

James Cameron (1824–1912)

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1st of January 1865 New Years Day Sunday had a Few Rounds of Whiskey this Day Nobody here ice commencing to Jam Freezing to night

2nd the ice taken Before the Door a Great many air holes Thrashing set 2 Traps at the Lower Point

3rd Allens Birth Day Thrashing pease Went Down to Charlies took Dinner got some nuts Charlie came up with me hurted the instep of my Foot splitting a stick of stove Wood A Strange dog came about Dark

4th Charlie Went home Gave him some pease some matches stuff for his hens 1/2 Bushel of Potatoes some poison old pair of mits Fanning Pease 3 Bushels Drew some Drags Mary Fell out of the Bed

5th Bushing the Road at the Upper Point to Hamiltons very crooked with so many air holes

6th crofsted to Renshaws got New Years from Mr Powell Donald McDonald and I crofsted to Mr Harpers a Treat gave Ranald Angus a/7 1/2 for a Raffle of Window sashes Bought of Mr Harper 3/4 of Calico -/7 1/2 1 lb candles /10 2 yds of shirting 2/6 Went to Mr David Summers a Treat 1/- paid this David Went to cure Long Angus's child her Palate was Down Dave has a charm for that Heard of Dan Going to Toronto

the 7th 1865

Mr James Cameron Island January

Thrashing the Last of the Pease and Fanning them 3 1/2 a cold Day the air holes shutting up well

8th Sunday Lashey here for his sleigh and scates I though I seen a Cutter crofsing Summers's Road cold to Day Freezing hard

9th Thrashed 3 Floors of wheat 7 Bushell Fanned this is the First of Thrashing of Wheat Francis Laplante here for Semos spear gave it to him all the Bosells Fishing EELs Turned

Warmer seen cutters going on the ice and a Load of Hay as is supposed the cutter Turned Back 2 times to Summers Put Straw in the strawtick to Day

10th I went to Fish EEIs opposite the Foot of Christees Island the Bosells came got 2 Turned Stormy came home very stormy East Wind First Feeding of Hay to the Horses

11th cold, snow Deep in the Breaking Roads Drawing a Little Wood home with the sleigh Banks of Snow Drifts

12th Getting Wood Breaking Roads

13 This is the Old New Year and it is stormy Went to the head of the Island cut the Top of the Top of the Oak Tree at the very point of the Island

13th Drawing wood out of the Bay with the Mare Soft Day to day cows going to the Bush at night commenced to Drift & Blow

14th Drawing Wood

15th Sunday Cold Frosty

16th Thrashed 3 Bushels of Oats Cold Weather

17th Thrashed 2 1/2 of Oats cold & Frosty a cold night too

18th cold Turned a Little Milder in the afternoon Went to Draw a Load of Wood great Dreams those nights Feeding the Cattle more than Common it is so cold

19th Drew 2 Loads of wood Went to Mr Harpers got 5/- of Flour 1 lb Candles -/10 1 spool Thread Pipe plug Tobacco some paper 1/2 lb Tea 1/10 1/2 Bought of Rolland 6 yds Tape 15 cents 3 skains 10 cents 1 spool Red 5 cents 30 cents in all

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Mr James Cameron Island January 20th

Went to Mr Harpers to 62 lbs of Oats to my account a Treat Gave George Bosell & Lewis a Ride down Bushing the upper Point Road some First Crofsing with a Horse

21st Went to Mr Harpers with a Bag of Pease & 2 Bushels of Oats 18 bl Beef 5/3 1 Qt Whiskey -/7 1/2 1/2 Gal Oil 1/8

22nd Crofsted to Francis Island turned Back was going to Semos

23 Fine Day Drawing Wood

24th Went with 3 Bushels B Wheat to Mrs Morris Bought of Mr Harper 2 lbs Butter 2/- Treat
-/7 1/2 Bottle Whiskey -/10 1/2 25 Semo came to Thrash at the Wheat The Horse Dead

26th Fanning Wheat 4 Bushels Thrashed White Oats 4 Bushels commenced Black Oats
Went to the store 1 1/2 Pease 3 1/2 Pints High Wines 14 lb Beef

27th Semo Thrashing

28th Thrashing & Fanning the Last and Frist of the Black Oats Gave him 2 Bushels Oats 2
Pease & 2 of Potatoes for his Pay Let him have the Mare to go home with his Pay

29th All Alone

30th Went to Salmon River with 4 Bushels of Wheat Lis came Down with me Bought Mr
Harper 1 plug Tobacco got my Account from P Buchanan Bought of Mr Streeter 1 pair for
Livinia 2 2/4 their Money Bought of Congdon Mrs Winslows soothing syrup Pink & Semos

31st Went to Mr Harpers to 2 Bushels & some lbs over 80 odd lbs of Pease 25 lbs Beef 1/2 lb
Tea a Treat -/7 1/2 Took Thomas Munroe up Home 1/3 for the Roseboroug Church Gave Mr
Harper 5/- cash for to get me a Paper

1st February Went as far as Renshaws with Lis Went to Fish EELs with Henery Antwine to
Christee Got 60 20 a peice

2nd all Bad with Cold

3 taking home wood

4th Went to Charlies to Draw some Wood John Angus & James Hugh came Brought me a
pair of Boots

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Mr James Cameron Island Feb 5th 1865

John Angus James Hugh went off I went as far as Peters B stormy some

6th Grinding axes cut down the Hicory at the Lower Point

7th Drawing wood

8th Gordons Birth Day Breaking Roads

9th Drawing Wood stormy weather these Days

10 cutting stove Wood

11th Went to Williamstown a Treat Harpers -/7 1/2 a Treat at Davids Bad Roads on the ice
Old Page died

12th Went to see Ellen

13th came Home a Very Frosty night Last night the coldest I felt this Winter Bought of Mr
Harper 1 squaw Broom -/7 1/2 1 yd of Tobacco -/7 1/2 stopt at Archy Campbells

14th St Valentines Day a Ball at D Summers to night

15th Drawing Wood Kenneth MDonnell Drawing his Marsh hay home Clows taking over oats

16th Went to Mr Harpers 67 lb of Oats 1/2 lb Tea 1/10/1/2 1/2 Gal syrup 1/10 1/2 2 lb of Butter
-2/- 10 bl Beef 3/6 Treat Matches -/10 Jim Hopkins wife at Hamiltons

17th Drawing Wood

18th stormy James Hughs Birth Day

19th Sunday

20th Drawing Wood

21st Went to Salmon River Bought of GA Streeter 1 pair of Boots 2 1/2 Our money Left my
old Boots to be mended Bought of Rob Baker 1 Tumbler -/6 paid Congdon 5 cents Bought 2
Siscos 3 cents 2 cents for candy got a Ride from Comrie acrofs Stopt at Angus Camerons
all night Bought Mr Harper 1 Bottle Whiskey -/7 1/2 seen Lauries Boy

22 came home Mrs Christee here with 2 pictures for Potatoes

23 Went to Mr Harpers 109 lbs Pease 1 Gal syrup 3/9 1/2 lb Tea 1/10 1/2 Treat -/7 1/2 went up with Thomas Munroe & Bill McLeod

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Mr James Cameron Island 24th Feby 1865

Mending Harnefs a Rout at Christees about stolen clothes

25th Writing a Letter for Christees about the ill usage they got yesterday Brought me a Letter Back from Norman concerning the stealing of D McRae clothes splitt 2 sticks for Rails crust not good

26th Raining some

27th chopping stove Wood

28th Last Day of the Month stormy snowing fixing straw in the Barn on 1 side

1st of March Ash Wednesday snowing some Fine Day took home 2 Loads of Wood not very well

2nd Went to Summers sold the timber to A Summers for L5..0..0.. 1 lb of tea on the Bargain Endorsed it on my Note took Dinner with Him Bought of Mrs Harper 1/2 lb Saleratus -/4 1/2 lb Candles -/5 1 plug Tobacco /2 pipe 1/12 Treat -/4 Fixing the Ashes in the Bags 3 Bags of Ashes Mr Harper to Montreal Mrs Christee here Gave her some Pease

3rd snowing Raining went to A Summer with the Ashes 4 Bushes 2/6 Brought a Bag of Oats Bought of Mr Harper 1/2 Gal syrup 1/10 1/2 10 lb Beef 1 Doz Herrings 2 1/2 cents coming to Me Got some yeast from Lydia Ann

