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{Inside Cover} Calendar for the Year 1876

Chart listing the Rates of Postage

An A Table showing the number of days from any day in one month to the same day in any other month for the year.

A Chart showing Terms and Courts and Bank Holidays.

More Charts listing a Table of Stamp Duties, Date of Eclipses & List of Sundays in 1876.

The next 3½ Pages show charts listing dates of the phases of the Moon for each month of the year.

### Jan. SATURDAY, 1. 1876

A dense fog prevailed most of the day. Thermometer at 50°. no snow on the roads the mud is 6 or 8 inches deep and very sloppy. All the family except myself drove up to "Willow Lodge" for dinner. Spent the afternoon at "Ebenezer" church helping to glaze a new sett of outside windows. At home tonight.

## **SUNDAY, 2.**

Walked up to S School this morning at 10 o'clock, a small attendance owing to bad roads. Lesson I Samuel XV 10 to 23, "Saul rejected by God as king over Israel." Took dinner at J C Snell's and spent afternoon at Mrs J Snell's. Heard Rev J Learoyd preach in C M church Brampton tonight. Rev V 9th verse

## **MONDAY, 3.**

Spent all day in "lower woods" splitting rock Elm stakes have about 300 ready for use S Bunting is chopping cord wood for us at the rate of 60¢ per cord including board. A great change in the weather and is freezing tonight very hard. At home tonight writing an article for newspaper.

## **Jan. TUESDAY, 4. 1876**

Splitting swamp Elm rails. visitors today Mr George Rice and Aunt Jennie & baby. Mr & Mrs J C Snell spent the evening here, we had a good time at music and parlor croquet. Jennie Peacock here all night. Received from J C S for to winter 3 Berkshires. {pigs}

## **WEDNESDAY, 5.**

Threshing peas with flail all day. Our Oshawa visitors left for home at noon. Jos G Snell and a Mr Waddy of Kentucky were here looking at our sheep and pricing them. Mrs A Farquson of Bay City is here tonight and will stay a day or two.

## **THURSDAY, 6.**

Working until noon in the barn. After dinner I went to lower woods to split Elm rails have about 60 split. Cold frosty weather no snow. roads very rough. At Willow Lodge a while tonight to bring our folks home.

## **Jan. FRIDAY, 7. 1876**

In lower woods all day. Aunt Catherine & mother spent the day calling on some of their old acquaintances and neighbours. she starts for home tonight on midnight train. In Brampton tonight at Choir Practice.

## **SATURDAY, 8.**

Saml Bunting and I were sawing hemlock into stovewood lengths with hand cross cut. Bought at McCulla's Factory Brampton dressed pine lumber for a wagon box including hollowed shelvings @

\$2.00. Warm weather and occasional showers of rain. Lizzie Ferguson came from Toronto on a prolonged visit.

## **SUNDAY, 9.**

Drove horse and buggy up to S. School this morning lesson. I Sam XVI 1 to 13 "David annointed king over Israel". The net proceeds of our anniversary are about \$27.00, 25 of which are to be expended on a new library, the rest towards the "Messenger". Raining tonight and therefore staid at home, roads muddy.

## **Jan. MONDAY, 10. 1876**

Working among the stock this forenoon. After dinner drove up to Willow Lodge on Berkshire business. James Taylor went up with me and hired there for to help to feed stock. Spent evening at home Mail tomorrow a letter to Albany and stop the "Casket"

## **TUESDAY, 11.**

With the help of J Learment we slaughtered and dressed for beef a yearling heifer weight of carcass 370 lbs. Sold the hide (54 lbs) to T. Milner @ 4½¢. Spent evening at "Edmonton" Grange No 130 two men were initiated and officers for current year installed by Bro Guy Bell of "Thorn Grove" Grange.

## **WEDNESDAY, 12.**

Father attended the Annual school meeting for transacting the usual necessary business our school has about \$90.00 of a surplus on hand Another trip to Willow Lodge this afternoon. spent evening visiting our neighbour Mr R Watson with Viney & Ella. passed the time at music and playing checkers.

## **Jan. THURSDAY, 13. 1876.**

Tired of waiting for snow I took horses and sleigh in the woods and drew the fence stakes for the line fence next J. Woodhall into their place ready for to be put in next spring, fence 60 rods long taking 240 stakes. Spent evening at J C Snell's listening to the yarns of a Kentuckian named Waddy.

## **FRIDAY, 14.**

Drove to "Willow Lodge" this morning with 4 Ewe lambs having sold them to J C Snell @ \$15.00 each. Went up there again this afternoon on business and thus has the day passed in the two trips. At home this evening. A skating rink was opened in Brampton this week.

## **SATURDAY, 15.**

To Brampton this morning at Mains Mill with a grist and chopping. Had my hair cut at J. F. Wood's. Saw Mr Saml White from Chicago. At Snell's again this afternoon for the sixth time this week. Uncle Taylor and Nellie from Oakville come here tonight. Weather mild, no snow.

## **Jan. SUNDAY, 16. 1876.**

In company with Uncle Taylor cousin Nellie and my sisters, we went to S School. lesson I Sam XVII 38 to 52 David and Goliath. a very interesting subject. Uncle Taylor addressed the school very nicely. J C Snell & family spent afternoon here. Heard Rev J Salton preach in Brampton tonight. text Prov XIV 14th verse

## **MONDAY, 17.**

Drove team and wagon at an early hour this morning up to "Willow Lodge" for to help in the shipment of about 30 Berkshires, we hauled them on four wagons to G.T.R {*Grand Trunk Railway*} station making a car load. J C Snell goes with them to Chicago and ships them from there to different parts.

## **TUESDAY, 18.**

Oh the weather! It has rained steadily nearly all day consequently mud is plentiful. Was putting on some wall paper in one of the bedrooms and other jobs. The Co. of Peel S. S. Convention starts at Charleston today, Geo Blain President. At home this evening, reading.

## **Jan. WEDNESDAY, 19. 1876.**

Started the making of a new box for lumber wagon side and shelvings of pine the latter being hollowed out by steam machinery, the bottom of 1½ basswood. Sold our ram lamb (Cotswold) to Mr Joseph O'Malley of Madison Wisconsin @ \$75.00 in Greenbacks.

## **THURSDAY, 20.**

At the same job as yesterday and is not yet completed, it being nice & particular work to put a box well together. Received last night from the publishers at Albany N. York a copy of "Annual Register of Rural Affairs". Also a "Daily" from Bay City.

## **FRIDAY, 21.**

Work continued on wagon box. also made a new bolster for the hind axle, will soon have half of the runing part made over. In Brampton tonight at Choir Practice. F. Burrows' skating rink attracts large crowds every night that there is ice. it is a fine large building.

## **Jan. SATURDAY, 22. 1876.**

Good prospects for sleighing once more, an east snow storm has prevailed most of today. some 4 or 5 inches has fallen. Spent the day in the wood work shop and we have now a neat stylish wagon box. At home tonight, reading the papers are all fresh and attractive at this season of the year.

## **SUNDAY, 23.**

Drove sleigh to S. School this morning. lesson I Samuel XVIII 1 to 14. "David in Saul's' Palace". Father and mother went to the Dedication of M E Church in Brampton it is a fine building costing about \$8000.00. Rev Dr Ives of New York preached the opening sermon. Heard Rev J Salton preach tonight Text Hosea X 12th verse

## **MONDAY, 24.**

Shipped our ram lamb from Brampton station GTR to Waunakee, Wisconsin, U.S. The owner Mr O'Malley was also taking some other sheep with him. Spent evening at Tea-Meeting in new M E Church Brampton, a large crowd of people speeches by resident ministers.

## **Jan. TUESDAY, 25. 1876.**

At last we have been enabled to commence hauling firewood from "lower woods", the ice on the creek is hardly strong enough yet to bear the team but drew up 4 loads this afternoon. Father went to the funeral of Mr. C Stork, one of oldest merchants of Brampton and much respected.

## **WEDNESDAY, 26.**

Hauling wood continued today and concluded for the present as the snow has disappeared and the ice broke up on the Etobicoke. have about 8 cords up and piled 6 ft high in the wood yard. At home tonight reading, and social family discourse.

## **THURSDAY, 27.**

We had a heavy fall of rain during last night and today have the old song of mud! to which we are getting used to this winter. Spent most of the day at repair jobs of various kinds. Took the new wagon box down to G Harris' blacksmith shop No 10 to be ironed.

## **Jan. FRIDAY, 28. 1876.**

More rain and foggy weather Drove to "Willow Lodge" this morning in buggy after "Rilley". After dinner we went to work on the reaper platform and gave it an over hauling, it is now almost as good as new. As usual of late the evening was spent at home reading.

## **SATURDAY, 29.**

To complete the week in the repair shop and also needing it badly we dissected the root cutter, fitted it up and ground the knives, it will not require more than half the muscle to ~~turn~~ drive it now as previously. Today a high west wind and freezing sharp.

## **SUNDAY, 30.**

Walked to S. School this morning the roads being dry and level. lesson I Samuel XX 35 to 42 "David and Jonathan". one of the most interesting narratives in the Bible. Heard Rev Jno Learoyd preach in Brampton C M Church tonight. text, Romans XIV, 17th.

## **Jan. MONDAY, 31. 1876.**

The weather today has been superb, the sun shining bright and warm all day. This season so far has been remarkably fine. Spent the day threshing peas with flail. At home tonight reading "Country Gentleman".

## **Feb. TUESDAY, 1.**

This month has brought a revolution in weather prospects. 6 or 8 inches of soft heavy snow fell this afternoon & tonight. Today we sold a black ash tree to the Indians @ two baskets and pair of leather moccasins. I split the top logs into rails making 23. Spent Evening at the Grange.

## **WEDNESDAY, 2.**

Thermometer at zero, a high wind and the snow drifting into huge banks. Drove to Brampton to take sister Emma to school. Threshed our bean crop with the "poverty stick", have 3 pecks of good sample off 1/30 of an acre. Had a call tonight from J C Snell and Mr B McNichol of Orangeville.

## **Feb. THURSDAY, 3. 1876.**

Drove sleigh to Brampton this morning and brought the two old ladies Mrs. Featherstone & Mrs Trueman also Hattie Modeland up to visit us. Snow fell fast most all day the sleighing is only passable yet. Had another trip tonight with our visitors to their homes.

## **FRIDAY, 4.**

Mother, Rilley & Elsie went to J Mundy's Gallery and had their photographs taken. Not doing much business these days the weather being cold and blustering. Had a look through Mr B Watson's livestock he has some good sheep & cattle. At Choir Practice tonight.

## **SATURDAY, 5.**

Bought a box of the Derby Cattle food through the Grange; is used as a tonic for the stock. Hauling cordwood today from lower woods. This afternoon I met with a mishap in breaking the knee of the sleigh which stopped wood work for today. Cousin Lizzie Ferguson went home today to Toronto after a month's visit.

## **Feb. SUNDAY, 6. 1876.**

At 10 A.M. went to Brampton to Quarterly Meeting in C. M. church. Rev Jno Learoyd preached. text. Hebrews V 9th & 10th. A sound practical sermon. Heard the same minister tonight. text. Luke XIII 8th & 9th. a sermon followed that was fully equal to this morning.

## **MONDAY, 7.**

Spent forenoon in repairing the broken sleigh. Improved every hour this afternoon at hauling wood over the creek as the ice is getting unsound once more. At home tonight reading "Country Gentleman," this paper is steadily improving in appearance and real worth.

## **TUESDAY, 8.**

The roads are muddy and the weather like month of April. Brought our new wagon box home from Harris' shop it is very neatly ironed which part of the work cost about \$7.00. In Brampton tonight to hear Mr. H S Watson of Ottawa lecture on "Prohibition," he spoke ably for 2 hours to a crowd.

## **Feb. WEDNESDAY, 9. 1876.**

Spent the day slinging the "poverty stick" on the peas. Had a call from J C Snell & Dr Brown of Kentucky, who is a sheep speculator. Raining smartly this evening with a promise of another thaw and flood.

## **THURSDAY, 10.**

Drew from "Campbell's" ashery Brampton 3 loads of leached ashes and put them around the roots of trees in young orchard one load to 15 trees. Mrs R Carter here visiting today. Went to Willow Lodge tonight to help arrange the new S S Library of 141 volumes.

## **FRIDAY, 11.**

Spent this forenoon at the blacksmith's (Campbell's No10) getting the team sharp shod all around. In the barn after dinner putting things in order by moving and cleaning a pile of oats. In Brampton tonight at Choir Practice as usual.

## **Feb. SATURDAY, 12. 1876.**

The Etobicoke has been raging for two days, covering the flats from bank to bank. Working in lower woods splitting Elm rails and stakes. Had a visit today from Mrs J C Snell and her family. In Brampton tonight, not doing much business however.

## **SUNDAY, 13.**

A bright beautiful day. At S. School lesson I Samuel XXXI. "The death of Saul and his sons". The children received the new library. At Methodist S School in Brampton at 2 PM. Afterwards took tea at Mr Perry's. Heard Rev T Sims preach tonight text II Corinthians VII 11th verse.

## **MONDAY, 14.**

Heavy thunder last night and considerable rain which left a coating of ice on everything outside but fortunately today was warm and it soon melted off the trees without much damage. Was making a wagon seat to correspond with the new box. sold the old spring to Mr Harris @ 50¢.

## **Feb. TUESDAY, 15. 1876.**

Worked faithfully all day at the peas but the weather is too mild to make good progress. Have yet fully 200 bushels of good clean oats on hand. Spent evening at Edmonton Grange, settled some small accounts with its Treasurer.

