

James "Rowand" Burgess (1898-1968)

1913-1914

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Universal

Note Book

{design in green and purple of boy in a sailor top with bloomers painting a banner with the word UNIVERSAL on it. The paint is forming loops, bubbles and curls around the banner. At his waist parallel to the paint bowl is the word NOTE BOOK. Green fronds grow below around and above the boy and the banner grows out from these in green.}

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Diary 1914 {Beside in pencil it reads: by J. R. Burgess}

Wednesday Sept 30 Fine and warm. Paisley Fair took place to-day. I did not go as I intended to. Scott went to Paisley yesterday and Noble was to go to-day but he took sick during the night and returned home after dinner.

Thursday October 1. Fine and warm. Noble is a little better

Friday October 2. Fine and warm. Noble is much better.

Saturday Oct 3. Fine and very warm. I was not in the office to-day but went out to Uncle Alfred's. We were hauling in corn in the

morning and part of the afternoon after which Edgar and I did some chopping with the engine while Arthur and Uncle Alfred continued the corn. I returned home a little after 4 p.m. Jessie and Isabel and Miss. Currie were in town this afternoon.

Sunday October 4. Fine and warm. We were all at church except Noble. In the evening I went to the harvest home at the Methodist Church. This is the first time I have heard Rev. Dr. Scanlan. I like his preaching very well. There will be a different minister, the one in Cargill.

there went Sunday.

Monday October 5, fine and warm. Noble almost well though still weak. I was at the library and took out two books and a magazine.

Tuesday October 6 fine and warm

Wednesday October 7 fine and warm. Tara Fair is being held to-day. I got a suit of cloth at McGillevray's to try on.

Thursday October 8 fine and warm with rain in the morning

Friday October 9 fine and warm

Saturday October 10 warm and wet. John Geddes came home from Stratford Kincardine High

school ~~fa~~ won a football match from Port Elgin by 1 to 0 and in basketball 11-9. Oliver Christie and Uncle Gilbert went in.

Sunday October 11 Dull and cool. Papa and mamma went to Church in the morning and Noble and I went to the Baptist Church at night. There was no service in the Presbyterian Church at night as Mr Mann was taken ill.

Monday October 12 Dull and warm. Thanksgiving Day. Noble went out to Scott's. The rest of us went out to Christie's. I had a shot at a partridge for the

first time and missed it.

Tuesday October 13. Dull and cold

Friday

Wednesday October 14. Dull and warmer

Thursday October 15. Fine and warm Olive and I went down early this morning and commenced cleaning {scribbled out} the office.

Friday October 16. Warm with rain in the afternoon. We finished cleaning the office

Saturday October 17 ~~Fine and~~ Rain in the morning but fine in the afternoon. Southampton High School BasketBall team played against

Port Elgin. Port Elgin won by 20-0

Sunday October 18. Fine and warm. Papa and Olive went to the Methodist Church in the morning and Noble and I went to the Presbyterian. At night Noble and I went to the Baptist church and where there was a Baptism.

Monday October 19 Fine & warm

Tuesday October 20 Fine & warm Uncle Alfred and Arthur were in with pigs to-day.

Wednesday October 21. Fine and cool

Thursday October 22. Fine and cool

Friday October 23 Fine & cool

Saturday October 23. Dull and cold. Arthur and Edgar were in.

Sunday October 24 Dull and cool. Edgar and Isabel were in town. In the morning Edgar and I went to the Methodist Church where to which the Company of Militia marched. In the evening Noble and I went to the Presbyterian Church.

Monday October 25 Cold with snow. Noble did not out to his work

Tuesday October 26 Cold with more snow. Temp. 25°. Thawing at night. I

Wednesday October 28. Dull and cold Snow fully gone in morning. with rain in afternoon. Uncle Alfred and Edgar were in for apple-butter. Uncle Andrew was in with potatoes.

Thursday October 29 Cool and wet. In the afternoon I went for a walk and saw three partridge and a black squirrel.

Friday October 30. Dull and wet

Saturday October 31 Fine and mild. I went out to Uncle Andrew's to pick apples. I picked one barrel of spies and two bags of baldwins. Uncle Gilbert and Ethel were in town.

Sunday-October 3-November 1

Fine and cool. The Presbyterian Church held its anniversary to-day.

Monday ~~October~~ November 2. Dull and cold.

Tuesday ~~October~~ {Written on top: November} 3 Dull and cold

Wednesday ~~October~~ November 4 Dull and cold.

Thursday ~~October~~ November 5. Dull and cold.

Friday November 6. Dull and cold

Saturday November 7 Dull and cold.

Sunday November 8- Dull and cold. We were all at church in the morning and in the evening Noble and I went to the Evangelical Church

Monday November 9 - Dull and cold.

Tuesday November 10 Dull and wet. Noble came home to-night.

Wednesday November 11 Dull and wet with hail. Oliver Christie was in town with apples for making apple-butter.

~~Wednesday November 1~~

Thursday November 12 Dull and wet with snow in the evening. The concert of J.G. Rockwell's Sunny South Troupe was held ~~to-day~~ to-night at the Town Hall. At noon they had a "Koontown Parade"

I went to the concert.

Friday November 13 Wet in the morning and cold during rest of day. Uncle Sandy ~~was~~ was in town with Bessie, who went down to Stratford to stay a week. This is Papa's birthday

Saturday November 14 Fine and cool. Temp. 36°. Arthur ~~Edgar~~ Jessie and Alice were in town to-day.

Sunday November 15 Dull and warm with much rain. Temp 44° Noble came home to-day to stay.

