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Edward Langley

Lansdowne Ont

{page includes pen drawings of 3 birds, twigs, vase of cattails, and several other ornate designs}

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Away part of the bulwarks, The ship seemed to tremble from Stem to Stern whenever a large wave struck her while the spray flew far up into the rigging. Wrote Home

TUESDAY Jan. 14 Quite a change in the weather since yesterday It seemed to fulfill the old proverb "After the storm comes a calm." In the evening I went skating but the ice was too rough. District Lodge met in Lansdowne.

WEDNESDAY Jan. 15 Snowed a little all day and towards evening a fine rain set in. People all busy fixing up after the storm. We moved the thrashing machine to the upper place from Willie Burns's so that he could fix the roof which got blown off. Collectors met to balance books for the Church.

THURSDAY Jan. 16 At 6am a very stormy morning, snow falling, good sleighing at noon. Drew up three loads of wood in the afternoon, very bad in the woods the water had all run away from under the ice, and horses would break through. Very cold towards evening the thermometer registered 8 ° above zero.

FRIDAY Jan. 17 Clear cold frosty morning. 6 ° below zero. Took two loads of wheat to Lyndhurst for which 90¢ per bushel was paid, brought back 500 lbs. of bran. We went to a concert in the evening which was held in the Presbyterian Church in Lansdowne it was held in aid of the Library fund. ~ There was very good sleighing in the evening, the following is the Programme

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~~~~ PROGRAMME ~ JAN 17, 1890 ~~~~~

GREETING SONG ~~~~~CHOIR

TEMPERANCE DIALOGUE ~~~~~

MOTTO SONG ~~~GOD IS LOVE ~~~~NINE LITTLE GIRLS

RECITATION ~~~ BAITSY & I ARE OUDT ~~~~N. McCAY

SONG ~~~~ LOVE AT HOME ~~~~~EMMA WALLACE. M. KING  
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 RECITATION ~~~~DREAM OF SONGS ~~~~~ P.L. TOOKER  
 SONG ~~~~~ "PARA COMES THIS WAY ~~~~~ MISSES GOODALL & KEATING  
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 SONG ~~~~~ BETTER LATE THAN NEVER ~~~~~MAGGIE STEWART  
 RECITATION ~~~~SEARCH FOR THE SLAIN ~~ MISS MOXLEY  
 DIALOGUE AN UNCOMFORTABLE POSITION ~ { P.ALLEN, M. CORN, A McKAY, T.HEASLIP.  
 GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

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We spent a very enjoyable evening, the programme was well arranged. Miss Moxley & F.L. Tooker's pieces were worthy of comment. Mr. Macklereath, who was in the choir, moved a vote of thanks to the performers, and thanked the audience for their good attention.

SATURDAY Jan. 18 Snowed a little all day. The boys being away I attended to the stock. There was a meeting in the School house to see what was to be done with the money that was in the bank belonging to the Fairfax Cheese factory. It was resolved at the last meeting that the \$48.05 should be given to James Cochrane whose house & effects were destroyed by fire Dec. 31 1889. Received a letter from Gracie who is in New York.

SUNDAY Jan. 19 Church in the evening at seven o'clock which was well attended. Mr. Macklereath preached a very eloquent sermon from Mark XI, 13 "Nothing but Leaves".

MONDAY Jan. 20 Rained a little last night, and froze in the morning there was the best

sleighting we have had this year. Wrote three letters, one to the Sentinel of Toronto and one to the Reporter & Journal both of Gananoque with list of officers of the district Loyal Orange Lodge, Escott. Cleaned up eighty bushels of wheat in the afternoon. Wind blew a gale all day but not quite as hard as last Monday. Sleighting all gone again. Froze a little towards evening.

TUESDAY Jan. 21 Boys intended to go to Lyndhurst but the roads being so slippery it was postponed till better sleighting. We drew up nine logs and five loads of firewood. We all attended a meeting of the Congregation of the church to show how they were standing. The last Congregational meeting was in Feb. 1888 and then if all contributions had been collected there would have been a balance of \$9.70 in the Treasurer's hands as it is now we are in debt. The assets are \$138.02 and the Liabilities \$120.75 of which \$68.75 is uncollectible. ~~~~~ In the evening the sky was illuminated in the north by a fire which turned out to be Runnen's barn."

WEDNESDAY Jan. 22 Drew up eight loads of logs for the drag saw. It was very cold. I copied a sermon of T. Dee Witt Falmage DD of Brooklyn on the "Surprises of Religion" the text was "Behold the half was not told to me".

THURSDAY Jan. 23 Drew up six logs in the morning. Oscar went to the meeting in the Presbyterian Church at Lansdowne to see about getting a minister it was decided that Mr. Macklereath should get a call. Mr. Gracie of Gananoque was there as well as quite a few from Sand Bay, Fairfax and Lansdowne. "Sleighting once more."

FRIDAY Jan. 24 Went to Gananoque, left here a little after ten and got there by noon. I went down to the wharf and the river was all frozen over and you could look for miles and could not see an open place. The carriage works were making an ice rink they were going to have a carnival.

SATURDAY Jan. 25 Took two loads of wheat to Lyndhurst. Wheat has gone down to eighty-five and Flour is ten cents more than last week it now being worth \$2.60. Receive three Palettes from Cole, Lansdowne.

SUNDAY Jan. 26 There was no Church as they could not get a minister. I went out to Robert Donevans in the afternoon there is splendid sleighing.

MONDAY Jan. 27 Snowing again but not enough for sleighing. We drew up four loads of wood two of logs and two of sled wood. We got it from over the creek the ice being strong enough to hold up a load.

TUESDAY Jan. 28 Another cold morning thermometer below zero again. Drew up eight loads of logs and sled wood from across Black Creek. Beautiful bright evening but towards eight o'clock it clouded over and there is signs of more snow.

WEDNESDAY Jan. 29 The weather is just the opposite from yesterday, instead of being cold, it was a mild pleasant day the snow is all gone off, and tonight the moon is quite bright. We drew up logs until 4 o'clock, as the boys had to go to Lodge. We could only draw two loads in the afternoon.

THURSDAY Jan. 30 A change in the weather again. Cold north east wind. We commenced drawing up wood from across the creek on the McKee farm, we drew up four loads of logs and four of sled wood. We came up the creek, the ice being good until evening when we broke through with the last load. Choir Practice but no Choir.

FRIDAY Jan 31 Drew up wood from over the creek it rained hard about eleven o'clock and we had a very wet afternoon. Received letter from Gracie with address in full

SATURDAY Feb. 1 Splendid skating this evening, clear moonlight night. Brought up a cow from Mr. Smiths. I got a letter from Grandma. Took 10 bags of grain to be ground @ Lansdowne.

SUNDAY Feb. 2 I went out to Lansdowne and stayed at Malcolm MacDonalds, in the evening we went to St. John's English Church, Mr. Young preached from Job 9:2. Good wheeling. A student preached in this church in the place of Mr Macklereath.

MONDAY Feb. 3 Soft weather again. It sprinkled a little all forenoon. We killed a cow (Old Reddie) in the afternoon. She was in splendid order.

