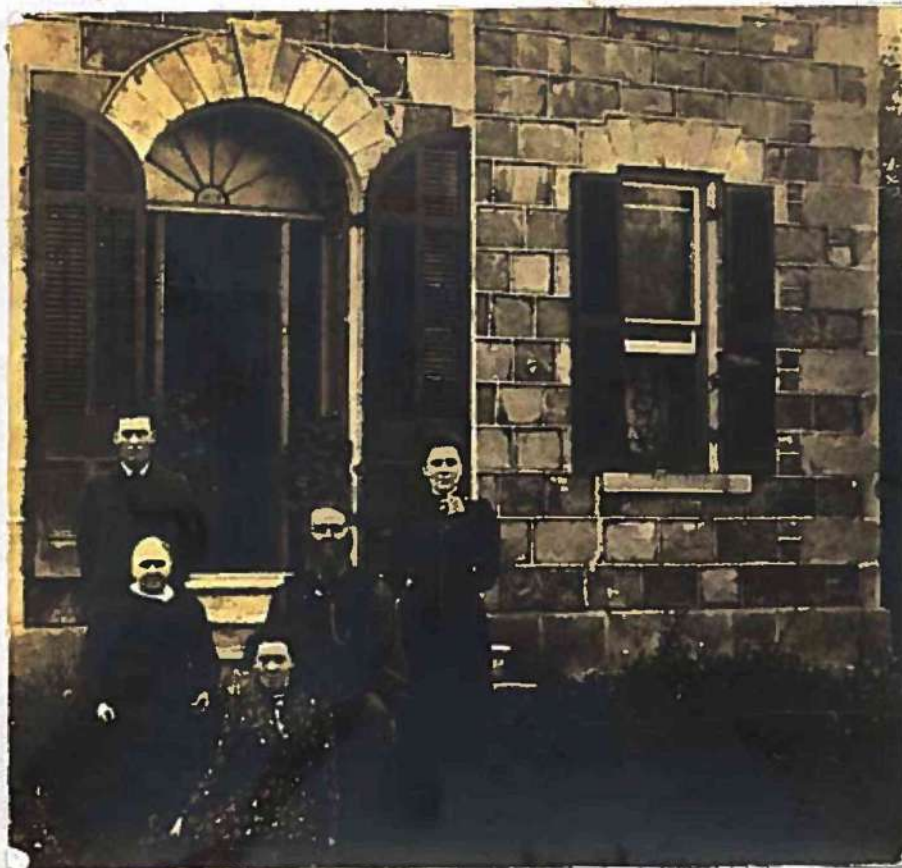


ELIZA-ANN'S LOGBOOKS:

The Late Victorian Logbooks Kept By Eliza-
Ann MacFarlane:1864-1940:Lot 30, Concession
IV, Stanley, Township, Huron County, Ontario



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A Note On the Sources

Eliza-Ann MacFarlane began these jottings in 1887. They continue to 1901. Miss MacFarlane also kept detailed account books of receipts and expenditures. The logs are kept in school exercise books or on the pages of almanacks. By using abbreviations and keeping to the "bare bones," Miss MacFarlane was able to squeeze in what she wished to record in each day's weather forecast. She usually recorded the weather and the number of eggs her hens laid. Her sister Agnes never married. Jane married Ned Glen and lived barely a mile away. Isabella, an elementary teacher, married Thomas Fraser. James MacFarlane, the father, died in 1899. The one brother, John, married Isabella R. McEwen, in 1900 and took over part of the stone farm house. Eliza, the widowed mother, with her single daughters Agnes and Eliza-Ann, set up separate quarters. It would have been better if Eliza and her two daughters had moved to Clinton when John married. Indeed they would have gone, but Mrs Eliza MacFarlane's maiden sister Agnes (usually called Aunt Nancy), had committed herself to keeping house for their brother James, who farmed three lots to the south. Agnes would not leave her widowed brother and Eliza therefore refused to leave her sister alone on the fourth Concession. James and Agnes Stewart died the same week in February, 1911. Eliza MacFarlane and the two daughters then moved to Clinton.