Monday November 16. Cold with snow and stormy. Oliver Christie started to school

Tuesday November 17 Cold.

Wednesday November 18 Thawing a little. Oliver and I went to the library to-night.

Thursday November 19 Dull and cold. The Temperature 29

Friday November 20. Dull with snow Temp.14. A shed behind Langford's took fire at noon but was soon put out. Ethel and Jim Christie were in town to-night. While in town the recieved news that one of their horses had fallen into the cistern. The horse had been taken out without damage before they reached home.

Saturday November 21 Dull with snow. ~~We all attended church in the morning except Papa.Nob.~~ Uncle Alfred and Arthur were in with a load of wood

Sunday November 22 Dull and cold with snow and storm in the afternoon and evening. We all attended church in the morning except Papa. Noble went out to Uncle Alfred's in the afternoon. Oliver came in in the evening and he and I went to the Presbyterian church at night.

Monday November 23 Fine and cold. Temp. 15°. Uncle Sandy and Oliver were in town.

Tuesday ~~October~~ November 24 Milder with rain and snow.

Wednesday ~~October~~ November 25. Fine and ~~mild~~ mild. Papa and Olive went out to McTaggart's. Uncle Alfred was in town.

Thursday November 26 Fine and warm Temp. 40°

Friday November 27 Fine and cool. Oliver, Olive and I attended a Patriotic Concert at the Town Hall

Saturday November 28 Fine and warm. Oliver went home. Noble returned home. Bessie Geddes and Coral McIvor returned from Stratford.

Sunday November 29 Dull and very warm. We all attended Church in the morning. Noble and I went to the Presbyterian Church at night.

Monday November 30. Dull and wet. Very warm Temp 44°.

Tuesday ~~November~~ December 1 Dull and wet. Very warm Temp.20 48°

Wednesday December 2. Misty and wet. Temp. 45°. Noble went out Erastus Ferguson's sale to-day.

Thursday December 3-1914 Cooler. Temp 33°

Friday December 4 Fair and cold. Temp. 22°.

Saturday December 5. Fair and cold. Temp. 28°. Uncle Gilbert James & Laurier were in town. Isabel and Edgar were in town.

Sunday December 6 Cold and fair but dull in afternoon We we were all in church in the morning to hear Mr. Mann. Rev. Mr. Edmisson occupied the pulpit in the ~~morning~~ evening and Noble and I went to hear him.

Monday December 7 Fair and cold. Temp. 26° I went out to Burgoyne.

Tuesday December 8 Dull and cold. Edgar went ~~round~~ by the road with the wagon to

Erastus Ferguson's to bring back the disk plough harness etc. purchased at his sale and also a pump. In the afternoon we were putting the pump in the ~~water~~-well which we discovered was full of water.

Wednesday December 9. Dull and cold. We were cutting straw, in the morning. In the afternoon Edgar and I went up to Geddes. Oliver ~~and~~ Edgar and I went shooting but got nothing except two red squirrels.

Thursday December 10 Fair with a little snow. Oliver and I went hunting and got a black squirrel. Oliver, Alex

and I went down to Uncle Alfred's to skate.

Friday December 11. Fine and cold. Oliver and I came in this ~~morning~~ afternoon

Saturday December 12 Dull and Mild. James Christie was in for their mailbox.

Sunday December 13. Snow in morning and evening Temp. 29° Noble, Olive and I went to church in the morning and at night Noble and I went to the Baptist Church.

Monday December 14. Cold and storm. Temp 12°

Tuesday December 15 Stormy and with snow. Temp 16°. Uncle

Gilbert came in to a council meeting. John Geddes came home from Stratford and Oliver came in for him.

Wednesday December 16. Stormy with snow. Temp. 13°. Uncle Gilbert went home. Donald was in with fowls.

Thursday, December 17 Stormy with a heavy snow-fall. Temp. 18°. Mr. Wood brought a load of hay to-day. The rink was open to-night for the first time this winter.

Friday December 18 Cold with snow. Temp. 7°. Oliver went home by way of Dunblane.

where there is a Christians Entertainment. High School closed.

Saturday December 19. Soft in forenoon. Aunt Lizzie John and Robert were in town.

Sunday December 20. Bright in morning but cloudy in afternoon. We were all at church in the morning

Monday December 21. Stormy

Tuesday December 22. Stormy Temp 16°. James Christie came to town for their mail. Papa did not go down to the office to-day. I got some gold fish which Geddes's had obtained a Crawford's.

Wednesday December 23. Windy

with heavy snow fall. Temp 2°. We got a turkey which we had ordered from J. T. Wallace and a goose as a present from John Duke. Noble was up at Southampton.

Thursday December 24. Cold with snow, Temp 14. Arthur was in with a load of wood for the office. The order come from the T. Eaton Co. To-night is Christmas Eve. Papa received as presents, The Times War maps, two neckties, and some handkerchiefs. Momma received a sweater coat, Olive received a shell ornamented chiffonier, a belt, and an underskirt. Noble received a combination knife, a book on farming, a shaving pad and stick, I received an overcoat, two neckties and some handkerchiefs.

Friday December 25 Christmas Day Snowing. Temp 2°.

Saturday December 26 Heavy snow fall. Arthur was in with a load of wood. Oliver and James were in at the rink.

Sunday December 27. Snowy and windy. Temp 15. Noble Olive and I were at church this morning and Noble and I in the evening. ~~Mr Lane~~ Reb. Mr. Lane occupied the pulpit.

Monday December 28 Snow in morning, fine at night. Temp 17°. Uncle Gilbert

and Aunt Jeannie were in toward, Arthur and Agnes were in town and Noble went out with them to go to Richardson's sale which takes place to-morrow.