4th Stormy day Christees here for Potatoes Brought a small smoothon to sell

5th Went to Christees

6th Went to Mr Harpers 1 lb sugar -/ 7 1/2 1/2 Gal oil 1/8 Treat -/7 1/2 Angus on the Front Renting the House to Carey a Treat at Davids 2/- My Mare Run away twice at Renshaws Island Lashey caught the Mare

7th Went to Dundee Got the Pots from the Old Lady Christees took their Pot here a Treat about Wade selling min Emmanuel Poorly First crows I seen

Mr James Cameron Island March 8th 1865

A Summers here for the Timber Seen Wild Geese Semo got the Horse to Draw Wood

9th After Timber Lis came

10th George Semo here Stormy Day

11th Went to Salmon River with 3 Bushels of B Wheat Run over Deneens Child Bought of GA Streeter a pair for Gordon 9 York shillings Tapping my Boots 1 Dollar American Money Brought the candlemoles to Mr Harper & Letter to Foley A Letter to J Hopkins From Mr Phillips Bought of Mr Harper syrup 3/9 Heard Dan was to be at home in a few Days 2 clafs certificate

12th On this Day of the month McMaster first came to the Island stormy cold

13th Drew 2 Loads of Wood Christee here had nothing to eat Gave him some Potatoes and Pease & his Breakfast Tobacco

14th stormy time

15th Went a Treat at D Summers 1/3 seen Dany Ding went with Charlie to Renshaws Bought of Mr Harper Treat -/7 1/2 1/2 Quire of Paper -/6 came home

16th Went as far as Renshaws with Lis she got a Ride acrofs stopt a while with Powell went Down with Charlie forgot his sleigh got the Load of a Half Barrel from him got some Red Pepper Blackbirds came seen 2 Ducks Grey Birds Races in Salmon River

17th Doing Little or nothing

18th Drawing Wood 1 cutter crofsed Summer's Road ice Bad in Salmon River no sleighs crofsing Getting Bad around the Points went up in the Bush for the first time this month so very Deep

19th Sunday Charlie here for his sleigh 2 of Christees coming acrofs but they turned Back air hole Before the Door opened horses out Picking all Day hens not Laying yet

{second page} 1865 Mr James Cameron Island March 20th

Some crust something like sugar weather went to the Bush Tapt 29 Trees took home 4 Pails of sap Tapt 2 Butternuts Trees for a Medicine Lashey came Pretty well staving had a Coo got a Bunch of Matches some Tobacco from him Christees crofsed over to Summers they went to Sugar Making Great crofsing the Lancaster Road Great Fishing at the Big Bay

21st Went to Bosells for Lasheys spear cut 4 holes no eels Made Molasses out of the 4 Pails of sap a Great Feast for Gordon Tapt 30 Trees this Evening Gathered 2 pails of sap not running well seen 2 men crofsing Summers's Road a Foot cows a Picking out now on or about these Days the Equinoxial Gales are Sun crofsing the Line

22nd Livinia Birth Day got 4 EEls

23rd Snowing Brought home 3 pails of sap Made the First Sugar about 1 lb cows wanting to go to the Bush Robins came on the 22nd went to the head of the Island water Raising in the Marsh seen 3 Men going to Christees eel Fishers Lots of snow Birds Hens commenced to Lay some of them but the Dog made Free in taking them

24th A Fortunate Day But as Fortunate as it is I spilled a 1/2 Barrel of Sap taking it home cut 3 holes for EEls got 4 swallows came Gathered 22 pails of sap Besides what I spilled

25th a Man here from the Grand River he Lives in Bombay a shantyman I suppose ice opened Between here and Francis Island Molly had her calf this Evening First Boiling of sap in the Bush to Day Gathered 14 Pails to Day Tapped 10 Trees thats 36 pails I have Gathered now

Sunday 26th Gathered 15 pails Gordon & Mary Livinia & myself Went to the Bush Boiled 2 pails while there No Eggs yet Took home some Mollasses

27th Gathered 30 Pails to Day Boiling all in the Bush took home what we Boiled

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Mr James Cameron Island March 28th

Went to the Bush Sugared of what we took home yesterday Gathered 36 Pails of sap to Day Boiled Down 36 Pails to Day Went to Fish EEls got 11 of them ice slow in opening

29th Went to the Bush Boiled 37 Pails to Day Gathered 33 pails to Day Tapt 10 Trees Gathering Wood for the Fire took home what we Boiled yesterday and what we Boiled yesterday and what we Boiled to Day Summers's Road Out Before the Door east Wind

30th Sugared of Threw out the Rain water & sap

31st Gathered 2 Pails Tapt some Trees Boiled over 40 Pails to Day Took home the syrup to sugar at home the Frogs a Making a noise Butterflies and Millers Drawing wood to the camp east Wind

1st of April All Fools Day Lashey here for his Spear water coming in the cellar Fixing the Potatoes put 8 Bushels in the Box pout out 10 pails of Water sugared Twice Went to the West end of the Island Killed a snake and put him in the Fire Gathered 8 Pails to Day Tapt a Birch Tree for Vinegar ice Going from before the Door hens commenced to Lay only 1 of them the Mare out Weaned the calf yesterday Hay all Done on the East side Began 1/2 of the other side of the Hay

Sunday the 2nd 3 /2 Pails gathered to day

3rd Gathered 9 Pails to Day Tapt some more trees took home 8 pails to Boil in the house today Seen BumbleBees or Humble Bees whatever you choose to call them 2 Indians Fishing EEls me Fishing got 3 put a pole in my spear put out the Gaberna canoe Fired a shot at a Rat and did not Get him ice Before the Door yet

4th 5 pails Gathered to Day Went Down to the Barn above the Kit Kit Just as I got there the Wind raised

{second page} April 5th 1865 Mr James Cameron Island

Went to Fish EEls got 18 came home took home 10 pails of Birch sap to make vinegar Loons a Roaring Made Mollas of 15 pails

6th a Fortunate Day high Wind 4 Indians came up from Charlies Gathered 11 Pails of sap & Rain together Boiling the Birch sap at the end of the house for vinegar Killed 7 snakes or 8 set 2 Traps for Mink found a cedar stick only 3 hens Laying yet of the 16 Pat at Charlies

7th Boiling sap yet Fixing the Fence on the Pitt Point high Wind

8th Boiling vinegar sap took home all the things from the Bush

9th Sunday 3 years Married to Day Palm Sunday to Day Pat and Charlie here

10th Mr Powell here him and I to Charlies took 1/2 Bushel of Potatoes to Charlie Lent Pat the most noted Pirates, Shipwrecks & Disasters at sea and the Hospital Book Put 5 Gallons and 1 Quart on the Jar to Day took a Pail of Birch sap home for Charlie. Fixing of Renshaws account

11th Went to Renshaws Gave what he owed me £27..7..2 Besides there was 70 lb of Barley and 2 1/2 of Potatoes I gave him in place of me owing him 26 Dollars and 26 cents he owes me a Balance of Something I did not want to see what it was as I was not well pleased at his Boarish Look Went to Mr Harpers Pat and Charlie there Gave Charlie the eel oil to Fetch to Powell had 2 Treats at Mr Harpers Took Dinner at Thomas Munroes wrote a Letter for Thomas A Summers Bought out Rolland Taking stack Down Got the Clevis Charlie left his shirt to Make.