Jane, Agnes and Eliza died very close together in 1940 and 1941. Isabella (Mrs Fraser) and her daughters Isabel and Jean, saved a trunk full of books and papers that have proven to be a goldmine for local and family history. Only recently was permission given to peruse these log books. Eliza-Ann had her own form of shorthand, but thanks to the uncounted hours I spent over 40 years, picking the brains of people who knew the neighbourhood intimately, to a detailed culling of the *Clinton News-Record* and to extensive perusal of photographs, I found I could crack the code. The missing letters, implied words and appropriate punctuation, contained in square brackets, are added to make perusal by interested readers as easy as possible.

Although much of the information is prosaic, what emerges is a clear and detailed picture of life at the top end of Stanley Township in the last dozen years of the Victorian era. The logs peter out in 1901. With the father dead and brother John married and sharing the house, life was never the same on the place after that.

Eliza-Ann MacFarlane was an outdoor type and shows in the log an interest in, and a detailed understanding of, both animal husbandry and agricultural procedures and techniques. When her parents went to the "Old Country" in search of breeding stock, Eliza-Ann was left in charge of operations, and they were effectively and efficiently carried out. One cryptic reference in 1888 - "shot Wallace" suggests that she could dispatch a suffering creature if brother John or her father were not available. She was no Annie Oakley or Calamity Jane, however. She also could do feminine tasks and was a Victorian lady all her life.

In the 1887 experimental diary, she reveals a dry sense of humour and a capacity for deadpan understatement. In the cryptic diaries that follow, this same quality occasionally shows through. Fenwick Stewart alleged in later life, that his Aunt Eliza (Mrs James MacFarlane) cooked mutton so badly that it put everyone off sheep or lamb in the community. There is a sly dig by Eliza Ann as she confides to her diary: "Ma stuffed mutton for our dinner today[.] I am sure your teeth will be watering when you know that[.]" I think that if Miss MacFarlane could be reached for comment now, she might well say: "These diaries chronicle the best, the happiest and most productive years of my adult life."

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To the left is a list of people whose willingness to share reminiscences, photographs, historical books and papers with me over the past 50 years, has given me a detailed knowledge of life in Stanley Township's Baird's School Community.

In The Beginning:1887

The following was written on two large sheets of newsprint, one with an ad for a hotel, and the other for a Dry Goods store,

"Fair-day
Wednesday (sic)
September 28, 1887

"I poked around all day doing everything and yet accomplished nothing[. I] got the floor swept when I was late [at] hen feeding time[.] I had just come up with the cows when I heard the waggon (sic) coming & their (sic) was four billys up in the clover here all day so when I heard the wagon coming [,] I went to put them down & I saw Lizzie [Glen] ahead and Agnes & Bella were with her & Jim [Barkley] was behind in Dunk McEwen's covered buggy & same old horses & John Junor behind[.] Jim waited while they opened the gate for Lizzie & told [my two sisters] to get in for a ride[.] Bella wouldnt (sic)[.] Agnes went[.] I got her to help me with the lambs[.] Jim was here for his supper[.] I asked him if he was after the [washing and mending] list[.] He said no [-] just two or three shirts[.] He took his overcoat too[.] He told me he heard about us riding the 24th. Mr McLeam (sic) came home from the show with father[.] H[e] was a judge & was here all night and John drove him up with Nance to meet the 8 o'clock train[.] Kitten caught two mice tonight. I took in the clothes before I went to bed and left the lamp burning[.] Agnes was up at 2. o'clock [a.m] and it [was still] burning.

Commentary Lizzie is Eliza-Ann's first cousin, Margaret Elizabeth Stewart (1859-1941). Edward Glen Sr had lived across the road from MacFarlanes for 25 years. The previous December he and his wife moved to Clinton (see Clinton New Era December 10, 1886). His sons William and Ned divided the family holdings on the 3rd and 4th concessions. On June 7, William married Margaret Elizabeth Stewart. (See New Era June 10, 1887). James Barkley (1859-1949) was a much younger brother of Mary Barkley, wife of Eliza-Ann's Uncle James Stewart. Mary and James were first cousins. James Barkley and James Stewart were both first cousins and brothers-in-law. Jim spent a lot of time at his sister's. At the time Eliza-Ann wrote this, Jim had fallen into a routine of working in the Michigan lumber woods in winter and as a hired farm hand in Stanley, in warm weather. In 1887, he was working for Duncan McEwen, (Lot 28 Con 2). Don Glen told me that Duncan McEwen kept an old rig pulled by old horses for hired help to use. Jim was easy-going and affable. He seems to have had an arrangement with Eliza-Ann to wash and mend his clothes.