TUESDAY Feb. 4 It froze hard last night and there is splendid skating, but towards noon rain set in and froze as it fell, everything is very slippery. I tended stock, and in the afternoon I chopped wood. County Lodge met at Lansdowne. Wrote to Mother not to send money.

WEDNESDAY Feb 5 Returned the oats borrowed in the Fall 25 bags in all. There was a hailstorm about noon but it did not last very long. Towards evening it got colder and it froze hard, prospects of good skating

THURSDAY Feb. 6 Sawed 26 logs in the woods, for to be drawn up when sleighing comes. It was very cold it being 6° above zero. In the evening Miss Mansell , Mary and I went skating. The moon was shining bright and the ice was good.

FRIDAY Feb. 7 The boys sawed 25 logs in the morning and went to a Bee in the afternoon at W. Burn's putting on the roof of his barn they got it finished all but about six feet all along on the South side. Snowed all night.

SATURDAY Feb. 8 This morning the snow is nealy {sic} a foot deep. It snowed all day except for a couple of hours in the afternoon but it was not bad enough to keep us from drawing up wood. We got up eight loads of logs. In the morning we packed up the beef. A Concert was to have been held in Stewart's hall Lansdowne for the benefit of St. John's English Church. Mr. Peck died 10:20 PM.

SUNDAY Feb. 9 No church here today as they could not get a minister. Henry came down in the evening . +

MONDAY Feb. 10 We cleaned up 40 bushels of wheat and took it to Lyndhurst for which was received in return 1533 lbs. flour, 3 bags shorts, 7 bags bran. Hay press started at Russells. Read a letter from Mother. Father is better. Wrote to Gracie NY Wheat is selling for ninety cents.

TUESDAY Feb 11 Thermometer ten degrees below zero. Funeral of Mr. E. Peck took place this morning his remains were taken to Pittsburgh vault. In the afternoon We drew three Hemlock two ash and one soft maple to Macreadys mill to be sawed.

WEDNESDAY Feb. 12 Went to Russels to Press hay. Thawed all day. Drew home from the mill 2 loads of lumber one of mixed and one of oak.

THURSDAY Feb. 13 I chopped my first stick of cordwood to-day. There were two Bees to-day one at Shields to which Oscar went and one at P. Lappins drawing brick from Seeleys Bay. Erastus drew one load. Took seven oak logs to the mill and drew home the rest of the lumber 1109 feet in all. Intending to draw it to Gananoque tomorrow.

FRIDAY Feb. 14 Drew the oak to Gananoque in the morning. It rained about noon and continued until 11 o'clock. In the evening a party was held at Erastus'. They were just going to bed when we got there and a load came from Lansdowne just at the same time, they did not expect anybody would come at 10 o'clock the fiddler Mr Curry and I started down the road and got Mr. Keaton. The party broke up at half past three. Everybody seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

SATURDAY Feb. 15 Pressers commenced to work at the Donevan Place but did not press any hay until after dinner. I drew up two loads of wood in the morning.

SUNDAY Feb. 16 No church to-day. Pressers stayed here all day.

MONDAY Feb. 17 The pressers finished pressing in the upper barn at noon and came down with the machine. In the afternoon they set and pressed some hay out of the shed. In the evening a load of eleven of us went over to the station to a concert in Stewarts Hall given by F.L. Tooker and company. It was a very cold night and there was a good turnout.

TUESDAY Feb. 18 Pressed hay all day in the big shed.

WEDNESDAY Feb. 19 Finished pressing Hay in the shed at noon, and they moved to R.W. Landons where they pressed for the remainder of the day. I drew up about a cord and a half of wood and the boys went to Websters Bee drawing up firewood.

~~FRIDAY~~ THURSDAY Feb. 20 Snowed all night and it blew all day. There was a party at E.J. Landons. There were more there than there was last Friday there was about a couple. Mr. Currey provided the music, which was splendid, the party broke up at three o'clock. The

roads were blocked a little and some of them tipped over on their homeward journey.

~~SATURDAY~~ FRIDAY Feb. 21 Clear, cold morning. The thermometer was fourteen {sic} degrees below zero. Drew ten oak logs to mill and drew home a load of cordwood and a large elm log from the clearing.

SATURDAY Feb. 22 Drew seventeen logs to the mill and put all of them on the rollway. Brought home a small load of lumber and one of cordwood in the evening and two loads of wood in the morning from the McKee Farm.

SUNDAY Feb. 23 I went to mass in the morning, it was the first time I was in the Chapel. Today being the first Sunday in Lent there was quite a good turnout. Father O'Gorman who is priest told them how to keep Lent. He is quite a good speaker and gave them some sound advice.

MONDAY Feb. 24 We worked hard getting out logs to the mill. We drew 21 logs in the morning, and seven in the afternoon. It turned out two thousand feet of Lumber worth fifty dollars subtracting eight dollars for the sawing it leaves forty two dollars for one days work. Went to Lansdowne in the evening.

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SUNDAY Mar. 2 Church in the evening. A student from Kingston preached from Hebrews fourth chapter seventeenth verse and gave a description of the ark.

MONDAY Mar. 3 Drew four loads of Pressed Hay. E.J. Landon started to Smith Falls. Near evening there were two sun dogs, they were the brightest I had ever seen. You could not tell ~~whether~~ which were the brightest the sun or they. At night there were two circles around the moon one was larger than the other & the larger one cut through the other and seemed to go through the centre of the moon

TUESDAY Mar. 4 Drew Barley to the station. Hay Cars are gone. Snowed a little in the evening but it did not amount to very much.

WEDNESDAY Mar. 5 We drew two loads of logs to the mill in the forenoon we broke down the long sleigh so we drew all the lumber home on one sleigh and put two teams on it In the afternoon we brought two small loads. The ice in the creek broke through.

THURSDAY Mar. 6 Took one load of Barley to Lansdowne & cleaned a load of twenty-five bags for the morning. Erastus returned by the express

FRIDAY Mar. 7 Drew three load of barley to the station. Price has gond down two cents only thirty-five cents now. Roads good.

SATURDAY Mar. 8 Finished drawing the barley. Drew last two loads in the afternoon. Returned the cultivator to J.W. Mann's Brockville by express.

SUNDAY Mar. 9 Church in the morning. A Probationist from                      preached from Numbers XXIII 10. The first lesson was taken from 2nd Corinthians 7 and the second was the nineteenth Psalm. Splendid Wheeling.

MONDAY Mar. 10 Drew four logs to the mill and brought home four loads of lumber. Mr Thompson brought seventy five bags to be filled with oats to be taken to Manitoba next week.

TUESDAY Mar. 11 Cleaned two hundred and fifty bushel of oats and the men came and drew them away. Drew two loads of cordwood. In the afternoon drew two elm logs to mill and brought home two loads of lumber. Rained from noon until evening

WEDNESDAY Mar. 12 It rained a little all day. The ice is all gone off the land and the ground is beginning to thaw out. The creek will hold up yet. Drew 180 rails in forenoon. Drew one load of lumber from the mill on the waggon and two load of cordwood. TOM

THURSDAY Mar. 13 Very muddy. Piled over oak lumber and put up the fence around the barn and in the lane.