## **WEDNESDAY, 16.**

Bought of "Peaker & Runians" a patent ironbacked seat for wagon also one pair of steel springs for it. total \$5.25. After dinner we started work on the seat. In Brampton tonight at a Dramatic, Entertainment in the Hall by the "Oddfellows", the drama was called *{name is entered on next day}*

## **THURSDAY, 17.**

The Temperance Doctor, and was a success. Today we finished the wagon seat and it is a neat & light affair. At home tonight reading the "Peel Banner" &c &c. Weather dry and frosty of late. Had a settlement with S Bunting yesterday, gave him \$7.25 for cutting 14 cords of wood.

## **Feb. FRIDAY, 18. 1876.**

Drove to Brampton this morning with new wagon box and took it to G Bradley's paint shop. After noon was hauling rails to make a temporary lane to the rye patch for next spring. Visitors today Mesdames R Smith G Davis & R Nichols. At Choir Practice tonight.



## **SATURDAY, 19.**

Emma and I went to Brampton at 9 A.M. She to the dentist W K Graham for to get her teeth filled. "J B Gough" in very large letters is stretched right across over the street, it is a good reminder of the approaching lecture. Weather cool, dry, and pleasant.

## **SUNDAY, 20.**

Drove spring wagon up to S School a very large attendance, lesson II Samuel V 14 to 25, "David established king over all Israel". This quarter's lessons are very interesting being full of narratives and historic facts as well as knowledge unto eternal life. Heard Rev J Salton preach tonight text Ecclesiastes XI 9th verse

## **Feb. MONDAY, 21. 1876**

Shouldered my chopping axe once again and marched to "lower bush" with a light joyous step to work up the remainder of that Elm tree, it has made 60 stakes 12 rails & one cord of firewood. To night a deputation of 4 from our family went to Brampton C M Church to hear "John R Gough" of New York lecture on \_ {see next entry}

## **TUESDAY, 22.**

"Circumstances". There was an audience of over 700 @ 50¢ tickets present. He spoke nearly two hours, principally good practical advice for every day life, spiced with anecdotes both grave & gay. He also related some of his own life experience. Spent today working around the farm yard. Cold and blustering.

## **WEDNESDAY, 23.**

The thermometer at sunrise today showed 5° below zero, accompanied by a stiff nor-wester. After dinner was helping neighbour Learment to clean peas. Sold a fine 3 year old cow to Mr R Williamson @ \$55.00 cash have fed her for 3 months but the beef market is dull so we had to sell at a sacrifice.

## **Feb. THURSDAY, 24. 1876.**

Mr Edwin Dixon from Amaranth staid here all last night, he having brought a load of grain to market. Today was chopping black ash into firewood. Bought a new music book for piano, containing a great variety of fast music @ \$2.50.

## **FRIDAY, 25.**

Hauling logs for firewood on sleigh down the creek on the ice, this being the first chance this year of finding the ice strong enough to travel on with team for 10 rods or so. Have all the firewood now hauled over the Etobicoke. Had a good Choir Practice tonight indeed.

## **SATURDAY, 26.**

Received a newspaper from uncle T J Harrington of Carthage, Miss. Our folks spent forenoon in town shopping &c &c. After noon I had a brief inspection of live stock at "Willow Lodge". There is a fine lot of young lambs. Today a cold raw east wind with every prospect of a storm.

## **Feb. SUNDAY, 27. 1876**

The Anniversary services of the C M Church, Brampton, were held today. Rev S J Hunter of Toronto preached this morning. text. I Peter I, 8th verse also the same minister preached tonight text II Kings 2, 9th to 14th verses Both sermons abounded in plain gospel truth. Eloquently set forth.

## **MONDAY, 28.**

A snow storm last night and the promise of sleighing for the week. Sold and delivered to W. Campbell, No 10, 3 cords of second class hardwood @ \$3.00 per cord on next fall's acc't. Spent evening at Fruit Festival C M Church, Brampton. Rev S J Hunter gave a lecture on "Scottish Covenanters".

## **TUESDAY, 20.**

The lecture last night was grand and the story of those old "Worthies" never grows old. Today was spent with team at a bee for Mr R Nichols hauling freestone from Townsends (near Caledon) to Brampton for a new house. Spent tonight seeing neighbour R Watson, evening passed with social chat & apples.

## **March. WEDNESDAY, 1. 1876.**

Spring month (Bon seur) welcome! A mild wintry day thawing a little. Cut and drew to Brampton on sleigh two sugar maple logs (about 16 inches average) to R Aitken's steam saw mill for flooring. At home tonight attending a sick yearling colt having severe bruise on shoulder.

## **THURSDAY, 2.**

Today made two trips to Brampton with a maple and a basswood log. Brought home 438 ft of maple flooring. it is not well sawed being left too thick but it was hard frozen. Tonight was spent in reading "Jack Harkaway's" Adventures.

### **FRIDAY, 3.**

Took down two more logs today a rock elm & basswood, and brought home all the lumber total 1100 ft. Elm sawed into plank & scantling & basswood into timber for a new hay rack. Sister Emma & I spent this evening in Brampton at the Carnival on the Skating Rink.

### **March. SATURDAY, 4. 1876.**

Fine bright weather the snow is fast clearing away under the powerful rays of old Sol! Had a trip to "Willow Lodge" on business. Had visitors this afternoon, Misses M York, E Carter, E McFaul & Emma Snell.

### **SUNDAY, 5**

A warm spring day thawing fast and muddy roads. Drove sleigh along fence sides up to S School this morning lesson II Samuel VII 18 to 25. "God's Covenant with David." A large attendance of scholars and several visitors. A west rain this evening prevented my getting to church.

### **MONDAY, 6.**

Done this morning what will likely be the last wood hauling on sleigh this winter from lower woods as the Etobicoke is up and raging from the effects of the sudden thaw of yesterday and rain of last night. Our folks went to Mr Jos Pearen's auction sale of Farm stock. &c &c

### **March. TUESDAY, 7. 1876.**

Spent forenoon around the barn yard attending to sundry duties connected with new arrivals among the life stock, especially among the sheep. After dinner went over to Mr J C Smith's Auction Sale of Farm Stocks. Sales are successful this winter as a rule, every article brings it's full value

### **WEDNESDAY, 8.**

Egerton Ferguson of Toronto came here this forenoon to visit us for a few days. Also we had some more visitors viz. Misses Elsie, Emma & Hattie Modeland and Lulu Main, so we had a general good time this afternoon and evening, drove the girls to Brampton to their homes

### **THURSDAY, 9.**

Was threshing peas all day with flail. Father went to Brampton to see Haggert Bros extra fine threshing machine which they have built for to show at American Centennial Fair at Philadelphia. Spent this evening at Thorn Grove Grange No 93. near Mt Pleasant, about 62 members and are prospering.

**March. Friday, 10. 1876.**

Loaned J Learment's fanning mill (as our own is not in working order for to clean some Treadwell wheat which will try the merits of any mill as it contains a large quantity of chess and cockle. In Brampton tonight at Choir Practice and we had a good sing indeed.

**Saturday, 11.**

Completed the job we started at yesterday, as an estimate only we will have yet over 150 bushels of good sample of Treadwell wheat. Cleaned from it fully 12 bush of foul seeds. A mild spring day but raining beautifully tonight now look out for the Mud, mud, Mud.

**Sunday, 12**

Raining smartly this morning, and therefore was prevented from going to S School. Spent the day reading, music, and considerable time in barnyard. Heard Rev J Salton preach in Brampton tonight, text Ezekiel XLVII 9th verse. A rough stormy night, some snow falling since dark.

**March. Monday, 13. 1876.**

Some 5 or 6 inches of snow fell during last night, a high wind today is blowing it into drifts. Tonight the mercury is down to zero. Spent most of the day in stock yard and there can be a great deal of time profitably spent there, more than the great majority of farmers do.

**Tuesday, 14.**

Our visitor, E{d}gie Ferguson left here for "Willow Lodge" for a few days. Today have not done much extra business, Sawed a few logs with cross-cut in door yard for firewood, we have yet 3 months dry stove wood on hand. Received from R Smith, M.P. Ottawa, two pamphlets one a description of Manitoba.

**Wednesday, 15.**

J C Snell and family were here today on a visit, the children enjoyed themselves by having a good romp all over the house. Sold to R. Williamson a 3 yr old heifer @ \$35.00 and a calf @ \$4.00. Spent evening at home as usual and half an hour at 9 P.M. in sheep house.

**March. Thursday, 16. 1876.**

A fierce N.E. snow storm lasted all day, a high wind but only 2 inches of snow had fallen at dark tonight. Spent the day in barn threshing and fanning peas, it will take 2 day's work yet to finish the job. The sheep are prospering, have 16 young lambs.

### **Friday, 17.**

Had a sleigh-drive around by Willow Lodge this morning also drew to Brampton 1/2 cord green hardwood & gave it to Mr Bradley, in part pay for painting. Brought home the new box, it is green and striped with drab & white. Spent evening in Brampton at the skating rink.

### **Saturday, 18.**

A bitter cold day, 10° below zero this morning and stood at zero all day. Was not off the farm all day but found plenty of jobs around the barn one cannot make live stock too comfortable a day like this At home tonight winding up the weeks work.

### **March. Sunday, 19. 1876.**

Drove sleigh in ditches for snow up to S.School this morning, text II Samuel XVIII 24 to 33. "The death of Absalom" Last Sunday's lesson being about his rebellion and today of his defeat and death. Heard Rev Jno Salton preach tonight in C M church, Brampton text Romans V, 18th verse.

### **Monday, 20.**

Spent an hour this morning at Willow Lodge on business. A heavy snow storm started at noon, so was working inside barn after dinner. Put a 50¢ copper ring in the yearling bull's (Duke of Rose Lea) nose. At home this evening. Prof. Kennedy *{blot}* the great Scotch Vocalist sings in Brampton tonight.

### **Tuesday, 21.**

Sawed 2, 12 ft hemlock logs and took them to saw mill for plank. Drew 1 cord of soft elm to the Ashery @ \$2.00 per cord. About one foot of snow fell yesterday. Spent evening at Edmonton Grange No 130, a full attendance one initiated. ordered a \$13.00 Gananoque cultivator.

### **March. Wednesday, 22. 1876.**

To Brampton in good season this morning with a load of softwood to Ashery. Spent afternoon at John Snell's Son's Auction Sale of Implements and Berkshires, the bidding was dull and hardly anything brought its real value a good deal was "sacrificed".

### **Thursday, 23.**

Drew the last load of wood to Brampton this morning and tough work it was for the horses sleigh runners grinding on the gravel. Flailing peas this afternoon. Our folks went to town on business errands. Visitors this evening Mrs Henry Townsend & Miss Susie Campbell.

**Friday, 24.**

Put on the finishing touches to the teaming in "lower woods" by hauling up the new rails and scattering the new stakes in their places along the woods fence next the fall wheat field. After dinner we drew 4 loads of hay from one mow to other for convenience in feeding, the prospects are good for having enough feed for stock

**March. Saturday, 25. 1876.**

In town last evening and at Choir Practice. This morning we had another snow fall of 4 inches & through today considerable rain from N. East. Could not do much business today except some odd jobs around and repairing some broken articles. Went to Willow Lodge this evening for Mother and Elsie.

**Sunday, 26.**

At S Sunday School this morning lesson, A Review of the past quarters lessons, this golden text in Psalms XXXVII 34th verse. At 2 PM. attended the C. M. S. School, Brampton. Took tea at J W Main's and spent three hours very pleasantly. Heard Rev Jno Learoyd tonight text, Acts XVII, 31st verse.

**Monday, 27.**

Spent forenoon preparing a load of grain for chopping. &c. &c. After dinner drove to town in wagon with 14 bags of oats and peas to Steam Mill. At Robertson's Harness shop, ordered to be made a sett of team harness. Spent evening at Safe Guard Lodge I.O.G.T No 350, pleasantly, a good attendance of members and visitors

**March. Tuesday, 28. 1876.**

Working in yard all forenoon. Our folks drove to town on busines Sold to R Williamson the 3 yr old cow and calf @ \$35.00 and helped to drive her to Brampton and we had a sorry job of it as a blinding snow storm set in at noon today and continues steadily until bed time.

**Wednesday, 29.**

Yesterday's storm has been the heaviest of the season. Fully one foot of snow has fallen and we may expect some sleighing for a while. Drove sister Emma down to High school this morning. Spent the day shovelling snow and in the barn yard, Tonight reading "Jack Harkaway", Jimmie Taylor left here for home today.

### **Thursday, 30.**

Drove to town again this morning on same mission as yesterday Bought at Mason's Factory a pine table top for kitchen table @ .75¢ Gave our a colt "Nellie" another training in double harness. Spent this evening at R Smith's M P with a few young folks in chat and fun generally.

### **March. Friday, 31. 1876.**

Hauled from Brampton "Ashery" on sleigh 3 loads of ashes also one yesterday, this completes the young orchard's top dressing. Went with 20 of members of the "Safe Guard" Lodge No 350 IOGT, to visit Drury Star Temple tonight We had a pleasant evening and a good sleigh ride.

### **April. Saturday, 1.**

A bright frosty day, thawing only where the sun shone bright tolerably ~~only~~ good sleighing Spent the day threshing peas with flail. The sheep and cattle are thriving now, have 28 young lambs, not having lost any yet, they are a promising lot. Have 3 Short-horn heifer calves.

### **Sunday, 2.**

Drove sleigh to S. School this morning lesson, "The Acts" I 1 to 12 "The Ascending Lord Jesus" This Quarters lessons will all be very interesting and profitable. J C Snell and family spent afternoon here. Heard Rev Jno Learoyd preach in Brampton tonight text I Kings XVIII 36 to 38.