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Went to Fish EEls the wind came from the West I came up as far as the Sturgeon Island had to Wheel round and go for Rofs Island the swells running in and over my canoe Stopt all Day on Rofs Island the Wind and Water on the River was like Drifting of snow and smoke stopt on the Island all night. very cold

13th calling for Charlie My canoe all split with the Lashing of the Waves Charlie came for me stopt at Charlies till Friday 14th Good Friday when the Wind Lowered and him and Pat came home with me used me well Lent Charlie an axe Gave Charlie his shirt Bills roof of his Barn Blowed off Part of it there must Bean a Great Destruction with this wind

15th Making Fence in the Lane Found a Bottle that Charlie Rose and Dan McDougall had Left in the Feild seen Renshaws Boat sailing up from the Warf Went Through to see the Damage the Wind had done and it tore Down trees set Fire to the marsh Hay up in the Bay

16th Sunday Easter Sunday a Great Frolic of Eggs to Day

17th Went for the Horses to head of the Island got a Rat first setting of Traps Last night Hard Frost and ice Last night very hard Drew some stones to the Bank put Manure in the canoe for plants Drew the Big Canoe up to the Door set 4 Traps in the Front Marsh

18 Our Duncans Birth Day and a Windy Day it is very high Wind Pat and Charlie crofsed Dont think But they got to Hamiltons Island fore the store caught them First ploughing in the Garden ploughed some before the Door commenced to Rain Found the sheep Dead Making Fence on the Pitt Point 1st Steamer went to Day Tried to go into Lancaster I think its the Emprefs came Down Abe Lincoln Shot I heard Found the sheep Lamb Dead

{second page} 19th 1865 Mr James Cameron Island April

Pat & Charlie here from Summerstown had a Smather took Breakfast & Dinner the Wind high Split the Hicory for Capstans Bars ploughed a little the horses will not go for me Lashey here to Chop

20th hard Frost and hail East wind filled the Bags with Ashes Gathering iron the Bachelor after Bossy to Day Great Going of Boats from Salmon River to Lancaster this while Back now cold to Day

21st Got a Rat wind high Seen Charlie Trying the Perch at the Lower end of his Island him and Pat Loons a Roaring Put in the sheep again Fixing the Big Canoe some

22nd Went to the Little Island North side Went to my Spot to Fish Eels got 6 came home wind Raised Found a part of a Horse pelt Went to the Bush for Wild Onions took home a pail full very high Wind

23rd St George's Day Sunday Raining & snowing Blowing Hills Light Lit Sunday

24th Lashey came Late night to chop him and I to Renshaws & Harpers Bought of Mr Harper Flour 5/- I Forgot how many Pounds 1/2 lb Tea 1/10 1/2 1/2 lb Saleratus -/4 Heard Morway Departed heard that Abraham was poorly Ploughed a Little Before the Door

25th Livinia & Lashey and Mary went to Salmon River Abraham Departed this Life Gordon and I to Fish Eels got 23 Gordon got Kind of Sea sick with the Rocking of the canoe a very fine Day Salaberry came up to night 1st Rafts went Down

26th The Emprefs came up & went Down stopt all night at Lancaster Salaberry into Salmon River St Helen Went Down Livinia Mary & Lashey came home Gordon Pat & Charlie and I to Mr Harpers for the first time Gordon went to the store or Front

27th Planted Potatoes Before the Door Finished ploughing the Garden Passport went Down 2 Rows of all sorts early ones niggertoes Blue merseys or whatever you call them and my Little Blue noses {potatoes}

Mr James Cameron Island April 28th 1865

Fixing the slab Fence on the Pitt Point Helping Lashey to split a Fortunate Day took home a Load of chips Fixed the Door up stairs First sail came up Passed here East Wind cold Rain & hail Lashey crofsted to go to confefsion to Williamstown

29th Fishing EEls Before the Door got a Great Blow of Wind for a Little While Raining the Emprefs up First this Morning Before the Salaberry Propellers going Down Tug went Down Barge sailed into Salmon River

Sunday 30th Our nannie a Lamb the Rumpling White hen commenced to Hatch 13 Eggs under her Molly and the Batchelor sparking a Good many Trees and Limbs Down with yesterdays storm Charlie and Pat to the Squaw Island for eggs 2 Rafts going down

1st of May Emprefs went Down took in 6 eggs this morning East Wind Cold Fixing the Fence on Pitt Point Went to Fish EEls got 30 Fine 3 Masted Vessel went Down in Tow of the America 5 men here Looking for a Dram of Timber Ploughed a Ridge at Dead Butternut Tree

2nd Charlie & Pat came Went to Salmon River Brought 28 lb iron 1/2 12 lb Rags 36 cents 11/2 Ashes 1/3 which comes to 4/2 1/2 paid an old account of 40 odd cents all clear up to this Date (Bought on credit Meal 30 cents 1/2 lb crackers 7 cents this is charge to me) got 1 or 2 fathom of Rope 1/2 lb candles -/4 Bought the shot paid this 2 papers of Onion and 1 paper of Beets 1 of Carrots paid all this Gave the old Lady a Bag of Ashes and Bag of Potatoes Brought home the Pot Bought of P Buchanan 1 Quart 1/2 Pint of Whiskey 2 Tin Dishes 1 Goopey Matches Bought of Baker 1 Bar of Soap 20 cents paid this Returned the Bottle Gave Charlie some Potatoes EEls pail sap 1 bottle of Vinegar sweet Pat Left his shirts to wash Gave Pat some oil Got 2 French almanacks at Bakers James Hopkins poorly, planted the Tobacco

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Mr James Cameron Island May 3rd 1865

Ploughed above the house Went to Fish EEls with Pat and Charlie got 15 Gave 1 to Pat had oatmeal for supper a Great Treat the young Nannies Lamb Dead

4th Shot 2 Ducks got 4 eels Ploughing Let out the calve a While set Fire to Little Island the Emprefs chasing the Salaberry planted 3 Beets for seed Berris & Tomatoes in a Box ice Last night 2 hens Wanting to Hatch 2 more Lambs the White Sheep has Fixing some sticks at or around the upper Part of the old house made 2 Pannets at the end of the Lane that was Broke with the Wind clearing around the shore the canoe & Bun & sticks Heard Thunder Raining some the Bouquet in to Salmon River Planted 2 Rows straight Down from the currant Bushes of White Potatoes and a Row of Blue Mersey or niggertoos early ones

almost seed planted 5 Rows all Together to Day Harrowing another of these Large 3
Masted Ships went Down to Day in tow of the America

5th Ploughing Harrowing for the Rest of the Potatoes

6th Planted the Rest of the Potatoes above the House 2 Men here from a Raft for Bread
Gave 9 lbs of Pork 1 1/2 of Potatoes to them Left their Towel Made 1st Butter 3 Men here one
of them a Laduke from St Timothy stopt all night Raining the Empress up Before the
Salaberry

7th Sunday Henery and his Wife here got Potatoes currant Bush slips took Dinner Tom
came tomatoes starting Berries

8th Monday Ploughing Down on the hill Semow here for seeds of Potatoes Put in the Ram

9th Charlie and Pat crofsed Pat going to see his children Charlie seen Angus on the Front A
Summers & Ne McDonald here with his horse Gave me a Bottle and it full of Sting A Letter
from Lis Making the Garden onions Beets start of sage carraway carrots caught an Elm stick

Mr James Cameron Island May 10th 1865

Ploughing Looking for the young Ram All Day and him in with the sheep the Black lamb Dead
Tom crofsed with the 2 Canoes

11th Ploughing Raining went to Fish EELs got 2 Wind Raised as usual Fixing the Brush Fence
some planted Corn before the old House about 80 Hills of Yellow corn sweet corn or sugar
Corn about 40 hills took 2 currant Bushes on the 10th

12th Went for a Plank at the head of the Island ploughed some Tom Tried the Perch to Bite
got none Finished Reading Paul Clifford Fixing a Whippletree snow on the Mountains 3
Proppellors after one another the St Helene chasing the Huron My Horses very slow to work
they want a Driver none too Fat Plenty Good Hay not any oats

13th got 2 eels in the Mud Tom and I Dan Came Blistered his hands not Being accustomed
to Row

14th Sunday Dan Went off

15th Sowed 2 1/2 of Pease Foggy this Morning Tom set his line set mine Broke Lost 30 Fathom of it got 3 Perch for the First Tom Caught Harrowed the Garden Made holes for the Corn

16th Planted 300 hills of Corn Put Manure on them Planted Pumpkins Pat & Charlie here Charlie Brought a Hen for eggs as he has no Ruster Mr Streeter & his Brother William who is very Poorly along with him Gave him 3 Rats Thunder Foggy Pat Brought Livinia 1/2 lb Tea some crackers Gordon Charlie Pretty well to Do washed 6 peices for Pat caught 4 Perch Left his Dog the hen off her nest A Hatching

17th Made a Fence Behind the shed put out 4 Loads of Manure some on the corn and potatoes a Load in the Garden very fine and then turned very cold Gomprey up first got eating of Perch Tom got a Pickerel

{second page} the 18th 1865 Mr James Cameron Island May

A Fortunate Day Trying to Plough the horses will not got for me sowed a Bushel of Wheat on 2 1/2 pails harrowing

