovely warm day. Good congregation & better singing than usual. Morgan, Hale, Dr. M.C. to dinner
16th: Fine harvest weather. Jack cradling spring wheat. All the rest binding & stooking it & some oats cut on Saturday. Jemima drove Miss H. G. to see the Misses Coes
17th: Fine but extremely warm. Jack cradling spring wheat-rest cutting peas. Absalom Springstead ½ a day roofing shed
18th: Very warm day. Jack, Self & Ned went up to Morgan's to cradle spring wheat. Donaldson & Henry cutting peas. Morgan & George drawing into Barn spring wheat & oats. Dreadful thunderstorm with heavy rain about 12 o'clock at night. Absalom Springstead 1 day
19th: Fine warm weather. Jack & Ned cutting spring wheat at Morgan's Absalom absent
20th: Fine hot day Ned, Donaldson & George cutting oats. Henry cutting firewood & turning the peas. Morgan drove Miss H. Gourlay home & went himself into Hamilton, three Misses Coes came to dinner
21st: Thick, threatening rain. Self very ill with ague etc. Men cutting oats
22nd: Good congregation fine warm day

23rd: fine warm day. Morgan etc taking in oats-self drove into Hamilton & staid at Ainslie's all night not feeling very well. Rumours of war-also of an intended rising throughout the Province next winter. Colonel Gourlay ill with ague & Lake fever

24th: Fine warm day-called upon Gourlay-found him very sick in bed-came home after taking lunch at old Mrs. Secord's

25th: Fine day cutting peas

26th: Drove into Hamilton with Jemima & Miss H. staid all night at Ainslie's- a rumour that McLeod has been removed to Washington to be tried by the Supreme Court

27th: Drove out & dined with Mrs. Gourlay- Jemima evidently the better of her drive-came home quietly in evening self threatened with a touch of ague

28th: Lovely warm day-Donaldson & Henry at the Horican cutting peas-Morgan & George at the parsonage cutting peas-Jack cradling oats

From this day to the 7th September weather very uncertain-rain thunder & lightning.

Gore District - The Gore District was a historic district in Upper Canada which existed until 1849. It was formed in 1816 from parts of York County in the Home District and parts of the Niagara District. Two new counties were created Wentworth and Halton. The district town was Hamilton. In 1838, parts of Halton County and parts of Home and Huron Districts were separated to form a new Wellington District. In 1849, the district was replaced by the United Counties of Wentworth and Halton, which were separated again in 1854.

7th September: Fine warm day. Morgan drove into Hamilton to get a dairymaid. Men busy at the fallow & binding & drawing in oats. Robert & William Ainslie came out-staid dinner & then took Mrs. Ainslie & baby home-only 1 number of the Church came out (4th Sept) self obliged to go to bed with ague

8th: Dull day with appearance of rain-self better-heavy thunderstorm in the forenoon. Jack took two horses to the forge. Donaldson etc hauling out dung & hauling in stones to make a causeway to the Barn. Jack in the afternoon cradling oats at the Parsonage. Morgan came out from Hamilton-no dairy maid to be had, brought out word of Fee's death

9th: Fine sunny day. Jack cradling oats at the Parsonage. Donaldson hauling out dung. Henry & self digging a drain to carry off the wet from before the barn door. Morgan up to the Hurricane

10th: hauling out dung

11th: Ditto Donaldson ploughing

12th: Lovely day moderate heat-thinnish congregation

13th: Mrs. MacNamara was paid up her wages & left us

Oct. 28th: Jackson commenced pulpit & reading desk etc by days work. Morgan & all hands pitting potatoes. Fine frosty night & sunny days

29th: Jackson absent at Militia training-most lovely weather. Indian summer. Men pitting potatoes

30th: Jackson at work. Self drove into Hamilton with Peterson-lodge for Mrs. Wm. Newell 800 Sovereigns at 5 dollars. Drew upon Sir G. L. pL100 Sterling = L124.8/ (at 12 percent) Received letter from Sir H. Fletcher containing Doctor's opinion about dear Alick (*older brother at Ross, Scotland*)

31st: Sunday about 60 in church. The Rev'd Mr. Flanagan preached

Nov. 1st-9th: Jackson at work being windy with rain at night

10th: Went into Hamilton. Mrs. Wm. Newell moved into her sister's house

11th:

12th: Morgan arrived from St. Catherine's with the apple trees, planted the whole-apple trees, peach & cherry trees, cloudy, rainy sort of weather with a good deal of wind

13th:

14th: Mr. Flanagan preached a good congregation-baptised an adult Abigail Scot

15th: Jackson only ½ a day-fine frosty blowing day. Jack & Donaldson dig 32 holes 3 feet deep for the fence round the barnyard-both think that any tolerable man can dig 15 holes a day

16th: Jackson ½ a day, he got drunk that evening

17th: Jackson ½ a day

Dec. 9th: Jackson finished pulpit & reading desk & communion rail-worked ½ a day today at storm door 35 ½ days

1842:

January 18th: Morgan & Mrs. A. Newell were married this evening by the Rev'd J. Flanagan. Mrs. Leith & I & the bride & bridegroom arrived here from old Mrs. Benners about 3 o'clock in the morning

19th: Remained at home all day recovering from the effects of the marriage supper. Lovely warm day. Towards night it commenced raining-continued raining all night

20th: Rain all day Froze at night

21st: Fine day with a sprinkling of snow on the ground. Mr. & Mrs. Morgan Mrs. Leith & self drank tea at old Mrs. Benners

22nd: Fine frosty weather-cold

23rd:

24th: Most splendid sunshiny frosty day. Mr. & Mrs. Cooper, Woodhouse & Mrs. Williams came to dinner-self chopping part of the day

25th: a splendid day-clear sky & hard frost. Jemima coughed a great deal during the night

28th: A slight fall of snow last night which with a lovely sunshine & clear blue sky today induced Jemima & I to sleigh into Hamilton-bought some presents for Calder & his bride & returned home about 8 o'clock pm

Feb. 4th: Commenced boarding with Morgan on the 1st @ \$8 per week. The weather for the last 3 days has been rainy & mild almost war.

SCOTLAND

1843:

Sept. 5th: Married to Eleanor 2nd daughter of John Ferrier Esq. WS (writer signet to Duke of Argyll *notarylawyer*)

1844

July 14th: Our eldest daughter born-christened by the Rev'd Mr. Suter by the names of Margaret Albina-her Godfather was Sir Henry Fletcher Bt., her Godmothers Lady Leith (*aunt, wife of late Alick, older brother*) & Margaret Ferrier (*aunt*) Owing to the amicable lawsuit regarding my dear Father's will we have not yet been able to carry

out our intentions of going out to Canada & have been living up to the present date (10 Sept, 1845) at Belsyde in the County of Linlithgow at a rent of L55 per annum unfurnished

1845

Sept 10th: Fine sunshiny day-oat & barley harvest pretty general throughout this neighbourhood. Self rose at 7 & went out rabbit shooting for want of better employment. Eleanor rather sick, breakfasted in bed. Baby in great force

Sept 11th: Cold dull morning, cleared up into a fine warm day about noon. Eleanor still sickish

Memor: Widow Alison lives in the Westport of Linlithgow aged 75 allowed by Session her house rent= $\frac{2}{6}$ per month & $\frac{2}{6}$ to feed herself with, to ask Dr. Bell about her

12th: Cold dull morning-walked into Linlithgow before breakfast to order meat from Turnbull. Read some of Johnston's Elements of Agriculture Chemistry etc. Canada in my head all the morning. Read over some letter from Geddes etc. Anthing more dull or depressing than the idle life I am now leading cannot well be conceived. The hardest work on my own land in Canada would be preferable but patience coz & shuffle the cards

To 19th: Nothing particular weather variable-heavy rains with occasional sunshine oat harvest pretty general throughout this section of country

1846:

March 24th: On this day our dear second daughter was born after a very short illness on her mother's part. May our Heavenly Father long preserve her to us in health & strength of mind & body. Sanctify her with His Holy Spirit & make her his faithful & devoted servant to her life's end & may we her parents never forget the responsibility that attaches to so precious a gift but may it be the chief study of our lives to bring up her & her dear sister in the nurture & admonition of the Lord-Eleanor I am most thankful to say is now-April 10th in the drawing room making an excellent recovery. Praise be to the Giver of all Good for this & all his mercies to me.

May 5th: At Belsyde preparing for my trip to Canada

1847

Feb. 20th: in 12 York Place waiting for a Decision from the Court of Session which we are promised in June

June 16th: Fairly established at Nesbit (Dunse-Berwickshire) still waiting for a Decision

July 15th: Heard from Arnott that there is no chance of a decision before November

Sept. 5th: The fourth anniversary of our marriage day. From the 5 Sept. 1843 to this present hour I have never had the slightest cause to regret the very important step I too on that day. The undeserved & I am afraid ill requited mercy & goodness of the Lord has followed me all the days of my life. May His Grace enable me to live more & more to the honour & glory of His name & to the good of my fellow men. I confess that a strong feeling of discontent & ill humour often of late has come over me from the want of active employment that any rational person could take delight but I sincerely & fervently trust that this dreadful state of inactivity may not be of long

continuance. May I in all things be ever able to see & ready to acknowledge His Almighty & fatherly hand in all things.

15th March, 1848:

Still at Nesbit, no decision yet –we are promised one in May but I have been so often disappointed that I really cannot put any faith in them. One thing however seems to be generally understood in the Parliament House & by James Arnott & that is that the Decision, come when is may, will be against me. So much for the equity of the Law. Under these circumstances as our means will be very limited I have determined to sail for Canada either next month or early in May & either try to exchange my present farm for one nearer Hamilton or Toronto or else make it as comfortable as I can & build a new house for Eleanor & Maggie & the bairns whenever Mr. Ferrier shall be taken from us. When my nephew George comes of age then he may if he choses restore to me the patrimony my dear father intended for me- in which case we should in all probability have it in our power to return home if we wished it. Railway shares have very much fallen indeed Securities of all kind are extremely low owing to the unsettled state of the world. Louis Philippe & family (as Count de Neuilly) are living at Clarement.