### **April. MONDAY, 3. 1876**

Brought home from Brampton this morning a Gananoque two section cultivator, buying it through the medium of Grange @ \$13.50 cash. The cultivator is all iron with 24 steel pointed teeth and is strongly made. At home tonight, reading, &c.

### **TUESDAY, 4**

Paid a visit and stock inspecting to Willow Lodge, Mr Elias Snell's & Mr Berry Watson's At each of those places there is good prospects for fine crops of lambs. Brought home an anvil bought at Snell's sale @ \$1.50. spent evening at the Grange Two were initiated and a large stock of supplies ordered.

### **WEDNESDAY, 5.**

Bought of Jno Learment 20 bush of peas @ 67¢ which transaction will make us on the square once more, he owing us for a ram bought last fall. Our neighbour R Watson spent afternoon here in social chat and consequently we did not do much work.

## **April. THURSDAY, 6. 1876.**

Started work on a two weeks job namely, cutting with buck saw and splitting about 14 cords of wood, mostly half dry but will work up pretty well. This afternoon we put a new top on kitchen table and painted it, put some improvements on the flour chest in the way of partition for different kinds of meal.

## **FRIDAY, 7.**

Sawing firewood during the greater part of the day and managed to blister my hands at the business. The last calf of this season arrived today, we have had 7 this spring. will only raise 4 of them. spent evening at Choir Practice a large turnout of members and visitors.

## **SATURDAY, 8.**

Bright warm days and frosty nights. The roads are very bad just now there being enough snow banks along them to keep the water on them. At the same work as yesterday, have now 4½ cords sawed and some split and piled in shed.

## **April. SUNDAY, 9. 1876.**

A fine bright spring morning and lovely muddy roads, very much so. Started for S School on horseback but the horse took fright and giving a sudden side lurch sent me sprawling in the mud had to spend the day at home in consequence. This evening in town and heard a blind man preach in C M Church text. John I 5th.

## **MONDAY, 10.**

Rode to town this morning on horseback. Ordered to be made a black suit of clothes @ K. C. & Co. Bought at Mitchell's a gold locket for my watch chain @ \$1.25. Hired a boy of 18 yrs for 7 months @ \$16.00 per month. Rev John Ryan of York, England lectures in Brampton tonight on temperance.

## **TUESDAY, 11.**

Our boy Daniel Fletcher started work this morning. We were sawing, splitting and piling fire wood all day. The warmest day we have had this spring, and I was glad to don a straw hat the sun being so bright & strong. There are some large snow banks along the fences yet.

## **April. WEDNESDAY, 12. 1876.**

Drove to town this morning with grist to mill, also to Treadgold's for some repairs on sewing machine and some other minor affairs. After dinner was working at the wood. &c. Raining more or less all day and evening prospect of a speedy spring.



## **THURSDAY, 13.**

With the help of one of Mr Perry's men we tore down the fireplace and chimney in the dining room and some other slight changes around the room. Had a trip with wagon for sand over to Hunters and another to Brampton for lime and things for plastering, also it was raining pleasantly all day.

## **FRIDAY, 14.**

Completed the job of yesterday and will make a decided improvement to the dining room. Our women folks are very busy spring house clearing and papering several of the rooms with help of Father. In town tonight at Choir Practice. Today was a holiday in Brampton.

## **April. SATURDAY, 15. 1876.**

Working today at the firewood, we are getting things once more pretty well into shape there. Spent afternoon in town, bought a broadcast spring-hoe sower from Thayer agent for Oshawa firm where they are made @ \$75.00. The roads are extremely bad.

## **SUNDAY, 16.**

Walked through the mud up to S. School at 10 AM lesson Acts II 12 to 28. "Peter's defence against the unjust charges of the Jews" A good attendance of scholars considering the weather. Heard Rev Jno Salton preach in C M church Brampton tonight. text I Thessal<sup>s</sup> IV 14th verse. The choir sang "Old Easter Anthem".

## **MONDAY, 17.**

Helping to paper the walls of the dining room and by working late and constant we completed it. We have had a long spell of house cleaning and the girls are glad it is so near done. The weather is cold and windy with very frosty nights. At home this evening reading, &c.

## **April. TUESDAY, 18. 1876**

Working in the woodyard still. will have fully a year & one half's wood in advance stored up ready for use. Father was visiting our neighbour, Mr S Huxley who has been very ill for two months past. Today is my twenty fifth birthday. The wheels of time are turning rapidly.

## **WEDNESDAY, 19.**

Father drove spring wagon to town this morning on a little "truck" and "trade" business, eggs and butter for some needful articles. Lent a helping hand to neighbour J Learment in fixing a pump. Spent the day in the woodyard. Weather is still rather backward.

## **THURSDAY, 20.**

Drove to town this morning and brought home our new seeder and cultivator combined and gave our note for seven months without interest. After dinner I took a tramp around the farm inspecting the prospects for getting at the spring work, the ground is soft.

## **April. FRIDAY, 21. 1876.**

Started fencing operations for the first time this spring by getting the Woodhall line fence in order for staking but can go no further at present because of frost in the ground. Drove to town this evening the roads are nearly dry. No choir practice as the church is being frescoed inside.

## **SATURDAY, 22.**

Spent the day chopping cord in "lower bush" working on the fallen timber for the sake of putting things in order and give the grass more room for to grow. A heavy two hours rain this evening and mud will abound again.

## **SUNDAY, 23.**

Spent forenoon at S. School lesson Acts II 37 to 47. "The early Christian church". A deeply interesting subject for the study of every one. Took dinner and staid afternoon at "Willow Lodge". Heard Rev Jno Learoyd preach in town tonight. text. Luke XXIII 42 & 43.

## **April. MONDAY, 24. 1876**

Chopping firewood in lower woods also splitting a few rails. Spreading leached ashes around the young orchard trees, also white washing the stone walls of woodshed. Gave the bull "Duke of Rose Lea" a thorough washing with soap and soft water. At home tonight finished reading the books Jack Harkaway.

## **TUESDAY, 25.**

Finished chopping for the present Was grading and fixing the hill at the foot of lane leading to the flats. Tried to plow sod but it is yet to wet. Picking small stones into piles on the meadows. Yesterday we mailed a letter to Mr Jno Ferguson Osborn, Missouri.

## **WEDNESDAY, 26.**

The Spring meeting of Co of Peel Agr Society was held today in Brampton. The attendance of people was unprecedentedly large owing to a very fine day and work on the land not yet started. The show of

horses was very good, of cattle only medium, we took 3rd prize on yearling bull. A good show of machinery.

### **April. Thursday, 27. 1876.**

Another fine day and we will need a great many more yet before the land is in working order. Tried the plowing of sod again this afternoon but gave it up after two hours work until next week. Had a visit this evening from Mr R J Nichols of No 10.

### **Friday, 28.**

Had a heavy rain last night. Spent the day at various jobs such as oiling and cleaning the harness, cleaning up some seed barley, spreading manure on the meadows. In Brampton this evening. Received from H. C & Co a new suit of black "diagonal" @ \$31.00 Also at Choir Practice.

### **Saturday, 29.**

Working at the Woodhall line fence cannot put in all the stakes yet because of the frost which comes out very slowly indeed. Will it ever come spring this year. I am almost getting impatient. Prospect of a hard frost tonight.

### **April. Sunday, 30. 1876.**

Spent morning at S School. lesson Acts III, 1 to 12. "The lame man healed". A miracle wrought by Peter and John at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple in Jerusalem. Heard Rev Jno Learoyd preach in town tonight. text, Romans XII 9th verse, subject, Christian hatred.

### **May. Monday, 1.**

A clear frosty morning. The land not yet ready for spring work. Spent forenoon in sowing 900 lbs of land plaster on a 7½ acre field of young clover. After noon at the fence building over the creek at the Wiggin's line. My sisters and I spent the evening in visiting Mr R J Nichols of No 10.

### **Tuesday, 2.**

Plowing sod in field over the creek and finished it. There are some four acres of sod plowed in that field beside the fall wheat. Commenced sowing black oats in field behind barn with our new broadcast seeder, doing all the cultivating with it also.

### **May, Wednesday, 3. 1876**

Plowing sod in front field all day, set up fully 1½ acres, it is very heavy work but the horses are fresh and strong. There is fully 11 acres in field. Spent evening in company with neighbour R Watson, fishing with net in Etobicoke for "suckers" but we only caught two or three.

### **Thursday, 4.**

At same work as yesterday the ground is getting harder every day. Completed the oat field with other team, worked the seeder with 3 horses and gave the field a stroke with iron harrow afterwards. The weather is dry and pretty warm. At home tonight reading Peel Banner

### **Friday, 5.**

Had one team cultivating the ground for barley, using the seeder as a cultivator only for that purpose. Plowing sod with other team. A drizzling rain fell nearly all day, it will make the ground too wet for sowing anything this week.

### **May. Saturday, 6. 1876.**

Plowed over an acre & 1/2 of sod today, pretty heavy work on the team. Father bought of Jno Robertson, Brampton a new sett of black team harness @ \$24.00. Plant a few young apple trees from ~~Goderich~~ Rochester. In town tonight on foot.

### **Sunday 7.**

Walked to town at 10 A.M. to attend Quarterly meeting Rev J G Scott of Minto preached text Mark XIV 4th verse Took dinner and tea at J. W. Mains. At S School after dinner. Heard Rev J G Scott preach tonight, text, Daniel VII 2 to 9th verses

### **Monday, 8.**

Plowed 1½ acres of sod today. Sowed on field beyond the creek 16 bushels of mixed grain, 10 of oats and 6 of peas, as an experiment on a mixed crop. Mr Samuel Huxley died last night, aged 56, after a 2 month sickness. Spent evening and sat up all night as a watch or wake with two or three more.

### **May. Tuesday, 9. 1876.**

Spent forenoon at same work as yesterday. We have more or less rain falling every day. Spent afternoon at funeral of late S Huxley, he was buried in Brampton by Rev. J Jaliffe P.M. minister, who preached from text, Hebrews IV 9th verse.

### **Wednesday, 10.**

The Peel Spring Assize Court is held in Brampton this week father is a Grand Juror. Rain! Rain!! until the ground is almost mortar. Drove up to H Dyers for 18 young maples and planted them in front field along the road. Also planted some horse chesnuts from our garden nursery.

### **Thursday, 11.**

A fine bright day. Brampton was crowded with people attending the Court, there being several important trials, one for murder. Spent forenoon repairing fences. Afternoon was plowing sod in front field. J C Snell and wife were here this evening to tea.

### **May. Friday, 12. 1876.**

Was almost compelled to go to the woods this morning to find a job, the ground being so saturated with water. Was crosscut- sawing some fallen hemlocks. Spent afternoon in town attending the Court, the house was crowded to hear the "Ward" trial, it was 10 o'clock tonight when we left court.

### **Saturday, 13.**

Was fixing the line fence at the creek next to R Watson. Was plowing sod afternoon and nearly finished the front field. Father attended Mrs D Smith's Auction Sale of house furniture. C Ward of Caledon was condemned by the jury for murder of his wife and sentenced to be hung on June 20th.

### **Sunday, 14.**

At S. School this forenoon lesson Acts IV 8 to 22, "Christian Courage as shown by Peter and John". J C Snell & Family took dinner here as this is their 8th wedding anniversary. This evening heard in town at C M Church Rev E H Dewart of Toronto preach text II Corinthians IV 5th verse.

### **May. Monday, 15. 1876.**

Started this morning to sow barley with broadcast seeder. 2 bush to an acre, also sowing at same time clover & timothy, 7 quarts to acre. However at 10 oclock A.M. a heavy east rain set in and once more seeding operations were blockaded. In town tonight at C M Church, at meeting of "Young peoples aid society" to raise money for painting Church.

## **Tuesday, 16.**

The weather has cleared up again and ground drying slowly. Afternoon we resumed operations in barley field, running the harrow once over, after the seeder, the seed is then well covered. Visitors this evening Miss Emily Snell.

## **Wednesday, 17.**

Rain! How it rains. This morning we had a soaking thunder shower of one hour, which has made the ground wetter than any time yet this season. Spent most of the day cutting courses for the water to drain off. Done the first garden work today sowing parsnip seed &c &c.

## **May. Thursday, 18. 1876.**

Started sowing peas (mixed "c{illegible}" and "golden vine") on the sod field this morning with the seeder at rate of 2½ bush per acre. The seeder done the same as one stroke with harrow. Spent evening in town at Methodist Church social given by Young People, Realized \$35

## **Friday, 19.**

Finished sowing peas put 26 bush on 10½ acres, harrowed it twice over and water furrowed it. Tried to sow barley this afternoon but the ground is not in condition yet. At home tonight, feasting on newspapers.

## **Saturday, 20.**

At work early this morning sowing barley for our house when a "smacking" shower wound up business for this week. Spent remainder of day at all sorts of jobs, such as raking and cleaning up dooryard and sowing grass seeds in bare spots.

## **May. Sunday, 21. 1876.**

A heavy thunder shower last night. At S School this morning lesson, Acts IV 23 to 35. "Christian Fellowship in early church". A very warm day indeed. At 4 P.M. we had the heaviest rain yet this season, raising Etobicoke to a great height and sweeping away all the fences over the same.

## **Monday, 22**

A fine clear day after the storm of last night which has swept several bridges on public roads besides leaving the ground so saturated with water that it will be 2 or 3 days before any more seeding can be done. Spent the whole day ditching in the pea field, wading in mud and water all day.

## **Tuesday, 23.**

Last night we had a severe frost but fortunately the fruit blossoms are scarcely out yet so that little damage is done. Spent the day repairing fences. The grass is growing finely now. Commenced pasturing the rye with the sheep. Still feeding the cattle as in winter.