Tuesday December 29 Snowy, Temp 25°

Wednesday December 30. Cold and stormy. Temp 24°. John and Alex Geddes were in town and Noble came in with them. Arthur was in town.

Thursday December 31 Cold with snow. This is my sixteenth birthday I received as presents a cap, pair of gloves and

a collar box.

Friday January 1 – 1915. Cold and stormy. Temp 8°. Olive and I went to prayer meeting this morning. The band serenaded this afternoon.

Saturday January 2– Cold and stormy. Temp 22°. Papa did not go down to the office this morning. Uncle Gilbert, Ethel, Mr. and Mrs Jean and Ethel Hill were in town this afternoon.

Sunday January 3 Fine and cool. Temp 5°. We were all at church but Papa Noble and I were at the Methodist Church in the evening.

Monday January 4. Fine and cold. Temp 0°. This is municipal election day here. For Port Elgin Reeve. D.J Izzard Wm. Robertston

Councillors J.B Cotterill, Pattison, N. Eidt, R.S Begg, John McCallum, J.J George. S. Lowry,

For Saugeen Reeve.

Alex McConnell 217

Jameison 136

Councillor D. Smith 241

G. Christie 237

M Chappell 212

D. Duke 208

Wh. Greatheat 190.

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School opened to-day.

Tuesday January 5 Fine and mild. Temp 20°. Edgar was in with a load of wood.

Wednesday January 6 Dull and warm with rain. Temp 30°. Edgar was in with wood. Ethel and Helen Christie were in town. According to the recount in Saugeon G. Christie got 242 votes and D Smith 241. J.B Wallace brought us in with a quarter of beef.

Thursday January 7. Dull and cold with high wind. Papa did not go down to the office. We cut up the quarter of beef.

Friday January 8. Dull and cold. Temp 22. Mrs. Bock slipped on some ice and fell as she was coming over here and broke a small bone in her wrist.

Saturday January 9 Fine and cold. Oliver and Alex Geddes were in town and took home their goldfish. Uncle Andrew Aunt Minnie and Helen Hamilton were ~~in town~~ here for supper. Uncle Alfred and Arthur were in here after supper and Arthur was skating.

Saturday January 10. Fine and cold. We were all at church in the morning except Mamma and Olive. At night Noble and I went to the Presbyterian church.

Monday January 11. Fine and warm. Oliver came into school. We were at the library.

Tuesday January 12 Fine and warm. Henry Hilker was buried today. Arthur was in with wood.

Wednesday January 13. Fine and warm. Arthur was in with wood. I was at the office all day.

Thursday January 14 Dull and warm. Arthur was in with wood. We cleaned the store pipes this morning. We cleared off a piece of snow from the creek.

Friday January 15. Fine and cool. Arthur was in with a load of green wood. J.R.B Christie was in for a load of sawdust.

Saturday January 16. Dull and warm. Uncle Gilbert and Laurier were in town. Uncle Alfred came in and is staying all night. ~~We~~

Sunday January 17. Dull and wet in the morning. Colder towards night. In the morning we all went to church. At night Noble and I went to the Presbyterian church Mr. Mann and Mr. Watt changed

pulpits.

Monday January 18 Dull and cold. Temp 27°. Arthur was into to-day. There is great skating above the dam and Oliver and I went up after supper. I got a pair of hockey boots to-day. I got my hair cut to-day.

Tuesday January 19 Dull and warm with much snow. Temp. 23°. Arthur was in and Uncle Alfred went home with him. We were skating at the creek this afternoon.

Wednesday January 20. Cold with snow. Temp. 14 We were at the library to-night.

Thursday January 21 Cold with snow Temp 12°

Friday January 22. Cold with snow. Temp 1°. I went to visit school this afternoon.

Saturday January 23. Fine and cold in morning and stormy in the afternoon. Temp. 3°. There was a meeting of the Farmer's Institute in the afternoon which Noble and I attended. There was also a combined meeting in the evening of

the Farmers' and Womens Institute which we also attended. Uncle Gilbert was in in the afternoon. Uncle Sandy and Bessie were also in and Olive went out with them.

Sunday January 24 Fine and cold. Papa Noble and I went to church in the morning and at night Noble and I attended the Presbyterian Church.

Monday January 25 Fine and cold but windy in the evening. Oliver Geddes came in and Olive came with him. D. L. Christie was in with wood for Mrs

D. Kennedy.

Tuesday January 26. Fine and cold. I got my new skates.

Wednesday January 27. Fine at times but mostly changeable. Uncle Sandie and Oliver Geddes were in with chop. D.L Christie was in with wood.

Thursday January 28. Fine and cold. Temp 4°. Olive and I were up at the creek skating.

Friday January 29 Cold and stormy. Papa did not go to the office to-day

Saturday January 30 Fine and cold. Temp 2°. Neil Cairns died this morning

Sunday January 31. Warmer with snow. Temp 16°. We were all at church in the morning Noble was at the Presbyterian Church and I at the Methodist to-night.

Monday ~~January~~ February 1 Cold and stormy. Temp 17°. Papa was at the office in the afternoon Oliver and James Christie came in this morning.

Tuesday February 2. Cold and stormy Temp 4°. Papa did not go down to the office. The 10.05 P. M. train yesterday did not come untill
to-day

Wednesday ~~Ja~~ February 3 Fine and cold. Temp 3°. There was only one train to-day. The railroads are all blocked up. Oliver and I were at a hockey-match.