Thursday
[September 29, 1887] No porridge this morning [-] no flour[-] have to live on potatoes and short rations[, Mr]Wiggington [was] here [in the] forenoon and[Mr]Wells came when he was here. Wells had his dinner here[.] Took away his billy and bought the two yearlings and father bought his four sheep. John went with grist after dinner. Bella and I were washing the 2 yearlings with father[.] We were pulling apples a while[.] The fellow came along with the apple barrels when we were washing sheep [-] stumped 30 at Glens & 30 here. Glens were pulling apples at Charllys [and] will finish pulling their apples tomorrow at dinner time. We are not going to get flour till tomorrow night. Father has borrowed Frank to go to Seaforth tomorrow[.] Duncan came here just at dark to buy the yearlings[.] Wells had a letter from his sister and they had a young daughter. [Wells] is going to take his sheep to the Goderich fair if he gets word that their (sic) is any prize for them. Went to the barn for the big barrel for rain [-] had to take the wheel - barrow over to put [it] in [-] gave Bella a ride over for old acquaintance sake ...I saw a white goat in the shed....Bella ran up to it & it turned out to be the shovel.

COMMENTARY Probably brother John went with winter wheat to Trick's mill to replenish the family's supply of flour. Thomas Trick had owned Spring Creek Farm since 1873. Situated (as the crow flies) about a mile north-west of MacFarlanes, it has a mill pond fed by spring-fed Spring Creek. In 1887, Trick operated both a grist mill and a saw mill. When business

was brisk, Trick would have to space the milling of his customers out to allow for the mill pond to build up. The water turbines, particularly in warm weather, could deplete the pond faster than the incoming fresh water from Spring Creek could replace it. It appears that Trick told John MacFarlane that his flour would be ready Friday. Miss MacFarlane notes on Friday that John went to the mill and in Saturday's entry, she refers to massive baking operations, so one assumes John returned with the fresh flour.

Friday

[September 30, 1887]

Father away to Seaforth this morning[.] We all went to lift the potatoes this forenoon. After dinner[,] which was near 1 [o'clock] before we were ready to take it[,] Ag & Bella went away to pull apples.. I put in the potatoes with John and then he went away to the mill in a little while. Ag and Bella were pulling the Spy [apple tree] in the old garden when Annie Herbinson shouted Hello to them[. S]he said she was going over to Glen's & she would be in here for a while when she was coming back. When she went [to Glen's she was told]....Lizzie was down home [at Uncle John Stewart's. T]he boys or men or whatever you want to call them[,] wanted her to wait there[.] Lizzie would not be gone long[. B]ut [Annie] said she would come here first[. T]hey told her not to stay more than an hour [-] that Lizzie would be back. I washed the dishes and started to get [Annie] some tea[,] which consisted of a few slices of bread[. There is] nothing more in the house[,] only 3 cakes in [the] can[.] I was out doors & I saw Lizzie at their front door.....she waved so Annie went over[.] Willie & Lizzie drove her home[.] It was raining when she left so we gave her a white Parasol[.] Ned came over [to return] it and stayed till after 10[,] so you may guess the time I'm writing at. He took Frank home with him when he went. It did not rain last night[. I]t sprinkled a little when we were at the potatoes today and it rained a shower about 4 o'clock].....

Saturday

[October 1, 1887]

Duncan was here this forenoon [though] not in the house. [Mr] Steep was around buying apples. John Junor, John & Willie drove for Jim's trunk about 5 o'clock[.] It was raining middling heavy T]hey were lifting their potatoes & came in from the field[. T]hey had a few bags of potatoes on the wagon[.] Bella and Ag pulling apples all afternoon [&] me scrubbing[.] Baked bread today[.] Had a big pie for our dinner [and] got another for tomorrow made & others with crust as tuff (sic) as whalebone[.] Ma baked cakes[. I] done the ironing tonight. It is 10 min[utes] to 11 now & I am going to have a bath.