FRIDAY Mar. 14 Drew rails all day. We got one of our teams through the ice and had quite a bother getting them out. The ice in the creek has all broken up, and we have given up the notion of crossing it for a while.

SATURDAY Mar. 15 Set the drag saw in the forenoon and in the afternoon sawed fifty seven logs. It commenced to snow towards evening. Signs of sleighing {sic} for tomorrow.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT Mar. 16 Church in the evening Mr. Mackleroy preached from Luke 23rd chapter and the twenty-sixth verse.

MONDAY Mar. 17 Sawed rest of logs in the morning and in the afternoon sawed all the sled wood. Mr. Joel S Landon was buried today. Commenced to snow a little towards evening.

TUESDAY Mar. 18 Moved the saw over and sawed up sled wood at E.J's and at four o'clock sawed thirty-four logs.

WEDNESDAY Mar. 19 Sawed rest of logs - sixty-four in all and moved to Olandro Keatons and sawed thirteen load of sled wood in the afternoon. + L S McK

THURSDAY Mar. 20 Moved circular to Hugh McKays and sawed until afternoon and brought the machine home where we arrived at half past eleven roads are all muddy and bad.

{in left margin} N.M 3.44 A SPRING BEGINS

FRIDAY Mar. 21 Commenced to put on a load of hay but it was too windy and we drew it into the barn.

SATURDAY Mar. 22 Finished loading hay & drew to Cole at Lansdowne. Piled wood in the woodshed.

{in left hand margin} SUN RISES 5.59 SETS 6.15 MOON SETS 8.28

5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT Mar. 23 A Probationist preached a splendid sermon from Luke. He Described the Crucifixion and it was very good.

{in left hand margin} SUN RISES 5:57, SETS 6:14, MOON 9:40 DAYS LENGTH 12 H 20 M

MONDAY Mar. 24 Cleaned up eighty bushels of oats and drew them to Lansdowne. Drew one load of hay down from upper place to the big shed.

{in left hand margin} SUN RISES 5.56 SETS 6.18 MOON 10.49

TUESDAY Mar. 25 Cleaned up a grist of feed, twenty-four bags in all. Brought four bags of barley from W. Webster. Rained all afternoon but cleared off at dark.

WEDNESDAY Mar. 26 It snowed a little to-day but not to amount to anything. The funeral of Mr. James Grier took place in the Union Church. He was buried under the Orangemen of which he was a member. There was quite a turnout in spite of the unfavourable weather. Piled wood in the woodshed, commenced lowering the stack.

THURSDAY Mar. 27 We split wood at home today. Wild geese seem very plentiful this season. The boys followed a flock but did not get a shot at them. Brought home a load of lumber from the saw mill, the roads are in a terrible state. Red heifer ==.

FRIDAY Mar. 28 It commenced to snow early this morning and continued all day. It drifted so we had no signs of sleighing unless the wind moderates. Piled wood in the Woodshed. Jenny

SATURDAY Mar. 29 Received letter from home and from Sis also a book and some cards for my birthday which however came two days late but "better late than never"? Took a grist of feed as far as Hortons and twenty bushel of oats to Lansdowne. GANANOQUE

SUNDAY Mar. 30 Snowed considerably last night and there is not bad sleighing. Today is bright, with a few squalls of snow which do not last long. Church in the evening. Mr. Florence. Preached from the first chapter of Genesis. He explained the making of the World. Good sleighing but not very many {many} there. A fire was out from somewhere. Have not found out where it is at present.

MONDAY Mar. 31 Drew two loads of elm lumber to Gananoque. The roads are not in a very good condition. X HOME

TUESDAY Apl 1 "All Fools day." Took the grist of feed to mill with one team and drew three loads of hay from the upper barn

WEDNESDAY Apl 2 Finished drawing hay (two loads) Took seven head of cattle over to the McKee barns, for to eat up the straw that is on hand

THURSDAY Apl 3 Split wood at E.J's all day. A Surprise Party was held in the evening. The roads are very muddy. SAW FIRST ROBIN.

FRIDAY Apl 4 Split wood at home all day. The wind rose considerably at about four o'clock there was signs of rain, but however kept off.

SATURDAY Apl 5 Split wood at home. Snowed a little in the forenoon but it cleared off. Very muddy everywhere. No mail has come.

SUNDAY Apl 6 Church in the morning at eleven o'clock. Mr, Johnstone Preached from Romans VI 8. Mr. Johnston is a native of Scotland and has been in the West Indies for several years.

MONDAY Apl 7 Large droves of Wild Geese are to be seen to-day. We continued splitting at the wood. It was a very fine day, sun showing bright.

TUESDAY Apl 8 Split wood all ~~day~~ forenoon and as it commenced to rain, we cleaned up forty bushels of barley for seed. RETURN FARMERSTILLE

WEDNESDAY Apl 9 Threw some straw off the top of the stack in the morning and in the afternoon we went to Norman Johnstons. Roads are very bad. LET OBNY NIAR THPIN

THURSDAY Apl 10 Drew forty bushel of Barley over to the other barn & also wheels to be made over Station.

FRIDAY Apl 11 Put up fence on the Donovan Farm. The fences are in a very bad shape. They were blown down by the gales in January and are very hard to put up.

SATURDAY Apl 12 Went over the two lower farms and cleaned out the ditches where the water was lying.

SUNDAY Apl 13 Church in the evening. Mr. Johnston preached from the tenth chapter of Paul's Epistles to the Hebrews. He stayed in Fairfax at Mrs. Clares.

MONDAY Apl 14 Fixed up fences all day. We raised the cook house in the morning. Intended to go fishing but it was too cold and we gave up.

TUESDAY Apl15 Tended mason all day at Mr. Sam Donevans building cellar wall. Mr. James Somers auction to-day. Too cold to go fishing.

WEDNESDAY Apl 16 Piled over lumber for axles & also ash lumber in the morning. In the afternoon we fixed up the lane fence. (Lodge Lansdowne)

THURSDAY Apl 17 Commenced Spring work at field opposite the barn on Erastus', commenced at noon. We went fishing in the evening and built the wire & set the net but only got one fish and that a pike.

FRIDAY Apl 18 Cultivated the field behind the barn at home. Cold north West wind blowing.

SATURDAY Apl 19 Cross cultivated piece I was on yesterday. Commenced sowing on field east of the (home) barn sowed six bushel and a half of wheat.

{Left hand margin} SOWED EAST OF BARN FIELD 2 McK ~~WHEAT~~ OATS 6 ½ BLACK

SUNDAY Apl 20 Church in the morning. Rev. Mr. Fairlie preached a splendid sermon from the ~~fifth~~ 4 chapter of St. Mark.

MONDAY Apl 21 Sowed field behind the barn (home) and cultivated field opposite black cherry tree. Six of us went fishing at night but only got " Fishermans Luck", minus the first part.