Thursday February 4. Fine and cold. Feb.- 4°.

Friday February 5. Dull with rain all day. Temp 24°.

Saturday February 6. Dull and cold. Oliver and Alex Geddes were in town. Papa is not well to-day.

Sunday February 7. Fine in early and snow in later part of the day. Papa is

no better. Oliver came in this afternoon. Noble went to the Presbyterian Church to-night and Oliver and I went to the Methodist Church.

Monday February 8. Cold with snow. Temp. 18°.

Tuesday February 9. Dull and cold temp 3°.

Wednesday February 10. Fine and cold. Temp 10°.

Thursday February 11. Thawing with rain Temp. 34°. D.M. Sutherland was here for dinner – today. The funeral of William Forester took place to-day.

Friday Feb. 12. Cold. Temp 30°. Momma was at the Preparatory service to-night. There is banquet to-night in honour of Alex McConnel, Reeve, a hockey match Owen Sound vs. Port Elgin and a dance at the town hall

Saturday February 13. Rain in the afternoon. Jessie and Georgina came in this morning and Georgina is staying in for a few day

~~Saturday~~ Sunday February 14 Dull with rain in the morning Papa and Mamma were at church in the morning. In the evening Olive Georgina and Noble went to the Presbyterian church and Oliver and I went to the Baptist Anniversary services

Monday February 15 Dull with a little snow Noble went out with Arthur to-day.

Tuesday February 16 Fine and cold. Uele Uncle Alfred came in and Georgina went home with him.

Wednesday February 17. Fine and bright. Temp. 22°. We

(Oliver and I) went to see a hockey match between the high school girls of Southampton and Port Elgin. S. 5 Pr.E. 2. Oliver {line stroked through} took a very circiutous route home.

Thursday February 18. Fine and cold. Temp. 6°. Noble and ~~Noble~~ Arthur were at Bruce McKays sale to-day. Bessie and Oliver Geddes were in to-day.

Friday February 19. Fine and very warm. Oliver is sick to-day and has gone home on the train. D. F. Christie was in with wood.

Saturday February 20 Fine and very warm. Noble returned home. Uncle Sandy and Aunt Lizzie were in town. Uncle Gilbert and Ethel were in town.

Sunday February 21. Fine and very warm. Papa is very sick with the cold to-day. In the morning Noble Olive and I went to church and in the evening Noble and I went to the Presbyterian Church in the evening.

Monday February 22. Dull with heavy rain. Papa did not go to the office to-day.

Tuesday ~~January~~ February 23. Dull and wet.

Wednesday February 24. Cold with a little snow.

Thursday February 25 Cold with snow. Oliver and I went out to the Burgoyne Soiree. Oliver ~~stayed~~ came in but I am staying out at Geddes'.

Friday February 26. Dull and very cold with snow. Oliver Geddes brought me in.

Saturday February 27, Fine and cold. Temp. 11°. Papa went down to the office for the first time this week. He was taken down in a cutter

after dinner.

Sunday February 28. Fine and warm. Noble and I went to the Presbyterian Church to-night.

Monday March 1. Fine and cold. D. Christie was in town.

~~Monday February 28.~~ Tuesday March 2. Fine and ~~warm-cool-but~~ dull part of time of snow flurries. ~~Olive~~ Olive Oliver and I were skating this afternoon.

Wednesday ~~February 29~~ March 3 Fine and warm. We were skating again this afternoon. D. Christie was in town.

Thursday ~~February 30~~ March 4 Fine and warm. I was skating this afternoon. Oliver went out to a party at Stuarts'.

Friday ~~February~~ March 5. Fine and ~~warm~~ cold. Arthur and Edgar in town and I returned out with them. Edgar and I were skating in the afternoon and the three of us after supper

Saturday March 6 Dull and cool with snow. I came into town with Arthur.

Sunday March 7. Fine and cool. Temp. 31°. We were all at church in the morning except Papa. Oliver came in this afternoon and the three of us went to church at night.

Monday March 8. Fine and warm. Arthur and Georgina were in to-day.

Tuesday March 9 Fine and warm. Temp. 25°

Wednesday March 10 Fine and warm. Noble and I went out

to Floto's sale but did not purchase anything.

Thursday March 11. Fine and cool. J.R.B. Christie was in to-day.

Friday March 12 Fine and warm. Noble went out to D. Duke's sale ~~with~~ Arthur.

Saturday March 13 Fine and cool. Noble and Arthur went to J. B. Muir's for grass seed and oats. The engine trucks from Appleton Mfg. Co. arrived at the station to-day.

Sunday March 14 Fine and warm. We were all at Church in the

morning except Papa. Oliver came in this afternoon and in the evening the three of us went to the Methodist Church where there was a special service to inaugurate the new pipe organ.

Monday March 15. Fine and cold. Noble and I attended a sale at Fred Atkinson's near Arkwright. Noble bought two neck-yokes and a two-year old heifer. We reached home at 10 P.M.

Tuesday March 16. Fine and cold. Arthur was in to the

dentists and Noble returned with him to bring over the cow which we left at Atkinsons

Wednesday March 17. Fine and cool. Dr. Geo. Veitch died last last night.

Thursday March 18. Fine and cool.

Friday March 19 Fine and cold. The funeral of Dr. Veitch took place this morning and in the afternoon of Adam Maas. Uncle Andrew, Uncle Sandy and James Christie were in town.

Saturday March 20. Fine and cold. Noble went out to Christies on the early and returned on the late train. Edgar

and Jessie was in this morning.

Sunday March 21 Dull with some snow. Papa Noble and I were at the church in the morning and Noble and I were at the Presbyterian Church in the evening.