## **May. Wednesday, 24. 1876.**

This is a time honored public holiday, but we are too busy as well as all farmers to keep it this year. Finished sowing our last barley field. Viney, Gem and I spent evening in town at a Concert in the Hall for benefit of P. M. S. School. the singing was all local talent. A large audience

## **Thursday, 25.**

We are having dry warm weather this week and the land is only just getting into good working condition. Planted a few "Early Rose" potatoes in garden. Started the job of hauling barn yard manure on the root ground. At home tonight reading the "Peel Banner".

## **Friday, 26.**

The ground allotted for roots, we are plowing today an acre or two of it, there being 6 acres which is too much; Sowed the 1½ acres with barley. Rolled the 10½ acres of peas. Broke the metal head of the roller and paid to Haggert Bros \$3.00 for a new one.

## **May. Saturday, 27. 1876.**

Washed the sheep (30) in Etobicoke on R Watson's flats this forenoon. Afternoon I done an extra half day's work in rolling 13 acres of barley and peas. Weather grows warmer every day and no rain has fallen for one week. The pear and cherry trees are in bloom.

## **Sunday, 28.**

Spent morning at S School lesson Acts V 1 to 12. "Lying unto God". It being a fine day we had a large school. Afternoon was at C. M. S. School Brampton, the Bible class is very large and interesting. Heard Rev Jno Learoyd preach tonight, text, CXLII 4th verse.

## **Monday, 29.**

Had one team rolling the barley field and the other drawing manure on root ground. Had a heavy shower about noon which stopped business for a time. Was repairing the Watson line fence over the creek. The apple blossoms are just bursting into bloom.

### **May. Tuesday, 30. 1876.**

Plowed the land for potatoes and mangolds, it having a coat of manure at a rate of 15 loads to acre. Sowed with our old hand drill 2 lbs of Yellow Globe mangold seed on 1/2 acre, near the center of old orchard field

### **Wednesday, 31.**

Spent forenoon at job of planting potatoes, putting 10 bush "Early Rose" & 1/2 bush "Garnet Chili" on 2/3 of an acre. plowed them in Also planted two drills of white beans, the old orchard field being "variety" field this year. Had a visit this evening from Jennie Peacock & A F Campbell.

### **June. Thursday, 1.**

And a real June day it has been, bright and warm, everything out of doors is as green as it can be. Spent the whole day, shearing 30 sheep, they will average about {blank space} lbs each the wool is nearly all of good quality. Father shorn 8 of them and I 22.

### **June. Friday, 2. 1876.**

Was engaged in cross plowing a piece of land on the "flats" that was broken out of sod last fall intended for planting with corn for fodder. Had other team plowing land for rape. In town tonight at Choir practice, had a slim turn out though.

### **Saturday, 3.**

Completed the jobs we started at yesterday. About ten o'clock however a rain started which lasted most of the day and put a stop to work generally. At Campbell's blacksmith shop getting horses shod. There is now a promise of good crops especially grass and pasturage

### **Sunday, 4.**

At S School this morning, lesson Acts V, 12 to 23. "The Apostle in prison". Took dinner and spent afternoon at Willow Lodge pleasantly in social talk reading and music. In Brampton C M Church tonight and heard Mr Jas Gooderham of Streetsville preach text. Jeremiah XII, 5th.

### **June. Monday, 5. 1876**

Working hard all day at hauling manure on rye ground for millet. drew 22 loads, scattering it from wagon besides repairing the road to field which is badly cut up by travel on when wet. At home tonight.



## **Tuesday, 6.**

Finished the work of yesterday putting 30 loads on the 3 acres. Have drew out about 90 loads of manure this spring have fully 60 loads yet. Spent Evening at Edmonton Grange, the attendance of members was fair, some joining almost every night of meeting

## **Wednesday, 7.**

Plowing at 5 o'clock A.M. at land for millet. Started doing the statute labor on our division this morning We put in 4 days today and broke the plow share. Weather has been quite cool with prospect tonight for more rain.

## **June. Thursday, 8. 1876.**

Let our man and team go on and work at the statute labour. Was drilling up and sowing 1½ acres of rape in fall wheat field some that we had plowed up, it being winter killed. Also sowed in drills one bushel of Yankee corn on ¾ of an acre of ground on the flats. Sowed rest of the plot 1/2 acre with Hungarian grass.

## **Friday, 9.**

Today finished plowing the rye ground. Destroyed the tent caterpillars on apple trees, there being unusual good supply of them. Had visitors this afternoon Mrs J C Snell and Miss K F Snell Spent this evening at a garden party in the grounds of the "Castle" Brampton, for C M Church.

## **Saturday, 10.**

Sowed 1¾ bush of mixed Millet & Hungarian grass seed on 3½ acres of ground in old orchard. Started plowing the land for turnips, it works pretty well considering it is first plowing this spring. Today has been the hottest day thus far this year. Had some nice showers yesterday.

## **June. Sunday, 11. 1876.**

Went to S School this morning in spring wagon. lesson, Acts V 27 to 42. "The Apostles arraigned before the Sanhedrin". A good attendance of scholars & teachers. This evening in town heard Rev Jno Salton preach text, II Kings V 12th verse.

**Monday, 12.**

Working both teams all day cultivating and getting into "fittle" the turnips. After tea we started drilling up and sowing swede turnip seed at rate of 3 lbs to an acre. Worked too late tonight for to spend the evening in town as was my intentions.

**Tuesday, 13.**

Reckon we have at last come to the close of seeding of all kinds. Sowed 7 lbs of seed (turnips) on 2 1/3 acres. Went to Brampton at noon to attend the County Court as a petit Juror, this being my first experience in this line -

**June. Wednesday, 14. 1876.**

Went to Brampton at 9 A.M. and spent the entire day at the Court House listening to the lawyers wrangling and disputing about law and witnesses swearing both true and false statements. The day was warm indeed.

**Thursday, 15.**

To town again this morning and at Court until noon when the jurors were discharged and received their pay \$1.50 per day. After dinner at the "Revere" I went to the opening service of the New Baptist Church. Spent evening at Mr Goldings play croquet &c.

**Friday, 16.**

Took G.T. train at 10 A.M. for Toronto. Attended J Snell's Sons Auction Sale of Short-horns on Crystal Palace grounds, the prices paid were very good, average about \$400. per head for cows & \$300 for bulls. Had a short stroll through the streets and came home at 6 P.M. At Choir Practice tonight.

**June. Saturday, 17. 1876.**

At work again after a four days release. Our boy has been cutting thistles out of the spring grain with a spud and we were at this job today. There are a great amount of them as the spring suited their growth. Had a nice rain this forenoon, the turnips are up nicely.

**Sunday, 18.**

In the forenoon at S School lesson, Acts VI chap. "The seven deacons chosen and set apart for their work by the Apostles". At home this afternoon, Aunt Lizzie Ferguson & Jennie are staying with us a few days. Spent evening at C M Church Brampton. Heard a young man preach text John III 14th

**Monday, 19.**

At work today constructing a new hay rack, made on the same principle as the old one (Humphrey's patent). the lumber is rock elm and basswood. Mrs E Ferguson, Viney & I drove to J C Snell's and spent the evening.

**June. Tuesday, 20. 1876.**

Finished the job of spuding thistles in spring grain have just been one week at it. Have the new rack nearly finished, is 14½ ft long and very strongly got-up. Received from T Crowforth for 3 fat sheep \$15.00. Weather is quite cool, with some light showers.

**Wednesday, 21.**

Was horse hoeing the rape corn and potatoes, also the mangolds, these crops are in need of more rain just now there growth is nearly at a standstill. Had a team drawing manure into a pile in the field.

**Thursday, 22.**

Sold and delivered to K. C & Co 102 bush Treadwell @ \$1.02 per bush. also the same 260 .lbs of wool @ 27¢ per lb. Settled a \$40.00 acc/ there. The wool market is very dull this season, and at present no prospects of improvement. Our fleeces averaged nearly 9 lbs.

**June. Friday, 23. 1876.**

Spent forenoon at mowing with the scythes, the fence corners around several of the grain fields, this grass is particularly good this season and will pay well for the time taken in curing it for hay. In town this evening at Choir practice and doing some necessary errands.

**Saturday, 24.**

The earth presents a very handsome appearance just now the fields are laden with the perfume of clover blossoms and grain has a deep rich green color, early peas are in blossom & barley just ready to shoot out. We drew in our first load of new hay from fence sides.

**Sunday, 25.**

Drove spring wagon to S School lesson, A Review of the past Quarter's lessons. The book of the Acts is one of deep interest and we have only studied the first six chapters during 3 months. Heard Rev Jno Learoyd preach in town tonight, text, John 1st 29 verse.

### **June. Monday, 26. 1876.**

This morning we started to cut clover with mower, it is a very fair crop and somewhat down & tangled, will not be able to cut it neatly. Spent evening in town at the semi-monthly meeting of Young People's Association of C M Church Music, readings &c &c.

### **Tuesday, 27.**

Working this forenoon in root crop and hoeing corn. Run the mower again this afternoon and drew in three loads of first class hay. The clover is just in full bloom very few of the blossoms faded any. Weather very warm and dry.

### **Wednesday, 28.**

Finished mowing the clover field. Borrowed R Watson's sulky rake for to try how we would like it before buying one, it makes far less work for both man & beast at times of raking but hardly rakes as clean as the revolving rake, the first time over the field.

### **June. Thursday, 29. 1876.**

Worked hard all day and late tonight trying to get all the clover hay in, have 14 loads hauled, there is a small load yet in the field, 7¾ acres. The hay is very bright and green not having had a drop of rain on it from first to last curing.

### **Friday, 30.**

At 8 A. M. I commenced with our mower to cut a 23 acre field of timothy for J C Snell on his upper farm at No 16. Got through with nearly 8 acres of it today. Spent evening and staid all night at Willow Lodge intending to do some work tomorrow, even if it is a public holiday.

### **July. Saturday, 1.**

Worked nearly all forenoon at the job of yesterday when a rain started from the east which promises to be a protracted one so left work and came home. J C S. and family spent afternoon here. In evening we went to Concert Hall, Brampton to a Concert for C M Church, singers & reader were from Toronto, Realized \$

### **July. Sunday, 2. 1876.**

A rainy day, warm and misty. Went to S School on horse back under an umbrella, about 15 persons present lesson, I Chron XXVIII 1 to 10. "King David's charge to his son Solomon on his ascension to the

throne of Israel". Spent remainder of day at home, raining quite hard this evening, but it is a great blessing to the whole country just now.

### **Monday, 3.**

Some more rain the winding up of yesterday's storm. Went to Main's Steam Mill with a load of peas & oats for chopping. Working in the root field, thinning the mangold crop, transplanting some of them, promise a fair crop.

### **Tuesday, 4.**

Resumed cutting grass at Willow Lodge Farm this morning but was stopped by rain again at noon, so came home. At same work as yesterday afternoon. Visitors today, Miss S Fulljames & E Oconnor of Yorkville, Mrs McNichol of Orangeville, K. F. Snell & Mrs J C Snell. Had a nice moonlight drive tonight to No 14 1st line east.

### **July, Wednesday, 5. 1876.**

Spent forenoon in town, waiting for the grinding of a grist of 12 bush of Treadwell wheat. Afternoon were cutting thistles on the flats and resowing the rape plot as the first sowing is nearly destroyed by the flies. We had another heavy shower of rain today.

### **Thursday, 6.**

Was cutting grass all day at J C Snell's, it being a bright warm day the horses suffered somewhat as the machine runs with a heavy draft this year. This evening drove spring wagon load of young ladies up to Snell's lake, it was beautiful moon light.

### **Friday, 7.**

Completed the task of mowing 23 acres of meadow for J. C. S. The weather has been broken which has made the job twice as long in doing it, the hay will be somewhat damaged. Spent evening in town had no attendance at Choir Practice. Sold "Old Fan" mare to E Watson @ \$27.00

### **July. Saturday, 8. 1876.**

Have mowed with scythes the orchard grass  $1\frac{3}{4}$  acres in young orchard and bound it in sheaves, it is ripe and will be handier to thresh when bound. It is a heavy crop. This has been the hottest day yet mercury over 90° in shade nearly all day.

**Sunday, 9.**

At S School at 10 o'clock lesson, II Chron, I 1 to 17, "Solomon's Choice", Wisdom and knowledge before riches and honor. Heard Rev Saml Salton in C M church Brampton tonight text, Luke XII 20th verse.

**Monday, 10.**

Started mowing the ten acre field of timothy on "other place" it promises a very fair crop. Drew in the orchard grass sheaves, two loads. had a very heavy rain this afternoon, so haying is suddenly stopped for a time. Spent evening at meeting of Y. P. A of C M Church.

**July, Tuesday, 11. 1876.**

Dosed the field potatoes with a dry mixture of 15 lbs flour and 1 lb Paris Green. there does not appear to be many Colorado on them yet. Nothing of any account done at hay making today. Spent evening at a Promenade Concert given at Dr Patullo's fine house & grounds by Y. P. Association.

**Wednesday, 12.**

Weather continues dull and sultry. Run the mower two hours this morning. Afternoon drew in four loads of hay but it was not in good order. There is an extreme growth in vegetation the fodder corn planted five weeks ago is now nearly 3 ft high.

**Thursday, 13.**

Finished the mowing. At home and abroad have mowed 40 acres This afternoon we horse-raked what was cut in the morning and had one third of it into cocks when there descended one of the heaviest thunder showers of the season, a real soaker. there are no cracks in the ground now.

**July. Friday, 14. 1876.**

A fine clear day and good weather promises to be for a time at least. Working lively in hay field all day, turning and shaking out the hay and hauling in this evening. Raspberries and cherries are now ripe and in abundance.

