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Diary for 1921

Jan 1st. New Years Day. weather mild & cloudy, thawing off the snow. there has been pretty good sleighing for the last week Had John & Dad up for dinner expected Mr & Mrs B. from Hamilton but the Blue Bird Buss was out of business, and they are started on a new Radial Bridge at the beach, and you have to walk across a little foot bridge along the G.T.R Bridge, so they did not come. and we were all badly disappointed.

Jan 2nd (Sunday) mild & windy snow all gone, did not get up till nearly 10 oclock, drove down home and had tea.

Jan 3rd Finest day we have had for a month. bright sunshine and mild. Election Day in Burlington, guess there would have had no election only on account of the High school question. no elections in either Nelson, or East Flamboro. both by acclamation. Wrote to Ham.

to (Wagstaffes Maple Ave)(T.Upton
& Co Delaware Ave) (Canada Pres.
Co. 12 Pine St) (Alymer Can. Co
Mary St) (Harvest Co Barton E)
to see if we could get any
used crates baskets orange
boxs or barrels.

Had Bill Bowerbank over to see
about fixing cellar drain
as we have a lot of water
in the cellar. coming tom-
orrow afternoon to start
work if weather continues
fine.

Jan 4th. Still fine and mild
started at cellar drain, tiles
completely blocked next the
house. The Burlington people
turned down all the old
council that forced the new
High school through without
letting the people vote on it.
The New Council are- Mayor
JJ Hobson, Dep Reeve E.Holtby
Reeve E A Harris, Councillors
Doug Henderson, J A Betzner
J Imeson, OB. Koenig, Jos Smith
and H J Blair and J H Pollard
defeated. G.C. Copley elected
Mayor of Hamilton. and
Church Mayor of Toronto for
the 8th term. Had dinner
& tea down home: John & Family

Ida & Olive. Hattie & Fred all there. they seem to think Charlotte is a fine girl.

Jan 5th Mild with a little rain working at cellar drain all day.

Jan 6th cool today freezing the ground. Finished cellar drain. cost \$17.00, Had C.H. Davidson up selling trees he wants \$1.50 for cherries \$1 for plums and 75¢ for pears ordered some about 75 Reine Clark & 50 Shiro Plums, Received answers from Jam Factories they have not got any crates nor boxes of any kind.

Jan 7th. Drew four loads of gravel for driveway wrote firms in Muskoka about apple barrels and boxes.

Jan 8th. Finished drawing gravel. weather fine and clear and not very cold motored up to Hamilton this afternoon for a short visit.

Jan 9th Sunday, clear and fine

seems strange to be away from home and no chores to do. Walked with Mr B. up the Ottawa Street hill and back to where Lillie and her mother & Dean have a lot each. am afraid it will be a long time before they will be worth very much they are too far back from the mountain top.

Jan 10th. went up town on street car. saw Jake Brant at Aitchisons. says he has moved to 62 Murray west. went to the market and got cheque from McDougal for load of turnips, had tea at Dean B's and he drove Lillie and I up at night and we all went to the Temple and saw the Picture called Kismet

Jan 11th Went up town in the afternoon. went to the Princess Theatre, and saw the Adventuress. am enjoying the holidays - here

Jan 12th.. Weather has been fine but kind of cold.

went to Loews Theatre
this afternoon with Mr. B.
Lillie not feeling well
tonight.

Jan 13th was up to the store this
morning also after noon
Mr B. alone there as Harry
not feeling well
I see in the paper that
Burlington played their
first G H A game this
season, with Toronto Univ
score 13 to 1 favor Toronto
expect to go home
tomorrow afternoon ,

Jan 14th. Arrived home this
afternoon. every thing O.K.
raining a little today
but turning colder tonight

Jan 15th . Colder, again frozen
up - but no snow -
Burlington won Hockey match
at Burl - with Milton last
night score 5 to 3.
was down town tonight
Lillie & Charlotte went to see
Mrs Bush, a lot of the
old guard was out at the shop-

Jan 16th. Sunday. Cold with

heavy west wind and
some snow flurries
was down home for tea

Jan 17th . coldest morning this
winter a year ago today
we had a picnic at the
old mission at San Diego
it was very warm to hot
to wear a coat.

Went to Lodge. They held
Joint Installation of Officers
with the Rebecca Lodge
about 125 there and every
body seemed to have a
good time .

Jan 18. Very cold this morning
about 10 to 12 below Zero.
started fishing about 4
oclock. saw 3 pike and
caught 2 of them before
5 oclock - Ice about
4 inches thick and
water very clear -

Jan 19th . Cold east wind and
cloudy. fishing all
day only caught one
small pike,

Jan 20th My Birthday. the first
in our own home. had

Dad, John & family, Uncle Archie and Ida up for dinner and tea and we all had a good time . the weather was fine and warm, the thermometer stood at about 50 degrees about 60 degrees higher than on last Monday -

Jan 21st weather warm and thawing, went down to the bay and pulled fish-houses off , Burlington lost Hockey Match last night with Varsity of Toronto score 1 to 0 was over to Will Bells for dinner & tea-

Jan 22nd Fine & mild, trimmed some trees in the morning motored to Hamilton. to get some Barn Paint. could not get it, for a day or two getting it sent from Toronto Brot Mr & Mrs B. home with us to stay over Sunday.

Jan 23rd Sunday , a little cooler with a few snow flurries was all down home for tea. turning very

cold.

Jan 24th Cold north wind
drove the folks home to
Ham , working in the
barn in the afternoon -

Jan 25th Cold this morning
about 6 below zero.
went fishing again. nothing
doing.