~~Tuesday~~ Monday March 23 22 Dull and cold. We took down the stove in the dining room and set up the coal-stove. Uncle Alfred was in this morning. I took sick this morning with la grippe.

Tuesday March 23. Bright and warmer. A little worse.

Wednesday March 24 Dull

and cold. Still sick

~~Wednesday March 25~~ Thursday March 25. Dull and cold with rain changing to snow. I felt a little better this morning to the office but am worse to-night.

~~Friday~~ Friday March 26 ~~Fine and cold.~~ Dull with snow Temp. 14° ~~Feeling a little better to-~~
~~night.~~ Very sick to-day

Saturday March 27. Fine and cold. I feel a little better to-night.

Sunday March 28 Cold with snow this afternoon. Mamma and Olive were at Church in the morning and Oliver to-night.

Monday March 29 Cold with a little snow. I am some better but Noble is at home with the cold and Mamma and Olive ~~both~~ have colds.

Tuesday March 30 Warmer with snow. Uncle Andrew brought in the apples which I picked last fall.

Wednesday March 31 Bright and warmer. I went down to the office this afternoon.

Thursday March April 1 Dull and cold. Oliver went home as school

has stopped. Bessie Geddes came in to meet John who came home on the late train.

Friday April 2. Bright and cold. Temp. 26°. Noble went out to Burgoyne this morning and returned this evening. Mamma has not been well to-day.

Saturday April 3. Fine and cold. Uncle Andrew and Aunt Minnie were in town. John and Oliver Geddes were in town also.

(Easter Sunday)

Sunday April 4. Fine and warm. Papa Noble and I went to church in the morning and I went to the Presbyterian Church in the evening.

Monday April 5 Dull with some rain. Edgar was in town and stayed for dinner. Noble went out to Christie's to get a horse.

Tuesday April 6. Dull and cold. Noble and Jim went over to Burgoyne with the horse.

Wednesday April 7 Fine and warm. Noble went in to town this morning and I came out with him.

Thursday April 8 Fine and warm. Noble and I went over to Uncle Walters for some oats. In the afternoon were sawing wood in the bush. Arthur was at at Robert Telford's cutting straw.

Friday April 9 Fine and warm, but dull with rain in afternoon. We were sawing wood in the ~~after~~ morning and most of the afternoon. Arthur and Edgar were at Shankses in the afternoon

Saturday April 10 ~~Fine~~ Dull with much rain in afternoon. Uncle Alfred Edgar and I came into town in the morning Uncle Alfred is staying. Helen Christie has been staying in since Friday at noon. Uncle Gilbert and Laurier were in town and Helen went home with them.

Sunday April 11 Fine and very mild with rain in the evening. Papa Olive and I went to church in the morning. I went to the Presbyterian Church at night.

Monday April 12. Dull with some rain. James and Oliver Christie † came in this morning. Noble was in in the afternoon and Uncle Alfred went home with him. Isabel and Jessie were in town.

Tuesday April 13. Fine and cool. I took out the cow this morning and brought the other one in the afternoon. Noble came in part way. I saw my 100th robin this morning.

Wednesday April 14 Fine and warm. I wheeled out to Burgoyne this morning.

Arthur and I went up to Endeavour this evening. Mr. Watt called for a vote on introducing debating and received five girls voted for it. He got Arthur and I to promise to help, afterwards.

Thursday April 15 Fine and warm. I returned to town this morning.

Friday April 16 Fine and cool. Uncle Gilbert, Aunt Jeanie Donald and James were in town. Uncle Sandy, Aunt Lizzie and

Oliver were also in town.

Saturday April 17 Fine and cool. Arthur and Isabel were in town this morning.

Sunday April 18 Fine and warm but dull in the evening. We were all at church in the morning. Oliver and I were at the Anniversary Services in the Methodist Church in the evening.

Monday April 19 ~~Dull and misty~~ Warm and bright. Tuesday April 20 Temp. Arthur and Edgar were in town. Uncle Sandy & Oliver were in.

We got a load of hay from Mr. Wood to-day.

Tuesday April 20 Bright and warm Temp. 42°.

Wednesday April 21 Fine and cool. I came out to Burgoyne to-night and went to Endeavour.

Thursday April 22 Warm and dull with a few sprinklings of rain. I came in before breakfast this morning.

Friday April 23 Dull and warm with some mist. Uncle Sandy

and Bessie were in town. Oliver borrowed the wheel to go home.

Saturday April 24 Fine and very hot. Helen Christie was in town at the dentist's. Joe Young came home.

Sunday April 25 Fine and very warm. Mamma Olive and I went to church in the morning. Noble ~~returned~~ came home before Church in the morning. Noble and I went to the Presbyterian Church in the evening.

Monday April 26. Fine and very hot Oliver came in the morning. Noble and Arthur were in in the afternoon.

Tuesday April 27 Fine and very warm. I took the wheel to Langford's and got a new cover for the front wheel and a new spoke put in. I had my first dish of ice cream.

Wednesday April 28 fine and very warm. I came out to Burgoyne. Arthur and I were at Endeavour.

Thursday April 29. Dull and cold with a little rain in the afternoon. I was disking in the morning and in the bush in the afternoon.

Friday April 30. Dull and cold with light showers of rain. I was sowing grass seed to-day.

Saturday May 1. ~~Fine~~ Dull and cold with a little rain in the morning. Edgar and came in to town this morning and he returned after dinner. Uncle Sandy Aunt Lizzie Olive Alex and Robbie went into town.