**Saturday, 15.**

Hay harvest in completed once more, had 19 loads of timothy hay off 9½ acres. it is of very good quality and unloaded the greater part of it with horse fork. In all we have this year 35 loads of hay, besides a crop of millet now growing very rapidly.

## **Sunday, 16.**

As usual to S School at 10 A.M. lesson, "Solomon's Temple" II Chron XIII 1 to 15. A rather difficult lesson for the teachers yet one that some of the children took an interest in. In town tonight heard Rev Jno Learoyd preach, text Revelations II 10th.

## **July. Monday, 17. 1876.**

At work in the root plot all day, horse hoeing and hand hoeing the turnips, the grass and weeds have got the start of us making it slow and hard work thinning turnips. The promise of a good crop is only middling as far as one can judge at present.

## **Tuesday, 18.**

At same work as yesterday. The millet has grown very rapidly and is just coming out in head in some places. In six weeks from planting the fodder corn has grown to nearly 6 ft in height. Bought a bushel of cherries at No 10 @ \$1 per bush.

## **Wednesday, 19.**

Hoeing turnips continued was the business of today. After tea this evening we made the first start at the harvest by cradling half an acre of Treadwell on the Etobicoke hills facing the south, a heavy crop and straw pretty bright but wheat is a little midged

## **July. Thursday, 20. 1876.**

Heigh Ho! for a drive to the Caledon Mountains. Our whole family and J C Snell's family started early this morning for to spend a day of recreation. We lunched in McLaren's woods and had a fine from his castle 51 ft high. from there we drove through the wild scenery at the forks of the Credit, got home at sundown.

## **Friday, 21.**

We had a very enjoyable day yesterday indeed and look forward eagerly to the time when we will again have a picnic. Separated the ram lambs from the rest of the flock 18 of them they are a good even lot. Spent the day cutting wheat on the hills with reaper.

## **Saturday, 22.**

This morning I started to cut a field of Treadwell for Mr. Jno Woodhall. but at noon rain came and stopped the proceedings, however it only turned out to be a light rain. In town this evening an hour or two got a close hair crop at J E Wood's.

## **July. Sunday, 23. 1876.**

At S School this morning, lesson I Kings VIII, 5 to 21. "The Temple dedicated to worship of God". Afternoon was at C M School Brampton, the Bible class taught by Mr A. Morton, is a good one. Took tea at Mrs Trueman's. Heard Rev Jno Learoyd preach text, tonight, Revelations XXII 17th.

## **Monday, 24.**

Finished cutting 8 acres of wheat for J Woodhall. Our hired man "Dan" is today binding wheat at R Watson's. Afternoon we were reaping and I binding alone at our own wheat, From extreme heat of two weeks past we now have cool weather almost frost at nights.

## **Tuesday, 25.**

With the help of R Watson and man we finished cutting and binding all our wheat some of it will not be worth threshing because of the rust. Afternoon was horsehoeing in the root crops. Made a sale of sheep and Berkshire to J C Snell and Bros.

## **July, Wednesday, 26. 1876.**

Cutting barley for the first today, it is yet rather green in some places not having ripened evenly, was so badly down and twisted that we had to keep two scythes a going all the time where the machine run over it. Miss Jennie Peacock is here on a visit.

## **Thursday, 27.**

Hauling the wheat from over the creek, brought it all in 7 loads beside raking the stubble with swath rake. The weather is very cool and has threatened rain all day and we are having a little rain this evening. Today for the first we had new potatoes.

## **Friday, 28.**

The harvest is rather tardy just now, have to turn the cut barley over every day, it dries so slowly Was drawing the other field of wheat this afternoon, about one half of the field we stored in the barn for fodder but will thresh the rest of it. Sister Em had some lady visitors today from town.



**July. Saturday, 29. 1876.**

Spent most of the day in the barley field, cutting, binding shocking and cocking, as it required. After tea we brought in two loads of loose barley. Went to town tonight on foot. Bought and paid for at W. J. Ewerts a pair of laced fine shoes @ \$6.00.

**Sunday, 30.**

Drove to S School this morning lesson, I Kings VIII, 22 to 30. "King Solomon's" prayer at the dedication of the temple". At home all afternoon reading &c. This evening heard Rev Wm McFadden preach, text, Romans I 16th verse.

**Monday, 31.**

Sent a man and team to R Watson's threshing. With other team we were hauling in barley some half dozen loads in prime condition. Started feeding the fodder corn to the stock, some of it is now mammoth in height the cattle eat it greedily.

**Aug. Tuesday, 1. 1876.**

Finds us this year in the midst of barley harvest. Was reaping with machine most of the day, have about 6 acres yet to cut out of 19 acres. Weather for harvesting is all that could be desired, being dry very dry, the dust on the public roads is oppressive.

**Wednesday, 2.**

Put in a busy time today. In forenoon was binding barley mostly for convenience in hauling in and putting on the top of the mows. Miss Hattie Moreland is our visitor this week. Yesterday morning we put the second application of Paris Green on potatoes.

**Thursday, 3.**

Cut the last of the two fields of barley (18 acres), that on the low ground was green and rusty and will be the worst of the crop. Afternoon was drawing in and unloading with horse fork,

**Aug. Friday, 4. 1876.**

Commenced reaping a 7½ acre field of black oats, there is a good crop except an acre which is blighted with rust on the intense heat of a month ago, Do the most of our hauling in the afternoons. Spent evening at Choir Practice.

## **Saturday, 5.**

Have nearly half of the oats cut and bound up. Cut the last of the barley 1½ acres in old orchard field plowed and manured this spring, sowed on 26th of May, it has proved to be the best barley we have got this season.

## **Sunday, 6.**

Attended Quarterly Meeting at Brampton C M Church Rev Jno Learoyd preached text - Luke XIX 10th verse. Afternoon at home, Heard Rev S Salton preach tonight text Hebrews XI 1st verse A sermon on faith.

## **Aug. Monday, 7. 1876.**

With the help of A. M. Campbell we finished cutting, binding and stooking our oats. Weather continues very dry with any apparent prospects of rain, Early ripe apples and pears are all now the luxuries for the palate.

## **Tuesday, 8.**

Forenoon drawing the last of the barley except the rakings. Spent afternoon cutting with reaper and scythes the crop of mixed oats & peas, it has proved to be a failure, the oats have not kept the peas up from lying on the ground. (Sold first ram lamb to Mr Goulding of Amaranth.

## **Wednesday, 9.**

The result of reaping yesterday was wasting a great many peas. Today we started work in large pea field pulling with scythes. Father mowed part of the Hungarian grass and raked barley stubble with R. Watson's sulky rake.

## **Aug. Thursday, 10. 1876.**

At last we have secured the barley crop by bringing in the rakings. Was drawing the mixed crop, had 8 large loads, which will make good fodder after threshing. In the evening, went through the "Peel Banner" with eagerness as these busy times the papers are refreshing.

## **Friday, 11.**

Had some assistance from our neighbors for half a day at cutting peas, however we were busy all day hauling oats and peas. Also drew a load of Hungarian hay from the flats in first class order. Tonight went through some more newspapers from town.

**Saturday, 12.**

Working lively at drawing in oats, pretty heavy job because of the high pitching in the barn, beside the weather is exceedingly oppressive. The grass is losing all its freshness, which it has maintained so well all summer.

**Aug. Sunday, 13. 1876.**

For various reasons we did not go to S School this morning Being very tired from a very heavy week's work and the day very warm. However it proved a long day around the house and think will not try the same plan again for some time. Heard Rev Jno Learoyd preach tonight text Matt XVII 1st.

**Monday, 14.**

Put in a severe day's work at cutting peas. I cut fully 2 acres, three of us cutting 5 acres. Started work this morning at 4.30 A.M. today and quit at 7.30 P.M. Mercury today was 85° in the shade.

**Tuesday, 15.**

Completed the harvest cutting at last. Also mowed the millet in old orchard some 3 acres. Afternoon we brought in unloaded with horse fork 5 loads of peas. Visitors this evening from town Miss J Peacock and Mr Little.

**Aug. Wednesday, 16. 1876.**

And another hard day's work nearly completed the harvest brought in eleven loads of peas, stowing them away in all sorts of corners about the barn and up among the rafters. Weather is still very dry.

**Thursday, 17.**

Once more the old saw is repeated "Harvest Home" The weather through out has been favorable, which accounts for us being through in such good season. Had 23 loads of peas off 10½ acres. This afternoon working at the crop of millet.

**Friday, 18.**

Housed the millet in fine condition, 8 loads in all the hay mows are all well filled this year. The livestock will be well provided for next winter. In town tonight and at Choir Practice, having a good sing is an evening well spent,

### **Aug. Saturday, 19. 1876.**

Spent forenoon washing all the sheep, great & small {57}, in Etobicoke, had to make a dam to get enough water for the job, The wool had got so begrimed with dust & sweat that washing was needed badly. The day was very warm. Afternoon was spent hoeing turnips.

### **Sunday, 20.**

At S School this morning lesson, Prov III 1 to 20. "The Value of wisdom". These lessons are full of instruction but are pretty hard subjects on which to interest a class of young boys. Heard Rev Jno Learoyd preach tonight, text Hebrews IV, 16th verse.

### **Monday, 21.**

Spend an half hour every morning now feeding corn to the cattle. Sent our man to E Dale's threshing. We were engaged all day in putting down a new hard maple floor in the kitchen, the original floor was pine, very dark in color and never looked well.

### **Aug. Tuesday, 22. 1876.**

Finished the new floor and it looks capital the maple being nicely variegated in color and as hard as wood can possibly be. Was building a rail fence around the fodder corn. Spent last evening and tonight both in town, making preparations for the Centennial.

### **Wednesday, 23.**

A dusty, dirty job was the work of today helping J Learment to thresh against a head wind. Mrs John Mason, Senr of Missouri came here today on a visit. we are expecting some more friends from there shortly. Dry the weather is still no rain for 4 weeks.

### **Thursday, 24.**

Is observed by the Brampton people as a civic holiday, a cheap excursion to Niagara Falls return tickets \$1.50. Today had one team hauling manure and with the other was cross plowing the pea land it is almost impossible to plow the ground it is so hard.

### **Aug. Friday, 25. 1876.**

Took noon train today for Toronto to do some business there before starting for Philadelphia Changed \$25. into American money at a premium of 10 percent. Bought a return ticket for \$9.00 and some other necessities for the trip. Put up tonight at the Albion Hotel.

## **Saturday, 26.**

Took G.W.R. train at 10 A.M. via Hamilton and Niagara Falls, got a partial view of them while crossing on the bridge. Thence through Lockport to Rochester, we did not stay long enough to see the city, will travel all night before reaching our journeys end.

## **Sunday, 27,**

As day broke this morning, a scene of enchanting beauty, was presented in a continued series of beautiful landscapes, which last all the way to Philadelphia Arriving here at 11 AM. Our company of four, W. Smith, J Carter & A Campbell went right to our boarding house 803 N, 26th street. Went to Church in the evening.

## **Aug. Monday, 28. 1876.**

This morning we commenced doing the International Fair in right earnest. There are 236 acres enclosed from the beautiful Fairmount Park for the Fair ground. There are 5 immense buildings (one nearly 1/2 mile long) all filled with all kinds of products and machinery, besides 150 other buildings for every variety of use.

## **Tuesday, 29.**

We spend all day on the ground only entering once (as it is 50 cts a time) Have only time to go through hurriedly and then not see more than half the show. There are 41 different countries represented and from all parts of the world, each one having a space allotted to them and the show their own peculiar products and manufactures.

## **Wednesday, 30.**

We took a rest today from the rather tiresome job of walking in Fair, by taking the street cars down through the city. It has ,817,448 of population, covers 82,700 acres of land. We visited Independence Hall and saw the relics of one hundred years ago, the United States Mint, the Girard College an immense stone building endowed by a simple citizen @ \$6,000,000.

## **Aug. Thursday, 31. 1876**

Today we spent in Fair. There are steam cars running all around the grounds from which a good view of the whole may be obtained. A steam elevator in an iron skeleton frame 250 ft high you can bird's eye view of all and the whole city. Bought some specimens of olive wood from Palestine and other little things from foreign lands.

### **Sept. Friday, 1.**

The live stock department was opened today it make a separate show of itself, as yet only the horses are on exhibition. Canada has 54 splendid horses there, one from Brampton U States shows some valuable blood horses England some heavy horses. Took the noon train for New York, arrived at 4 P.M. put up at Cosmopolitan Hotel and a moon light view of the City.

### **Saturday, 2.**

Took the boat this morning to Rockaway beach, situated 30 miles out of the City on Long Island. After 3 hours of pleasant sailing we arrived at the surf and saw hundreds of folks bathing in the old Atlantic's briny waves. The sea breezes are delightful, after spending 4 hours, gathering shells and mementoes we set sail for New York and got there just after dark.

### **Sept. Sunday, 3. 1876.**

Took the ferry boat this morning across East river into Brooklyn, a fine old city to hear Rev DeWitt Talmage preach in his Tabernacle, holding 6000 persons. His text is Isaiah XXVIII 27th & 28th. and his sermon unique and eloquent though plain. Afternoon went to Central Park, it is the handsomest we ever saw, it is almost impossible to describe it.

### **Monday 4.**

At 8.30 a.m. we bade adieu to New York with all its richness & magnificence Took the steam boat "Daniel Drew" up the Hudson River, 150 miles to Albany, the state capital. The trip up the river and the scenery was really the most enjoyable part of the whole trip, it was grand, we were 9 hours sailing nearly an average of 18 miles an hour.

### **Tuesday, 5.**

Travelled all last night at a high rate of speed on N. Y. Central R R., from Albany, through Utica Rochester to Buffalo at 7 o'clock this morning, thence by rail to the Bridge over Niagara in sight of the mighty Falls. Got to Hamilton at noon and Toronto by 2 P.M. and home again, at 5 oclock, tired and hungry.

