

I took a load of hay, out to Rowell this forenoon, it being my last load from the big field. Mr. Harding took this load and is to pay seven dollars per ton. Had one ton taking forty pounds.

Adam Frolick helped me about half of this forenoon at mowing in front of orchard along the gully. He took a-half-a-load of hay down to home this evening - about half a ton.

On account of the kindness of my neighbour George Ryerson we have been able to cut wheat to day.

Our own old Yoro-outo binder has about played out and is comparatively worthless. So in our dilemma it was a great favour to have one provided for the occasion.

Went out to town this evening to take or rather to send away some money to pay on Bot Sugar lately bought.

On account of rain that fell last night we had to leave off cutting wheat this forenoon, Jim and I got the potatoes and strawberries cultivated instead. Also the wheat cut already set up in sheaf.

This afternoon however we have finished our wheat cutting for this year.

Mr. Sturford, leave also his wheel, then and got it mostly in the barn.

Started cutting hay in the little field east of the barn this morning but found that my machine would not work so went down to William Stables and got his new machine which did the work up in good style.

Found that the Toronto Mower has played out in its fifth year, mostly from being worn in some of its parts.

The weather keeps quite warm and seems much like rain.

We have been cutting hay in the orchard to day as usual. Succeeded in getting more than half done cutting this forenoon. This afternoon we have been raking and cocking up, with all due might.

Had a visit from Master Walter Wilson, a son of my friend C. A. Wilson of Toronto. He is much interested in country life, apparently.

Jim and I have kept on at the orchard to day. Succeeded in getting the hay all cut and raked up besides getting all up in good shape for raine. It took me until five near ten o'clock this evening however to get through with the job.

The weather is very warm and muggy. Much like rain of late.

July

SUNDAY 19

1896

Went out to church as usual this morning taking my wife and Jim with me.

Had a very profitable session together throughout in both services the good word being with us.

This evening we went out to the neighboring church to hear Mr Crawford preach.

He is certainly quite a preacher and was sound doctrine.

July

MONDAY 20

1896

There was a heavy rain fall last night and to day which did not cease until this afternoon.

Went out to horse this evening with the democrat taking a small guest. Maggie went with me.

Found that Mr Miller Mr John Shaw had died yesterday and the mill was closed, so we brought our guest back without grinding.

The rain of yesterday & day before left the way rather wet. Have been spreading out so day.

Had Mrs. Ho Caught and the Mr. Walth's family here for dinner and for a short visit this afternoon.

A Mr. James Hoose of St. Pelham Nurseries succeeded in selling me two hundred plum trees to day; to be paid for when the bear fruit, the first payment for two years from this fall & time to be extended as long as necessary.

Jim and I went another load of hay ready for Mr. Jonathan Ellis this forenoon. This being his bird codd.

We were greatly surprised this evening by the arrival of Mr. G. J. Winkle, the husband of my niece Nettie.

He came quite unexpectedly. Reports all being well in Chatham and Wrentham. He came to take my mother home with him.

Took my last  
load of hay to  
Mr. Ellis' this  
afternoon. This  
makes the fourth  
load to him.

Had a sur-  
prise to day  
in the arrival  
of Jim's father  
He had had  
Nellie's husband  
with us to day  
also. Took him  
around the  
place this morn-  
ing, and had  
a nice visit  
with him. He  
also rode out  
to Dover on  
my load of  
hay.

Got our load  
on the wagon  
this morning, but  
rain soon came  
so we drove the  
load in the barn  
until the rain  
ceased. Took it  
out this af-  
ternoon and de-  
livered at our  
neighbor's yard.

Have Minter  
went up to Town-  
send Centre this  
afternoon to vis-  
it Rinner Tupper  
but he found  
them all away.

George Cutler  
left us this af-  
ternoon, after  
an unusually  
short visit.

fine and I  
put our last  
load of hay on  
the waggon  
this morning.

Took this load  
to Mr. A. Edwards-  
son, and there  
being some damp  
hay on the load  
I agreed to let him  
have the load  
for a ton though  
it weighed a  
considerable more.

He has to al-  
low me the same  
as Bro J. Ellis  
gives me for  
wheat was taken  
to him.

Finished our  
hay, & got in two  
loads of wheat this  
afternoon.

Had a very  
profitable wait-  
ing together  
this forenoon  
as usual in  
our Port Dover  
sanctuary. The  
Good Lord be-  
ing in our  
midst.

Bro. Bennett al-  
ways seems to  
give us a  
"word" in season,  
something to  
think about  
and to remember.