Sabbath

[October 2, 1887]

Raining most of the forenoon [-] Unusual occurrence[.] Ned was not here. I think he is keeping away until you come home so I hope you have not got to[o] thick[.] I guess I had better stop here[.] Mrs Wigginton (sic) was here a little while in the afternoon[. F]ather went to Uncle James & Uncle James was here when we came back from [Sabbath] School [at the schoolhouse]. Turkeys weighed 37 lbs.....

COMMENTARY

Single women in the Victorian era were expected to be above reproach and to be seen to be above reproach, where men were concerned. Single males, alone or in groups were suspect, and unchaperoned encounters with them could get one "talked about." Willie and Ned Glen, aged 28 and 30 "batched it" across the road. Willie married Lizzie Stewart and became a respectable married man. Ned moved to a small frame house half a mile east, where he would batch it for five years before marrying Jane MacFarlane. Jane would only be 20 when Eliza-Ann wrote these lines. Ned worked very hard for several years to pay down the mortgage on Lot 31 (3). This indebtedness and Jane's tender years meant that the courtship would be a long one. Eliza-Ann's testy observations and elliptical inferences suggest that Ned is very much on probation. Note in Friday's entry the account of Annie Herbinson, who, upon finding that Lizzie Glen was not yet home, chose to wait for her over at MacFarlanes. The hired men and (possibly Ned) urged her to stay, but she refused. Eliza-Ann notes that Ned finds a lot of excuses to come around and that he stays overly long. She also notes on Sunday that Ned didn't visit that day and wonders what that means.

Monday

[October 3, 1887] Picking turkeys of course[I.]got done about half-past 1. It has been raining all day. John went up with the turkeys when ever we ate our dinner. Fergueson (sic) came here in his covered buggy when we were at the barn hitching[. I] had to get his dinner. Mrs Fergueson & Miss Fergueson are to be here this week. Willie & Lizzie [Glen] went to Clinton[. I s]crubbed Spare and my Bed-room[.] Agnes washed [the] Spare [bedroom], Parlour and Front door windows and I swept out both rooms ready for scrubbing[. It is] 1/2 past 9 now[. I] have to set bread yeast[.]

Tuesday

[October 4, 1888] Raining all day[.]Ned was here this forenoon to get a hole bored in a fork [but,] Poor thing, the borer(sic) was at the barn & John took him there to bore it. Old plug died today[.]W]hen John was at the barn last night she was a little sick and died about dinner today[.] John [took] her to the lime-kiln. Had a[n] apple dumpling for our dinner today [-] baking bread & cream cakes [-] made jelly cake today[.] Agnes read out halls Book crab apples. Bella blackedma's stove[.] Killed sheep [- Agnes helped to scald it & cleaned guts[.]Bella[says] I should have gut[t]ed intestine first[.] I hope John will understand what I mean.....fixed head mended my parasol tonight[, then Bella and I went upstairs and stripped your room[.]Ag put clothes ...[at this point Eliza-Ann runs out of space on the first broadsheet and switches to a fresh one. It begins Tuesday continued but doesn't follow through with the sentence. Agnes said tonight she bet you were wishing you could have a [illegible] mat for tonight[.]Bella is guegglng here beside me reading every word I write[.]I slept with her last night & I guess she is waiting for the beast to come as she called me in bed last night[.] It is 10 min[utes] to 11 o'clock & still she gueggles.

COMMENTARY

The last few lines provide a clue as to why this entry is so unclear in places. Bella (15) and Agnes (21) are reading over her shoulder and at times she appears to include them in the dialogue. Perhaps Jane (20) forbade any mention of her name. Note the undisguised glee shown by Eliza-Ann when Ned comes to get a hole drilled. The drill is in the barn and Ned doesn't manage to get up to the house and see Jane. Bella is bunking in with Eliza-Ann, while her bedroom is being scrubbed down, and is giggling uncontrollably. "Giggle" may have been considered slang by "the Master" and probably it never was included in spelling bees when Eliza-Ann went to school. She guesses, and comes up with "guegglng". Perhaps thats how it sounded in her father's broad highland Scots and her mother's Ulster accents. At any rate, the giggling and uproar made a bit of a shambles of that day's diary entry.