Jan 26th. Cold yet was down
town. Burlington won Hockey
match 3 to 1 with Osgoode Hall
of Toronto

Jan 27th. Was down town, and up
to station about freight
rates on boxes, from Barrie
an..... Returned some as 4th
class freight 34¢ while 1st
class freight is \$1.08
E D. Billings killed in Auto
accident yesterday, Geo Finn hurt
also Kenny Mann's little girl

Jan 28 Fair & mild started
painting barn.

Jan 29th. Mild painting all
day it is some job.

Jan 30th. Cooler with north wind. Lillie got a Phone message her mother has a sore eye, so we motored to Hamilton and had tea.

Jan 31st Cold with north wind. went down town, got car frozen up -

Feb 1st. Drove up to station after 36 bbls from Bracebridge cost 40¢ each and \$2.42 Freight motored down to Pres. church to a concert. Lillie played the piano- car radiator frozen and leaking badly, had a hard job getting home

Feb 2nd, mild & cloudy don't think the bear saw his shadow. Burning grass along the road no snow. and very dry-

Feb 3rd. Doing a little painting at barn hope to get done by spring It looks as if we will have trouble getting manure for hot-beds have been waiting two

weeks and none coming yet

Feby 4th . Painting nearly all day - very mild looks like rain

Feby 5th . Mild with a drizzle of rain. working around the barn fixing baskets and making a two wheel cart to draw baskets on -

Feby 6th weather fine. we all have colds did not go out all day -

Feby 7th Snowing all day worked in the barn

Feby 8th Drove down town with the horse & cutter. but not very good sleighing

Feby 9th . Very mild - again snow about all gone- we all have bad colds,

Feby 10th . Cloudy looks like snow. (in bed with a cold)

Feby 11th . Snowing all day. still in bed.

Feby 12th. Clear & bright.
sleighs out again today
got card saying car
of manure shipped.
I hear Ormie Bush
had a young Daughter
arrive at his house
last Monday. Feby 7th

Feby 13th. Sunday. Weather fine
and moderately cold -
had visitors from the city.

Feby 14th. Fine and mild snow
about all gone again.

Feby 15th. out today first time
after my cold. weather
was fine

Feby 16th unloaded car of
manure only a small
car . 9 loads cost
75.26 for,
weather very warm
roads getting very
soft tonight.

Feby 17th. Frozen up again this
morning . started getting
in 11 quart baskets. got
one load today. 2000 baskets

Feby 18. Got 4000 more 11 qt
baskets in today
had Mr & Mrs George
Hammond for tea and to
spend the evening.

Feby 19th. Cool and cloudy
Got a sore face. hit
with a stick wood. while
cutting it.

Feby 21st. Started trimming
trees . pretty cold job

Feby 20th Sunday . we were
down home for dinner
& tea. was a nice
winter day.

Feby 22nd Motored to Hamilton
with Ormie Bush. and
got some paint, trimming
trees the rest of the day
weather fine just like
spring.

Feby 23rd. Snowed a couple
of inches last night
thawing today & heavy
west winds, fixing
crates in the barn.

Feby 24th Very cold this

morning. fixing crates
this morning, trimming
trees in the afternoon.

Feb 25th Cold today trimming
trees again. some job
have about 30 acres to
go over .

Feb 26th . Worst snow storm
of the winter, Rageing
from the north East all
day . and blowing and
drifting in piles -
still storming at bed
time tonight.

Feb 27 Sunday. Cool & cloudy
the storm has stopped
this morning, drifts are
two and three feet deep.

Feb 28th. Mild thawing fast
drew hot bed frames
up to Johns on sleighs
a lot of them fell
to pieces will have to
get some lumber and
build some new ones

Mch 1st. March came in like
a lamb alright.
weather was cloudy

and very mild, sleighing
all done , got word
another car of manure
shipped also 80 bbls
from McJannett.
repairing hot beds and
got enough lumber to
make 6 large new ones.

Mch 2nd . Very mild, snow
nearly all gone and
water & mud every
where - repairing hot-
bed frames in the mud.

Mch 3rd Fixing frames
turning very cold tonight

Mch 4th . Drove to McMonies
to auction sale to try and
buy a mower. did
get it - very cold.
got 25 bbls from Litster

Mch 5th Cloudy & mild
unloading second car
of manure. have two
loads left for Monday-
started raining at
5.30 tonight. Heard
the first robin tonight

Mch 6th Sunday. warm & cloudy

Just like spring, had
a quiet day . no visitors
nor went out anyplace

Mch 7th Finished car of manure
and got 80 barrels and
10 boxs from station
from McJannett. cost
\$40.80 and \$5.22 Freight,
started making first
hot beds weather a
little cooler and cloudy
looks like a storm

Mch 8th Rained last night
warm today just like
spring . put dirt on
hotbeds. expect to sow
seed in a day or so
Raining again tonight

Mch 9th Rained & snowed all
morning . went to Ham-
on Blue Bird bus, in the
afternoon to get motor
License also pay Income
Tax,

Mch 10th . Fair & cold, sowed
seeds in Hotbeds-
8 sashes Copenhagen Mkt
Cabbages (5 ozs seed)-
7 sashes Ruby Giant Pepper

(7 ozs seed)-
1 sash. Neapolitan
Pepper (1 oz seed)
8 sashes our own hot
peppers (8 ozs seed)
4 sashes John Baer
Tomato (3 oz seed)
2 sashes Alacrity
Tomato (1 oz seed)
6 sash First & Best
Tomato (4 ozs seed)

Mch 11th Fine & mild
trimming trees. all day

Mch 12th showery all day
mending crates in the
barn

Mch 13th cool & cloudy north
East wind Had Bells
& Hicks for tea

Mch 14th cool & cloudy
trimming trees started
raining about 4 oclock
Hard on hot beds
seeds are coming up
and have had no sun
shine since Friday 11th Mch