Came home  
by the lake shore  
road on account  
of our friend  
R. J. Winters  
who went to  
church with us

Owing to a heavy rain last night and this forenoon we did not get in the last load of wheat so day as we anticipated.

Worked this forenoon at digging around plum trees in the orchard where rain was not falling.

Went out to mill this afternoon with a quilt, as intended.

My wife went up to Louisa, with R. J. this afternoon.

This being the day of the delightful excursion to Port Dover, my wife and I thought best to meet the friends there, so we have spent the most of the day there with our whole family except Jim.

There was a big crowd there. Had a very pleasant time. Our Chatham friend R. J. Winter being with us.

A heavy rain somewhat marred the close of the day.



I took my mother and friend R. J. Winter to the station this morning en-route for Cleatham Ont. My mother expects to visit my sister in Ireland also and is to be away for a month or so.

Have been digging around toward plow trees this afternoon. The ground is rather wet from yesterday's rain however.

Went to Jarvis this morning with a package of butter for Mrs. Crayden. Took a lot of pears with me hoping to sell them but failed owing partly to the great abundance of fruit.

Finished digging around my cow-barn plow trees to day. We have also got in our last load of wheat this evening. We have our rakeings out yet, for tomorrow. Weather fine again.

We got our wheat field raked this forenoon and the raking drawn in, first thing after dinner.

We were surprised about the middle of the afternoon to see our old and respected friend Mrs. H. H. Porter of North Pelham. She had Leavens two children Dee. and Leone, now quite near grown up.

Got started at cutting our oats and peas this evening with the mowing machine, having Mr. Porters pea harrow attached thereto.

Jim and I could not start our pea-harrows until ten o'clock or thereabouts to day, on account of the wet.

This afternoon again we found it necessary to stop work for the same cause.

We are putting in all our spare time now at weeding out our strawberries. The growth of weeds since haying time being some thing terrible.

Rain has come again this evening.

Our regular quarterly meeting came off in Port Haven today. Our own minister officiated as usual and a good congregation was present.

There was an old resident and member present with his daughter Mrs. William South now of Baant-  
ford.

We came home directly after service and enjoyed the remainder of the day as best we could.

Jim and I have been cutting peas and rats most of the time today in the field by the store.

I went out to our quarterly business meeting this afternoon however failed to get the money expected of Mrs. Ellis and Ben-  
net for hay.

A great regatta is in progress in Lake Erie off Port Haven, and a large number of fine yachts are there.

Accompanied by many rain has just visited us, so that we did not get started at our oak & pear until this afternoon. We are able to weed strawberries, however, no matter how wet the ground.

Jim's father has come to visit him, and reports heavy rains & wind storms in Michigan. Also a short fruit crop.

On account of heavy dew we are not able to start work at our peas and oak until nearly noon, so we spend most of the forenoon in the strawberry patch.

We seem likely to have a cash-need job there for the weeds have got to be a terrible sight. It is impossible for us to use any more so we have to weed by hand altogether.

Jim and I have been cutting peas and oats in the front field again today. Succeeded in getting all done of the first sowing excepting about an hour's work.

An exceedingly heavy rain came this evening so we are not likely to do any more harvesting for some time to come.

My wife is quite poorly and I feel anxious about her.

Owing to the heavy rain of last evening we did not get at our peas and oat harvest today at all. Haul however been weeding out strawberries as best we could. We were visited by another fall of rain this afternoon; but, not so heavy as yesterday.

The weather continues rather warm and very moist. I feel somewhat anxious about our grain that is still out.

Owing to the heavy rain of yesterday we did not get to work at our peas & oats until this afternoon. We succeeded in getting the fall cut that we left before and a load in the barn besides.

We worked most of the forenoon in the strawberry patch, at wedding &c.

Found that our peas had grown some under the benches. Weather still very warm.

Went out to church this morning as usual taking Miss Daisy Leaford and Olive Ferguson with me. They came last night from Delhi to visit us for a few days.

The heat has been very oppressive through the day especially when in church.

Went over to hear Bro. Eberole this evening. He has just returned from a holow-day away for several weeks.

Rain again tonight.

August

MONDAY 10

1896

Worked awhile  
this forenoon  
at the straw-  
berries as usual,  
it being so wet  
after the heavy  
thunder storm  
of last night.  
To do any thing  
else.

My uncle Ran-  
nall Olds and  
his wife came  
from Lincoln  
to visit us to  
day.

We got a load  
of peas and oak  
ready to bring in  
this evening but  
another shower  
of rain came  
before we could  
get our load on.