Sunday May 2 Fine and warm. Mamma Olive and I were at church in the morning and Olive and I in the evening.

Monday May 3 Fine and warm but dull towards evening. Oliver came in to-day.

Tuesday May 4 Dull with some rain. I came out to Burgoyne

~~to-night~~ this morning. I went up to Geddeses' to-night with Alex. Cutting poles. Noble was sowing.

Wednesday May 5. Dull with some rain. Arthur and I were at Endeavour to-night. Christie's ordered an automobile.

Thursday May 6. Fine and warm. I returned to town this morning. Oliver was learning to drive their car and took Lil Rowand and I for a ride. Olive went out to Turners on the train

Friday May 7 ~~Fine and~~ Dull with rain. D. F. Christie was in town. Arthur was in town.

Saturday May 8 Dull with

heavy rain in the afternoon. ~~Ethel Helen Olive Oli~~ Oliver took out the ~~auto~~ car this morning and Ethel Helen Olive and Laurier returned with him ~~in the morning~~ before dinner. D. F. Christie returned with it in the afternoon to learn to drive it. They returned before supper

Sunday May 9. Fine and cold. We were all at Church in the morning. At night I went to the Presbyterian Church in the evening.

~~Tu~~ Monday May 10 Fine and warm I came out to Burgoyne this morning We have been hauling out manure on to the mangel grounds.

Tuesday May 11 Fine and hot. We finished spreading manure this morning. After dinner Alex Geddes came down. I returned to town and purchased a pair of trousers at N.M. Gillivray's.

Wednesday May 12 Fine and hot with rain in the afternoon and evening. I came out to Burgoyne this morning. Noble planted ~~the~~ about ½ an acre

of mangels this morning. We hauled out manure during the ~~latter~~ remainder part of the day. ~~At~~ In the evening Arthur and I went to McIvors to a Social Evening which was held instead of the regular meeting of the Christian Endeavours.

Thursday May 13. Fine and warm. We were hauling out manure and spreading.

Friday May 14. Fine and warm. ~~No~~ I came into town in the afternoon.

Saturday May 15. Fine and warm {~~word-stroked through~~} Uncle Sandy and Oliver were in town this afternoon. Arthur came in to ~~the Port~~ a Baseball match

Port Elgin Junior defeated Aberdour 12-7. We went to the Picture Show afterwards.

Sunday May 16. ~~Fine~~ Dull and cool with light rain in afternoon. We were all at church in the morning. In the evenng I went to the Methodist Church.

Monday May 17. Dull and cold. The saddle of the bicycle was broken to-day.

Tuesday May 18 ~~Fine~~ Dull and col. Noble came in with the wagon and we took a load of furniture out.

Wednesday May 19. Fine and

cool. Noble and I went to town this morning with the wagon. I brought out the cow and Noble and Olive came out with the wagon.

Thursday May 20. Dull and cool with a sprinkle of rain in the afternoon. I came into town this morning.

Friday May 21 Dull and warm with some rain in the morning. Hot in the afternoon. I got the wheel fixed.

Saturday May 22. Dull and cold in the morning. Fine in the afternoon. I came to Burgoyne and Noble went in with the double-buggy and brought Papa and Mamma in the evening

Sunday May 23. Dull in the morning, fine in the afternoon. Olive, Noble and I were at church in the morning and I was church at night.

Monday May 24 ~~Warm in~~ Fine and cool. We planted the potatoes to-day. Edgar went to Southampton too this afternoon. Arthur and I went up to play baseball in the evening.

Tuesday May 25. Fine in morning. Dull in afternoon with a little rain. Mrs. Duncan Black's funeral took place this afternoon. Uncle Gilbert

was over to it and Papa went back with them.

Wednesday May 26. Dull and very cold. Aunt Jeannie and Donald & brought Papa over in the car. We were fixing fences to-day.

Thursday May 27. There was a hard frost last night. Slightly warmer than yesterday. ~~Noble took Papa and Mamma into town.~~ We were sawing wood in the bush to-day.

Friday May 28. Fine and warmer. Noble took Mamma and Papa into town. In the bush in the afternoon.

Saturday May 29. Bright and warm. We were working in the bush in the morning and I was there in the afternoon. Noble went in and brought them out.

Sunday May 30 Fine and warm. We were all at church in the morning and I was in the evening.

Monday May 31. Fine and very warm. We were working in the bush this morning and at the cistern in the afternoon.

Tuesday ~~May~~ June 1 ~~Dull~~ Fine and warm. I went

~~into town this morning.~~ We were working at the cistern in the morning and at the fence at the creek in the afternoon.

Wednesday June 2. Dull and warm. I went into town this morning.

Thursday June 3. Dull with a little rain. I went in for a {illegible}.

X Friday June 4. Fine and warm. Noble and Papa went into town.

Saturday June 5. Fine and hot – Papa and Noble returned

Sunday June 6. Fine & hot with strong wind. We were all at church in the morning and I was there at night. Rev. Archie Bell took the place of Mr. Watt

Monday June 7 Dull and warm with rain in the afternoon. Noble and I went into town this morning with the wagon to get a load of lumber and did not get home until supper time.

Tuesday June 8 Dull and cold. We were sawing wood with the engine in the bush.

Wednesday June 9. Dull and cool with heavy rains at intervals

Thursday June 10 Dull and cold with light rain in the evening. Papa and I were digging post holes in the afternoon and Noble was ploughing the summer fallow. We brought the red cow home from the bush.

Friday June 11 Dull and wet in the morning but fine in the afternoon. Papa and Mamma went into town this morning taking Tom and the buggy. We were cleaning the pipes in the morning and in the afternoon. Noble

was ploughing.