Mch 15th Cool in the morning
then cleared up warm

making new hotbed
frames. Had two
thunder storms one at
6:30 pm. and one
about 9:30 P.M. the
last one was very
heavy one -

Mch 16 . Unloading another
Last night
car of manure ^ . Will
Fishers big barn was
struck and burnt by
lighning. Loss about \$20,000
Got car back from
Hamilton cost \$65.70
for new Radiator & repairs
Turning cold tonight

Mch 17th St Patricks Day. Fine &
warm in the morning
finished car of manure
cold and showery
in the afternoon. worked
in the barn -

Mch 18th Making hot-beds
and trimming trees

Mch 19th. Trimmed trees in the
morning. motored to Hamilton
Bot 42 yds cotton at 19¢
for hotbeds, and 1 box

glass at \$6.25. went to
the Grand and saw the Law
it was taken in San Francisco
Chinatown.

Mch 20th . Spring begins tonight
at 11 P.M. Raining from
the south this morning
in flying showers.

Mch 21st making hot beds
very cold again
had a big birthday
party at Johns -

Mch 22nd putting earth on
hot beds. and repairing
sash. Varsity of
Toronto wins the Allan
Cup last night playing
Brandon at Winnipeg
two games. score 8 to 3.

Mch 23 Clear & bright but
very cold east wind
blowing did not get any
thing done monkeying
with Johns verandah screens

Mch 24 Transplanted 14 sashes
John Baer Tomato 250
plants to the sash
also sowed 4 ozs Chalks

Jewel Tomato seed -
raining in the afternoon

Mch 25 Good Friday rained in
the night. blowing strong
from the south west this
morning. cleared up
fine and warm in the
afternoon. Transplanted
Cabbages all day 4800 plants

Mch 26th Fine and very warm
just like summer
transplanted tomatoes
all day. about 7500 plants.

Mch 27th Easter Sunday. fine
and warm in the morning
showery in the afternoon
and evening. wind south
west all day -

Mch 28th . Snowing all morning
as cold as winter tonight
Tomato & Cabbage plants
that we just transplanted
are about all in damping
off in bunches. Mrs Geo
Noyes buried today
Elliot Anderson married
last Saturday Mch 26th

Mch 29th Cold with north

wind. went to J F
Mitchells auction sale
bought a mower for \$21.00

Mch 30 Getting milder, replanted
tomatoes that damped off
started unloading 4th car of
manure in the afternoon

Mch 31st . Unloading manure
stopped by rain at 11 oclock
finished in the afternoon

April 1st . Clear & cold put
earth on hotbeds -

April 2nd clear & fine but
heavy south west wind
transplanted tomatoes

April 3rd Fine & mild : used
up again with sciatica

April 4th Had to go to bed
with my back & hip.
weather fine & warm

April 5th Fine & warm in
bed all day . John is
transplanting peppers and
have a man plowing.

April 6th . Got up about noon

back not much better
Went to Hamilton. getting
5 treatments from Dr Henderson
for \$10.00

April 7th no better yet was to
Hamilton again today
John is transplanting peppers
have no man yet. the
Indian only stayed two days
he was no good any way-

April 8th Hamilton again today
showery all day . very
heavy in the afternoon

April 9th. Cooler today. John
drawing 200 orange boxes
from Station. we bot from
John Saso Barrie had to
pay $12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$ each and freight
34 . also have a car of
manure in . am trying
to hire a team to unload
have no men yet - and
I am used up yet -

April 10th. Very cold . froze about
 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch ice last night
some snow flurries this
morning (Sunday)

April 11th Cold but fine and clear

have three men started
work today unloading
car of manure putting
on the ground for Blackberry
patch . Back and hip
sore yet -

April 12th John Refilling up pepper
plants that have died
men hauling brush -

April 13th mild & cloudy
men taking manure
off Strawberries

April 14th Finished uncovering
strawberries . started
ploughing, and digging
blackberry plants.
started raining about
4 oclock

April 15th Digging and planting
blackberry plants --

April 16th . Digging blackberry
plants till noon. then
stopped by rain. Rained
sleeted and snowed all
the rest of day and very
cold north east wind

April 15th . Saw Fred Cuttriss

this afternoon . he and family arrived back from California last week . he reports every thing dead there -

April 17th. Having a real winter this morning, about two inches of snow. and very cold and at noon it is still snowing hard from the north east - It looks like a finish for the fruit buds as they were nearly out - in blossom.

April 18th Cold this morning ground frozen and about three inches of snow reports claim that the fruit crop is badly damaged especially Cherries pears & plums Election Day today. voting on Importation of Liquor into Ontario.

April 19th. Ontario gone Bone Dry Carried yesterday by large majority about 150000 is reported. making hotbeds today

April 20th. Transplanted 4000
tomatoes today for the
second time . showery
in the afternoon, man
ploughing all day for
strawberries .
Sold Fred Cuttriss
5 acres land behind
cemetery for \$1100
per acre -

April 21st - Transplanting tomatoes
in the morning
rained in the afternoon
Paid my Income Tax for
1920 - \$14.45

April 22nd Heavy thunder shower
last night and heavy
East rain this morning
cold and cloudy in
the afternoon . planted
a few trees Got (148 plum)
50 Shiro 75 Rene Claude 23 Burbank,
5 cherries Mont, 3 Classigo Pears
Cuttriss trying to back
down on buying land now

April 23rd Transplanting
tomatoes all day . some
showers again land
very wet now -

April 24th Sunday went down
home in the afternoon
John & family there
also Ida. & Will Bell
& family called in

April 25th Finished transplanting
Early Tomatoes 2nd time
have 141 sashes 100 to the
sash- also finished
planting Blackberries
and started digging
strawberry plants -

April 26th. Digging and
planting strawberries

April 27th. Planting a few
early potatoes also
digging & planting
strawberries

April 28th . Planting strawberries
weather is fine & mild

April 29th Raining again today
from the east . Got
39 more Barrels from
Gravenhurst. overhauled
spray machine
shipped first Asparagus
5 doz Bunches to Toronto.

sold at \$1.50 a dozen
first time we ever
shipped in April. the
earliest before was May
3rd in 1915 .