August

TUESDAY 11

1896

Jim and I got  
to work at the  
peas and oak  
again this after-  
noon. There was  
another rain  
last night which  
wet up our grain.  
We worked at  
our strawberries  
again this fore-  
noon.

Towards night  
Jim and I suc-  
ceeded in getting  
in two more  
loads of oak  
and peas, make-  
ing three alto-  
gether so far.

Jim told that  
the heavy rains  
do not extend east  
of us but a few  
miles.

August

WEDNESDAY 12

1896

Owing to another rain last night we could not go to work at our pea and oat drawing so day as we expected. Worked through the forenoon at sundry jobs, and got John to help me for about three hours.

This afternoon Jim and I turned over a lot of wet grain.

My friend Mr. J. Carpenter & his wife came to see us towards evening. So, I visited with for a couple of hours.

August

THURSDAY 13

1896

We succeeded in getting two more loads of peas and oat in the barn this forenoon. Mr. C. Nelson has been helping us.

This afternoon I have been working in the straw-berrie, having let Jim go out to the Sunday school picnic at Erie Park. Work done. There has been every appearance of rain this afternoon; indeed, it did rain some, but afterwards cleared off.



August

FRIDAY 14

1896

Have had my neighbour Mr. C. Nelson to help us most of the time today. He finished burning over the peas and oats before noon in time to go out a load. This afternoon we got in five more so we have got in six today, making ~~eleven~~ <sup>eleven</sup> altogether so far.

Has sold this evening at our price of wheat was increasing slowly.

August

SATURDAY 15

1896

Have been working away as best we could at getting in our oats and peas. Our helper Mr. C. Nelson could not remain with us all day it being mail day. He helped us get in three loads out of five however, making sixteen, with one more load and the takings still out.

Have had an exceedingly warm and cold sultry day, too warm to work almost.

August

SUNDAY 16

1896

Went out to church this morning as usual taking wife and children with me.

Quarterly tickets were renewed today and dear wife minister officiated.

The heat was so great that but few people were out to church, and we felt it considerably more going and coming.

Did not get out to Riv Est. Presb. church this evening for the same reason.

August

MONDAY 17

1896

Had Mr Nelson again this morning for an hour or two.

He helped us get in the last load of peas and oats that we had cut.

Jim and I have been cutting the late crop of peas and oats this afternoon. Got along very well but did not get nearly done.

He began paring apples this evening and I for the first. He has a large quantity of apples on the ground already.

August

TUESDAY 18

1896

It seems that rainy weather had come again and we have had to leave off our late pea and oat harvest which we commenced yesterday afternoon.

Have been working in the strawberry patch most of the day however. Had a visit from our old neighbor Peter Peters today. He walked down through muck or dirt tracks, peas of age

August

WEDNESDAY 19

1896

time and I have finished our cutting of peas and oats at last. It took us most of the day.

Maggie went up to Lincoln this afternoon on different errands. Had a call from Archie Reid this afternoon; but, on account of my housekeeper being away could not be certain where to go.

Found that our field of cloverseed was ready to cut at well.

August

THURSDAY 20

1896

I have been working at my strawberries most of the time so far while Jim has been cutting down in the field by Mr. Brides' order tomorrow.

We put in a couple of loads of oak and peas in the cow stable for feed, there being but little grain in it, but, a good deal of green stuff.

August

FRIDAY 21

1896

Have had Jim working with the mowing machine in the field by Mr. Brides' order today. He has cut some six or eight acres today. I raked up what he cut yesterday and finished putting up in cock this evening.

Have had great appearance of rain so far but fortunately it has all passed off, and we are enabled to keep on with our work.

August

SATURDAY 22

1896

A heavy dew prevented us from working in our clover until, nearly noon, but, this afternoon we have been at it with all our might. Jim finished raking what we had cut and I have put in with a considerable portion of the same.

Threshing machine came this evening and we are likely to thresh on Monday.

August

SUNDAY 23

1896

Went out to church this morning as usual taking time with me this time.

Had our own minute this time, and we do not have any that we would rather have, as a rule.

Had the comfort of knowing that the Lord was with us in our feeble efforts at worshipping Him.

His service became more and more delightful to my poor soul.

August

MONDAY 24

1896

Began threshing Mr. Crawford's peas this morning in the field, the weather being all that could be desired.

Learnes machine is doing our job. Jim and I have been helping also. Mr. Starling ~~is my~~ and Adlain & Co. on my account I suppose.

Got their peas threshed and near all their oats as well, if right. So they will have moved their machine to the farm.