Wednesday(sic)

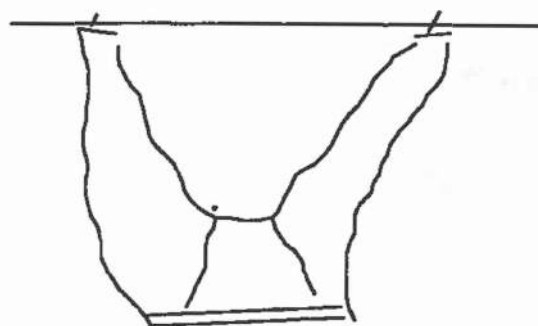
[October 5, 1887] Ag and Bella won't let me mind to write[.]They [are] saying O don't forget to tell you the bulls jumped out on the road today. Well Agnes started to wash this morning after we milked and she had to leave to help to put in them things they were talking about[.] O before I forget they are telling me to mind you to not be saying Hello[,] as it is very vulgar. Ma stuffed mutton for our dinner today[.] I am sure your teeth will be watering when you know that[.] Well we washed today[.] Agnes was just blueing the clothes about 3 o'clock[, I guess it was [,] when along marched Sarah & Pryssilla so we just put them out and we had father's flannel shirt and the socks done & Agnes washed [illegible] & her [illegible] apron & we put the shirting, shirts & s[ocks] back..2 1/2 inch blank where words have been vigorously erased..back into the tub and left them there. Wells came bobbing along with the sheep and for his sheep he had his supper here[.] Sarah and Pryssilla went to Glen's when we (O I forgot till they minded me that I had forgot to tell you [that]I told Ag to cut the jelly cake the stilish way and here is the way she done it- tiny diagram- a circle with a cross making 4 quarters - it was her got the supper.) were finishing milking. They came out where we were milking & and Uncle John's John went up to Glens in his new buggy[. H]e was asking hands to threshing. They are to be threshing to-morrow and Uncle James after them. Kitty's stuck up John's stair[.] I left him there when I came to write this[. As I write, Bella and Agnes] are both sitting [,]guegglng & Ag saying Puke Puke Puke[!] And say there is

beasts on that grand bed of your's for there is a bite I got there on my hand & I have to stop every little while and scratch.....
 ...Bella was sawyingsic)rails with father a good part of the day[. S]he was at it when the ladys came[.] I think I had something else to tell you but I forget what it was[. It is] 1/4 past 9[. I'm] now going to set for bread tonight[-] yet to feed you [illegible] when you come back. They told me to end up with Puke Puke Puke **diagram of a circle divided in eight...**[I have] Jelly cake on the brain tonight. P.S. Bella got her cheek cut & hurt by a stick hitting her.

Thursday We are all as tired as Sam Hill to-night [October 6, 1887] floating around like bees every day. Father and John at threshing all day. Agnes finished washing coloured clothes this forenoon[. Indeed she done the most of the washing[;] very little I did[.] Raining all forenoon[.] Baking bread today[.] I washed the windows in my room and sewed good bedroom feather-tick. we took in the clothes just before dinner [because] we thought it was going to pour rain all day and then we were going to hang them in the old house[.] After dinner we were sorry we took them in and so we took and hung them out again. About 2 or 1/2 [past] 2 who should come driving along but the apple pickers [-] Hanley(sic) & another man & a cub & Hanley informed them that he was 17. Ag & Bella were out after they came pulling apples. They packed 20 barrels today[and are coming back in the morning to finish & then going to Glens. Mother and I fixed the grapes to night [-] we just picked enough to preserve a kettleful [and] made the rest into wine. I forgot to tell you before till Ag sung out from her roost to Bella [asking] did I tell you about the drawerlegs[?] I have been catching it for the way I hung out the drawers and them all staring at them I suppose. Agnes made paste & went into the parlor & made the 2 paper window blinds. Then we went out with the intention of taking in the clothes[,]but it was so clear & nice [that] we left them out. We then went to the barn to get some dry boards for the morning fire. Bella wants to finish this[. S]he wont tell me what but I may as well tell you[,] for I know it is to draw the way I hung the drawers, for I heard Ag tell her to do it because I made the jelly cake [diagram] last night. **What follows is a different handwriting and a diagram.**

(Contributed)

The artist is not in the habit of wearing such things and so cannot remember the exact shape (Excuse)



Eliza-Ann resumes, feigning incoherent fulminations.