{in left hand margin} SOWED FIELD BEHIND BARN "HOME" 7 ½ WHEAT

TUESDAY Apl 22 Cultivated South East corner field in McKee Place and sowed field opposite black cherry tree in field No. 2. Seeder came.

{in left hand margin} SOWED BLACK CHERRY TREE 6 WHEAT ~~~ FIELD 3 SE. COR. McKEE 3 ½ OATS

WEDNESDAY Apl 23 Cultivated South West corner field, in Number three & sowed six & a half bushel of barley on the other side of road. Mr. Hugh Wilson came for seeder & took it away. I teeth came

{in left hand margin} SOWED S.W CORNER FIELD NO THREE McKEE PLACE BARLEY 6 1/2

THURSDAY Apl 24 Cultivated field north west corner opposite poplars in field No. 2 McKee place and sowed five bushel of wheat on South West corner field, field number three.

{in left hand margin} SOWED IN FIELD NUMBER THREE McKEE SOUTH WEST COR 5 BUSHEL WHEAT

FRIDAY Apl 25 Cultivated North East corner field, Field Number two, in the McKee Place and sowed the field opposite on other side of road.

{in left hand margin} SOWED NORTH EAST CORNER FIELD FIELD NO 2 McKEE PLACE 12 BUSHEL WHITE OATS

{far right is a small sketch of an animal, with the word 'GIP' written across it}

SATURDAY Apl 26 Cultivated two fields up at the house on Mckee Place in the afternoon. I rolled two Southern fields in field Number three. We finished sowing North east corner field, field No. two. sowed eleven bushel of BLACK oats & five bushel of white oats on field west of house. I commenced to rain at tea time and continued until evening. Practice

{in left hand margin} SOWED FIELD NO 2 NORTH EAST CORNER FIELD 11 ½ OATS FIELD WEST OLD HOUSE MCKEE PLACE 5 WHITE OATS TOTAL TO DATE 63 1/2

SUNDAY Apl 27 It rained nearly all day but it cleared up about church time which is now Seven thirty. Mr. Fairlie Preached a splendid sermon from the fiftieth Chapter of Genesis & XI chap Hebrews. He gave observations on the character & faith of Joseph. Froze a little.--

MONDAY Apl 28 Rolled & Ploughed until noon & in the afternoon we cultivated & sowed field east of the house on McKee Place & crossed field west of house. Sowed 5 1/2 bushel White Oats. STAO 03.11 MNILA STA.E.Y.N +

{in left hand margin} SOWED FIELD W HOUSE MCKEE PLACE 5 1/2 WHITE OATS

TUESDAY Apl 29 Sowed piece on corner field back at home & as it rained all afternoon we were unable to do anything, cleaned up 37 bushel of white oats for seed.

\*JIMNV {sketch of plant or flower on its side}

{in left hand margin} SOWED N.W. FIELD "SOD" BACK 3 WHITE OATS

WEDNESDAY Apl 30 Ploughed back and Rolled New meadow back of flat. We went to Station in Evening

THURSDAY May 1 Ploughed back. Painted the milk waggon and buggy wheels. Ditched GANANOQUE, ONT

FRIDAY May 2 Cultivated and Sowed back field at home, near woods, sowed 13 bushel of white oats.

{sketch of a three wheeled machine, with a wheel or stone on top of a platform} COW.

SATURDAY May 3 Commenced Springs work at Donevan place sowed field opposite barn on the east side of the road. Signs of Rain.

{in left hand margin} SOWED 6 OATS WHITE

SUNDAY May 4 Rained nearly all day a student from Kingston preached from Chronicles XXIX.9.

MONDAY May 5 Ditched nearly all day. Painted rest of wheels. Went to the Station for seed Potatoes and Procured 15 bushels. It rained in the evening.

TUESDAY May 6 Started to draw the milk to the factory. Only drew ~~two~~ one can. Weight of milk 177. Drew hay from the shed. 500 to Root and some for work. Tipped one load over.

Toad went fishing to the outlet but only got one sucker.

WEDNESDAY May 7 Cultivated up at Donevan Place and sowed eight bushel of white oats on pieces. The Hon.R. Turner moved into the mansion on the Donevan Estate.

{in left hand margin} DONEVAN WHITE 8 OATS PIECES

THURSDAY May 8 Cultivated back piece on Donevan Place sowed six and a half bushels of white oats. Caught a woodchuck in the trap on the hill.

{in left hand margin} DONEVAN BACK PLACE 6 ½ WHITE OATS

FRIDAY May 9 Cultivated long ridges back of and on top of the ledge and sowed the field South of the barn on the west side of the road sowed six bushels of white oats took Fan to the Wilsons heifer sick

{in left hand margin} DONEVAN S. BARN. W.RD ~~6 WHITE OATS~~ 6 WHEAT

SATURDAY May 10 Ditched all day, on upper place and back. We smoked out a woodchuck in an elem tree. BBL OF SALT

SUNDAY May 11 It was very fine to day. No Church. Rev. J Fairlie accepted call to ministry.

MONDAY May 12 Took the two colts to Club Island opposite Rockpoint to pasture all summer. We cultivated and sowed North east corner field (second ploughing) on McKee Place. We went fishing to the outlet and caught sixty five ling.

TUESDAY May 13 Finished sowing the field we were working on yesterday and sowed One bushel of Prize Prolific, eight bushels in all, it rained a little about noon, Sold twenty bushels of oats to J Robinson.

{in left hand margin} MCKEE N.E. CORNER PLO 8 BARLEY I.P. PROLIFIC

WEDNESDAY May 14 Cultivated and Sowed North East corner field, and short ridges on hill at home, sowed nine bushels of oats. Lodge in evening.

{in left hand margin} HOME NE CORNER 9 WHITE OATS

THURSDAY May 15 Finished sowing new field on the ledge. McKee Place sowed 10 1/2 bushels of peas. Commenced to cultivate rest of the field north of the bushes.

{in left hand margin} MCKEE NEW PIECE 10 1/2 PEAS

FRIDAY May 16 Moved to upper Place. Cultivated rest of ridge ~~on the hill~~ NORTH OF DITCH and sowed 3 1/2 bushels of ~~wheat~~ OATS WHITE commenced the front field. We had a shower in the afternoon. Took sketch of Cheese Factory.

SATURDAY May 17 Finished front field sowed seven bushels of barley and six and a half bushels of oats. Went to the Station of evening.

SUNDAY May 18 Church in the morning. Professor Ferguson Preached nearly the same sermon as Mr. Fairlie did on the 27th of April The faith of Joseph.

MONDAY May 19 Commenced Sowing barley flat at home and sowed 5-1/2 barley, and finished sowing field back of bushel {sic} and sowed 3-1/2 barley. The funeral of Mrs. Thomas Atkins took place today. FISHING OUTLET

{in left hand margin} 5 1/2 BARLEY FLAT 3 1/2 BUSHES

TUESDAY May 20 Rained nearly all day. Ditched on McKee Place and took hides to McCreadys Tannery.

WEDNESDAY May 21 Fixed fence and drew the rails from over the ~~trees~~ creek, which is very high and it was a nasty job, we drew them down in the flat.