August

TUESDAY 25

1896

Have been threshing in the farm the day, nearly the whole time at Mr. Crawford's grain. Perhaps they threshed a couple of hours or nearly, at our own grain.

We have been disappointed some in our crop, the yield being under our expectations somewhat.

The machine has not run very well owing to the numerous delays and tinkering.

August

WEDNESDAY 26

1896

Got to work at threshing our own grain this morning, or rather what was left. It took us until about ten o'clock.

We had to help the machine move down to the lake shore afterwards, which took until three o'clock this afternoon.

Rain came again at about four so we did not succeed in getting our oats and peas drawn from the front field.

August

THURSDAY 27

1896

Worked at the strawberry vines most of the forenoon but this afternoon fine and I got in our last two loads of oak and pear from the front. We got in our first load of cloverseed this evening, and found it in good condition for drawing.

Our own crop of wheat from the field back of barn was duly threshed and buckled. For this year.

August

FRIDAY 28

1896

Had Mr Nelson  
to help us draw  
in cloverseed  
about three hours  
this forenoon.

Jim and I kept  
in the remainder  
of the day.

Have succeeded  
in getting five  
loads, mostly from  
the wind-row,  
drawn to the barn.  
With the load  
brought in last  
night makes  
six in all so far.

We are still  
blessed with  
beautiful cool  
dry weather,  
just right for  
taking care of  
crops.

August

SATURDAY 29

1896

Have been busy  
again to day at  
getting in clover-  
seed from the  
field by Mr. Braid  
& Mr. Nelson helped  
me about three  
hours this fore-  
noon so we  
were enabled to  
get in three  
loads more this  
forenoon and  
Jim and I got  
in one this af-  
ternoon, making  
ten so far from  
this field.

Went out to  
house this eve-  
ning, to look  
after some  
small matters.



August

SUNDAY 30

1896

Being rather unwell, owing to a severe cold, lately contracted, I thought best not to venture out this morning. So my wife & I have been enjoying the Sabbath at home. Lydia, <sup>the daughter</sup> and Clara Vale came this afternoon however and we could not be a-come after all. A light thunder storm came to us this afternoon, again.

August

MONDAY 31

1896

Have had time at work with the mowing machine part of the day. He did not get along very well, having lost a bolt &c.

Started to plough in the front field this afternoon, but the ground was so hard that I had to give it up. Think of working up the ground with the disc harrow instead, as it seems to be doing a very good job.

Have had Jim working at the discing of the front field by the church most of the time to day. He now raked the cloverseed cut yesterday, before noon.

I have been working at sundry jobs, and towards night got to work at cleaning out the straw-berry patches again.

There was a slight frost last night - the first of the season. Weather quite cool and dry.

Jim has been working away at the disc harrow in the front field again to day. First time on the pleased to find that we are likely to get the whole field sown wheat after all. I have been working up-cloverseed most of the day. Did not get through now. There is considerable appearance of rain this evening.

September

THURSDAY 3

1896

Was rather un-  
well last night  
and felt rather  
blue until nearly  
noon to day.

Got to work this  
afternoon however  
at my straw-  
berry patch  
this time.

Have had Jim  
discing in the  
front field again  
to day. He has  
succeeded in  
getting over the  
field for the  
first time and  
has started to  
crop this after-  
noon. The disc  
is doing a great  
job for us.

September

FRIDAY 4

1896

Have had  
working in the  
front field and  
the disc has  
to day as usual  
He is getting  
nicely and  
won't be over  
field the second  
time.

I have been  
as usual ex-  
tingly busy  
cuddry jobs  
mostly in  
strawberry patch.

Am rejoicing  
in God my  
wife this  
day. He is  
deed a  
giving thanks  
to my  
soul.

September

SATURDAY 5

1896

We have been lay-  
ing-  
ing, most of the  
time to day to get  
the front field worked  
up for sowing.  
Rain has fallen  
a couple of times  
and stopped us  
for a while.

Went down  
to farm this  
evening to take  
my wife and  
child Evelyn, for  
a short visit  
to Toronto.

Were disappointed  
in not getting  
cheap rates as  
we expected.

Took a lot of eggs  
and butter down  
as well.

September

SUNDAY 6

1896

Went out  
church to do  
as usual, pray-  
ing five with  
me. Over a  
minister off-  
ciated with  
usual accep-  
ance.

Went over  
to see Dr. Eber  
this evening.  
Am glad to  
hear that he  
is to remain  
another year.