19th Tom Setting his Lines Mosquitoes commencing

20th Digging the peice Behind the shed at the Pig Pen Fishing caught a Pickerel Let Gray out to Grafs went to Fish at night with a Light got 15 Tom & I I Lost a Great many as my spear is not very good Looking for Gordon as his is Lost Got him in the wheat Ground asleep

Sunday Rogation the 21st Went to the Little Island North side Gordon & I got 6 Duck Eggs Gordon had a right view of the American steamer set Fire to the Hay on the Little Island Let out the sheep and Lambs The Batchelor & Molly together Tom Went home took a Pike with him the Potatoes Beginning to peep up onions up in the garden Beets & carrots

22nd Taking the ground away from the east end of the House and stones took 6 Bushels of Potatoes out of the cellar put in the old House planted 6 pais of Potatoes in the Garden 1 Row next the currant Bushes of early Lady Fingers next Row Blue Merseys or seedlings

23 Ploughing had to take Grey to Finish a Ridge alone

24th Fishing Perch Queens Birth Day Pat came up alone him and I to Mr Harpers a Great Day in Cornwall The Highland Games for the Championship of the World Tarring and

McLennan Toronto Lost the Bet of 1000 Dollars Got 5/- Cash from Pat Bought of Mifses Harper 1 pint Whiskey -/4 2 Candles -/3 1 Pipe paid this Antwine and parent came to Fish sold them a Bun got a Coat and shirt for it sold them Potatoes got 31 Hooks

25th ascension Day or Holy Thursday I went to Summerstown Bought yds B Ribbon 1/- paid this Bought Mr Harper 5/- worth of Flour

Mr James Cameron Island May 26th 1865

Planted the 40 Hills of corn over again Took up my Traps Tom set out his Line again

27th Drew up the Elm stick Antwine went of Fishing Perch Baited the Line Watering the Garden and corn and some Potatoes The Spartan went Down on the 26th yesterday on her First Trip

28 Sunday Mrs Morris George & Bob here Tom went for his spectacles

29th Royal Oak Day Charlie and Pat up Going to Mr Harpers Treated me The Game men on the Front Jarmy and McLennan Sowed 4 1/2 Bushels of Oats Harrowing Cleaning the Potatoes Planted 61 hills of Cucumbers Mush Melons 31 Water Melons 5 hills, 1 hill of citrons took home 4 peices of Washing. Brought to Wash 2 peices More

30 Henery set his Line stopt all night Towing got some Boards

31st Christie here took away the Glafs Gave him 2 spears 1 EEI spear 3 prungs 1 Fish spear 2 prungs

1st of June Ploughing the Potatoe Ground Below the house

2nd Planted about 3 Bushels of sets or small potatoes very warm Harrowing

3rd Fixing the Red canoe 2 Men here Fishing Gains and Saya from the South Branch camping on the Pitt Point

4th of June George the 3rds Birth Day Sunday the 2 men here for Baite Say and Gains A Great many Rafts a Going Down a steamer from Below Taking up a Raft above the squaw Island Began to Rain which is much wanted

5th Hoeing Potatoes Went to Renshaws with Saya got a Quart of High Wines Gave me a 1/3 for 200 Gordon got 5 cents got some Potatoes onions from them Powder and caps

6th Pat & Charlie came I went to Harpers Bought 1/3 worth of Tea 16 worth of Candles
Heard Donald McDonald John Son Died & Jim McRory Buried Pat to Cornwall

{second page} 7th 1865 Mr James Cameron Island June

Henery & Pat Thomas & 2 Boys William Rose here had a Bottle of stuff gave the Boys some
sugar Pat took some Tea from co{illegible} to Livinia Pat stopt all night Thunder & Lightning
and Rain

8th Charlie came up for Pat Charlie took up 100 Plants put them out sheared the Rest of
the sheep Lots of Trowling got 2 Pickerel Trowling

9th Our Marys Birth Day I went to Mr Harpers with 10 Dozen of eggs Bought of Mr Harper 3
1/2 yds of cotton at 8 per yd 2/4 4 yds Calico at 1/2 4/8 spool of Thread 1 Quart of oil -/10
Treat -/7 1/2 which comes to 8/8 1/2 got a Doz of the eggs at {Balatise? } on this Due Harper
of 2/10 1/2 & an almanack went to Renshaws stopt at Hamiltons with John as he had some
oats in the Canoe he got at McLeods Took supper at Hamiltons John Angus Came got a
Wooden Pipe from Seans got a Tumbler from Summers store

10th Fishing got 33 Perch Hoeing and cleaning the Potatoes

4th Sunday went acrofs with John Angus Gordon and I stopt on Francis Island the first time
ever Gordon was on it Heard George Bosell was Going to be mate on the Salaberry Fishing
Got 12 Perch and 2 Picerel Lost 1

12th of June Cleaning the Corn and Potatoes wind high Keeping in the calve

13th hoeing and cleaning the corn Fixing the sticks of Hicory for to go to Renshaws

14th Went to Renshaws Tom & I

15th Corpus Christie

16th Crofsed Pilots 5 of them gave me 1/3 crofsed with 2 of the men Gave me 1/3 Going to A
Summers 1/2 lb Saleratus 1/4 lb of starch paid this Bought of Mrs Harper 2 lb of soap 1/-
paid this Found an elm stick 54 Length

17th Pat & Charlie here Gave Pat my 4 peices of Washing Crofsed to see Renshaw got 5/-
for the sticks Bought of Harper 5/- {illegible} of Flour Paid

Mr James Cameron Island June 18 1865

The ever memorable Battle of Waterloo Grand Procession at St Regis Pat and Charlie here going to Careys Strawberries Ripe some now Gordon Mary Livinia and me at the Lower Point for Berries

19th I went to Dundee Bought of Buchanan 1 1/2 of Potatoes at 2/6 per Bushel 3/9 Had 83 lbs of Oats at 40 cents for 34 lbs Bought 1/14 of soap at {?ents} a lb Bought Pudding Dish 30 cents I owe him 16 cents on this Returned Bakers Bag stopt at Mrs Morris's with the shower stopt at Alex Island till the storm was over Charlie Brought some plants 2 Men here for Brushs Timber did not get any

20th Tom Came Fixing Boots & Marys Moccasins Put the story in the old House

21st Longest Day in the year got 9 Perch set the Line 18 hooks on Lashey Came stopt all night got 2 EELs From him

22nd Our Dans Birth Day hoeing some Fixing the Gate got a Pickerel & 4 Perch Mosquitoes Bad

23rd Charlie here Left his shirt to make Baited the Line with chub Charlie Brought Lashey here at night

24th Antwine Russel Fishing eels Tom started turned Back with the Wind

25th a Fortunate Day Sunday got 2 EELs got 1 Large Pike Thunder & Lighting at night Raining some Strawberries now on the Lower Point

26th Monday Ploughing the Potatoes & corn Raining very dirty the Potatoes

27th Wind High high

28th Charlie came Pat & Thomas Munroe came Lent a Bag & Bottle to Put at the Potatoes and at the Weeding & Watering the Garden heard of those that was Killed on the RailRoad Docherty Cunningham Curry & Caribou John Raising his {illegible} Working on the Roads now A Summers informed on selling Licquor

30th Wind high putting the Plough through the Rest of the Potatoes Before the Door Broke the Plough

{second page} July the 1st 1865 Mr James Cameron Island

Hoeing Potatoes Below the house for the 1st hoeing got a Cat Fish and a Pike on the Line got chub to bait with the Salaberry a Pleasure Trip to Cornwall

2nd Robert McDonald Angus Cameron Johnny saw Summers here had a Bottle Left the contents of it with me & the Bottle Raining some cold evening very near Frost only for the wind being high

3rd Potatoes 4 of Chily Windy at the Potatoes

5th Our { I cut off } Birth Day Sold Mr Kimball 3 1/2 Doz of {cut off} crofsed to Mr Harpers Bought 4 lbs of {cut off} not Paid 1/3 1/2 lb Tea paid Treats paid Laying of the Foundation stone of {cut off} Camerons house Laid a Great ceremony