THURSDAY May 22 Drew rails We went to the Outlet fishing but only got a few. We broke down coming home and had a splendid time riding home with the box on the axle. MRS. A. LANDON, OF A SON

FRIDAY May 23 Fenced the lane from the bushes to the woods on the McKee place. It rained in the morning and was a little showry all the afternoon.

SATURDAY May 24 {in a fancy banner} GOD SAVE THE QUEEN. ~~~~ Queen's Birthday. Her Majesty is Seventy One to day long may she live to Reign over dear "Old England & her Colonies" and may they prosper as they have in the past. May Britannia ever rule the waves with her jolly tars and noble boats". Went to Charleston left home half past three & after staying at Lyndhurst arrived there a little before eleven o'clock. Plenty of fun. The "Outlet Queen" ran two trips which brought quite a crowd. Put up at the Cedar Park Hotel. Left Charleston 7:30 for home.

SUNDAY May 25 We did not reach home last night but got as far as Mr. Bevins where we stayed all night in the morning we walked up to the lake & in the afternoon I visited the mica mines which had just been started. We drove home around Killenback lake & by the outlet arrived home safe and sound "all but getting a little wet" at eight o'clock.

MONDAY May 26 Blue Monday. Drew rails & stone off the ridge back where the fence stood on the McKee Place and commenced plowing the same, sold 30 oats to A. Cornet.

TUESDAY May 27 Commenced Ploughing Orchard and dug around the apple trees. The Rev. John Fairlie was inducted to-day at Lansdowne. Mr. Gracie, Moderator, was in attendance accompanied by Mr. MacGilveray.

WEDNESDAY May 28 Drew rails from first cross fence "home" and built around night Pasture , Commenced cleaning oats for McNish of Brockville made one trip in the afternoon with two waggons. Lodge.

THURSDAY May 29 Finished cleaning oats finished Night and Horse pasture fence {small drawing of a cat } ZEBRA BLOPED

FRIDAY May 30 Commenced spring work at home again & sowed five bushel & a half of Barley in the flat Below ledge. {small profile drawing of a horse's head} FAN

{in left hand margin} BARLEY 5 ½ FLAT BELOW LEDGE HOME

SATURDAY ~~MAY 31~~ ~~JUNE 1~~ MAY 1 Last, day of May, fine & mild a nice west breeze blowing. Sowed wheat up on Donevan Place & Peas on the orchard. Barley on little field up above ditch on McKee place.

SUNDAY June 1 Church in the morning. Our New Pastor Rev. John Fairlie preached his first sermon from 1 Chronicles 1 Chapter & first few verses. The text was "Called to be saints", Mr Fairlie is a good preacher as I am sure that les will be liked by the people in this section as well as the other two. Dined here

MONDAY June 1 Commenced rolling. Rolled barley on McKee Place & back fields on home. E. J. Went to Gananoque to see the butchers.

TUESDAY June 3 Rolled on Donevan Place finished about half Past five: Fox took sick about noon, better in the evening. Planted come com in orchard

WEDNESDAY June 4 Cultivated ground for the Western com and sowed half a bushel of same. Cultivated and Ploughed the garten Joseph Shields and Mary Webster were married this evening af eight o'clock. Thundering and the lightning is very vivid in the West and South West. DORA

THURSDAY June 5 Commenced Cleaning up the Piece on McKee Place for Potatoes, It commenced to rain at four o'clock and continued until dark Last night after writing down the days work as above, A storm came up about 10 o'clock, it rained very hard the lightning struck Patsy Lappan's old barn & it was totally destroyed with a mowing machine and reaper, they managed to save the horse rake, Insurance \$250-- , Provincial Elections, Dr Preston, Newboro, Conservative Member, W.J. B-Webster, Westport, Reform, Members for the riding

FRIDAY June 6 Ploughed today on New Potato patch wet after last night's rain. Towards evening a cloud mes in the west and we had a few light showers, Choir Practice

SATURDAY June 7 Rigged up milk stand & fixture in the night pasture. Drew rails in the afternoon from back and put them in the lane, We had a light shower about four o'clock and afterwards it turned colder. The sheep were shorn today

SUNDAY June 8 Church in the morning. our Pastor Preached a splendid sermon on self praise, His text was from Matt XXVI, 33 "Though all men shall be offended, because of thee, yet will I never be offended. Good attendance, Mr & Mrs Shields were present attended by the Bridesmaid & Groom

MONDAY June 9 Cultivated ground for Potatoes and planted two bushel. Went to station in evening.

TUESDAY June 10 Excursion to Clayton, Oddfellows have a Memorial Service there, 1000 are expected to be in the ranks, Carnegies "Island Queen" ran from Brockville, calling at Darlings wharf, Davis' Antelope was chartered to run by the Lansdowne Lodge, Leaves Cross. Planted potatoes, finished cultivating & ploughing patch. Got notice to draw hay tomorrow, Took colt to Blympton for her shoulder to be cured, Boys went out to 3rd concession to see about removing rock that runs out on the road in front of Mr. John Websters

WEDNESDAY June 11 Planted two bushels of potatoes. Drew two loads of hay in the morning and two in the afternoon to the station. Lodge.

THURSDAY June 12 Drew a load of stove wood to J. Shields. Brought a load of 3 in. plank from McCraedys Saw mill to mend old bridge Deerlake. Two loads of hay to Lansdowne. E. Bradley came & took stone lifter away.

FRIDAY June 13 Washed the wool. Built the yards at E. J's. Went fishing to the saw mill but no fish. Erastus went with a load to Sand Bay and caught 53 pike.

SATURDAY June 14 Put fence around milking yard at E. J's and picked over ash and hemlock lumber into a three cornered pile. Drew one load of cheese from our factory to Lansdowne. In the afternoon I cleaned fifteen bushel of white oats, the remainder of the large bin on the barn floor. We drew them home. LODGE SCARLET DEGREE

SUNDAY June 15 Church in the morning. Mr. Fairlee Preached ~~from~~, a splendid sermon on looking too much after worldly affairs, & spoke of the Parable of the rich man pulling down his barns to build greater. Mr. Allen and sister stayed for dinner and tea. I went to Mr. Samuel Donevans in the evening.

MONDAY June 16 Drew eleven loads from Barnyard and piled south west of the swamp hole. Erastus drew 480 feet of oak lumber' to Skinner & Co. Gananoque. Received Photos from Gracie. ∴ {sketch of a cow's udder and hind leg} HOLSTEIN.

TUESDAY June 17 Drew fourteen loads from Barnyard. Erastus took        feet of oak (culled) lumber to the Gananoque Carraige {sic} works. Wrote to Marchmont for advice & list of books necessary to study.

WEDNESDAY June 18 Drew five loads from the barnyard to pile. E.J. drew a load of oak lumber        feet to Skinner & Co. Gananoque. Commenced road work, R.H. one team and two men, ourselves do. Commenced to grade in front of this place. Intend hands to turn out tomorrow and draw gravel. Mr. Oscar Landon Road Overseer.