April 30th. Ground soaked with
rain planting trees Plums
in among the Clapps
Favorite Pears. First
two rows Reine Claude -
third & fourth rows . Shiro
fifth row Burbanks
sixth row Shiro
cold and cloudy
tonight

Sunday

May 1st Cold and cloudy
looks like more rain
Plum trees out in
blossom now. need some
warm weather or they
will never set .

May 2 Planting trees; two rows
far side are filled with
Shiro . then one row—
Burbank . then two rows
Shiro and balance all
this way to Kieffer pears
are Reine Claude .
planted in all 155 trees

cold again with a few
showers. Paid Cleaver
cheque for \$4130 in full
for Filman mortgage.

May 3rd Planting strawberries
weather fine today.

May 4th. Planting strawberries
must have about five
acres planted up here -

May 5th Digging & planting
Raspberry suckers
weather getting warmer

May 6th Finished planting
Raspberry patch at
noon. started planting
out early Cabbages
after dinner. shipped
3 baskets asparagus on
Thursday 5th May sold
at \$3.25 bskt in Toronto-

May 7th. Fine and warm today
finished planting
Cabbages about 10000 plants

May 8th Sunday finest day
this spring. Pears &
cherry trees white with
blossoms. also a lot of

strawberries in blossom

May 9th Warm with high west winds planting strawberries in field back of cemetery

May 10th. Planting strawberries yet, turning very cold tonight.

May 11th Finished planting strawberries must have about $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres Very cold with heavy East wind.

May 12th Sowed about 4 acres oats & clover. 10 bus oats 40 lbs Red Clover. Transplanted Chalks Jewel Tomatoes 2nd time in beds were the Cabbage were started raining hard at 5 oclock

May 13th Weeding Peppers in hot beds . and started hoeing strawberries about 4 oclock .

May 14 Started hoeing year old strawberries .

May 15th. Sunday drove to
Caledonia to see
about pickers not much
good. weather very
cold -

May 16th - Heavy frost this
morning froze ice.
lots of people got
tomato plants frozen
in their hotbeds
also lots of straw -
berrie Blossoms frozen.

May 17 Heavy frost again
this morning
Planted Early Corn
Golden Bantam and
M. White Cory -started
hoeing 2 year old
strawberry patch
it is very bad to do .

May 18 A little milder hoeing
strawberries all day

May 19th Still hoeing straw-
berries .

May 20th Hoeing strawberries
yet. very warm &
getting dry -

May 21st Very warm as
hot as summer
finishing hoeing big
patch of strawberries
and drawing water
for hot beds -

May 22nd Sunday . very
hot, must be
in the shade
In the afternoon had
heavy rains with
thunder & lightning
lasted from about 2 oclock
till midnight

May 23 Very cold & wet.
marked Tomato ground

May 24th Showery again
planted 5300 John
Baer Tomato plants out

May 25th. Cloudy. fine
weather for putting out
plants planted Tomatoes
all day -

May 26th. Planted Sweet
Peppers and part of
hot peppers a little
warmer today

May 27th Finished planting Tomatoes
and Peppers and started
spraying with $3\frac{1}{2}$ gals Lime Sulphur
5 lbs Powdered Lead

May 28 Had another shower in the
night. spraying all day

May 29th. Had two more heavy
showers last night. fine
& warm this morning.

May 30th. Spraying yet.
men hoeing new strawberries

May 31 Finished spraying 1st
time takes about 20 tanks,
heavy thunder shower
at 1:30 P.M. rains nearly
every day .

June 1st Hoeing & cultivating
and planted Late Sweet corn
also Yellow corn

June 2nd. Gathering brush in
the old orchard and
working around the trees .

June 3rd Heavy shower again
this morning . Hoeing
cabbage etc - turning
cold tonight .

June 4th Cold North East winds .
working in the orchards

June 5th. Fine & warmer nearly
frost this morning .

June 6th. Cutting weeds in
old Strawberry patch
some getting ripe.
asparagus sold Saturday
at \$3.25 bskt in Toronto
some Strawberries getting
ripe

June 7th Sowed some more
Copenhagen Cabbage seed
pretty late but last
sowing never came up.

June 8th Moved Jake Brant
out and getting ready
for berry pickers

June 9th Picked 8 crates
strawberries for the first
shipped to Toronto sold at
4 @ 35¢ Crop looks like
a failure seem to have
a blight .

June 10 Very warm. cleaning
up hot beds want to

plant some potatoes

June 11 Shipped 8 more crates
strawberries today is
very warm again. was
down town tonight Orme
Bush's new store opened today-

June 12 Fine & warm . we were
down at B.S. Hicks for tea

June 13th Had a thunder storm
in the night but not much
rain. blowing a gale
from the west all day -
Picked 98 crates
strawberries today. they
are a poor sample and
also not half a crop -
shipped most to Toronto
sold at 23¢ to 28¢ and 30¢ for
morning shipment and
11 to 15¢ for night train

June 14th . Spraying pears
today . put in about
1½ pints Black Leaf
forty . and nearly 3½
gals Lime Sulphur
took 5 tanks to do it

June 15th Berries took a big
slump selling 8¢ &

10¢ in Toronto today
picked 59 crates of
old bed and quite

June 16th. Picked 76 crate
strawberries shipped
north at 10¢ box.