6th Crofsed with Charlie and Pat B {cut off} of Mr Harper 3 1/2 yds of 1 Kind 4 yds of {cut off} at 1/- thats 7/6 not Paid Bought of A Summers Esgss 4 Loaves Bread 1/3 copperas -/2 spool {cut off} -/6 paid this Went to Renshaws for {cut off} of sugar for Mr Harper Pat and {cut off} Thomas Munroes Charlie and I Lis came {cut off}

7th Lis started turned Back started again h {cut off}

8th hoeing some Christie here Grinding his axe Fine a Tree for spear pole put out 10 p {cut off} of Tobacco yesterday got 2 eels 1 sturgeon from Lashey went to his Line with The Rope & the St Charles a Race To day Raspberries get Ripe eat new Potatoes Jim Hopkins to Williamstown and his Family

9th Jim & Family {cut off} here coming Back in the Bush Gordon Mary & Livinia I picking Berries

10th Finished hoeing Below the house first hoeing high Wind

1865

Mr James Cameron Island July 11th

John Hamilton Sandy and Charlie Rose here for the Bull had hard Work with him Filling my Bags with Ashes cut a little Hay Just a Few forks full in the Barn Drawing Wood for the house Berries Plenty Blackbirds commencing to swarm George Semo Married to Day

12th Orangemans Day Went to Salmon River Bought of Norman on credit 1 Bunch of Matches -/7 1/2 bought David Baker 49 lbs of Flour 7/6 Gave to my account 79 lbs of Oats 3/11 and 3 Dozen {cut off} eggs 1/10 1/2 came home Raining Seen Johny Kenneth & Thomas Munroe

13th Finished hoeing the corn commenced to Mow around the house a Race the Lord Elgin & the Spartan Spartan Best

14th Mowing the Grove the Passport passed the Emprefs Lashey here 4 Steamers Towing the Barges a Boat aground at the foot of Frances Island

15 Made 8 coils of hay {cut off}ing the Barn Door the Traveller Went Down The Salaberry a Pleasure Trip St Swithens Day no rain to Day here

16th Sunday Raining Raftmen belonging to Mr Thomas Buck here slept in the Barn

17th the Raftmen of Mr Buck stole away Tippoo the Dog Charlie & Pat here took Down the Double stove in the old house Mary commencing to make a few steps in Walking Mowing some Charlie Brought 100 Turnips to Transplant

18th high high Wind Went with Lashey to his line gathering in the Grove

20th Put in about 24 coils in the Barn Went to the Raft caught 7 perch & chub on the Raft put in the cows as they come in the Grain

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Mr James Cameron Island July 21st 1865

Mowing Broke the snaith Berries Plenty Finished the mowing in the Grove Raftmen here cutting Hand spikes shot a sawbeak

22nd Charlie and Pat here went with them to Summerstown 2 Bushel of Ashes 1/3 to Treat 1 Bar of soap 1/- 3 Dozen of eggs to Mr Harper 1/2 lb Tea and 1 lb candles Treat came home Mr Stickler here Looking at the Timber Went to the Raft and then to Mr Harpers with 80 lbs of Oats not very well turned very sick in the night new Potatoes Plenty

Sunday 23rd the Ra{cut off} in the Berries I picked a Pitcher of Berries

24th Gordon Pat Charlie and I to Wi{cut off} the first time for Gordon to be there Got a Present of Pants from Dan of Tartan yds Brought 28 lb of Wool and a co{cut off} of Sugar pickled cucumbers Ellen {cut off} 4 presents to Mary Gordon seen the cars and on the RailRoad Bridge for the first time coming Back took Bob Kennedy along with us Charlie and Pat stopt at night Lashey here Weaned Marry

25th St James Day Put in 25 coils of Hay Mowed some

26th Dog Days Begin Mowing Bob & I

27 Went to the Raft got 1/3 from them Trying for eels put in 22 coils of hay Bob and i Christee here gave him some Potatoes for a Basket Gave him an old Knife as he had none a very hot Day to Day Went Down to help Lashey with his Line and he was after setting it

28 Raking cutting put in 20 coils in the Barn Found a nest with 20 eggs in it

29th Fishing Perch got 2 Mowing down at the apple Trees

30th 1865

Mr James Cameron Island July

Sunday Went to Christees A Summers here for his horse Gordon I and Bob on Christee Na-houtas or cachin-tota & Alexis's Islands Went to the Bush for Berries Livinia Mary Gordon Bob & I got 3 Blank on the Islands

31st Last Day of July Mowing Below the Garden very thin the hay Bob Broke the Point of his scythe Fishing Began to take the Tops up of the Potatoes now it was only Rooting them out here and there Before this a very warm Day choke cherries Turning eat no cucumbers yet

1st of August or Lammas Day {illegible}ing commences put in 17 coils of hay small cucumbers setting Brush heaps on Fire

Marys Birth Day put in 7 coils of hay most awful warm Thunder last night very big Rolls cutting a Little Bob shot 2 Ducks set some more heaps of Brush on fire

3rd cutting on the Lower Point Went to Mr Harpers Bought 3 pecks of Salt 1/3 paid pens 6 & holder -/3 worth of hooks Paid Bought of A Summers Treat -/6 {cut off} & Senna -/6 spool of Red Thread-/1

4th put in {cut off} coils of hay upper side Gathering Ashes

5th Killed the Ram Gathering & Mowing put in 7 coils on the east side for the First Fishing at night got 3 eels & a catfish

6th Sunday A Fortunate Day Raining East Wind stormy Lightning

7th A Fortunate Day blowing some On the Pitt Point & Behind the Barn Raining & Blowing hard from the West Black Birds Birds Bad horses Bad cows Bad wanting to come in Hazelnuts Good choke cherries Good Goose Berries & Black currants Good Butternuts not Good

{second page} Augst 8th 1865 Mr James Cameron Island

Tuesday Mowing Back of the Barn very sick

9th Mowing a Great many Indians Going Down to the Long BlackBerries Put in 6 coils on the east side of the Barn a Good hay

10th Put in the East side 9 coils of Grass & clover Dan and Allen came Pete Bosell put them acrofs Began to Rain A Fortunate Day

11th Raining Picking choke cherries Dan & I put Dan and Allen acrofs to Henerys took supper at Henerys Heard how Renshaws wood and Wharf was Burnt By the Steamer Hope's Sparks Brought 2 Books to Gordon Dan Did

12th The Salaberry a Pleasure Trip to Cornwall Gathering and Putting in put 16 coils on the West side and put 10 on the east side 140 coils on the West side now and 32 on the East side

13th a change in the Moon Bob skidadled of Took the Basket and cherries, eat new corn today a Boat around that stole Bob away

14th cutting above the Lane Indians coming Down now to Fish and Steal a very very warm Day to Day Blackbirds bad

15th Livinia Gordon and Mary went to Dundee to see their Grandmother John nine came for A Summers Sand with a Scow Showed him the sand commenced cutting the Pease made 9 coils of Hay above the Lane this is an awful warm Day Lightning to night Blackbirds commenced the corn Lent them my spade and Hammer & Basin

16th Got 2 Loaves of Bread from them for Potatoes Got 4 Eels of an Indian for Potatoes
Gave him stuff to make Paddles & axe helve Livinia came home

17th cutting Hay cut the Wheat as the Hens and Birds Finished it all Pat came went across
John Brought 4 Loaves 1/3 I Paid this and the Tumbler 5 cents Bought spools 3 -/3 went on
Board the Raft coming Back

18th 1865

Mr James Cameron Island Augst

Put in 1 1/2 Loads of Pease Put in 7 coils on the upper side put 5 on the east side put the
Wheat up east side the cows Demolished the corn coming in in the night

19th A Fortunate Day Finished cutting the Pease put them in put in 2 or 3 coils of hay on
east side Lashey Came with his Tackling Henery from Montreal to Day Awful Dry time with
warm Weather

20th Sunday Great smoke from the West 9 Pannels of our Fence on the Pitt Point Burnt
next the River High Wind Rain in the Evening and at night Great Fires out some Place
Hunting commences in Lower Canada for Ducks

21st Monday Lashey Fishing Pickerel got 17 crofsed to the other side Mowing some of the
Oats its not Ripe but it is impossible to Keep the Cattle out of it and it is all Tramped
cutting Hay some on the Lower Point Fixing som Tobacco the Green Leaf Packed it in a
Match Box and Put 2 or 3 Layers of sugar on it and then Prefsed it with a Heavy weight
Christie here gave him a Ring for his scythe took Dinner here Grinding his scythe impossible
to catch the Mare to night Thunder to Day