THURSDAY June 19 Commenced Road work. Drew 29 loads of gravel from P. Rapes' pit. Two teams scraped & ploughed. Made over the Deerlick bridge & culbert on the Kid Road. Erastus drew a load of oak to Skinner & Co. {small sketch of a wheeled piece of equipment with platform and tongue} SUGAR {written backwards} 573

FRIDAY June 20 Erastus and I drew a load a piece to Gananoque. Went on the road and worked until 6:30. Drew 32 loads of gravel.

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SATURDAY June 21 Drew two loads of oak to Skinner & Co. Gananoque. Erastus lost his pocketbook but found it near home. Russells had a raising.

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SUNDAY June 22 Church in the evening. Good attendance. Our Pastor preached a good sermon from VII Luke 35 verse. The miracle of Christ making the man Legion, cured of devils. Went to Marble Rock, stayed at R. Donevans.

MONDAY June 23 Oscar and Erastus drew two loads of lumber to Gananoque. Cows broke into the fields. {sketch of two stick figures sparring}

TUESDAY June 24 Cultivated the rest of the potato ground and planted one bushel and a half.

WEDNESDAY June 25 Finished planting the Potatoes. It sprinkled a little during the afternoon. Practice in the Church. Received papers and letters from "Marchmont".

THURSDAY June 26 Drew manure from the barn yard, fifteen loads. Oscar went to Kingston Camp.

FRIDAY June 27 Drew from the barnyard 17 loads. Killed the pig weighed .

SATURDAY June 28 Drew from Barnyard. Raising at Mr. Henry Bradleys. Salted and cut up the pig.

SUNDAY June 29 Church in the morning. Mr. Fairlee preached from Daniel 1 chapter, 8 verse."But Daniel proposed in his head that he would not defile himself with the King's meat, nor with wine which he drank". Orangemen walked to Church, Lansdowne English Church. Mr. Young, Pastor, preached to them.

MONDAY June 30 Commenced drawing manure from McKee place. Eighteen loads. Drew back to the meadow east side of the road. Practice. Wrote to "Marchmont".

Dominion Day {in fancy script} TUESDAY July 1 Drew from McKee place 21 loads, two teams at work part of the day. Picnic at Horton's Grove. Some went from here, raining at time of writing, 9:30. Rained nearly all night returned from Malacoff about half past ten.

WEDNESDAY July 2 Drew 10 load from McKee Place. The strawberries were ordered from P.McNamee Sand Bay.

THURSDAY July 3 Drew 7 load from McKee Place. A Strawberry Festival was held in the Church. There was a very large crowd. Strawberries and ice cream was furnished by the Church to all who would pay 10 c per plate 10 c admission at the door. The Lansdowne Choir & Fairfax sang two pieces each. Mr. F Tooker gave two recitations. Cleared about 25 dollars.

FRIDAY July 4 Put all the straw out on the Donevan Place piled it on the east side of the barn. Brought down the horse rake and mowing machine. School broke up for the holidays.

SATURDAY July 5 Commenced mowing. Mowed field back of the barn on the McKee Place. Bought a potato weeder from Mr. W Smiths in the morning and Erastus went back and cultivated the potatoes. DRILL {written backwards} "1690"

SUNDAY July 6 Church in the morning. Very good attendance. Mr. Fairlie preached from

MONDAY July 7 Drew in one load of hay. It commenced to rain as we were going out for the second and we did not get any more in. Received notice of cars being at station for hay. Mrs. O. Bradley died.

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TUESDAY July 8 Drew two load of hay to Lansdowne. A heavy thunder storm raged here nearly all afternoon. The lightning was very sharp. Mrs. Bradley funeral took place to-day. Buried at the Ebenezer.

WEDNESDAY July 9 Drew in six load of hay from field behind barn on McKee Place. One load of pressed hay to Lansdowne. Berries are very plentiful, 34 quarts picked to-day.

THURSDAY July 10 Drew in five loads of hay from back of E.J's and drew one load of rakeings from back of the barn. Mr. Keaton helped us in the afternoon. Commenced cutting piece east of barn on McKee place. ONSTAT

FRIDAY July 11 Drew in 3 loads of hay from the S.W. corner field no. three and raked and drew in 4 load from meadow opposite home barn. Put some hay over the horse stable. We have twentyone loads in altogether up to this evening.

SATURDAY July 12 Two hundredth anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne which was celebrated in Brockville. The day was fine & very warm. Mowed part of field no. three on McKee Place & cocked up 102 near the bushes. It looked a little like rain towards evening but it blew over.

SUNDAY July 13 Church in the morning. Mr. Fairlie preached from Luke XIV 15 verse "Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the Kingdom of heaven". Very good attendance. Went to Mr. Samuel Donevans for dinner.

MONDAY July 14 Drew in hay from field above the bushes and four load from north half of field no. three. Mowed West side of the road and commenced on fall wheat ground. Drew in 8 loads to-day three being put in the big barn.

TUESDAY July 15 Four o'clock this morning an electrical storm passed over this section. A flash of lightning struck Mr. Amos Clares house running down the Chimney knocking down stove pipes and coming out of the stove door which it broke open scattering ashes and soot all over the room. Drew in 4 loads of hay from north half of field No. three. Mowed rest of meadow in field no. four. PEN-----

WEDNESDAY July 16 Raked Fall Wheat ground and drew in eight loads of hay. Commenced mowing on the Donevan Place.

THURSDAY July 17 Drew in one load and a half. It rained a little all day. We put out straw on McKee Place and commenced putting out rye straw on "Home place". Hoed potatoes. Went to Mr. W.C. Wraths for hay Teder.

FRIDAY July 18 Turned over hay on Donevan Place and took machine home. Commenced building a stack at the McKee barn. Drew in loads 8 of which we put in the stack.

SATURDAY July 19 Moved up to Donevan Place. Mowed field 9. Drew in with the two teams, put hay into the shed.

SUNDAY July 20 Church in the morning. Our Pastor preached a good sermon from Luke ~~XIX~~ 25, XIV 25. "If any man cometh unto me and hath not his own father and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren & sisters yea and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple"

MONDAY July 21 Drew in on Donevan Place 13 loads. Mowed rest of the field North of the ledge and over the ditch. We commenced putting into the barn.

TUESDAY July 22 Drew in load on the Donevan Place Built a stack pen back and commenced mowing the field back of the house at home. and drew in two loads we put into the big shed.

WEDNESDAY July 23 Drew in 4 load which we put into the shed, finished mowing field ~~fr~~ back of the barn. Raked field on Donevan place back of big ditch and cocked up all of it.

THURSDAY July 24 Drew 6 loads off of back field on Donevan place and put them in a stack. I mowed until half past ten beat the rain coming on. I had to stop. Put out straw on McKee place & at home. Raining still 9:15. STACK

FRIDAY July 25 Rainy weather. Hoed and ploughed out potatoe and in the afternoon raked field north of house. Erastus and Mr. Keaton cocked some of it up. Oscar mowed after supper. Clearing off at time of writing 9:20 Mary started for Athens. -- JOHNSTONE--

SATURDAY July 26 Brought the hay teder from Mr. Rath's but did not use it very much. Raked the field back of the house and drew in loads. Cocked up all the hay we had cut down. In the evening I returned the teder to Mr. Rath and from there to Lansdowne. Received letter from Mrs. Wallace.