June 17th. Picked 50 crates -SB.
this afternoon rained all
morning shipped north
at 12 cents -

June 18th. Hoeing new Strawberry
patch the 2nd time
no picking today Saturday

June 19th. Sunday fine & cool -

June 20. Picking Strawberries
picked 97 crates sold
up north at 12 cents

June 21 Picked 94 crates today
sold same as yesterday
had a nice shower in the
evening. Awful accident
in Burlington today. Fred
Partlowe shot a boy named
W.E. Buzza while shooting rabbits

June 22nd Very warm 92
in the shade in Hamilton

nearly cooking the Strawberries

June 23rd Very warm yet.
picking Strawberries. they
are very soft

June 24th. Picked Strawberries
till 8 30 PM. 71 crates
berries very small-

June 25 Hot & dry. planted
out late Cabbages
& started picking
Early Richmond Cherries,
sold at 90¢

Jun 26 Sunday hot & dry
98 in the shade

June 27th . Picked about 45
crate SB. sold at 13¢
and 14¢ up north.

June 28th a few light showers
but not much good.
picked 35 crates SB.very warm

June 29th Picking Strawberries
had a very heavy
rain storm but not
very much thunder
the rain sure was needed

June 30th Picked 57 bskt
Richmond cherries sold at
90¢ & \$1.00 also cut first
4 doz Cabbages sold at \$1.50 doz

July 1st . Picked the last of
the Strawberries sold
at \$3.00 had 12 crates
sprayed cherries & apples
yesterday 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ gals
Lime Sulphur 5 lbs
Powdered Lead weather
very warm . Strawberries
poor crop only had 841
crates off 6 acres. also
finished asparagus last
shipment sold \$2.00 had 120 baskets

July 2 Very warm again
today .,

July 3 Sunday warmest day
this year about 100 in
the shade,

July 4. Picked 3 crates Raspberries
sold at 30¢ box very
warm started cutting
hay . finished picking
Richmond cherries

July 5 . Very warm yet, around
100 in the shade

started picking Montmorency
cherries 160 baskets
sold at \$1.40 up north
also picked 20 baskets
Green Peppers sold in
Toronto at

July 6 Very hot 101 today
every thing burning
up. Picking rasps &
cherries and cutting
Cabbage at \$1.25 to \$1.50
a dozen -

July 7th Just as warm yet
and dry. picking cherries
three people died today
in Hamilton with the heat
also 12 horses

July 8 Stopped picking cherries
at noon by Thunder
shower . showery all the
afternoon .

July 9 . Showery not much
picking today

July 10th Sunday . some light
showers today .

July 11th Picked 196 bskts Cherries
today no Raspberry Pickers

advertised for pickers today
in the papers.

July 12th Still very warm
Picked 204 bskt Cherries
and 42 crates Rasps -
Rasps very soft—

July 13th Picked 228 bskts
Cherries., they are starting
to go bad it is so hot -
Rasps about cooked
picked 14 crates sold
at 10¢ and paying
4¢ to get them picked.

July 14th Picked 231 bskts
cherries shipped them
all north at \$1.25
had a light shower
about 5 oclock. hope
it will get cooler
has been from 95 to 100
for over two weeks now-

July 15 Cooler today , Picked
243 cherries and
21 crates Rasps and
stopped by rain at 4
oclock, Today was
St Swithins day and
it rained.

July 16th nothing doing only picked
27 baskets Cherries
shipped one basket tomatoes
this morning we picked
yesterday sold at \$3.00 in Toronto

July 17 Sunday. Fine and not
too hot .

July 18th Showery in the morning
Cut about 60 doz Cabb
sold 37 at 65¢ to Ross
Hart shipped balance north
at \$1.00 per doz Picked 25
baskets tomatoes sold at
\$2.50. also picked Rasps
all day—

July 19th Rained all morning
picked 53 bskt cherries in
the afternoon then it rained
again

July 20th Picked 36 crates Rasps
52 bsks Cherries . 34 bsks
tomatoes sold at \$1.90 to 2.50

July 21 Finished picking Red
Cherries. 123 baskets .
also picking Rasps.

July 22 Picked Morello Cherries
67 baskets. also picked

74 bscts tomatoes sold
north at \$1.50, Sold
1961 bscts Cherries this
year. Picked first two
baskets Red Peppers Sold at
\$1.35

July 23 no picking today.
cleaning old strawberry
Bed very warm again

July 25 Picked 190 baskets
tomatos today sold 90
north at 75¢ shipped
balance to Toronto sold
at - 75¢ and 80¢
also 50 baskets apples
at 65¢ 17 crates Rasps
at - 20 to 25¢

July 26. Picking tomatoes
at 75¢ Apples 60 and 65.
Cabbages \$1.00 doz-

July 27th . Very warm picked
25 baskets Shiro plums
sold at \$1.25 other
stuff same price as before
also picked first 10
crates Lawtons sold at 20¢
also picked last of Raspberries
5 crates sold at 25¢ in Toronto
only had 255 crates of

Rasps this year.

July 28. Picking apples and
Tomatoes apples poor
crop and poor sample
Tomatoes ripening fast
sold 125 baskets at
75cts today.

July 29. Tomatoes shipped over
a hundred at 65¢ today

July 30th. Sold 100 tomatoes
to Hart & Smith at
50 cts today . also
Picked first Abundance
40 bsks
plums sold at ^ 90¢
have picked 884 baskets
tomatoes up to date
also cut our oats in the
orchard every thing early
last year we cut oats
on Aug 25th. and
finished picking Rasps
Aug 16th this year July 27th

July 31st Sunday Fair & cooler
was down to the beach
for tea.