22nd cut the corn stalks Mowing some Peeling apples cut a coil of Marsh Hay at the River
side very unwell though knocking around for all that. Kingston went Down to Day First Trip
since she got smashed

23rd cutting some hay few Drops of Rain the Alma went up

24th cutting and Gathering Hay Lashey crofsed took his Barrel here gathered a coil of Oats

25th a Fortunate Day put in 15 coils of hay on the east side got an axehelve from the indian
Lashey went to Traps put a clout on the small Ram put in some corn stalks

{second page} 1865 Mr James Cameron Island Augst 26th

Cut the Last of the Oats cut a coil of Marsh Hay in the Front Marsh high Wind

27th Sunday Lashey came took 2 cats From Traps here Lashey went to Salmon River
Hazelnuts Good Gordon & I on the Pitt Point after some

28th put in 2 small Loads of Oats Took in 1 Basket of sweet apples paid the Indians for the
axehelve Lashey came some sober

29th cutting some hay on the Lower Point some Marsh hay in Back Marsh Raking the Last of
the Oats pulled the Beans Took up 1/2 Bushel of Apples Made a coil of Marsh hay on the
Bank of the River South side next the oats

30th Went to Mr Harpers with Pat & Charlie took about 13 Dozen of eggs Bought of Mr
Harper Flour 5/- Tea 1/2 lb 1/10 1/2 Thread -/3 Soap 1/- sweetys for Gordon Bought of A
Summers 1/4 lb starch Thread -/1 1/2 needles -/2 Treat -/3 Lent my Knife to Long John to
cut Tobacco and he did not return it to me Pat went to the Gore heard of Mrs Munroe
being very low in the 2nd concefsion the Spartan Sunk stopt in Hamiltons coming home
heard Alexander went off Charlie & I came home

31st Went to Salmon River Charlie & I took 3 lb of Wool 4 lb Bag & all stopt at Lukes got a
Taste to charge 6 cents or 9 of shimplasters for the wool Mark 450 on the Bag Gave
Streeter 1 sheepskin 2/6 to my acc B~~L~~ Treat of Beer at Normans paid Loan of a Bottle From
D Baker Waiting at the Lines for Spink a Steamer at Laports Island from Odgensburgh with
hunters Mrs Semo Derushies Departed this life A Terrible time with smoke and Fires

1st of September Lashey went with the oak stick to Lancaster had to let it Go after taking it
as far as the Lighthouse Thrashing and pulling some Beans Lashey making a Paddle

the 2nd 1865

Mr James Cameron Island September

Mowing in the Marsh Before the Door Fixing Fish Box Board under the Canoe Water Low
Heard of Semows wife Being Buried to Day for the first time i heard of it Shot a Duck shot
an Hen Hawk very smokey time

3rd Sunday Dans Birth Day Lashey went to Lukes I went to Fish got 3 Pickerel 4 Perch east wind Rose very Quick

4th Finished husking the corn put a Bushel of Potatoes in the cellar Pulled the Onions summer savoury and the Beet seed Drew some Wood made a good coil of hay on the Lower Point Put the husks of the corn in the North east side of the Barn Lashey came had a trace of corn and some Loose a Fine vessel went Down in tow with the America took in some Apples

5th John Angus's Birth Day Mowing a Little took in the onions 1/2 bushel 3 Traces of Corn and 2 Bushels of Loose corn in the col Raining some and much wanted Took in 1/2 bushel of Potatoes cut My Pants

6th Mowing the Back Marsh Took up out of the Garden 1 1/2 of Potatoes Thats 3 Bushels in the cellar now a Great Lot of Cattle crofsing on the Bouquet a cow Jumped in the Water and Swam to Hamiltons Island smokey Time with Fires

7th put in 1 Bushel of Potatoes in the cellar put 8 coils of Marsh hay in the Barn from the front Marsh and 18 in from the Back Marsh Lashey to Lancaster with his Fish east Wind Great smoke

8th A Fortunate Day pulled the Beans and put them in the Barn took up the pumkins put 3 coils of Good hay on the Stable Loft took 2 cart loads old Wood home Lashey a New sail A Fine 3 Masted Vessel went Down in Tow of the America

9th Took 2 Bushels of Potatoes in to Day Thrashing & Fanning some of the Beans ~~near~~ a Good 1/2 Bushel Raining east Wind & West south East again cleaned out the stable Wellington went up Found a Tin Dish Found an old halter Lost this 3 or 4 years

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Mr James Cameron Island Sept 10th 1865

Sunday The Tug Ottawa at a Barge aground opposite the Pitt Point David Morris's Birth Day Raining some the Indian Left the stick he was going to make Paddles of 11th shot a Duck did not Get him Pat and Thomas Munroe here Lashey came Took up 1 Bushel of Potatoes thats 7 Bushels in the cellar now cleaned my 2 Guns thrashed a Basin of Beans Raining and Blowing the Ottawa got the Barge of to Day the Brantford Salaberry Huron Emprefs and another Boat all went Down this Morning

12th Took in 3 Bushels of Potatoes caught the Little Ram and his Back Bone cut Through with the string put some mixture of eel oil and put to his Back

13th Went to the Kit Kit Island then acrofs to Charlies Charlie came up a very very warm Day Charlie & I to Mr Harpers took 6 Dozen of eggs 3/9 Bought 3 Skains of Thread 13 Doz of Buttons -/5 1 yard of Ticking for Pockets 1/3 1 Pint of Whiskey Got some apples from John Hamilton Charlie got an axe And 1/2 lb Tea from Mr Harper Gave Charlie 6 cents to Give for the axe Got 1/6 cash from Mr Harper on the eggs

14th Started for St Regis took Mr Harper 55 lb of Oats took a Pint of Whiskey a very Windy Day stopt on Clarks Island for a spile stopt at Louis Grays and had Dinner stopt in at Moses the Indians heavy Rain Thunder Lightning went in to St Regis to Mr Powell Pat There used us well stopt at the International Hotel Kept By Edward Plomado George Morris here

15th got Breakfast at Mr Powell Charlie Paid for the Bed Bought of Powell a Bar of Soap -/9 got a Bottle of Whiskey Charlie paid for it put in /3 came home

16th put in some Marsh Hay 5 coils Drew a Load of Wood shot a Duck took up 1 Bushel of Potatoes thats 11 Bushels in the cellar now Great Shooting to Day Lashey came to night

Sept the 17th 1865

Mr James Cameron Island

Sunday high Wind Raining cattle Destroyed the tops of the Beets and carrots

18th took in 1 Bushel of Butternuts for the First Beech nuts fell Last night with the wind took in some cranBerries Began to Thrash the Pease Thrased about 2 Bushels and Fanned them Lashey crofsed to Harpers made a Paddle for himself Mr Harper a young Daughter

19th Thrashed the rest of the Pease Lashey came took in the Beets as the cows is Destroying them

20th Fanned the Last of the Pease about 3 Bushels Took up 5 Bushels of Potatoes High Wind thats 16 Bushels of Potatoes in the cellar now a Raffle at Lauries to night

21st St Mathew Took in 2 Bushels of Potatoes made Preserves of Cran berries 6 lb and 6 of sugar thats 12 lb and 3 lb of Western Berries and 3 of Sugar that 6lbs of them 18 lb in all Lashey went to Fish Made a Minno Line for me Tanning his Deer skin Mowing a Little shot 3

Ducks the Water Very Low But it is Raising this Evening the Mice Playing the Devil with the Potatoe eating them

22nd First Day of Autumn or Fall this Evening) took in 2 Bushels of Potatoes to Day Cutting the Marsh Before the Door south side Took in a Kettle of Butternuts Gordon and I to the Head of the Island Found a canoe setting Pole shut a squirrel up in the Butternut Tree the equinoctial Gales now or about this Time The Time when the Day and night are equal

23rd Making coils of Marsh Hay about 10 Went to Summerstown Received a Letter From Dan From Laprairie Bought of A Summers 1/2 lb Candles 4 1/2 no oil at Mr Harpers Heard of Thomas Munroes child Being Dead came Down with the Company with John Hamilton Got some Papers from Mr Harper

Sunday 24th Wind High Lashey here Found a Norway Pine 55 Feet in Lenght Gordon and I On the Pitt Point 20 Bushels in the cellar now