My wife  
children have  
been away to-  
day, and it  
seems very  
lonely. I  
out them

September

MONDAY 7

1896

The rain on Saturday night last has been quite a benefit to the ground where we intend sowing wheat. It has worked a good deal better to day.

Have had Jim working the desc most of the day. While I have been engaged at the straw-berry patch as usual. He not make much headway, but still every row counts, and am anxious to get through.

September

TUESDAY 8

Jim has been working the desc harrow in the front field by the church today. He got the job done before noon however and went to work with the harrow preparatory to drilling.

I have been busy in the straw-berry patch most of the time.

Went down Jarvis after wife and children this evening. did not find them there as I expected.

September

WEDNESDAY 9

1896

Have had Jim  
harrowing in  
the front field  
by the church  
40 days while  
I have been  
working in my  
strawberry patch  
most of the  
time. Got to  
work with the  
drill towards  
evening however.

Went down to  
garage for Maggie  
this morning but  
in vain. This  
evening however  
I went again &  
had better suc-  
cess. For I  
found her at  
the station wait-  
ing for me.

September

THURSDAY 10

1896

Sowed nearly  
all of the front  
field by the  
church to day  
Jim has been  
with me helping  
to keep the drill  
settle clean &  
stubble &c.

Never saw grass  
cover any well  
Put in about  
two bushels of  
Mr. Stuford's  
wheat and all  
of our own.

The weather  
has been very  
warm and dry

My wife says  
at Grants & East  
no rain has fallen  
for the whole  
summer.

September

FRIDAY 11

1896

It has taken  
time and I most  
of the time to  
day to run  
out the water  
furrows in  
our nine acre  
wheat field just  
sown yesterday.  
Succeeded in  
getting all done  
by this eve-  
ning however,  
intended going  
out to down  
this evening  
but, did not  
get done in  
time though.  
Weather still  
very warm and  
dry.

September

SATURDAY 12

1896

After a fortnight  
of waiting, was able  
to go out on the  
port today. He  
at last brought  
seeding and he  
even our ditch  
cleaned out.

Mr. Howards a  
only just begin  
to sow however

It still keeps  
and dry, some  
signs of rain  
now being seen  
though.

Have enjoyed  
a satisfactory  
degree. The  
that laughs at  
impossibilities  
and even if  
shall be done

September

SUNDAY 13

1896

Went out to church this morning as usual taking my wife and children with me.

Had a very profitable waiting upon the Lord. The sermon as well as class-meeting being very edifying.

Went over to Mr Eberwold's meeting this evening all of us, and enjoyed this

We feel very thankful for the privileges of God's house & service.

September

MONDAY 14

1896

I picked up some Clematis beauty peas this forenoon, and this afternoon took my stock of two and a half bushels up to Lincoln where I sold them the carrying for only forty cents per bushel.

Was glad get them so much for so however, as fruit of me all kinds is as very abundant this year.



September

TUESDAY 15

1896

We worked in our strawberry patch this forenoon; But, this afternoon have been getting in cloverseed. Heat was ready to draw.

Got in three loads, Jim and I, and two of them off of the wagon.

The weather is very beautiful and cool just now, as well as dry.

September

WEDNESDAY 16

Took off our load of clover seed this morning and I.

We have been working at our beans part of the afternoon but, most of day have been working in the strawberry patch trying to get cleaned out. We have now nearly done and not half done quite; but it seems we to keep up our eyes, and work away.

September

THURSDAY 17

1896

Jim, and I have  
been working at  
our straw-berry  
plants most of  
the time to day,  
getting it in shape  
for the next crop.

Have been work-  
ing on my de-  
livery return's  
of last spring  
this evening.

Find it a rather  
disagreeable job  
going over what  
I had thought  
was settled.

The difficulty has  
been increased by  
a mistake of  
the manager of  
the office at St.  
Thomas.

September

FRIDAY 18

18

Have been work-  
ing most of the  
time to day at  
our straw-berry  
patch as usual.

We pulled the  
balance of the  
early beans &  
afternoon work  
which took up  
some time.

Have been work-  
ing this eve-  
ning getting  
papers ready to  
take to Mr. L.  
on, & hope to  
have a ratio  
factory settle-  
ment in for-  
eign of this  
week's quest.

September

SATURDAY 19

1896

On account of rain this forenoon we could not work out of doors & so have been engaged at inside work.

Weather started to clear up this afternoon so we started for my wife's father in Wye-Combe at about four o'clock. Had a successful trip although very disagreeable on account of a strong N. W. wind that we had to face on the way up.