SUNDAY July 27 Church in the morning. Mr. Fairlie preached from Luke XV the first ten verses. Today the weather was splendid and cool breeze blew from the South East.

MONDAY July 28 Drew in 15 loads, 5 of which were put on the stack on the Donevan place. 1 in the shed and the rest down home. I mowed field back near the oats we raked & cocked it up & drew one load.

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TUESDAY July 29 Finished drawing from the field behind the house at home & commenced to draw from old rye ground. Drew two loads from field West of the barn. Cut the same this morning and cocked it up after supper. Changed the fork into the barn. Some signs of rain. Field of hay on Donevan place 39 loads.  
This is my fourth anniversary of leaving Dear Old England. Drew in fifteen loads.

WEDNESDAY July 30 Early this morning there was some signs of rain so we commenced early to draw in and drew in one load and pulled of three. Mr. Quinn & Henry Elliott and we drew in 24 loads altogether. The rain kept off but it sprinkled some all afternoon. Broke the cut bar on the mowing machine.

THURSDAY July 31 Drew 8 loads into stack West of the swamp hole & 2 into the shed it rained just about noon and we did not draw any more. We borrowed S. Donevans mowing machine and kept two of them going nearly all afternoon. Henry and Mr. Quinn went away to the Quarry at noon, intending to return to-morrow. Uncle Tom's Cabin show was at Lansdowne this evening. Mr. James McCormack's house was struck by lightning and did considerable damage, making a hole in the roof, knocking plaster off & cracking it in some places & after running thru the rooms went down through the cellar wall.

FRIDAY Aug. 1 Drew in 13 load eleven of which were put into a stack next to one, back. Borrowed Mr. Roots horse & I raked. We have only a little more to cut & expect to have all done tomorrow 170 loads in already FOUR{written backwards} Eleven o'clock this evening our cheese factory burnt up. We hurried up to the place but could do no good, two cheese were saved also a lot of wood belonging to the cheese maker Mr. Root. After it burned down some we began to carry water & throw on the spot where we supposed the cheese to be, & by this means we saved some of them partially burnt. It was proposed that a meeting be held in the school house to see about erecting another factory.

SATURDAY Aug. 2 Finished cutting all meadow in the forenoon. Drew in 10 loads today. Commenced harvest cutt a few rounds on the S.E. corner field (BARLEY) field there on McKee place the pitman broke and put a stop to that days work. A meeting was held in the school house five patrons were elected as a building committee in whose hands all business transactions were put. It was decided that we should draw our milk to the Deerlake factory until a new factory has been erected.

SUNDAY Aug. 3 Church in the evening, good attendance. Mr. Fairlie preached a beautiful sermon on the Parable of the Prodigal Son Luke XV chapter. Notice was given out that Sacrament will be dispensed in Lansdowne the first Sunday in September. Oscar started for Athens, 8 o'clock.

MONDAY Aug. 4 I drew milk to Deerlake factory for the first time . Raked after windrows until nearly noon. Oscar returned 11:30, and in the afternoon we unloaded one load of hay and drew in two loads of barley. The binder went steady all afternoon, At tea time a heavy shower passed over this section which put a stop to harvesting for the day. Rain is needed, everything is drying up & garden produce seems to be a failure, A meeting is to be held in Mr. Tho. McDonald, for further arrangements about site for factory which is supposed to be opposite the old site on E.J. Landon. Mr. W.McConnell to build it.

TUESDAY Aug. 5 Drew one load of hay, put some on both the stacks and the rest in the shed. I rained nearly all day. We cleaned a grist of wheat 32 bushels. Intend to go to Lyndhurst to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY Aug. 6 Binder going all day! Stoked 250 Barley and 50 Oats. The wind blew moderate all day and the bundles dried fast. Showers were all around in the afternoon.

THURSDAY Aug. 7 I arrived in Canada four years ago to-day. I ran the binder for the first time, cut field of oats on McKee place opposite the "Home" barn & commenced Barley in flat at home. I drew in one load on account of something being wrong with the machine. Gananoque first Civic Holiday. All went but myself. Meeting in the schoolhouse about building a "Union Factory" on the place. A Lawyer has to be seen before anything can be done as some people taking their shares out from the Joint Stock Company.

FRIDAY Aug. 8 Drew in seven Loads, Hay. Topped out the stacks and commenced building another at the barn. I reaped the field in. East of the old well on E. J's & finished barley on the flat at home. A large fire was visible out back somewhere in the South Concessions. It seemed to be a barn or stacks for the smoke was very black. We are getting the haying finished by degrees. It is slow work. There is a lot of stoking to be done which must be up to-morrow evening.

SATURDAY Aug. 9 Finished haying, stoked up the field of wheat behind the barn at home. I reaped remainder of oats at the flowing well, field of 2wheat back of the barn at home, commenced field of wheat opposite black cherry tree on E.J's. Clouds hung around all day and thunder could be heard in the distance. This evening a lightning is visible all around the south and south-east. The papers contain long accounts of damage done by lightning , many lives have been lost.

SUNDAY Aug. 10 About half past ten it commenced to rain and came in small showers until Church time which was a little after eleven. We did not have a bad attendance considering. Our Pastor Mr. Fairlie has been preaching from the Parables in St. Luke to days sermon was "The rich man and Lazarus, Luke XVI 19. We all enjoyed it very much. Mr. Fairlie's sermon was "The rich man and Lazarus." Luke XVI 19. We all enjoyed it very much Mr Fairlies sermons are all so plain. The first lesson was from Ecclesiastes VIII . The writer of the above chapters has been trying to make himself happy but comes to no conclusion until the last chapters.

MONDAY Aug. 11 We ground the knives of the binder, as when we were done. Mr. Smith and Jno. Quinn came up to help us draw in. We commenced drawing from barley field and drew it all in before tea but 20 stooks. We then drew from oats and barley from north of cross fence. Johnny Quinn and I stoked up the barley on flat at home before dinner. Erastus cut wheat field on his own farm. Mr. Fitzpatric Dunlop came from Amprior to work for us. The sun went down quite warm looking, this morning was like fall. Drew in eight loads. The first load combined 25 stooks , the next 30,30,30, 34, 31, 30, 30. Total 240 stooks.

TUESDAY Aug. 12 Started binding in the upper place, cut the front field. "Fitz" and I stoked up all the forenoon, barley, oats and wheat. We drew in five loads of black oats, 35, 35, 35, 35, 25 stooks, 165 stooks altogether. Erastus wend {sic} down to Mr. Smiths to bind his wheat. We drew in the oats after supper what took me all afternoon Thursday August 7th.