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Mr James Cameron Island Sept 25th 1865

Fixing the Pine stick in the Bay High Nor West Wind Lashey crofsed Took up 4 Bushels of Potatoes a tin Kettle of nuts caught a Squirrel in the Trap on the Butternut tree

26th Took in the Last of the Marsh hay 15 coils took up all the Potatoes Before the Door 30 Bushels in the cellar now From Before the House

27th Fishing Perch went to Charlies stopt all night Charlie to Lancaster Shelling the corn 50 lbs Fanned it with the Mill a Very Fine Day Henery Genie caught 14 sturgeon to night

28th came from Charlie's got From Henery 3 or 4 Loads of Powder shot and caps took some Tansey and Peppermint from Charlies Began to Take up the Potatoes in the Peice Below the House took in 3 1/2 Bushels Took up a Bushel for Christee Gave him some Tobacco Mary very sick

29th St Michaels Day a Fine Day Took in 3 Bushels of Potatoes Fired 2 shots at Ducks did not get them

30th cutting some of the Plumtrees took in 2 1/2 of Potatoes High Wind & Rain Shot a squirrel Took in a Kettle of Butternuts

1st of October Sunday Went around the Island

2nd Took in 3 1/2 of Potatoes Fishing Perch Lashey here told us Semos child was Buried to Day

3rd a Fortunate Day took in 3 Bushels of Potatoes Filled a Bag with Ashes a Big Raft going Down Lots of Canoes on the water to Day fixing the Bags Set My Traps for the first setting got 2 Rats to night

4th Got a Rat Raining plaining Boards Christee here Gave him a Bushel of Potatoes Wild Geese Flying upwards set 9 Traps Got 1 to night and 1 in this Morning

5th Took in the Last of the Potatoes 6 Bushels about 50 Bushels in the cellar got 2 Rats Great Going of Boats

6th Went Down to help Charlie with his Potatoes put them in a heap

7th 1865

Mr James Cameron Island Oct

At Charlies Wind high Raining some Found a Hat in the Water came home A Fortunate Day no Rats

Sunday 8th Fine Day East Wind Got a Rat

9th Drawing Wood Got a Rat Cut a Stick for a Spear pole Water very low

10th Our Hugh Anns Birth Day Charlie came up with his Ashes Went to Summerstown Seen Pat Bought of A Summers 1/2 Dozen of Cups & saucers 1/3 I paid with the Ashes 2 Bushels (Bought of Mr Harper 1/2 lb Tea 3/6 1 Gallon of oil 3/9 1 Pipe and Treat not paid for) (Had 61 lbs of Pease got the worth of Flour) Pat speaking to me about coming here to stay Pat Boys were Down last Week Wrote a Letter for Pat to Jane got a Letter From Dan Got a Letter From Colquhoun not a Letter But a paper I Got from Dan

11th Went to Mill with 42 lbs corn Bought of G Streeter 1 pair of Lace Boots 2 Dollars Returned D Bakers Bottle sold 7 Bottles to D Baker 1/6 Bought 1 lb Shot -/6 1/2 lb Saleratus -/4 2 oz of Powder and Remander in 1/2 pint of Gin Gave P Buchanan 61 or 2 lbs of Pease 3/- to My Account Stopt all night at Mrs Morris's Got some Papers from her Mr Marsh putting on Great Works at the Lines

12th came home cold high wind Stopt at Lukes got 2 Treats from Luke stopt on Alexis Island came home got a Rat

13th Grinding the axes Charlie and I got 2 Rats ice in the canoe this morning for the first ice Charlie Went home

14th Drawing wood Hunters on the Little Island the Dog took away 2 skins Board and all Shot 3 Wood Ducks

Sunday 15th Gathered the Grapes for fear I would lose them Henery Genie Looking for the Anchor Guns Lost of the Raft Beech nuts Falling

16th Fixing the stoves Got a Rat & Duck Lashey came Staving had a Hooker Wind high Cariboos Seizing and Indians Rats Traps Mink for Hunting in the Marsh

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Mr James Cameron Island Oct 17th 1865

Lashey Tried the EELs in the Mud for the first time Got 18 Got 2 eels from Lashey I Went to the Sturgeon Island Found a Knife and some shot Went for a pole put in my spear split stuff for spear poles Pat and Jimmy came had a Bottle of Good stuff Wrote a Letter for him to Hugh Got a Rat and knocked one out of my Trap put a handle in the axe

18th got a Rat Fishing EELs got 4 very sick took a sleep Water very low East Wind

19th Raining no Rats fixing a trap cleaning up stairs put Onions in the cellar Made a sprit for my sail made seats for the canoe something rong with the heifer she is Bawling all Day put her in the Barn to night

20th High Wind Milked the heifer put her in the Barn took the small Ram out of the stable and put him with the other Ram Kenneth Peter and Johny Rose Dan McDougall here Looking for Pete Grant thought he was Drowned I crofsed with them stopt at Peters all night

21st Bought of Mr Harper Quart of Whiskey -/7 1/2 I went to Careys to see Pat he was up with Jimmy to Hogansburgh came home Peter and Johny Kenneth put me acrofs

22nd Sunday Looking for the heifers calf

23rd Drew some Wood crossed to Harpers seen Pat Bought of Mr Harper soap 1/2 lb candles Pat Bought 1 Bag of Flour 1 lb Tea 1 Quart of Whiskey I Bought 2 Dozen of herrings 2/6

24th Our Hugh's Birth Day went to Semos Pat and I got Lasheys spear at Henerys gave Lashey his Knife he lost took his Barrel away Gave us some eels pat and went to fish Broke Lasheys spear got 2 eels

25th My Birth Day Pat and I to Charlies took a Bottle of Gin took Dinner took Charlies corn up took up some cabbage Leaves and Pumkins up Charlie turned Back

26th Wind high east cold fixing the stable got a Rat

Mr James Cameron Island October 27th 1865

Drawing Drags Pat chopping stove Wood cold East Wind some snow to night Water very low

28th Pat and I to Mr Harpers Pat Bought of Mr Harper 1/4 of Mutton 17 lbs 2 Bars of soap Tobacco Matches 1 Quart of Whiskey Gave him a 20 Dollar Bill American Money to take to Montreal Took up My Traps seen Caty her and Ben Tyo at the store

Sunday 29th Wrote 2 Letters for Pat

30 Lashey here for his spear him and I for EEls got 20

31st Drawing Wood Pat and I to the store for Holy Eve 1/2 Gallon of Whiskey Bought of Mr Harper Wick for Lamp -/3 1 spool of Thread Charlie came up Keeping up the Halloween cracking nuts Playing a Game or so of cards

1st of Nov all Saints Day Went to Mill for Charlie Got 3 lb of Roll 27 cents not paid got a Bottle from Bob Baker 1/- Bottle and Whiskey not Paid 1 Bunch of Matches -/3 paid this a Treat from J Cameron Left the Wool to spin at Mrs Morris's Got the spear from Bob and Handle Stopt at Mr Lukes treated them Seen Lis Laflesh after being Married Married Sunday Last Squire Parker Died yesterday Bought of Mr Streeter 1 pair for Gordon 2 1/4 Exchanged Livinias which is 50 cents extra on those I got to Day Laduke and Lashey here for Timber sold 3 peices for 10 Dollars a

2n all Souls Day Charlie went home

3rd Went to Fish EEl's Pat and I Got 85 in My Place

4th cleaning EEl's all Day a Fine Day Raining at night

5th on this Day first we came in this house to Live Cold snowing some a Fortunate Day

6th Took a Bad Pain in my Back very Bad with it

7th Ours Allens Birth Day cold some and snow Took in the Cabbages about 80 head a EEl
Fisher here Cleaned the clock Mavile is his uncle Mayer by name windy and cold

{second page} The Harvest Month of Death

1865 Mr James Cameron Island Nov 8th

The Mayer here for Potatoes got 1/3 from him

9th Prince of Wales Birth Day Pat and I cutting Drags Mr Leo Laduke came for the timber
Gave me 5 Dollars & the Discount 5 cents 11 to Gordon promised to sent it By Mail to me
from St Timothy his Direction is Mr Leo Laduke St Timothy Bridgeman CE Stopped here all
night