September

SUNDAY 20

1896

We have been spending the day with Mr. & Mrs. Ferguson, wife and I. Went to church with them this afternoon and enjoyed the service very much. The Good Lord been very good to us in all our association to day, making our hearts glad with his presence. He started home at about six o'clock this evening, and arrived in due course feeding well.

Went down to Matt's this morning, to see about getting them to take over apples.

John said he would take my name down with the rest and thought it would be all right.

They only give fifty cents per barrel however, for best winter fruit.

Have been at our old job in the straw-berry patch most of the day, Jim and I.

Jim helped Maggie wash this forenoon while I continued to work in my straw-berry. This afternoon also we kept on our job.

Succeeded in getting over the worst of our patch; so, that we do not have to spend any more time at Johnson's.

The weather is very cold tonight; and the first frost of the season is likely to occur tonight.

September

WEDNESDAY 23

1896

Jim has been helping once with the beans to day. He succeeded in getting deer forest lot of beans inside, while I have been pulling beans and cutting corn.

Had a visit from uncle Peter Ryer and his foreman or rather to dinner, and of course to spend some time with him.

Went over to the prayer meeting this evening, and had a good time.

September

THURSDAY 24

1896

Have been cutting deer forest corn to day besides doing sundry other jobs, one of which was to make a ladder for picking apples, a job that I am almost dreading.

Notice by day's paper that Queen Victoria has reigned longer than any monarch in history on the British throne, that time leaving just manuscript

September

FRIDAY 25

1896

Have had  
Jim cutting  
cloverseed this  
forenoon in  
the big field  
by McVrides.

I have been  
making a  
ladder to pick  
apples at the  
same time.

This after-  
noon we have  
both been  
cutting and  
putting up god-  
du corn, which  
grew back of  
the drive - barn.  
besides some  
other jobs too  
numerous to  
mention.

September

SATURDAY 26

1896

Jim and I  
worked this fore-  
noon in the  
cloverland; he  
at raking and  
myself at pack-  
ing up.

This afternoon  
my wife and  
I went down  
to town, for  
some necessary  
calling at the  
Jacksons on  
the way home  
and having  
with me.  
Found the clock  
dressed and ev-  
erything else a  
right on our  
arrival home  
afterwards.

September

SUNDAY 27

1896

Went down  
to garnis this  
forenoon to see  
about selling  
our peas.  
Found that the  
price was much  
lower than ever  
before that I  
can remember,  
viz. from thirty  
five to thirty  
eight cents per  
bu. Mr. Allen  
told me however  
that he thought  
he could give  
us thirty nine  
cents for ours  
on account of  
their excellent  
quality.

Saw Mr Joseph  
Jacques about apples.

September

MONDAY 28

18

Made a mistake  
in writing up  
day for yesterday  
as will say  
yesterday. The  
our account  
since we did  
not get out  
to church in  
the morning  
is our credit  
but this eve  
ning went  
to hear Mr  
role, the  
having been

Find it good  
to thank and  
praise the Lord  
for his many  
mercies to us  
His promises  
precious of  
to my favor

September

TUESDAY 29

1896

I worked this forenoon at my young plum trees, succumbing them up with cow-mansure when the mice had packed them. Quite a large number of them were thus injured.

It has been raining most of the afternoon quite hard, so have been moving our old cook stove to a new corner of the kitchen. It has stood there for nearly forty years.

September

WEDNESDAY 30

Jim and I started at picking apples this forenoon; but about ten or eleven o'clock it began to rain and has kept on until this evening; so we have been into puddle jobs inside.

Went out to town tonight to get my corrected dues. Had a enough snow quite, but succeeded in getting what I wanted. Caking of the parties.



October

THURSDAY 1

1896

We have been picking apples this forenoon - except when picking up apples for John Hamilton who was here for a load, which I sold him at eight cents per bushel.

The ground is very wet - from yesterday's rain, so we have to leave off pulling beans until it gets dry.

October

FRIDAY 2

1896

Jim and I have been picking apples this forenoon with the activity of a process, there being quite a large job of this kind on our hands here.

We have been pulling beans this afternoon again. This is a pretty sore job on the hands, will be glad when we get done.

Went down Jarvis this evening to take a half butter for C.

October

SATURDAY 3

1896

Worked this forenoon again at gathering, or rather at picking apples, both Jim and I.

This afternoon we have been getting in a load of beans, this being our first. We have also been pulling beans part of the time.

There is some appearance of rain again and we are anxious to be ready for it.

Mr Clifford took two loads of peas to garnis so they sold at thirty cents @.