Aug 1st Picking Tomatoes
263 baskets sold at

42½ to 50¢, Plums \$1.00

Aug 2, Very cool today. will hold back the tomatoes some, picked 271 today sold mostly at 50¢ a few at 45¢, also apples plums & cabbages at the same old price

Aug 3. Picking tomatoes & plums nice and cool but very dry. St Swithins day is a failure. no rain hardly since then.

Aug 4 Picked 313 baskets tomatoes sold at 45 & 50¢ also 13 crates Lawtons sold at 20¢

Aug 5 .Warm again today picked 310 tomatoes sold 45 and 50¢.

Aug 6. Picking tomatoes & plums. tomatoes @ 40¢ plums at 95¢, Had a big thunder storm about 5 oclock P.M. will do a lot of good,

Aug 7 Sunday . fine & warm

Aug 8 Picking tomatoes &
plums.

Aug 9th Same job tomatoes
40 and 45¢

Aug 10 picking Tomatoes at 40
plums \$1.00 . Green corn
15¢ doz-

Aug 11 tomatoes ripening very
fast getting behind
have been picking
over 300 a day and
still behind, selling
now 35 & 40¢

Aug 12. Not picking as many
today . no orders, got
a wire from W. Hanna
Port Carling to cancel
order today account of
death of Mrs Hanna

Aug 13. nothing doing today
hoeing & pulling weeds.

Aug 14 Fine & moderately
warm had Harry Simmons
& Stanley Blair over
for tea

Aug 15th Picking lots of tomatoes

at 35¢ and plums at
\$1.00 Corn at 15¢

Aug 16th Picking tomatoes at 30¢ & 35¢
260 doz corn 12½¢ & 15¢

Aug 17. Showery in the afternoon
picking, plums, tomatoes

Aug 18th. about the heaviest
day yet 565 baskets and
180 doz corn at 12½¢
tomatoes 30¢ and 35¢
110 plums at \$1.00, 25 Clapps
Favorite pears and 25 Bartletts
at 75¢ ,

Aug 19, Picking plums & tomatoes
plums going down in
price only got 90¢ today
and sent price lists out
at 75¢ for Monday -

Aug 20. Cut 48 doz Cabbages 65
and finished pulling
Early corn, 235 doz
today sold to Hart at 12½¢
Finished picking Black
berries Aug 19th. had
90 crates on old patch
sold at 20¢

Aug 21 ' Fine & cool. (Sunday)

Mrs McCullough is coming
Tuesday for a visit .

Aug 22 Busy picking plums
& Tomatoes & Pears. about
600 bskt. Tomatoes 35¢
Pears Bartletts 75¢ Plums 75¢
this week.

Aug 23rd Some of our tomatoes
to ripe to ship north
shipped some to Toronto
sold at 25 and 30¢, no good

Aug 24th Picked 222 baskets plums
today . also tomatos
started selling some
pumpkins to Hart at \$1.00 doz

Aug 25 , Plums & tomatoes
as usual --- weather
fine all week -

Aug 26th. same as usual -
Plums pears tomatoes-

Aug 27 Sunday Fine and warm
was down home for tea -

Aug 28. Picking plums & pears Bartletts
but tomato orders slowing
up only picked 85 bskts today.

Aug 29th shipping Plums pears
& peaches north but only
37 baskets tomatoes. but
started picking for Canning
Factory . at 40¢ bushel—

Aug 30 Picking tomatoes for
Canning factory &
plums pears for north

Aug 31, Very warm again .

Sept 1 Picking tomatoes etc.

Sept 2nd Picked 518 bushels
tomatoes for factory since
Tuesday. Picking Howell
pears, and finished
Lombard plums and
started Reine Claudes—

Sept 3 Warm again . picking
Red Peppers for Toronto
and Pears for north, Jake
Brant and crowd are
moving out today. Finished
picking Bartletts on Aug
30th and started on Howells.

Sept 4 Sunday cool and cloudy
had Geo Noyes for tea .

Sept 5, Finished picking plums

had 2747 baskets this
year sold at from 75¢ to \$1.25

Sept 6 Picking Tomatoes for
Canning Co. very warm

Sept 7th Pulling corn 16¢ doz and
cutting Cabbages 60¢ doz
for Ross Hart, also
picked 26 bskt Grapes
sold at 42¢

Sept 8. Had a Holiday first
this season - went to
Toronto Ex, we took Effie
Ida & Olive with us
had a good time but was tired

Sept 9, Finished picking Tomatoes
for factory had 911 bus.
started picking Duchess
pears.

Sept 10 Very warm and no
rain for weeks. Picked
Ross Hart a load of corn
Cabb, Grapes apples
and shipped 40 pears to Barrie

Sept 11 Fine and warm had a
light shower in the night
very dry yet. was over to
Roy Bells for tea .

Sept 12 warm, picked 110 bsks
Pears Duchess Anjou
& Sheldon sold at 60 and
75¢

Sept 13 Picking pears Hoeing
strawberries and started
man plowing

Sept 14. Pulled the last sweet
corn and picked the last
Grapes for Ross Hart -

Sept 15th Picking pears & doing farm work

Sept 16th Finished picking Sheldon
pears all done but Kieffers

Sept 17th, showery this morning

Sept 18, Cool today, was down
home for tea.

Sept 19th Drove Mrs McCullough to
the city she was going home,
Brought out 15 bus Rye
to sow - Paid \$1.50 bushel -

Sept 20th, Sowed Rye on piece over
the ditch, cut first Cauliflowers
sold 8 crate at \$2.00 a crate

Sept 21st Started picking Cranberry

pippin apples have them
sold at \$4.25 per bbl - had
20 barrels only -
had a thunder shower last night

Sept 22, Cut 22 crates Cauliflowers
yesterday & today sold
at \$1.85 crate - also
started picking Kieffer
pears sold 20 bskt @ 60¢

Sept 23 fine & warm, picked 80 bskts
Kieffer pears at 50 & 60¢
shipped 20 bbls apples C. Pippins
& Snows, Got an order
from Independent Fruit Growers
Grimsby for carload of Pumpkins
at \$6.00 per ton.