The dirty brute of a hog let my fellow (one of my numerous ones) see those horrid unmentionables[!] I hope she wont be so mean as I let _____ & _____ see yours. It is now 25 min[utes] past 10[,] so good night[!]

Friday I washed the clock [-] O [-] I forgot the [October 7, 1887] opening salute[.] Agnes came up the stairs and told me to get up[;] it was pouring rain[. S]he ran out when ever she got up and took in the clothes[, which were] wringing wet[,] of course. Agnes washed the dining room windows[;] then her and Bella went and finished pulling Hanley's apples before they would come[.] It wasent(sic)raining when they went out[,] Bella says[,]but it poured when they were out. [Hanley and his two helpers] came along.....& finished packing after dinner [.] We have 25 barrels and they have to take them up tomorrow. They got through with the threshing early[.] We put up the blinds in the dining room & [took] the white ones off there upstairs[.]

Bella read up ma's rooms washed up the dust[.] Ag hung out the clothes after dinner when it faired up[.] I was ironing at them to-night[.] I dont mind of any more notes just now[.] I am very tired[,] so good night - it is 3 min[utes] past 10.

At this point, after 10 days, Eliza-Ann stopped writing for the balance of 1887. Never again would the daily entries be so detailed.

William C. C.



William

Lizzie C. C.



Introduction

The log was kept in a copy of *The Diamond Dye Almanac* (1888) published by Wells, Richardson & Co. Montreal. There is a page for each month for use as a diary. The times of sun rise, sunset, and moon rises and moon phases are supplied each day. At the bottom of all twelve pages is the following: "use these diary pages for memoranda of accounts, payments, engagements, etc". One gathersthat Eliza-Ann found a detailed daily log too much work and (perhaps) a potential cause of friction between her and her sisters. In March, she began to keep cryptic notations about weather, egg production and the goings on for each day. She would keep this up until the middle of 1901, gradually refining her short forms.

March, 1888

Eggs

6. Tues.	Jane & I at Grants ¹	
10. Sat.	Soft	
11. Sun.	Blustring	
12. Mon.	Stormy	
15. Thu.	Father & Mother at Wigg[inton's] I was at Junor's[.]	
16. Fri.	Corn Meal fetched home	
19. Mon.	Glen & Mrs Glen here	
22. Thu.	First lambs <u>lamey</u> Sheep died at night.	
23. Fri.	31 eggs used up to now-worth .28 or .33[.] 18 [degrees] below Duncan here ²	10
24. Sat.	Zero this morning	6
25. Sun.	13 [degrees] below zero	12
26. Mon.	Assesor here all night	6
27. Tues.	Wells here	9
28. Wed.	Malcolm [McEwen and] Fenwick [Stewart at] Grey's sale[.] Wigginton here	12
29. Thu.	Hector [Junor] here[.] Ellie Green 3 year	15
30. Fri.	Uncle James [Stewart] here for dinner. Tom Wigginton here.	6
31. Sat.	Ag & Bella at Uncle James Father at Clinton Jane & John at the river[-] saw a crane & 4 ducks	14 90 eggs

April, 1888

		Eggs
1. Sun.		7
2. Mon.	Smith here Sold Wallace Father at Dunkens [and] Mother at Glen's	12
3. Tues.	Smith here Wigginton here	10
4. Wed.	M. & Ann Ross and Malcolm here. Sarah [Barkley] and Ida [Stewart] Father went with Malcolm to Morgans sale	13
5. Thu.	Rain Thunder & litning(sic) [illegible] lovely spring day the snow went nearly all away[.] Started mat[.] John heard frogs.	17
6. Fri.	Frogs singing tonight Donald Smiths dance[.] John went back with bags to mill[.]	17
7. Sat.		22
8. Sun.	Thomas Wigginton here Uncle James here	30
9. Mon.	Daisy [the] Heifer calved. Mrs Cameron's funeral ³ Johnny McGregor here	22
10. Tues.	Walker girls left for North-West[.] John and Tom off to grange[.]	30
11. Wed.	Aunt Agnes [Stewart] here Billy killed	23
12. Thu.	Smith here Duncan Here John in Clinton Broke meat hook	30
13. Fri.	Malcom (sic) at the barn[.] Sandy Ross here for potatoes[.] Duncan here Temperatures [illegible]	34
14. Sat.	Femy calved Mat finished Smith here ⁴	26
15. Sun.	Snowed at night Jane & Bella went to church	27
16. Mon.	Morrow here -12 c[ents] Eggs J. Elliot at school	<u>26</u> 12
17. Tues.	John away to Ross'es with Vicount(sic)[.] Heavy fall of snow[.]	43
18. Wed.	Brucefield show Jane washed upstairs hall plaster	33
19. Thu.	Scott [The Canada Temperance] Act voting Uncle James at barn going to Glen's for hay	34
20. Fri.	Father at Clinton[.] Put in mat[-] took mat hook with him[.] Found 3 turkey eggs[.]	39