### **Sept. Wednesday, 6. 1876.**

At home during my absence several friends from States have arrived. Uncle Jno Ferguson and wife on a two month visit for their health. R. G. Ferguson from Bay City was here a few days but had left for home previous to my arrival. Done nothing today but talk about the sights and to rest.

## **Thursday, 7**

There is yet no break in the severe drouth, which has lasted for nearly two months. Plowing is almost an impossibility as the ground is so hard. Have not sowed any Fall wheat this year. Spent today hauling with wagon the stones off the newly seeded clover field. In town tonight with team.

## **Friday, 8.**

Sent our man to A Woodhall's threshing. Father, Viney and the Missouri friends started in spring wagon this morning for to drive to Scarborough to visit my aunt's. Spent this afternoon pleasantly at C M S S. Picnic of Brampton held at "Eldorado".

## **Sept. Saturday, 9. 1876.**

Very little important work can now be done on the farm, This morning I hitched up and tried to plow but no go, had to give it up, went in the house and helped to churn, &c. Afternoon we had a job in removing a rail fence. Took the ewe lambs (10) away from their dams, to feed them better.

## **Sunday, 10.**

At S School this morning after a second three weeks absence. lesson, Prov XXXI 10 to 31. "The excellent woman". Mr Haines of Cheltenham was present and gave a good address to the school. Heard Rev W McFadden preach in town tonight, text, Jeremiah VIII 20th verse.

## **Monday, 11.**

Took a before breakfast ride to Willow Lodge on an important errand for Aunt Lizzie Ferguson. Sent our man to R Smith's threshing. Spent the day around home, doing the chores and some little work around the house picking apples and digging a bagful of "Murphy's" &c &c.

## **Sept. Tuesday, 12. 1876.**

Our folks drove to town to do a little trade in family groceries Done very little work today in fact the routine "fall" work is at a stand still because of the drouth. After tea Em and I drove to town. J C Snell's little folks are staying here while their father and mother are at Centennial.

## **Wednesday, 13.**

Took a grist 10 bush Treadwell to Main's Mill Brampton. Getting everything in readiness about the barn for the threshing tomorrow and day following. Weather dry still, almost the last vestige of green has disappeared from the grass Cattle are living on the fodder corn.

### **Thursday, 14.**

Commenced threshing this morning with A. Rossiter's machine. Today we put through the fall wheat and oats, of the former we will have about 120 bush off 8 acres, the latter about 350 bush off 7½ acres, also threshed 80 bush of mixed oats and peas. We had a disagreeable head wind today.

### **Sept. Friday, 15. 1876.**

A fine day with wind from the right quarter. Finished threshing the barley about 4 P.M. will have probably 450 bush off 19 acres. In the two days work will have fully 1000 bush. Spent the evening at Edmonton Lodge. I.O.G.T. an open meeting, a crowded house and good entertainment. Our Ella sang a song.

### **Saturday, 16.**

Spent the day with team and two men at D Wiggins threshing. Sister Rilley got home last night after a visit to Oshawa. Mother starts for same place today for a week's visit. Last night I received a letter from cousin Thos Harrington of Missouri.

### **Sunday 17.**

At S School this morning, lesson Ecclesiastes, XII, chap, A Godly life a most interesting lesson and easily applied to the children's wants. In town tonight, heard Rev Jno Learoyd preach, text, Mark VII, 37th verse. The glorious rain is upon us at last from N.East started this afternoon.

### **Sept. Monday, 18. 1876.**

Just a splendid rain, falling slowly and steadily for 24 hours. Cleared off at noon. Spent afternoon with two hands and team at R Watson's threshing. There has been scarcely any frost yet this season. At home this evening.

### **Tuesday, 19.**

At R Watson's all forenoon. After dinner started plowing some pea stubble beyond the creek for fall wheat. Had other team drawing to the barn the last of the fodder corn. Spent evening at Edmonton Grange one candidate initiated.

### **Wednesday, 20.**

Sowed 3 bush of Seneca wheat on 1½ acres, the land was in good order, worked nearly as fine as a fallow. Started plowing the oat stubble land for rye. After tea I drove over to Guy Bell's for bush of rye.



**Sept. Thursday, 21. 1876.**

Had both teams at the plowing. In the afternoon we sowed 6½ bush of rye on 3½ acres. The land plows and works well for the amount of rain has been very limited. This evening we had some visitors Misses R Carter & S Campbell and W Smith, R J Nichols & A Campbell.

**Friday, 22.**

Spent forenoon putting the finishing touches to the fall seeding 3½ rye & 1½ of wheat. Sold to J Woodhall a Berkshire 3 months old @ \$10.00. Was hauling in a straw stack into town. In town this evening a few minutes at Conservator Office and at Choir Practice.

**Saturday, 23.**

Drawing straw and moving chaff, fixing all the fodder in order for winter. Fanning a load of barley for market, picking a few fallen apples, &c &c Sold to Robert Norris a Cotswold ram lamb @ \$20.00, also a Berkshire sow @ \$9.00.

**Sept. Sunday, 24. 1876.**

Em and I drove in buggy up to S School, lesson, A Review of the past Quarters lessons, the subjects, golden texts and general outline, it is an interesting exercise and proves which have been the most attentive scholars. In town tonight and heard Rev Jno Learoyd preach, text, Deut. XXIX 29th verse.

**Monday, 25.**

A bright, warm day, and very suitable for the job we were at namely washing the lambs 16 rams 4 ewe lambs & 4 shearling ewes. Heated the water and done the washing in a box in the yard. Wrote and sent a letter to T. F. Harrington of Joplin Missouri.

**Tuesday, 26.**

First day, Co. Peel, Ag. Society's Fall Fair. Drove to town in the evening and met mother and Elsie at RR Depot on their return from Oshawa. Started the regular Fall plowing in pea stubble land in front field. A cold wet night.

**Sept. Wednesday, 27. 1876.**

Brampton Fair Day morning was miserably cold and wet. however at 10 A.M. it blew up dry but was a chilly day. The attendance of people was large and amount of stuff in all departments fully up to average of former years. Took two prizes on lambs. Sold 9 ram lambs

### **Thursday, 28.**

Drove to Willow Lodge with 8 r lambs that J C Snell bought from us @ \$17.00 each. they were the pick of the whole lot. Afternoon we made a start at potato harvest but rain came on and put a stop to business suddenly. Uncle Jno Ferguson and wife are here tonight.

### **Friday, 29.**

Had one team plowing in pea land. The rest of our force were at the potato raising, plow a slice off each side of drill then throw them out with a potato fork, they will not yield well for the quantity of ground. In town this evening,

### **Sept. Saturday, 30. 1876.**

How differently spent from the first day of the month the latter was spent in New York City and today was spent at the or between the plow handles. Had our man Dan at potato harvesting. Visitors today, Mr & Mrs James Mason of Chicago & Mr & Mrs Jno Ferguson of Missouri also Mrs Jno Mason

### **Oct. Sunday, 1.**

Spent the forenoon at S School lesson, Acts VII 1 to 19. "Stephen's defence before the Jewish Council" The "Northern Messenger" was distributed as usual twice a month, it contains a portrait of Commodore Vanderbilt of New York. Heard Rev S Salton preach in town tonight, text John XX, 22nd

### **Monday, 2.**

One team plowing all day, one man working in potato patch. the rest of the folks went away visiting to Modelands & Thompson's 3rd & 4th lines east. Spent evening in town at Y.P. Association meeting at C M Church, the entertainment was music and readings, also plenty of fun.

### **Oct. Tuesday, 3. 1876.**

Programme of work today was similiar to yesterday, the plowing is a heavy job, the land that was worked so wet last spring is very hard, the rain of this fall has had but little effect on it. This evening we started the job of peeling apples for drying.

### **Wednesday, 4.**

Guelph Central Fair is just now in full blast and a great many of the neighbours are away to it this morning, Father went up. Spent the day plowing. The weather is cool, frosty nights.

## **Thursday, 5.**

Plowing yet but will soon get through that field. The rest of our force was picking up apples, they picked 12 barrels of fallen apples and started hand picking, they are a good crop, plentiful but not large in size. Uncle J. F. and wife are here tonight.

## **Oct. Friday, 6. 1876.**

Rain last night but this morning a cold blast from West, promises frost. Sent a grist of chopping peas and oats to mill, Brampton. Finished plowing the pea land. Visitors today from Minto, Mr James Stinson, wife & family. "Conservator" newspaper comes to hand enlarged one fourth and improved.

## **Saturday, 7.**

Spent forenoon running the furrows in front of the house. Picking apples, have 25 barrels in all now gathered, 10 hard and other for cider and drying. A good many to pick yet there being a good crop. The first snow flakes appeared today.

## **Sunday, 8.**

In the morning we went to S School, lesson, Acts VII 35 to 57 "A continuation of Stephen's defense". The Brampton C.M.S School held their Anniversary services today Rev Mr Glover of Albion preached in morning. This evening we heard Rev Mr Rutledge of Yorkville preach, text, John XII 32nd verse.

## **Oct. Monday, 9. 1876.**

Attacked another field with vigor with team and plow. The field beyond the creek it is in fine order turns up like a garden. In town tonight at the Anniversary C M S School, they had no tea, and made no charge at the door but collected \$120.00.

## **Tuesday, 10.**

On Sunday night last we had the first killing frost of the season, the ground was frozen one inch deep. At the same occupation as yesterday. Had two men at Woodhall's threshing. To town again tonight for to bring up some of the folks.

## **Wednesday, 11.**

Forenoon was at the plow. After dinner went to Auction Sale of Farm, Stock, Implements & Furniture belonging to the late Saml Huxley, the farm of 48½ acres sold for \$5050.00. Emm, Ella & I spent evening with the No 10 young folks at Mr Wm Campbell's, No 10.

**Oct. Thursday, 12. 1876.**

Drew to Brampton and sold to K. C. & Co 195 bush barley in three loads @ 75¢ per bush. The highest market price was 77¢ today but ours only weighed 46 lbs to bush and was counted No. 2 barley. Spent evening at meeting of Y.P.A of C M Church. Had some good music & reading

**Friday, 13.**

At the plow again today climbing the steep Etobicoke banks. Had other team drawing a pile of well rotted manure on young orchard field as a top dressing to the trees. In town tonight for an hour or so. Got my hair barbered at J E Woods.

**Saturday, 14.**

Sold to K. C.& Co and delivered 130 bush barley at same price as before. Have a load or two yet of barley to sell. Made a lot of money scatter in paying up several small bills. Yesterday was a warm clear day but today is bitter cold.

**Oct. Sunday, 15. 1876.**

To Sunday School on foot against a cold Nor Wester with snowflakes occasionally flying. lesson, Acts VII 52 to 60. "The martyrdom of Stephen". Spent afternoon and took tea at Willow Lodge. In town tonight and heard in C M Church a minister just from England, text, Acts XXVI 28th verse.

**Monday, 16.**

To the plowing again beyond the Etobicoke. Had the Missouri friends here last night and today, they are making preparations for starting homeward soon. In town tonight and heard Rev Jno Potts of Toronto preach text from the Acts, "Men and brethren what shall we do".

**Tuesday, 17.**

At same work as yesterday and finishing plowing the field. Have the other team still at the manure hauling now from the chip yard. There is being held in C M Church, Brampton a "Four day's meeting, preaching 3 times a day, tonight Rev Jno Learoyd preached text, Matt XVI, 26th.

**Oct. Wednesday, 18. 1876.**

Our friends and visitors from the States took their departure at 8.30 A.M. by G.T.R.R. after a two months stay in this their native land. Spent the day plowing in old orchard field. Weather is fine, has the appearance of Indian summer.

### **Thursday, 19.**

Commenced the root harvest by pulling by hand and topping 4 loads of Mangolds, they are only small in size and as crop are almost a failure. -A The four day's meeting in town is well attended at every service This evening a blind man preached a good sermon on "Justification by Faith".

### **Friday, 20.**

Drew in the remainder of the mangolds only 5 loads about 120 bush off 1/2 acre. Finished the plowing of ground of Hungarian sod very heavy work, the land is getting harder every day, rain is wanted. In town tonight and heard in C. M. Church Mrs Youmans of Picton give an address on Temperance, the best I have ever heard.

### **Oct. Saturday, 21. 1876.**

One team plowing and one team hauling gravel from the creek for the paths in dooryard, also leaf mould from the woods for the garden, and some sand for the real clay spots of ground in front field. Quite a warm day for the season of the year.

### **Sunday, 22.**

S. School at 10 A.M. lesson, "The Acts" VIII, 9 to 25. "Simon the sorcerer". At 2 P.M. was at the C M S School. Brampton, the same lesson there and was well taught in the Bible class. In evening heard Rev Wm Briggs of Toronto preach, text, Isaiah XXXII, 20th. An excellent sermon followed, briefly on mission work.

### **Monday, 23.**

How it rains, since midnight and until noon today it has come down steadily. Spent the day working in and around the barn. In town tonight at annual Missionary meeting of C M church addresses were given by Rev Dr Jeffers, Rev Mr Bredin and W H Gibbs of Oshawa

### **Oct. Tuesday, 24. 1876.**

Both teams plowing in fall wheat stubble field. The rain has improved the condition of the ground for plowing. Weather is warm after the rain. Have all the cattle stabled and fed at night.

### **Wednesday, 25.**

Today we completed plowing the field was working at yesterday. Had a visit from Mr Jno Newhouse of St Catherines, his principal theme is religion and revival meetings. This evening at home and finished another job for this year viz. paring apples for drying.