Sept 24 Fine & warm Hoeing strawberries
and picked 50 bskt Peppers
had 5 men on Tuesday only one
today rest, all gone

Sept 25 Sunday, fine, had Bonifaces
out for dinner & tea .

Sept 26th Picking Kieffer pears
yet getting 50 & 60¢ bskt
all men gone have none today
and John sick in bed,

Sept 27 Bowerbank started

putting in my big drain
got two loads tile 700
8 inch and 300, 6 inch

Sept 28th, started picking a few
Wagner apples. been
picking sweet Peppers
only worth 25¢ in Toronto.

Sept 29, Loading car of Pumpkins
sold to Grimsby Fruit Growers
at \$6.00 per ton over 21 tons.

Sept 30th Showery & cool finished
picking Kieffer pears
had over 400 baskets.

Oct 1 Cool & very windy . done
a lot of damage
yesterday around the
country . men still
working at drain, slow
job. guess I will be broke
when they get done—

Oct 2 Sunday cool & showery

Oct 3rd Picking Wagner &
Baldwin apples, picking
peppers . storing in the barn
worth nothing now.

Oct 4th started Picking and packing

Spy apples - very cold
and rough-

Oct 5th Fine & Cool. picking
and packing apples.
Bowerbank still draining -

Oct 6 Picking & Packing apples
started cellar drain, other
drain stopped. short 150 tile-

Oct 7, Raining all day. packed
apples all morning in the shed,

Oct 8, Showery yet - drains all
full and blocked with
water on account of culvert
at road not opened yet -
picked and packed a few
more apples.

Oct 9 Sunday . showery again
Lillie sick in bed, tonight.

Oct 10th. Rained all morning
packed apples afternoon

Oct 11th. Heavy rain with thunder
again this afternoon
Lillie still in bed.

Oct 12th Finished shipping apples
had 201 barrels in all ,

sold at \$4.25 & \$4.50 per bbl.

Oct 13th First light frost this morning but no harm done digging at cellar drain man ploughing & 2 men cleaning out berry bushes- shipped the last of Kieffer pears today they averaged about 55 cents here

Oct 14th Clear & fine working at cellar drain -

Oct 15th Clear & warm, working at drains yet, men plowing and trimming out berry bushes

Oct 16th. Fine & warm

Oct 17th. Fine. working at drains yet, men drawing in corn stalks.

Oct 18th, still fine & warm at same job yet trying to plow on side of big drain it was an awful job.

Oct 19 Still draining yet - stopped at noon by rain

- Oct 20th Showery & cool. finished
with men putting in
drain \$402.76, less Woduffs
\$47.80
- Oct 21 Cool today. Charlotte
one year old, last year
was very warm .working
on farm today -
- Oct 22nd Cool with very high
winds , pulling up Pepper plants
- Oct 23 Sunday fine & cool
went up to city for tea
- Oct 24th Finished husking corn and
drawing in corn stalks
- Oct 25th Cool Finished cutting out Rasp-
berry bushes,
- Oct 26th cleaning out berry bushes
man ploughing old orchard
- Oct 27th Frost this morning
ground frozen a little
clear & fine all day
burning weeds etc -
- Oct 28 started taking up old
drain & cleaning them &

putting back down again

Oct 29th Jerry and I working
at drain, man ploughing
old orchard,

Oct 30th Sunday was down to
Geo Hammonds for tea -

Oct 31, working yet at old drain

Nov 1st working at drain and
plowing old ditch -

Nov 2nd man plowing yet cold
this morning

Nov 3rd Finished taking up
drains on South west
side of ditch -

Nov 4th. Showery. putting manure
in Johns Raspberry patch.

Nov 5. Turning cold today -
drawing out old Pepper
plants out of Berry bushes

Nov 6th Sunday morning. cool &
cloudy, Have a girl since
Nov 1st, Breakfast ready
when we got up today .

Nov 7th. Monday . Thanksgiving Day.
cool and cloudy . saw
the Herald Road Race -
Smoke of Peterboro won first
place, Scholes of Toronto
2nd, Dellow of Toronto 3rd
N. General, Brantford 4th,
Dug out more dead Clapps
Favorite pear trees,

Nov 8th. Dug out patch Elderberry
bushes at back fence line
some job, started snowing
after noon snowing hard
at 5 oclock.

Nov 9th. Real winter this morning
ten oclock and snowing yet
must be from 4 to 6 inches
now. 9 oclock P.M.
snowing yet, has been all day

Nov 10th over 6 inches on the level
Looks like winter, ^ snow
drifts 1½ ft deep - saw
some teams unloading manure
with sleighs. got 33 bbls
from E D Ord, at 30¢ each & \$3.27 Freight
did not thaw much today.
lots of snow yet tonight .

Nov 11th Did not thaw very much
lots of snow yet, nothing

doing, put up partition in
the cellar , expecting two
cars of manure hope they
will not come for a day or two.

Nov 12th two cars manure arrived
this afternoon Freight on
them \$56.10

Nov 13th Sunday cloudy & cold, lots
of snow yet and freezing hard,

Nov 14th Milder & cloudy
unloading manure -

Nov 15 shipped 40 baskets Peppers
(we had in Barn) to Toronto
sold at 30 & 35¢
snow on the ground yet.

Nov 16th cool and cloudy -

Nov 17th , went up to city to
buy some things, nearly
broke now. showery -

Nov 18th Showery digging
out Hickory trees.