Nisbet Dec. 8, 1849:

Our stay in Berwickshire drawing to a close. Mr. Ferrier failing very fast. On the 24th October in this year my dear wife presented me with our third daughter. (I forgot to mention in its proper place that our second daughter was christened by the name of Jemima in memory of the beloved partner of some of my happiest days-may she inherit all her namesake's meekness, gentleness, goodness & piety & when it pleases Her Heavenly Father to call her hence may she be received into the company of glorified spirits amongst whom I have the blessed assurance that my beloved Jemima now dwells). We have received a decision in the case of my father's will & contrary to our expectations it was in our favour though only by a majority of one out of the fifteen judges. We are now engaged in a multiple pointing to ascertain the exact amount due to me & my dear nephews. (appears to be an accounting of the assets of the estate) Nothing apparently really can be more melancholy or discouraging than the farmers prospects in this country-owing to the very low price of produce of all kinds brought about by free trade. We bought old oats the other day at 16/per boll of 6 bushels for which 18 months ago we paid 24/. Many of the farmers about here say that another year will ruin half the farming interest in the country. The Landlords naturally enough are slow to see the necessity of lowering permanently their rents-the emigration to America & our other colonies promises to amount to 300,000 this year. We have almost made up our minds to return to Canada on Mr. Ferrier's death at any rate for a few years & then D. V. (God willing) to spend a couple of years in France or Italy for the sake of our dear girls education. May we in all our plans be guided by a wisdom superior to our own & be enable to choose that course of life which may be most conducive to allow spiritual & eternal welfare. The longer I live & the more I meditate upon past present & future the lesser do I seem to sit to the world & the more do I love to dwell on the promises & mercy of my God & Saviour. May He in his infinite mercy increase this feeling more & more in us all & give us

grace to persevere unto the end.

13 December 1849:

This day (a very rainy one) The Rev'd Mr. Luther came out from Edinburgh & christened our 3rd daughter "Charlotte Elrington". May a Blessing from on high attend her through life. Her Godmothers were Charlotte Vaughan my dear cousin & my unhappy & much to be pitied friend Mrs. Vaughan Allen-her Godfather was my dear cousin John P. Fletcher

Dec. 25th: This day my dear Eleanor & I drove to Norham & partook together of the Holy Communion. May it be a pledge to assure us that we shall not be long separated on this side of the grave & that after death we shall be reunited never again to part & to enjoy together with our dear children & those dear ones who have preceded us an eternity of peace & love in our Heavenly Father's Kingdom.

Feb. 6, 1850: death of George H. Ainslie

Jun. 8, 1850: move to Bowland Castle

April 1859 at the Hermitage to May 28, 1860.

Leith Diaries II

February 6th, 1850:

This day George H. Ainslie was suddenly or at least after a few hours illness called to his account. He had had several fainting or rather epileptic fits produced I am much afraid by long continued habits of intemperance. May our Heavenly Father grant us all grace to lay to heart passing events such as this & to strive to be watchful & vigilant unto prayer that at whatever time the Angel of Death may come we may be found prepared for our great change 'through the merits of Our blessed Lord & Saviour. Amen.

June 9th, 1850:

Last month we removed from Nisbet to Bowland Castle which Mr. Ferrier has rented for one year. The change is much for the better. Bowland being all hills together the air & the weather everything one could wish. My nephew James Leith is now, I am thankful to say, at Putney College where he seems to give great satisfaction to his masters. George is at Ross with his mother doing a little with a tutor I am afraid, not to much purpose. Jack Leith is also there.

Bowland House Sunday night 7 March 1852:

This night at a few minutes before midnight my dearest Eleanor presented me with a very fine boy. We propose to call him "Alexander Henry" after my dearest brother Sir Alexander Leith and my dear cousin Sir Henry Fletcher.

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1859:

April 20th: James Pringle sowed some oats. John Hope harrowed them in. John Purves & John Hamill (masons) building a stone wall at the back of the old orchard. Steele working in the garden.

21st: James P. Hope, Steele & the 2 masons all getting out stones for the wall.

22nd: James P. cross ploughing for potatoes. John H. in woodshed all day. Steele in garden. 2 masons at stone wall. Dull cloudy day, cold east wind, commenced raining about 9 at night.

23rd:

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May 3rd: John Hope setting California potatoes in orchard. James drove us to Mr. Osler. He & John were setting posts for new fence during the forenoon, oats have been sown-21 bushels; barley has been sown-10 bushels.

May 8th: James Pringle cross ploughing flat for turnip ground. John Hope in garden. Campbell in flat rooting out willow stumps.

May 14th: Street cow sent to bull. Tate's at Redmill. James summer fallowing hill field. John Hope & Campbell in garden at the strawberries.

May 28th: J. Hope laid up with ague. Potatoes all planted-sowing field carrots for horses.