October

SUNDAY 4

Went out to meeting in Plover this morning taking wife with me. Had our new spiritual year provided us our good brother Bennett. He of for day month about Christian fellowship in different places. Had a blessed time in our class-meeting also.

Was glad to have the presence of our good brother John Saunders in worship with us. He is just recovered from illness.

October

MONDAY 5

1896

Went up to Simcoe this forenoon after pitching off our first load of beans. Saw Mr. Senow while there, about the misunderstanding in connection with the Simcoe delivery of last spring. Have been working at pulling beans this afternoon. Did not feel satisfied with the slow progress made however. He seems to be crowded with work just now.

October

TUESDAY 6

Harve weas has come and a southerly East wind, has been blowing this forenoon <sup>rain</sup> <sup>the</sup> afternoon. <sup>Can</sup> as a result.

Had Mr. goods over & spend the evening with us to night.

Found it difficult to get our peas and oak drawn and the rain is driving by making bad road.

Feel much the peace that passeth knowledge these days.

October

WEDNESDAY 7

1896

On account  
of a heavy  
rain last night  
and yesterday  
we could not  
work at our  
beans or clo-  
verseed so day;  
so have been  
picking apples  
instead and  
are making  
some progress.

Not having  
sold them  
however, and  
not likely to  
it seems, owing  
to the immense  
crop everywhere  
this year; we  
do not pick  
them with much  
relish.

October

THURSDAY 8

1896

The ground has  
dried off a good  
we have been  
cutting, raking  
and putting in  
cloverseed to-  
day.

Jim has gone  
to work at our  
ing the little  
flat in front

We are hav-  
ing quite a  
cool change  
in the weather  
since the rain  
yesterday.

There is some  
good indication  
of drier weather  
for a few  
days, however.

October

FRIDAY 9

1896

Succeeded in getting our big field of clover-seed all cut this forenoon.

This afternoon we have finished cocking up all that was ready.

We have got to work at our beans again this evening.

Had a visit from William Watts this evening, telling me to prepare my apples and the wood barrel and ship them in a week or so.

October

SATURDAY 10

18

Went out to church this morning taking my wife and children with me.

Our dear brother Bennett preached to us in his usual way. It is always very edifying for us to listen to him.

Went over to hear Bro Eberhart this evening. His preaching is usual, and I must say that I like his sermons very much also.

It is good to sit in heaven's places in the

October

Saturday

SUNDAY 11

1896

Have been exceedingly busy today at taking up and cooking up also weeded in the field McRudes. We are all done cutting now and have finished making and cooking up besides.

We got through before night so we worked awhile at picking apples in the orchard.

Weather very fine and cool.

October

MONDAY 12

Jim and I have been at work in the orchard at picking apples today.

It rained for a couple hours at about noon and a rainey after.

This evening Mr. Crawford is down to farm with a load of wheat this morning which sold at six to eight cents per bushel.

The weather is quite cool and well as evening.

October

TUESDAY 13

1896

On account of  
the rain that  
came last night  
and yesterday,  
we found it  
rather wet-pick-  
ing apples to  
day.

This after-  
noon my wife  
and I went  
out to Port Howe  
for various things.  
Sent away an-  
other fifty dollars  
as interest to Mr  
Whitides

Took a crock of  
butter to my friend  
S. G. Morgan, who  
seemed to appre-  
ciate it very  
much.

October

WEDNESDAY 14

1896

Jim and I  
picked apples  
this forenoon  
as usual.

About noon  
a Mr Murphy  
was here aft-  
er me to get to Se-  
coe with him  
sible up with  
Seeman. Failed  
to get the  
the account  
however.

This Mr Mur-  
phy is from  
St. Thomas.

Came home  
home where  
arrived just  
time to meet  
my mother at  
the station.  
Brought her home

October

THURSDAY 15

1896

We worked at picking apples this forenoon Jim and I. This afternoon we have been working away at pulling beavers.

We find it a rather tedious process, pulling them by hand.

My mother is quite unwell since her return home from a very bad cold.

The weather is very fine of late.

October

FRIDAY 16

18

Jim and I have been working away this forenoon at picking apples. This afternoon we tried the beaver again and are now nearly done pulling them. Find it very hard work for the hands, particularly.

I think that we grow beaver long we will find another way of pulling them.

Went out to drive this evening, mother and Mr. Callahan joined us.



October

SATURDAY 17

1896

Left my work  
for day and  
went up to Jim-  
Coe on business.  
After getting  
through at the  
bank I went  
up to George  
Leucous and  
spent three  
or four hours  
settling up.  
He got through  
in as favour-  
able a way  
as I expected.  
It seems the  
George has been  
somewhat worried  
about this  
matter, for  
some time.