10th Pat and I crofsted to Summerstown Bought of A Summers 1 small sack of Fine salt 1/-
Paid Bought of Mr Harpers 1 Quart of Whiskey -/7 1/2 Pipe -/1/2 Mr Harper in Montreal

11th cutting Wood

12th Sunday Wind High thawing

13th Drawing Drags very Bad with a pain in My Back set fire to the Back Marsh some of it
Burnt Christie here all night 1 Bushel of Potatoes got a Broom gave him some tobacco

14th very Bad with my Back 2 men here Lincoln and another man Going for Robert
Chapman to Lancaster his Brother Adam Chapman Died this Morning Christee making an
axehelve

15th Bad with my Back Sandy Cameron Married on the 15th

16th Went to Mr Harpers Bought 14 yds of Cotton at -/10 per yd 11/8 2 yds shirting 1/3 2/6 3
yds Flannel at 2/6 7/6 8 yds Callico at 1/3 10/- 1/2 lb Tea 2/6 2 Spools -/6 1/2 lb Powder 1/-

wick for candles -/6 Lamp Chimney -/6 which comes to £1.17..2 Gave Mr Harper 15/- Cash to My account to some Treats all paid 1 Bag of Salt 2/6

17th Setting Fires in Marsh

18th very Bad with my Back Pat chopping Stove Wood Thomas Munroe here with a letter to Pat from Jane Gave Thomas some eels sent 3 Pains of Glass and some Broken ones to Robert Carey for the New House Thomas Gave Gordon 5 cents Lent the Basket to Thomas with eels

19th Sunday Wind high Some snow very little very Bad with my Back

20th very Bad tried salt but no Good Dan Started for Verginia Pat seen him on the cars or Pennsylvania

Mr James Cameron Island Nov 21st 1865

21st on this Day of the Month Donald McMaster Departed in the year 1846 East Wind a sail crofsing from Below to Christees very stormy night

22nd very Bad with the Pain Tried the red pepper and I think it does best of anything I tried yet the Salaberry did not come to Day

23rd The Salaberry came up to Day and started Down again Pat came from Maitland

24th Lashey here him and Pat to Mr Harpers for me Bought 1 Bottle of R.R R 1/3 1/2 lb Saleratus 1/4 lb salts some oatmeal Mr Harper Gave Sent a Letter to Mr Leo Laduke Bridgeman St Timothy Postage Paid Lashey stopt all night

25th St Catherine Bossy and the Batchelor together Lashey went off a Great many Fishing eels steamers a Going very Bad with my Back yet

Sunday the 26th 2 Indians spearing eels before the Door came up from Charlies Salaberry went into Salmon River

27th Salaberry went Down snowing I found a Bottle at Lower end of the Island and a Cedar stick that was blew up with the storm very Bad with my Back yet

28th Trying to catch the Horses Boats a Going yet

29th Drew some Drags going about a Little now

30th St Andrews Day the Scotch Festival Went to Mr Harpers Bought 5 Gal Whiskey 1/3 paid Pat a Quart too Took Charlie home very staving Got some camphor From Mr Harper

1st of December Charlie here wind High snowing some

2nd Drawing wood Pat and I to Mr Harpers Pat got 2 Letters Bought a spool of Red Thread Charlie went home

Sunday 3rd writing 4 Letters for Pat Mrs Morris and George here stopt all night

4th Went off Gave her some yarn to Make Mittens for me Went to fish EEls got 13 Let out the Little Ram A Boat Proppeller went Down

5th Pat and I crofsted Pat Bought churn 6/3 7/6 worth of Flour 1 Quart Whiskey I Bought 1 Coat £:2..2..6 from {illegible} Summers 1 spool of thred Bought of Mr Harper 1/2 Gal oil {illegible} 1/3 paid this) took Dinner there

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Got a Letter From Mr Laduke Five Dollars in it Donald A McPherson Died this Morning Light in the Lighthouses yet

6th 2 Boats Went down 1 up Fixing the Boards on the end of the House

7th Pat and I went to Williamstown Brought 4 EEls out to her Left our canoe at Captain Frasers the first time I was in Captain Frashers since came to the Island went to Ellens seen her Baby seen Dans Letter from Pitthole Pensylvania a Present for Livinia Mr Hills Light up yet a Good Breese coming home

8th 2 Boats went Down the Ranger I think is one of them freezing hard to day set fire to the Marsh

9th Steamer went Down with a Propeller and Barge in tow Lashey here took his Traps pail spear Box Christee and wife here Gave them some Potatoes Left his 2 EEI spears & 2 spears of Mine one Broke he is to fixed it Pat and I crofsted to Mr Harpers Pat got 1/2 Gall,

me a Quart paid this Quart) got 2 pipes sweetys paid) high Wind coming Back almost impossible to manage the swells

10th Sunday Wrote a Letter for Pat to Sandy in Youngstown Ohio Mr Hills Light up to night and Johnstons too is

11th Monday Pat went to Barrets to Live Bought of Mr Harper (1 Bushel of Lime 1/3 of Pink or senna 1/2 lb Salts 1 Quart of Mollasses -/7 1/2 58 cents) (Bought 1 Pair of Braces 2/- Chimney Lamp -/6 a Belt a Present a pipe -/1/2 sweetys -/2 1/2 a Treat -/10 cents Paid this Bought of A Summers pink Root -/6 Took Dinner at Fellurroes Got the Basket and a Peice of Pork Mr Harpers child christened

Sunday the 10th Gave Mr Harper 2 1/2 Dollars to My account

12th Fishing EElS Raining some wind changed to night Got 3 eels very high Wind

13th very windy fixing Boards behind the stairs where the stove wood is Kept Making a Petition upstairs Gordon and Mary took Medicine for the Worms Mr Hill crofsted to Frashers

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Finished the Petition up stairs set 3 Traps in the Back Marsh

15 A Fortunate Day very sick with my Breast the ice Made out to the edge of the Rushes a Great Job cutting out my canoe cutting Manure Before the stable Door Put in the small Ram and the young Bull in the barn cold Freezing hard and high Wind

16th I went to Fish eels got 5 cold sun North East Wind not very well water very low Horses out yet cant catch them to put them in Great saving of Feed

17th Sunday New moon comes in all alone. Quit milking Molly

18th a very fine Day cutting my canoe out of the ice at the shore Tried for eels got none

19th A Fortunate Day I went to Salmon River Left my canoe at Hopkins Pat came Brought 1 Gal Whiskey 1 Bottle of Gin 1 lb Tea stopt at Mrs Morris all night Got my mits very high Wind all night

20th a Fortunate Day came to Hopkins a Job Pare and me putting out the canoe sailed Home Put in Gray one of the Hens Froze put Straw over the Potatoes in the cellar no snow on the Ground High Wind east to night Blowed Wicked fixed stones in the canoe after night but the Wind being so high Threwed her on shore Lost my 2 oars stearn seat

21st First Day of Winter and a cold stormy Day it is putting the Water and ice out of the canoe and a Job it is Livinia sick

22nd a Fortunate Day ice making very well took the Canoe to the Head of the Island Pat and I anchor ice making very well Froze acrofs to the Little Island North Side

23rd Cold ice made on the Rush Bed to the Kitt Kitt Island Killed the Bull put 2 shots in But the first shot Killed him without a Groan Left the meat in the Barn till we could cut it up very cold Work a Fortunate Day

24th Sunday Christmas eve took Gray to the Head of the Island to Draw up the canoe Thawing to Day snowing Blowing ice all gone away mostly

25th Christmas Day Cutting the meat and Salting it

26th went to Mr Harpers To 1/2 Gal Whiskey 2/6 Tape 7 1/2 shirting {illegible} 1/2 10 yds cotton 8/9 4 yds Calico 5/2 spools -/4 soap 1/-2 1/2 lb Butter 3/1 castor oil -/7 1/2 2 lb sugar 1/3 Mrs Rose came with us £1.6..10 {illegible} Mr Harper

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Raining east Wind snow Found 1 of the oars

28th Lifting the Troughs to the Trees 102 of them Piling some corn Wood that Laying Down in the Bush east Wind and snow stormy changed to the West put in the Mare

29th Our Angus's Birth Day Drew some of the square sticks from around the Garden

30th stormy east wind Freezing Making ice ice made acrofs to night here

Sunday 31st Last Day of the year went to the Pitt Point

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