WEDNESDAY Aug. 13 Erastus is still binding at Mr. Smiths. In the morning we changed the fork from the big shed into the barn and put up the new ropes. We drew in the rest of the oats, two loads of 35 stooks each, and two loads of barley from the flat at home 64 stooks. We also cleaned the field of wheat back of the barn at home 120 stooks, and one load from E. Js, 20 stooks, 274 stooks on ten loads. We had to pitch off the last as we broke a pulley belonging to the horse fork & it put us back. E.J. returned evening.

THURSDAY Aug. 14 Oscar went down to the shop to mend the pully. Fitz and I unloaded to loads of wheat into the West mow in the barn. Drew in 4 loads of wheat and four of barley. We put 4 loads over the hay in the big barn on McKee Place. Commenced drawing in on Donevan Place, 2 loads of Barley from the front field. Mr. McDonald has commenced to draw the lumber for the new cheese factory which is opposite the old site. The clouds look as if we were going to have rain but it did not come here.

FRIDAY Aug. 15 Beautiful clear morning a cool north wind blowing. Erastus went to Lansdowne & brought home 86 pounds of twine "Red Capt". I raked the wheat field & drew in one load of rakings. We had a great deal of bother with the pully. Erastus finished cutting the white oat field on McKee Place. In the afternoon Oscar and I went up to Donevan Place and drew in three loads (two of stooks). The men were looking at the site for the Factory and were drilling for water, the ground being too hard they did not get too far down.

SATURDAY Aug. 16 We clipped around the two barley fields, and gathered in the rakings (one load). Erastus cut the field of barley below the ledge on the home place. The barley crop being not very good there we intended to save it for the grass seed, from there he cut the field at the house on McKee Place. Oscar and I pulled peas back on McKee place, we cut two ridges and a little piece. Oscar went up to the Donevan farm and cut piece for the factory.

SUNDAY Aug. 17 Cloudy and looks somewhat like rain. I started for Lansdowne early . Malcolm and I went down to Mr. Cross' at the river. It commenced to rain as soon as we arrived which made it very unpleasant, however we managed to row up to Sugar Island, the wind blew very hard. Coming home we passed an Indian camp with three performing bears. I went to St. John English Church. Mr. Young preached an excellent sermon on "Faith", the text being in the chapter of Pauls Epistle to the Hebrews.

MONDAY Aug. 18 Oscar and I pulled peas all day. Erastus finished binding the fields around the house, at noon he drew the binder over to the bridge. After dinner he went up to the Donevan place, where he bound the field in front of the house. The drill was supposed to be at the factory to-day to drill the well. Mr. Lappan dug a well about 4 feet into the ground and then he struck thee rock. Erastus went to Lansdowne in the evening. Sold the cow (Daisy) to Mr. Thomas Burns Lansdowne. SIERRA NEVADA'S

TUESDAY Aug. 19 Oscar and I pulled three ridges of pease in the forenoon. Erastus finished wheat field up on the Donevan Place, and brought the binder down. We hitched up both teams in the afternoon intending to draw in, we had hardly got everything in running order, when it commenced to rain & continued until a little after six o'clock. Mary went out to Roberts' to pick blackberries. The Drill is at work on the well at the factory making very slow progress, the rock being very hard.

WEDNESDAY Aug. 20 We cultivated the potatoes out back, and hoed some of them. In the afternoon we commenced the far field of oats on the farm (at home). Fitz and I pulled peas

until supper time and then he went to stooking, and finished the rows we had commenced before tea. Erastus took a grist of wheat to Lyndhurst. He took out thirty bushels of wheat, and he got one thousand and fifty-five pounds of flour. "MARCHMONT" ERS, PAR {illegible}

THURSDAY Aug. 21 It looked like rain this morning and we commenced to draw and took in four loads of white oats, 33,33,35,32 133 stooks in all. It rained and we had to stop. Fitz and I went fishing out to Wiltsie Creek it rained nearly all the time and we got wet through. We caught quite a few small fish and one black bass & one pike. The factory seem to be going up quite fast considering the unfavourable weather, the have nearly all the frame up. The drillers struck a small stream of water yesterday after going nearly five feet.

FRIDAY Aug. 22 It is too wet to do anything at harvest. So we commenced ploughing for fall wheat. I ploughed seven ridges on the barley field. The boys went out to Long Point fishing. The wind blew very cold all day and it looked very much like fall. Old Mr. Cowan died to-day to be buried to-morrow at two o'clock. The drillers are getting along quite well at the factory well. They are down nine feet and there is seven feet of water. Mrs Black arrived here from Athens.

SATURDAY Aug. 23 Oscar ploughed all forenoon. I turned over the beans one load of stooks (barley). Erastus commenced binding on the east side of the road. We brought up a load of barley with us at dinner time. In the afternoon we drew up two loads of peas and did not get them unloaded before tea. Erastus went up to the Donevan Place and straightened up the stooks after tea. We drew in one load and stooked up a few bundles of white oats. Mr. Cowan was buried to-day. George Jarvis' dwelling house was consumed by fire 12 o'clock noon.

SUNDAY Aug. 24 Church in the morning. Mr. Fairlie preached an excellent sermon from Luke XVIII 1-14. The text was taken from the fourteenth verse. The was not a bad turnout.

MONDAY Aug. 25 We drew in the rest of the peas after pulling two ridges and a half. We drew four loads of peas and one of oats. Erastus moved up the binder to Donevan Place and bound the oats at the barn. Mr. W. Snider of Lansdowne this afternoon.

TUESDAY Aug. 26 We took the load off the new waggon and put on the three boxes , loaded up the two pigs & calf, and started for the station. I drove the cow over and put her

in Thos Burns' pasture to stay until they are ready to load the car for Montreal. I ploughed out the rest of the potatoes back, Fitz split wood all day. A Party left here early to take a trip to Alexandria Bay on Mr. Carnagies "Island Queen" This being the last trip she makes this season.

WEDNESDAY Aug. 27 It rained some during the night and it stopped harvesting for the forenoon. In the afternoon we commenced drawing the oats in the field where the house is on the McKee place. We only managed to draw in two loads before the rain came up. Erastus bound all day until the rain came. The morning we drew rails to the stacks. Fitz fenced all forenoon around where the fall wheat and potatoes are. In the evening I drew one load of rails back to the back stack. Lodge in the evening in Lansdowne.

THURSDAY Aug. 28 Erastus bound all day up on the Donevan Place. Oscar and I pulled peas all forenoon in the orchard. In the afternoon we straightened up the oat stooks (back) at home and drew in one load of barley from the back flat forty stooks and one load of fourteen stooks barley & twenty-one oats. There two hundred and fifty stooks of white oats on eleven acres. The day was beautiful and warm . Towards evening the sky cleared off and the sun went down. Mr. Marshall visited here.

FRIDAY Aug. 29 We went up to the Donevan Place and drew in sixty stooks of wheat and thirty-two of oats. Erastus bound the field of oats behind the barn. Moved the boiler into the new Factory. In the afternoon We drew in fifty-four stooks of oats from the back field at home. It commenced to rain about four o'clock and we did not get any more done at harvesting. I ploughed on the barley ground (on McKee place) from six o'clock. Measured lot for Factory nine rods by four and a half.

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