Saturday June 12. Dull in the morning fine in the afternoon. I went into town this morning. Uncle Alfred Edgar and Alice were in in the afternoon. Uncle Sandy and Alex were in in the afternoon. Arthur came in in the evening. We returned home in the evening.

Sunday June 13. Dull and hot with thunderstorm in the afternoon. We were all ~~Tuesday June~~ 14 at church in the morning. Noble and Edgar went into a memorial service

and also attended church in town in the evening, Arthur and I were at Burgoyne church in the evening.

Monday June 14. Dull and cool. We were washing and painting the buggy today. Noble went to town on the wheel.

Tuesday June 15. Rain last night and this morning. We finished painting the buggy with a second coat. Noble and Arthur went into town in the afternoon to enlarge the stable door.

Wednesday June 16. Fine and warm in the morning with rain in the afternoon and evening. I started to clean the single harness this morning we then went back to the bush and cut ~~up~~ some posts for the fence. After dinner Papa and Noble took Tom back to the bush and hauled out the posts. I varnished the buggy and put top-dressing on the top. Arthur and I went up to Endeavour to-night.

Thursay June 17. There was a very heavy rain last night. And there was a flood

at the creek. We were working at the crib and cleaning and ~~dressing~~ putting dressing on the single harness. We dug some post-holes in the afternoon.

Friday June 18. Fine and hot with thunderstorm in the afternoon and at night. Papa and Olive went to town taking Tom and the single buggy. We were at the bush sawing wood with the engine in the morning but the engine did not work right and we had to quit. Noble was helping Uncle Alfred in the afternoon

to wash sheep. We finished planting the turnips.

Saturday June 19. Dull and cold with rain in the morning. Noble went into town in the morning with Edgar and returned in the evening with Papa and Olive.

Sunday June 20. Fine and warm. We were all at church in the morning and Olive and I were at Sunday School. I was also at church at ~~to~~ night.

~~Tuesday~~ Monday June 21. Fine and warm. We were making the gravel box and hoeing thistles. Papa and Mamma went into town

with Tom and the buggy and are staying all night. I was at a base-ball match Burgoyne 13 High Street 5.

Tuesday June 22. Dull and cool. Papa was taken ill in town last night but is much better to-day. Noble ~~when~~ went in on the bicycle and brought out Tom and the buggy. We were cutting thistles.

Wednesday June 23. Dull and cold. Noble started at the roadwork to-day. I was cutting thistles.

Thursday June 24. Fine and cool. Noble finished the road work

we were cutting thistle the rest of the day.

Friday June 25 Fine and cool, Cutting thistles. Fred Hanbidge brought their horse which Papa has purchased. Noble went into town with the horse (Fred), taking Olive with him and brought out Mamma. Noble and I were up at Geddes'.

Saturday June 26. Fine and hot. We were fixing the fence across the creek. I took Fred in to-night and came out on the wheel. Papa and Olive came out in the buggy

Sunday June 27 Fine and warm. Papa and Mamma were at church in the morning and Olive and I were there at night.

Monday June 28. Fine and warm. Noble and I went in to town with a load of wood took the pine lumber to the mill to planed and brought it and some plank home. We got a scuffer from J.D. McIntosh.

Tuesday June 29 Fine and hot. We were putting up the fence across the creek to-day.

Wednesday June 30 Fine and warm. We were scuffling the corn and hoeing to-day.

Thursday July 1 Dull and hot in morning fine in afternoon. Noble and I went into town this evening.

Friday July 2. Dull with slight shower in morning, hot in the afternoon. Papa and Mamma went into town. We put up the bars back in the field at the creek and in the afternoon Noble was mowing hay.

Saturday July 3 Dull and hot. I was disking to-day. Papa and Mamma returned home.

Sunday July 4 Dull and hot with heavy rain in the evening. We were all at church in the morning except Papa and Mamma who was sick. I was there in the evening.

Monday July 5 Very windy and cold. The {wind} blew off one of our barn doors. I was harrowing and disking and Noble and Papa were cutting weeds.

Tuesday July 6 ~~Cool with very light shower in the morning.~~ Papa Fine and bright. John Geddes returned home yesterday accompanied

by Myrtle Stait. They came down this morning. Noble was cutting the bay and raking what he cut on Friday. Papa and I were cutting weeds and fixing the bars back in the field across the creek,

Wednesday July 9. Cool with a few drops of rain in the morning and rain also in the evening. Papa Olive and I went into town to pick cherries. Uncle Gilbert and Aunt Jeannie were here to-day. I drove up to Endeavour to-night.

Thursday July 10 Fine and warm. Arthur and I drove to the Endeavour picnic this afternoon.

Friday July 10. Warm and bright. Papa and Mamma went into town this morning. We were weeding and fixing a fence. ~~W~~ I was up at Geddeses to-night.

Saturday July 1 Fine and hot. We are weeding to-day. We were mowing grass in the orchard to-night.

Sunday July 11. ~~Fine~~ Dull and warm. We were all at church in the morning but Olive and I was there in the evening.

Monday July 12. Hot with a thunderstorm in the morning. We were fixing the fence across the creek where a post was pulled out and putting the barn door up.

Tuesday July 13. Dull and hot. Papa and Mamma were over at Christies. We were hauling out manure on to the summer fallow.

Wednesday July 14. Fine and hot. We were hauling out manure and hauling in hay.

Thursday July 15 Dull and warm with much rain. We finished hauling out the manure. In the afternoon we were scuffling and hoeing.