### **Thursday, 26.**

Spent the whole day with our full force at Jno Learment's threshing. The folks at home were in town doing some shopping suitable for this season, that is providing articles for protection in winter. The roads are very muddy just now, have more or less rain every day, sometimes snow squalls

### **Oct. Friday, 27. 1876.**

This forenoon was improved by taking into barn the remnant of the straw stack. Afternoon shovelling furrows &c &c. To town tonight in buggy, at 6 P.M. mother took G.T.R. train for Oshawa for to take care of a "new baby" Rice. At Choir Practice as usual.

### **Saturday, 28.**

A snow storm has taken place during last night, which has taken all the heat today could raise to put it out of sight. Yesterday, sold a ram lamb to Mr Caugherty of Caledon @ \$10.00 and today one to Mr R Carter @ \$10.00. Today we finished all the plowing except where the turnip crop stands

### **Sunday, 29.**

At S School this morning, attendance not quite up to the mark, because of the bad roads, lesson, Acts VIII, 25 to 40, "Philip and the Eunuch", on the subject of Christian baptism. Tonight in Brampton heard Rev S Salton, preach text, Matt XI, 12 verse.

### **Oct. Monday, 30. 1876.**

Started two plows to work this morning in oat stubble field intended for fallow next summer. Paid the note of \$75.00 due for broadcast seeder to Bright & Thayer of Brampton. Spent this evening in town at meeting Y. P. Association in Lecture-room of CM Church, Readings and music were the order of the evening.

## **Tuesday, 31.**

Completed the job we started at yesterday. The plowing is all done except where the turnip crop now stands. The weather is beautifully mild the past two day and superb moonlight nights. Tonight is All Hallow-E'en and consequently mischief will be rife among the boys.

## **Nov. Wednesday, 1.**

Dawned with a dense mist and the air as warm as a spring morning. The turnip harvest was started today the crop is thin and small one and will not yield more than one third taking them up the usual way, topping with hoes and plowing out.

## **Nov. Thursday, 2. 1876.**

Today has been appointed by Lieut. Gov. Macdonald of Ontario as a Thanksgiving day. A great many people are spending it at shooting consequently all the woods around are ringing with the noise of guns. Em and I went to town tonight to P. M. S. School anniversary.

## **Friday, 3.**

The tea meeting last night was a good one, singing by the school and recitations also by them. Still at the turnips and have all in but a couple of loads have in 12 loads about 350 bush. Tonight a school meeting is held in our section

## **Saturday, 4.**

Turnip harvest completed as well as all other harvesting for this year. Will have about 400 bush of turnips. Drew off all the tops into another field for the cattle and started right away to plow the ground Mother arrived home tonight from Oshawa.

## **Nov. Sunday, 5. 1876.**

Attended Quarterly Meeting at Brampton C M Church at 10 A.M. Rev S Salton preached, text, Exodus III 2nd verse. The turnout of people was not as large as usual owing to bad state of roads. Took dinner and tea at J. W. Mains Heard Rev Jno Learoyd preach tonight, text, Revelations VII 9th & 10th

## **Monday, 6.**

Made a start at plowing with two teams at the turnip ground but a heavy east rain set in at 10 o'clock A.M. and we had to put up for remainder of the day. Spent afternoon at filing saws and grinding axes. Also putting all the live stock safe under cover for the night.

## **Tuesday, 7.**

Mailed a letter to T. F. Harrington of Joplin, Missouri. Spent this forenoon in "lower bush" sawing with cross cut a fallen maple tree. Afternoon was plowing. Spent evening at Edmonton Grange No 120. paid for some goods, received a few weeks ago \$2.00.

## **Nov. Wednesday, 8. 1876.**

At last the plowing is done on this farm for this year. Have plowed about 43 acres since Sept 15th nearly all with one plow. Spent part of today sawing in woods, at bush and hemlock. Weather is very dull and cloudy, but quite mild for so late in the season.

## **Thursday, 9.**

Put in a steady days sawing in lower woods, at a large dry beech tree, cutting in 2 ft logs, this plan is an improvement on the old chopping into cordwood. At home tonight reading the "Guardian".

## **Friday, 10.**

This morning we brought up from R Watson's a cider press belonging to W Broddy and made about 50 gals of cider from a pile of apples about 20 bush. In the woods again after dinner. In town tonight and at Choir Practice Received a newspaper from "Joplin" Missouri.

## **Nov. Saturday, 11. 1876.**

Finished sawing for the present Have now about 8 cords of wood cut, part 4 ft long & part 2 ft long. Spent afternoon plowing sod in back field of "other place", only plowed one ridge, just to try the capacity of iron plow.

## **Sunday, 12.**

Through the mud to S School this morning, lesson, Acts IX 19 to 32, "The early ministry of Apostle Paul". the chosen vessel to preach to the Gentiles. Heard Rev Jno Learoyd preach in town tonight, text, Luke. XVII, 32nd verse. An impressive sermon on Lot's wife.

## **Monday, 13.**

A warm, bright day. In the woods all forenoon. At noon our man's time being up he stopped work and was paid \$100.00, the amount of wages due him. The funeral of late Mr Jno Pickard took place today. In town tonight at open meeting of Y. P. Association of CM Church the exercises were music & readings



**Nov. Tuesday, 14. 1876.**

Another forenoon was spent in woods. Afternoon we were doing the final ditching and shovelling at odd places for the approach of winter. J. C Snell and wife were here to tea tonight and he paid us \$100.00 on stock acc/.

**Wednesday, 15.**

Drove to town this morning with small load of grain for chopping, also Dan Fletcher's trunk, he starts for England tomorrow. Brought A. F. Campbell and Jennie Peacock up home and they spent the afternoon. Drove them home again tonight. This morning I had a tooth extracted by T Graham.

**Thursday, 16.**

Spent the whole forenoon in hunting and shooting two dogs that made an attempt to worry our sheep this morning, but caught them in the act and charged them with leaden shot. Spent afternoon helping neighbour R. Watson at a job. At home tonight.

**Nov. Friday, 17. 1876.**

Drew half a dozen loads of gravel from the flats for to fill the mudholes in barnyard Also drawing sand and spreading it on the clay spots in front field. Had a pastoral call from Rev Jno Learoyd. In town tonight and at Choir Practice

**Saturday, 18.**

Miss Lizzie McFaul came home with us last night to stay over Sunday. Today did not do any work of importance, a few chores and a while in the woods a shooting. Weather continues mild and scarcely any frost.

**Sunday, 19.**

A kind of a misty rain fell steadily all day. Went to S School on horseback, lesson Act IX 31 to 43. "Dorcas restored to life through instrumentality of the Apostle Peter". In consequence of the wet night and bad roads we spent evening at home. We had the Misses L McFaul and Tilly Snell.

**Nov. Monday, 20. 1876.**

Another wet day. Had a trip to "Willow Lodge" stock farm on business. Afternoon had a buggy ride to town and did not get home until dark which now comes at 5 o'clock. At home tonight nursing a cold and sore throat.

## **Tuesday, 21.**

Spent the day helping Mr Thos Simpson to thresh. Jno Snell's Sons have just issued a large catalogue of their Berkshires and Cotswolds, illustrated with numerous cuts of the animals therein contained. We have had three wet days in succession.

## **Wednesday, 22.**

Drove team and wagon over to Norval and brought from thence home 1440 lbs of wheat bran paying therefor 1/2¢ per lb. The roads are extremely bad just now. Sold a ram lamb to D. Wiggins, Senr @ \$8.00 and another to A Cheyne @ \$5.00.

## **Nov. Thursday, 23. 1876.**

Dark and gloomy weather. Father went to town on foot to transact some little item of business. I spent the day fixing stands for the house plants and flowers. Sold the last lamb of the season to R Lowes @ \$7.00. As usual spent evening at home.

## **Friday, 24.**

Broke the sod for a foundation to a combined ash and smoke house to be built of brick a few feet from east corner of the kitchen, size to be 8 ft X 10 ft, with a double roof To night was spent eagerly perusing the papers, Brampton papers are full of letters on the Dunkin Act.

## **Saturday, 25.**

Doing a variety of jobs, among these I completed the flower stand of planed basswood lumber having three shelves or steps. An hour or two in town this afternoon. Mailed a letter to Belleville for a Book on accounts The ground is white with snow today.

## **Nov. Sunday, 26. 1876.**

To all appearance, winter is upon us once more for last night there fell fully four inches of snow. At S School this morning lesson, Acts IX 1 to 20. "The vision of Peter while at Joppa". In town at C M Church tonight. Rev J Wait of Streetsville preached text, Rev XVII 6th verse.

## **Monday, 27.**

Spent another whole day at Thos Simpson's threshing. Em and I took a cutter ride to town tonight and was a couple of hours at meeting of Y. P. A. of C. M. Church, business, music and readings were the order of the evening. Snow fell all day about 8 inches deep now.

## **Tuesday, 28.**

Working among the stock in the barnyard all day. Sold a quantity of dry wood uncut to A Arthurs @ \$7.00 Bought of M. Gummerson a dressed hog weighing 204 lbs @ 5¾¢ per lb. The sleighing is quite brisk today. Received from Belleville a "Canadian Accountant"

## **Nov. Wednesday, 29. 1876.**

Off to town to meet the early train with mother and Viney who went to Toronto to consult Dr Hodder about Viney's health. Weather is just frosty enough to keep the snow that fell on Monday, the sleighing is not good. In town again tonight.

## **Thursday, 30.**

Did not do much important work today beside caring for the stock. The funeral of our neighbour, John Wilson who was killed by the kick of a horse took place this afternoon. At home tonight studying the "Canadian Accountant".

## **Friday, 1**

This morning had decidedly a winter appearance, nearly a foot of snow on the level mercury 5° below zero. In the morning, took a drive to Willow Lodge and saw the Berkshires over 100 in number In town tonight and at the Choir Practice.

## **Dec. Saturday 2. 1876.**

Have all things about the barn in order for winter, the last job being making an addition to poultry house. Bought by auction in town a buffalo robe @ \$7.00 and 383 lbs of pork @ \$6.25 per cwt. The local newspapers are now full of letters on the Dunkin Act.

## **Sunday, 3.**

Drove sleigh up to S School this morning lesson Acts X, 34 to 50. "The Gentiles received into the Church". As a member of music committee of S School we met at Willow Lodge for to get ready for Aniversary at 3 P.M. In town tonight and heard Rev Jno Learoyd preach text, Isaiah XXVIII, 16th

## **Monday, 4.**

Made a start at drawing up the firewood from the lower woods but the ice on the creek gave away at the crossing place so that work on that job was stopped. Mrs J C Snell and her family spent the day here. Tonight I spent at "Safe Guard" Lodge I.O.G.T. Brampton

## **Dec. Tuesday, 5. 1876.**

Spent the whole forenoon at the blacksmith's shop, No 10, getting a span of horses shod. After noon was helping J Learment at a job. Tonight was at Edmonton Grange No 130 and paid for 20 lbs sugar @ 8¾¢ per lb The sleighing is nearly worn out on the roads.

## **Wednesday, 6.**

Today was hauling some logs about 20 ft long from woods, to be cut into stovewood lengths by the crosscut saw. Sold to Mr Early of Esquesing 3 aged ewes for \$20.00. Had a visit

## **Thursday, 7.**

Was engaged in chopping into cordwood a large soft elm top, make perhaps 1½ cords. Spent evening in Ebenezer Church at a "Dunkin" meeting, good addresses were given by Rev Jno Learoyd, George Graham and D J McKinnon with J C Snell as chairman.

## **Dec. Friday, 8. 1876.**

Bought from G Puelfer 8 bush of Fern spring wheat @ \$1.25 it is a fine sample and yielded well to the acre. Today was helping neighbor Jno Learment to butcher. In town tonight and received a paper from Joplin telling us of Uncle Jno Harrington's death.

## **Saturday, 9.**

A very cold blustery day Hauled wood until noon then got tired of facing the cold and stopped work for today. In town tonight and received from "Conservator" Office 150 copies of tunes for our S School Anniversary A bitter cold night.

## **Sunday, 10.**

Thermometer says 14° below zero at daylight this morning. Drove sleigh to S School, the lesson, Acts XI 19 to 30. "The spread of the Gospel". Tonight heard Rev Jno Learoyd preach a temperance sermon in C. M. Church, Brampton, text, Acts XXIV, 25th verse.

## **Dec. Monday, 11. 1876.**

Passed the forenoon at blacksmith's getting our 3 yr old colt "Nellie" sharp shod all around. After dinner, went to Edmonton to a meeting in Town hall concerning the Dunkin Act. Speech by King Dodds against the Act and Mr Simpson in favor of Act, both good addresses, a large crowd of people. S S Practice for singing at Ebenezer tonight.

## **Tuesday, 12.**

An additional 4 inches of snow to the sleighing fell last night. Was hauling firewood all day from lower woods. The folks went to town in cutter to do some business. Received a letter from Oshawa and one from Joplin Missouri. At home tonight writing an address for the Public School.

## **Wednesday, 13.**

Spent the day hauling firewood from lower woods. Tonight our whole family drove to town to hear Mrs Youmans of Pictou deliver a temperance address in C M Church. Mayor Haggart presided, the house was crammed to over flowing, the speakers remarks stirred all, and the meeting was unanimous for Dunkin Act.

## **Dec. Thursday, 14. 1876.**

Applied a box of McDougall's sheep dip to the ten ewe lambs to destroy the ticks. Split 25 elm rails and cut some cordwood in lower woods. To town again tonight to attend a committee meeting of Y. P. Association, held at Mr G Graham's residence.

## **Friday, 15.**

A cold blustery day, working at wood business and have that job just about into shape have 4 or 5 cords of softwood for sale, extra over a year's stock of firewood in advance. In Brampton tonight at Concert Hall, heard Mr King Dodds speak against the Dunkin Bill.