October

SUNDAY 18

My mother  
was very sick  
last night and  
for day, we  
not get out  
church for  
He sent for the  
Lydia according  
to our old custom  
at such times  
She thought  
ma was not  
nearly ill  
would likely  
all right in  
few days.

I went over  
to see Mr. E  
erole this ev-  
ning as usual  
stayed a very  
good service  
and of course  
joyed it much

October

MONDAY 19

1896

Went to pick-  
ing apples again  
for day Jim and  
I. The weather  
is very cool  
and last night  
there was a heavy  
frost that I fear  
injured some  
of the apples.

We pulled the  
last of our  
beans this af-  
ternoon, and we  
are not sorry,  
for it is rather  
hard on the  
hands.

Went out to  
house this eve-  
ning to see Mr.  
J. Ellis; but  
failed. Called at  
John Hall's on the  
way home.

October

TUESDAY 20

1896

Jim and I  
have been ge-  
ing in our  
beans this af-  
ternoon and  
ceeded in get-  
the last of them  
safely in the  
barrel.

We worked a  
the apples this  
forenoon as we

Went out to  
house this ev-  
ning, mostly  
see Mr. J. Ellis.  
Met him at  
station, he be-  
ing just retu-  
ring from  
his.

Went down  
to Jarvis this  
morning after  
~~the~~ doctor  
for my, Bennett  
is our physician  
now.

He came this  
afternoon, and  
told us that  
my mother was  
being troubled  
with an affection  
of the heart.

We were surprised  
at this for we  
expected that it  
was only a cold  
in connection with  
villousness attack.

Have been gath-  
ering apples.

This afternoon.

Had Mr. Nel-  
son help us go  
in Cloverseed  
this forenoon  
for a couple  
hours.

Jim and I kept  
on drawing in  
afternoon, and  
got in three  
more loads, ~~and~~  
besides the three  
got in this fore-  
noon.

My mother  
still unwell  
and I fear she  
is in a serious  
state of health.

We find it neces-  
ary to stay up  
at night part of  
the time.

October FRIDAY 23 1896  
Saturday 24th

Worked around at different small jobs this forenoon, and this afternoon went up to Simcoe. This afternoon to see about getting rid of our surplus apples as far as possible.

Went to Mr. Jackson's this afternoon & received a promise from him to take the apples at 40¢ per bushel.

Mr. Jackson & I continued our programme of settlement also and seem likely to get through all right.

October SATURDAY 24 1896  
Friday 23rd

Had Mr. Nelson part of the forenoon to day do, but we get in the last of Dec @ verseed. Succeeded in finishing Dec job this afternoon at a four o'clock.

Had just finished by ~~four~~ four o'clock.

My mother is still in the same bad condition and unlikely I am afraid to stay with us long. Dr. Bennett is here this afternoon. go. his second visit

October

SUNDAY 25

1896

Went out to  
church this morn-  
ing as usual  
taking time  
with me.

My mother is  
still in a dan-  
gerous position  
apparently.

The Dr. came  
again this eve-  
ning and thinks  
she is improving  
slowly.

Have had a  
large number  
of callers this  
afternoon to  
see my mother.  
They were our  
own family  
however, almost  
entirely.

October

MONDAY 26

1896

I went up to  
church again  
this morning,  
mostly to see  
Mr. Seaman re-  
specting the mat-  
ter of the dispute  
with St. Thomas.  
Came home in  
good time and  
have since been  
working at the  
apple picking.

The weather has  
become quite  
warm and very  
fine & pleasant.

My mother is  
still recovering  
apparently, but  
very slowly.

Wrote to St. Thomas  
this evening.

October

TUESDAY 27

1896

We have been working away in our orchard to day Jim and I - Gathering Winter apples mostly.

Had a visit from my aunt Susann Culver with my cousin Alice.

My mother still improves and we are now confident that she will get up again in a few days.

The weather has become very fine and warm.

October

WEDNESDAY 28

1896

Jim and I have been working away at apple picking and gathering to day again. Have been looking for the barrel to come for packing them in but, as far they have not come.

We are now about through except gathering in our own supply and getting cider made for winter and to boil down.

There seems to be rain near at hand to night.

October

THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup>

1896

October

FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup>

1896

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October

SATURDAY 31

1896

November

SUNDAY 1

1896





December

WEDNESDAY 30

1896

December

THURSDAY 31