Friday July 16. Hot with a very heavy thunderstorm in the evening. We brought home three loads of wood from the bush and bringing wood out of the jam. Papa and Mamma went into town ~~tonight~~ to-day.

Saturday July 17 Dull with mist in the morning. Fine in the afternoon. We were working at the crib. Papa and Mamma returned home

Sunday July 18 Fine and hot. We were all at church in the morning and I was there at night.

Monday July 19 Cool and dull in the ~~afternoon~~ morning fine in the afternoon. We cut some of the boards for the crib cutting thistles and finished hauling in the hay.

Tuesday July 20 Fine and warm. Father and Olive were in town to-day. Noble was spreading manure and cutting thistles. I was disking. The Burgoyne Garden Party was held to-night.

\$155 was taken at the gate and \$217 altogether. Aberdour beat Burgoyne in baseball 12-11 Noble and I were at the Garden Party.

Wednesday July 21 Fine and warm. Noble finished spreading the manure and he and Papa worked at the crib. I was discing and harrowing.

Thursday July 22. Fine and cool. I disked for a while and then Noble cut the hay in the big field. Papa and I started to fix the fence at the barn. We scuffled the ~~potatoes~~ beans and corn and put poison on the potatoes.

Friday July 23 Fine and warm. Papa Mamma and and I went to town.

Saturday July 24. Dull and very warm. I came out this morning. We hauled in all the hay that is cut.

Sunday July 25. Dull and hot. We were all at church in the morning except Papa.

Monday July 25. Dull with rain in the morning. We fixed the ladder on the rack which we broke on Saturday. ~~Monday July 26~~ and took off the hay.

Tuesday July 27. Fine and warm. We had to dig out ~~all the~~ the earth around the crib of the cistern in order to put in the new one.

Wednesday July 28. Dull and warm with a light shower of rain. We hauled out the timber for the rack. Noble was helping Uncle Alfred to stook wheat in the afternoon.

Thursday July 29 Fine and hot. I was helping Uncle Alfred to haul in hay to-day Noble was cutting the other

part of the timothy field. Noble helped to haul in after summer.

Friday July 30. Fine and hot. Papa and Mamma. I was helping Uncle Alfred to finish hauling in and the coiled up the hay which Noble raked up.

Saturday July 31. Fine and very warm. Noble and I hauled in five loads of hay and finished the timothy. Edgar helped us with one load. Papa and Mamma returned home.

Sunday August 1 Fine and hot. Papa Mamma and Olive were at Church in the morning and I was there at night.

Monday August 2 Dull with a little rain in the afternoon. Papa and Olive went into town in the buggy and Noble went in for shingles for the house roof.

Tuesday August 3 Dull with heavy rain. Arthur helped us to get ready part of the scaffold for shingling. Alex Geddes was down in the afternoon.

Buschlen was out and put the pump into the cistern.

Wednesday August 4 Dull with rain in the morning and evening. We put up the scaffold and did a little shingling. Arthur was helping us. Aunt Lizzie Robbie and Florence were here for dinner.

Thursday August 5 Dull with a light shower in morning and heavier one at night. We were ~~working~~ cleaning up the out the stables till about the 9 a.m. and then shingled the rest of the day.

Friday August 6 Dull with short heavy showers in evening. Papa and Noble went to town this morning and returned home this evening.

Saturday August 7 Dull with a little rain in the evening. Papa and Olive went to town this morning and returned this evening ~~Sunda~~ We finished shingling the roof.

Sunday August 8. Fine and warm. We were all at Church in the morning ad Olive and I were ~~there in the evening~~ at Sunday School. Noble went to the Methodist Church in Port Elgin in the evening and I went to Burgoyne.

Monday August 9. Dull with heavy mist. Papa and Mamma went to town. We took the cleats off the roof and cleared up more of the shingles.

Tuesday August 10 Fine and hot. We cut our wheat to-day and finished staking the fence at the clover field. Geddes' were down at the for a load

of straw.

Wednesday August 11. Hot. We finished cutting the wheat and the fence corners hoeing hoed some corn and took down the scaffold. Noble and I went up to Endeavour

Thursday August 12 Warm with heavy rain. We were working clearing up the stable and flooring the stall.

Friday August 13. Misty and rainy in early morning. Fine rest of day. Papa Mamma and I drove into town this morning and I returned in the evening.

Saturday August 14 Fine and hot. I drove in with the buggy. Noble took the team in and returned after

dinner. Mamma Papa and I returned in the evening.

Sunday August 15. Hot and dull. We were all at church in the morning. Noble and I were there in the evening.

Monday August 16 Hot with slight shower in morning and heavier one in evening. Noble Edgar cut our barley field across the creek and Noble and I stoked it.

Tuesday August 17. Fine and cool. Noble cut the second crop of clover. I was helping Uncle Alfered's with their barley.

Wednesday August 18 Fine and cool. Papa and Noble finished the (weht = wheat?) this morning. I helped Uncle Alfred's with their barley, this morning. Uncle Alfred and Edgar came with their team and wagon and helped us to haul in our wheat (6 loads) and hay in fence corners. Then we helped Unce Alfred's to haul in their mixed grain.

Thursday August 19 Fine and warm. Edgar was cutting our Daubegne oats at the road until suppertime and Noble cut the rest after supper.

Friday August 20. Fine and warm. Papa and Mamma went into town. We raked the hay and part of the wheat stubble and coiled part of the hay.

Saturday August 21. Dull and warm with very heavy rain in the evening. We finished raking the wheat stubble and coiling the hay. We brought in the wheat rakings and one load of hay and two loads of barley.

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