Nov 19th , Disced Harrowed &
manured Asparagus patch.

Nov 20th Sunday cool & cloudy

Nov 21st, Got the two Hickory trees dug out , and shipped some more Peppers and got a load of barrels (30) back from H.B. Bracebridge

Nov 22nd. Cutting wood for dad

Nov 23rd Covered strawberry patch back of cemetery no frost in ground yet snowing nearly all day pretty heavy in the afternoon ,

Nov 24th Covered Strawberries in the morning . had to stop. raining, also ground too soft. wagon cutting them

Nov 25th Fine & mild sawing Hickory tree .

Nov 26th cloudy & cool. sawing tree , went to the city at night to get some pictures of Calif. we were getting framed, raining again

Nov 27th Sunday. Fine had Roy & Bessie Bell over

Nov 28. Sawing at Hickory
trees yet -

Nov 29th same job weather
showery & warm shipped
80 bskt Peppers to Toronto

Nov 30th - same job- weather
still showery,

Dec 1st Fine & warm must
be Indian summer

Dec 2nd . Started drawing
in the wood from trees

Dec 3rd weather turning
colder. heavy north west
winds . The peppers we
shipped to Toronto on
Nov 29th sold at Peters
Duncan 50 at 50¢ Webb
30 at 30¢

Dec 4th Sunday fine & bright
Just a little frost -

Dec 5th Cooler today . burning
weeds & cleaning up

Dec 6th Cold this morning and
snowing , Election day for
Dominion was down to

hear reports, looks like
a Liberal Victory

Dec 7th. Burning weeds & repairing
berry shanty , Todays
reports Liberals more seats
than, Con. & Prog. both
together

Dec 8th Last report of election
gives Liberals 120 seats
Con-49, Prog-64, Labor-2
a big turn over from last
election when it went Con.
covering strawberries

Dec 9th Two years married today
celebrated by covering
strawberries

Dec 10th. Finished drawing manure
looks like rain tonight .

Dec 11th Sunday Fine was up to Dean
Bonifaces for the day -

Dec 12th. Cooler and cloudy -

Dec 13th Figured out no of package
and amounts of fruit for
the past season. The total
was. Strawberries 841 crates
Raspberries 255 crates

Lawton 85 crates
 Cherries 1961 - 11 qt bskts
 Tomatoes 7146 x 11 qt bskts 911 bushels
 Pears 1371 x 11 qt bskts
 Plums 2747 x 11 " "
 Apples - 302 x 11 qt bskts 201 barrels
 Peppers - 680 x 11 qt "
 Asparagus 120 x 11 qt "
 Peaches 49 x 11 qt "
 Blk Currants 4 x 11 qt "
 Grapes 57 x 6 qt "
 Corn 250 bags - or 1823 doz -
 Cabbage 208 bags and 270 doz loose
 Cauliflowers 80 crates
 Pumpkins 20 dozen and 42440 lbs.

Dec 14th. Clear and cold today drove
to Burlington, got Radiator frozen

Dec 15th Very cold, about zero
last night & this morning

Dec 16th Milder today looks
like rain ,

Dec 17th, Raining all day , two
years ago on the 17th
we arrived in Los Angeles

Dec 18th. Turned cold in the night .
blowing gales from the west
and snowing . worst storm
so far this winter, Eleven
years today was in Charleston
S, Carolina on the way to Florida

Dec 19th. Milder again today. was

out to Lodge tonight
had a good time

Dec 20th. Fine & mild, putting
up shelves upstairs
chickens have been
laying for the past week
got 5 eggs today .

Dec 21st. Very cold, below zero

Dec 22nd. Not quiet as cold as yesterday
was down town this afternoon

Dec 23rd Cooler again today looks
like snow -

Dec 24th. Cold . with strong north winds
and light snow flurries all
day, sure to be a white
Xmas.

Dec 25 Xmas day, Sunday, clear and bright
about 1 inch snow and below zero
in the morning was up to Ham for the day.

Dec 26th Celebrated Xmas today at Johns -

Dec 27th. Cold & cloudy. every body sick
Even Charlotte

Dec 28th Clear & Cold

Dec 29th. Heavy west wind & cold -

Dec 30th Very cold this morning
below zero .

Dec 31 Milder heavy south & west winds
with rain & snow squalls

Notes of Alan Norton

This diary was transcribed from the original by Alan Norton, in November of 2004. It was written by his grandfather, John Franklin McMillan who during his lifetime, January 20, 1885 to June 15, 1966 was known as Frank McMillan and who kept daily journals for over forty years.

In a previous diary of the year 1919, also transcribed by Alan Norton, there were glimpses of Frank's courtship of Lillie May Boniface of Hamilton, leading to their marriage on December 9, 1919. Lillie was a pianist, church organist and owner of her own music studio.

Although Frank's daily writing emphasizes the business of the fruit and market garden farm which he owned, this diary from the year 1921, also gives us some insight into the second year of their marriage, the first year of their daughter Charlotte's life and Lillie's continued devotion to her family - the Boniface's in Hamilton. Her parents, Peter and Esther (Mears) Boniface are often referred to by Frank, as Mr & Mrs B. and Lillie's brothers, Harry and Dean are mentioned.

Also, in this diary, there are several references to one of Frank's best friends, Orme Bush and it may be of interest to the reader, that on June 11th, Mr. Bush's new store opened. This well known Burlington landmark on Brant Street, still carries on business today as "Bush's Men's Wear".

The transcription is in the same narrow style that Frank used in the small lined notebooks which he seemed to favour. Although having had only grade 8 education, there are very few spelling errors, but these are transcribed as they were found. The original small size of Frank's writing, as seen on the cover, has been transcribed in a large font.