## **Saturday, 16.**

Today has proved to be a companion in weather to last Saturday, a little snow came down last night which today with a high West wind is blown in clouds of white Made ready and took to Main's Mill a grist and some peas and oats for chopping.

## **Dec. Sunday, 17. 1876.**

Another forenoon spent in the Ebenezer W. S. School, lesson, Acts XII, 1 to 17, "Peter's release from the prison by the Angel of the Lord" Drove to town tonight in a big snow storm and heard Rev Mr Reid preach in P. M. Church text Matt XI 23 & 24th verses. The choir made some very good singing.

## **Monday, 18.**

Voting on the Dunkin Act is now the all absorbing topic throughout the whole County. Father and I drove to Edmonton and recorded our votes for the Bill. Spent evening at the singing practice. Ebenezer. The heavy storm of last night brought us nearly another foot of snow.

## **Tuesday, 19.**

A very cold stormy morning. Another day's polling on the Dunkin Act has resulted in its entire defeat by nearly 600 majority, and the Temperance folks are well nigh discouraged. With the help of our neighbors we dressed a Berkshire sow that weighs 425 lbs.

## **Dec. Wednesday, 20, 1876.**

My sisters and I spent last evening pleasantly at R Watson's. Sold our big porker to T Milner @ \$6.50 per cwt, and with \$10 of the money bought things for Christmas. Tonight we spent at Ebenezer, practicing singing and lessons for anniversary.

## **Thursday, 21.**

Spent forenoon at J Learments helping to butcher hogs. Drove to town this afternoon and tried to sell a quantity of cordwood but failed as wood is a glut in the market just now. At home tonight writing, reading &c &c.

## **Friday, 22.**

Today the nomination of councillors for Chinguacousy took place at the Town Hall Edmonton. The Reeve and one deputy were elected by acclamation for the other 3 there will be an election on New Year's day. Our public school examination was today, the scholars presented the teacher Miss Smith with an album and address.

## **Dec. Saturday, 23. 1876.**

Drove to Mr B Watson's (who keeps the Grange supplies) for 2 gals coal oil. And to Edmonton to mail some printed invitations to the S S Anniversary. After dinner took cutter ride to town and bought some nick-nax for Xmas. Weather is moderate but steady cold.

## **Sunday, 24.**

To S School once more, lesson "A review of past quarter's lessons" Golden text, Isaiah, LX, last verse, Each scholar received a Christmas present of a 1/4 lb of candy a present from the teachers. In town tonight and heard Rev S Salton preach, text Mark V 33 to 34. A clear frosty and moonlight night.

## **Monday, 25.**

Christmas day has come once more and almost fled. there is splendid sleighing, fully 18 inches of snow on the level. the day has been cold and dark & snow is falling tonight. J C Snell and family were here all day and we were all able to do justice to the roast turkey & plum pudding.

## **Dec. Tuesday, 26. 1876.**

Drove to Mr Henry Carter's woods and brought from thence a load of cedar boughs up to Zion Church. Afternoon was spent with help of S. S Workers in decorating the churches. Mr H. H. Snell took tea with us tonight, and we all went to Singing practice.

## **Wednesday, 27.**

Spent today making some needful preparations for the Anniversary tonight. We had a splendid moonlight night capital sleighing, and a houseful of visitors @ 25¢ each Speakers were Revs Millard Carts, Baird Learoyd, Mr R Smith & J R Craig. Singing by the scholars was good.

## **Thursday, 28.**

Forenoon at the Church putting things in order after last nights enjoyment. Afternoon drew 2 cords of softwood to Brampton for Haggert Bros and piled the same in the mill-yard. At home tonight reading a paper from Bay City and one from Shelborne.

## **Dec. Friday, 29. 1876.**

At 8 A.M. I drove a load of cordwood to town for Haggert Bros. At 10 A.M. I drove sleigh to town and brought up for to visit us Aunts Featherstone and Trueman Hattie Moreland, also Willy & Lilly Main. Mr & Mrs J C Snell were also here. Drove to town again tonight Snow fell rapidly all day with a high wind.

## **Saturday, 30.**

The storm has cleared away and left an additional 8 inches of snow which the wind has mostly piled up in grand style in the lanes and across the roads at some points. Today took two loads of wood to town.

have hauled about 5½ cords. This ends the wood business for the present. That \$11.00 will be part pay for a sulky rake next summer

## Sunday, 31.

The sleighing is superb, drove sleigh load of my sisters up to S School. the attendance was small owing partly to the drifted state of the roads, lesson was the XXXIV Psalm, using it as a kind of retrospect of all the lessons during the year that is just passing away.

## Memoranda

**Sunday 31st Dec** The loveliness of the night weather moderate and bright moonlight, tempted our whole family to go to C M Church Brampton. Heard Rev Mr Crompton of Barrie preach text, Rev, VII 14 to 17th verses.

Another year has fled Adding another wave to the great ocean of the past. Another chapter has been added to History. In it are recorded all deeds and actions of all men whether good or evil and as such they are irrevocably stereotyped on the pages of History

This year has made very few alterations in our family circle. And all things in general connected therewith have been running as usual in the same old worn and well beaten track. Of course we are all one year older and my sisters are a year larger in stature.

## Memoranda.

Gristed at Mains 12 bush Treadwell

Chopped 12 bush peas

Feb 19 " " 12 " " & 11 bush oats

Mar 28 " " 21 " " & 12 " "

~~Apr 12~~

Apr 12 Gristed 14 bush Treadwell

July 5 " 12 " "

Sept 13 " 10 " "

Nov 1 " 7 " "

Dec 16 " 13 " "

July 3rd Chopped 7 bush peas 7 bush oats

Oct 15th " 5 " " 5 " "

Nov 15th " 6 " " 6 " "



Dec 16th " 9 " " 9 " "

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Gristed 68 bush wheat

Chopped 72 " peas

" " 50 " oats

### Receipts

\$	¢	\$	¢
Jan -	169.60	Aug	20.00
Feb -	35.00	Sept	57.50
Mar	44.75	Oct	306.50
Apr	8.00	Nov	132.00
June	194.70	Dec	<u>47.50</u>
July	31.50		\$1083.05

### **Cash Account -- January**

		Received.		Paid.	
		\$	¢	\$	¢
7	Incidental expenses			2	00
8	To McCulla for pine lumber			2	00
11	From T Milner for hide 52 lbs @ 4½	2	43		
	For postage stamps and sundries			1	00
15	From David White for beef cow	35	00		
"	Sundry articles and groceries			8	00

17	Sub. to Guardian & Peel Banner			3	10
24	Items			2	00
"	From J O'Malley for lamb	66	17		
"	" J C Snell for 4 ewe lambs @ 15	60	00		
	& one quarter of beef	6	00		
	{Total}	169	60	18	10

#### Cash Account - February

		Received		Paid	
		\$	¢	\$	¢
4th	To K. C. & Co for 1 box of tea 10lbs @ 65¢			6	50
"	Dry Goods &c			12	00
"	For 2 tickets to Gough's lecture on 21st inst			2	00
7	For pew rent in church			3	00
8	To Harris for work on wagonbox			6	00

15	For a box of soap 57 lbs			2	63
"	Sundries			1	00
16	To S Bunting for chopping 14 cords of wood			7	25
19	For chopping grain			1	00
"	" mending boots				75
"	" teeth filling			4	50
23.	From Williamson for fat cow	35	00		
24	For music book			2	50
26	Sundries			3	00
		35	00	52	13

#### Cash Account - March

		Received		Paid	
		\$	¢	\$	¢
3rd	Paid R Aitken for sawing 1100 ft of lumber			3	40
15th	From R Williamson for 3 wks old calf	4	00		

17	To G Bradley for {jo}inting 1/2 cord of wood =			1	50
	and in cash			1	00
"	To K C & Co for 3 bush clover seed @ \$6.50			19	50
"	2 bush timothy			5	50
21	for Grange supplies			3	15
27	Items			2	00
28	From R Williamson for cow & calf	35	00		
"	For dry goods &c			4	00
27	From Campbell at Ashery for 3 cords of softwood	5	75		
"	To T Milner for 4 barrels of plaster			5	20
30	To J Mason for a table top				75
		44	75	46	00

### Cash Accounts - April

		Received		Paid	
		\$	¢	\$	¢
1st	In Brampton for dry goods and sundries			10	00
4	For a cultivator (Gananoque)			13	50
"	" an anvil weight 95 lbs			1	50
"	From J C Snell for Berkshire boar	8	00		
10	To W. A. Mitchell for gold locket			1	25
12	To K. C. & Co for dry goods for Emm			5	00
17	For wallpaper			2	00
20	Sundries			4	00
"	" 40 lbs of fence wire No 11			3	20
	To R Aitken for sawing 2 hemlock logs into plank			1	00
28	To K C & Co for a hat and neck tie			3	00
		8	00	44	45

**Cash Account - May**

		Received		Cash	
		\$	¢	\$	¢
6th	To K C & Co 2 1/2 bush of mixed Millet & Hungarian			2	50
"	Paid on harness			4	00
"	Milinery Bill at Chisholms			5	00
20	Various items paid out at different times			20	00
31	From J Fallis for a 4 yr old cow	36	00		
		36	00	31	50

**Cash Account - June**

		Received		Cash	
		\$	¢	\$	¢
1st	To K C & Co for 2 bush corn for sowing			1	40
"	" " 5 lbs rape seed				50
6	For supplies through the Grange			2	25

15	received as juror	4	70		
16	To J Perry for work done last spring in house			4	70
17	Expenses to Toronto			2	00
"	House expenses sundries			15	00
20	From T Crowforth for 3 fat sheep	15	00		
"	" R Williamson for cow pasture	1	00		
22	" K. C. & Co. for 102 bush Treadwell @ \$1.02	104	00		
"	" 260 lbs wool @ 27	70	00		
"	To K. C. & Co acc/			38	25
24	" Mahaffy for a new wrought plow share			3	50
		194	70	67	60

**Cash Account - July.**

		Received		Cash	
		\$	€	\$	€
3rd	For prize money on "Duke of Rose Lea	4	00		
"	" Sundry articles			4	00
7	From E Watson for "Old Fan" mare	27	50		
12	Groceries &c &c			10	00
29	To Euart for pair fine shoes			6	00
		31	50	20	00

**Cash Account - August**

		Received		Paid	
		\$	¢	\$	¢
8th	From Mr Golding of Amaranth for ram lamb	20	00		
18	To J. Coyne for 2 pairs of shoes			5	00
19	" R H Lewis for setting buggy tires			2	00



"	Sundries			10	00
22	For a carpet bag			1	75
25	" ticket good for return to Philadelphia			9	00
"	Exchanged into American money			25	00
"	For sundries in Toronto			6	00
31	To G Pulphur for 3 bush Seneca wheat @\$1.25			3	75
		20	00	62	50

**Cash Account - September**

		Received		Paid	
		\$	¢	\$	¢
22	From J Woodhall for Berkshire	10	00		
"	" " for reaping 8 acres wheat	3	50		
23	" R Norris for same	20	00		
"	" " Berkshire	9	00		

26	Various items			8	00
27	From Wilson for ram lamb	15	00		
		57	50	8	00

**Cash Account - October**

		Received		Paid	
		\$	¢	\$	¢
5th	From R Smith for bull's service	11	00		
"	To K. C. & Co for 6 bags (new)			1	50
12	To K. C. & Co for 195 bush barley @ 75.	146	00		
14	" " for 130 bush barley @ 75¢	97	00		
"	Dr Patullo's bill			11	75
"	K. C & Co "			24	50
"	Items			12	00
"	J Coyne "			4	50

13	Taxes			36	50
16	To B Watson for a cheese and service			6	00
27	From Caugherty for lamb	10	00		
28	" R Carter for ram lamb	10	00		
18	" Eli Crawford for lamb	14	00		
26	Various expenses			10	00
"	Prize money on sheep	5	00		
30	Paid Note for seeder			75	00
"	" Threshing acc/			14	00
"	From A Woodhall for cultivator	13	50		
		306	50	195	75

**Cash Account - November**

		Received		Paid	
		\$	¢	\$	¢
1st	Sundries			4	00
7	Incidentals			10	00
10	" "			2	00
13	To D Fletcher for wages			100	00
"	" D. F. for wages at odd times during summer			12	00
14	From J C Snell on stock acc/	100	00		
15	for chopping grain			5	50
"	" watch glass				25
16	To J Heath for 143 lbs of pork @ 5½ ¢ per lb			7	85
20	Sundries			1	00
22	To R Noble for 1440 lbs bran @ ½¢			7	20
"	From A Cheyne for lamb	5	00		

23	" R Lowes for lamb	7	00		
25	" Canadian Accountant			1	50
28	" Arthurs for wood	7	00		
"	To Gummerson for 204 lbs pork @ 5¾			11	70
"	Interest on Bank	13	00		
		132	00	158	00

**Cash Account - December.**

		Received		Cash	
		\$	¢	\$	¢
2nd	for buffalo robe			7	00
"	" 383 lbs pork @ 6¼ ¢ per lb			24	00
5	To Grange for 20 lbs sugar 8¾			1	75
6	From "Early" for 3 ewes (aged)	20	00		

7	Sundries			15	00
8	To Pulper for 8 bush wheat @ 1.25			10	00
20	From T Milner for 425 lbs pork @ \$6.50	27	50		
"	For Sundries			10	00
23	Christmas necessities			2	00
22	To McCallum for fore quarter beef 88 lbs @ 5¢			4	40
28	Some current expenses			3	85
		47	50	78	00
	Amount in \$ deposit in "Bank <u>300.00</u>				

A note for \$75.00 in favor of Bright & Thayer of Brampton due 1st November 1876

Paid Oct 30 1876

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