

1897

Jan 15 Sulphur & Mills with Pimp Chain

16 Drawing two of Jack very nice

18 Heavy Rain all day yesterday work up to day

19 Josh Thompson from D. B. Wilson with Wales Boys

20 Miller. Drawing in afternoon. Sit pick truck water

21 Sleighing at last to Fergus with cattle

22 Very rough & stormy

23 Stormy. Cold - How away

25 A. Redwood Breaks no sleighing until 21st and to day roads blocked to Church meeting

26 Still cold and blizzard

27 Fenced up drawing wood

28 Fine to Fergus got meal

29 Roads all tracher again middle

30 very fine. A. to Fergus to D.

Feb 1 Still fine and sunny

2 ... .. Hoping water to build tank for hooked

3 ... .. to Fergus with sheep

4 ... .. Drawing wood from water's creek

5 Drawing wood from swamp. nice

6 F. Fergus with Thompsons have rain & snow. Roll off

8 With two Thompsons looking at bolts

9 To Sulphur for woods. Kinning's team along

10 Killing turkeys and took them to Fergus

11 Cold rain from east and How away

12 Snow storm from the east

13 Council meeting. 3 below zero sunny

14 (Sunday) drifting roads blocked

15 To Luther and same valley re. Red Thompson's sled

16 Killing pigs at Thompsons' place

17 Drawing wood from swamp. in there

18 Fair day Snow. Meeting Tom & Miller

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Feb 19 To Fergus with Barnards Boy & Michel cow

20 To Bellwood getting help for Eliza Kennel

22 Snowy morning. Rain in afternoon

23 Farmers Institute Meeting in Bellwood town

24 Roads blocked to Fergus

25 Fine. Got to Fergus at 11. at Thompsons

26 Cold but quiet

27 A great blow and cold to Fergus (L)

28 (Sunday) Cold but clear 18 below. Coldest this year

March 1 Another heavy blow falling. Roads up

2 To Bellwood being after Miss Kennedy

3 At Fergus Division Court. Nelson & Wilson

4 Fine sunny. Seeing three tracks

5 Snow. Rain killed 2 pigs. How away

6 Mitchell's sale. Ken and pretty but C.

8 Helping D. Kennedy with Thompsons & Miller

9 with boys looking a bridge heavy rain

10 Miller to Fergus. Rd. flow. Got. B. for a d.

11 Fine and sunny lot of water

12 Coldest very stormy afternoon

13 Away being about cutting fire. To Bellwood. Rd. to D.

15 yesterday one of the heaviest blizzards in winter ever

16 Got roads broke again. Snow & ice

17 Drawing wood. Miller.

18 To Fergus fair day. Snowy soft

19 ... .. Getting things from fence heavy rain at

20 River broke up very high flood. Dam again. It got far up stream & on

22 cutting ice of road at Bellwood forming bridge at

23 Down to ice bridges at Bellwood to Brimons sale

24 To John Beattie funeral. wet sunny day

25 To Adam G. Brewster sale with Thompson

26 Clearing up. wheel axles & P. & P.

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March 27 To R. Mearns for Load of Jars. Jars. B. B. B.

29 at Mrs. Keighin's sale. Miller

30 To Fergus Rd. Mitchell got. 100. 300. 8. R.

31 The month ends cold and snow. Blizzards gone

April 1-2-3. making beaver box and grain repairing. Bright sun but raw East winds

5 Easter Fair. Got. Sheep. Flour & oatmeal. Rain

6 Race camp to Bellwood. John's son collected well

7 Five men down with wood. Plowing started after one of the heaviest winter. Winters for many years

8 Drawing axles about to Fergus for post. Good at D. B. Wilson

9 Snowing heavy all day

10 Drawing wood with sheep. Helping. How far trucks without

12 up to Taylor's on 1st line. Rd. cutting. To Fergus early got

13 to Fergus. Rd. cutting. Killing pigs at Watson's heavy rain

14 cleared up fine How away

15 to Fergus. Rd. cutting. sunny & dry

16 Good Friday. Rain in afternoon

17 Snow in forenoon. Cold & raw heavy frost at night

18 (Easter Sunday) a bitter cold. Frosty sunny day

20 first frost. stopped plowing

21 Weather milder. some snowing

22 Clear. Home show near spring weather. How away

23 Great Rain & snow. cleared for 4 years

24 had very wet. but warm yet

25 (Sunday) another heavy rain and high wind

26-27-28 - Rain every day more or less. No heating

29 Plowing. heartland of soil. Coldest

30 Rain to Fergus with Mrs. Thompson. with. at the house to

May 1 To Fergus with D. Rain last night & today

2-3 Rain again. left to visit Thompson. Rd. cleared. How far trucks without

4 colder. again. left to go to Fergus. How far trucks without

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May 5 Warm. To Fergus for salt. & salt. Barnard & D.

6 Gang plowing. and harvesting. Silly Coldest day

7 Snowing what and grass. at the house to

8 filling fences. To Bellwood helping. at the house to

9 (Sunday) warm heavy thunder storm at night

10 warm. snow. at the house to

11 Harvesting. below. at the house to

12 A heavy rain and thunder. at the house to

13 To Luther School. celebrative. at the house to

14 Mill. Rain. no seed. at the house to

15 Board of monthly meeting. at the house to

17 Snowing. at the house to

18 Snowing. at the house to

19 Planting potatoes. at the house to

20 To Fergus & D. B. Wilson. a heavy rain

21 Cold. at the house to

22 To Barnard's. D. B. Wilson. to Fergus. got. flour

23 (Sunday) more rain. cold

24 Cold. at the house to

25 Finally got done seeding. at the house to

26 Plowing for mangels. at the house to

27 Going to Fergus. at the house to

28 Court of session in Bellwood. at the house to

29 Plowing for mangels and potatoes. at the house to

31 across to A. Stewart. at the house to

June 1 Another cold raw day. at the house to

2 to Guelph. being Co. Council about Grants

3 Warm. heavy rain to Fergus with potatoes

5 Getting potatoes. more rain

7 Plowing heavy rain all afternoon

8 Drilling and sowing mangels

9 Planting potatoes. 15. B. B.