21. Sat.	Jane cleaning school[.] Pete McGregor here. Ferguson's here[.] Agnes went home with them[.] I finished green dress.....	46
22. Sun.	Sabbath School started[.] Ned here at night[.] Ma & John at church[.]	30
23. Mon.	John started to plow[.] Started to dig garden[.] Emmerson here for dinner[.] Father shot ducks[.]	37
24. Tues.	Ferguson's(sic) here today[.] Ned moved Perdue away[.] Planted cabbage.....	49
25. Wed.	Pete McGregor here[.] John got a duck[.]	32
26. Thu.	[Two Peddlers] Scott [and] Powell here. Lots of swallows[;] John says he saw them [on the] Sabbath[.]	<u>13</u> 19
27. Fri.	Father grafting plums[.] Jane cleaning Ma's room[.] Set [11] turkey eggs[.] Tom Churchill here[.]	40
28. Sat.	Cows nearly all out all night[.] Mary Glen born[.] Jane & Bella in Clinton [and they fetched the] Mat hook home[.] Wood done[.]	29
29. Sun.	Tom Wigginton here[.] Sarah [Barkley] & Ada [Stewart] at Sabbath School [and later] here for supper[.] Uncle James here[.]	47
30. Mon.	Emerson here for dinner[.] Alfred Isard started school[.]	<u>12</u> 30

May, 1888

Eggs

1. Tues.	Snowed only a little[;] lay a short time[.] Father & John at Brucefield[.]	44
2. Wed.	Stanley Beauty (black heifer) calved[.] Aunt Mary [Stewart] here & at Glen's[.] Dan Ross ⁵ here Bella Grant's wedding	37
3. Thu.	Finished seeding[.] Sarah [Barkley] in on her road to Glen's[.] Mrs Finley [Mc- Ewen] this way coming in[.]	41
4. Fri.	German peddler here for dinner[.] Jessie Wigginton here[;] came from Glen's with me[.] Rain	34
5. Sat.	Manson here[;] Ada here[.] Agnes & John at Clinton [.] Father & Mother planted cherry trees & walnuts[.] Cows all out tonight [-] only the milch.....tonight.	22
6. Sun.	Mr & Mrs Wigginton here[.] Ned here[.] Will- Henry Elford - John put on his shoes first time[.]	33

7. Mon. Uncle John's Annie⁶ here for flower slips[.] Jim Junor here this evening[.] Morgan here & Emerson[.] Rained & Hailed today[.] 38
8. Tues. Raining nearly all day[.] Mr & Mrs Duncan here[.] Agnes at Glens to night[.] John at Brucefield[.] 28
9. Wed. Smith's son here[.] Malcolm in buggy here[.] Put up river fence[.] McCartney here[.] 27
10. Thu. Dan Ross here in evening 29
11. Fri. Smith Here[.] Willie Glen got his girl home[.] Duncan McEwen's raising[.] Cows (Milch) all out all night[.] 26
12. Sat. Planting potatoes all day[.] Smith here to buy[.] Ned here for pinchers[.] Our Milch cows in tonight; Glen's out[.] 30
13. Sun. Made Rubarb pies yesterday[.] Jane & I at church[.] Rained, hailed, snowed[.] Stray gobbler came[.] Milch cows in[.] 27
14. Mon. Snowed (ground white[in]some places)[.] Aunt Agnes here[.] Cold 0 Emerson here Milch cows in Jane went to Glen's[.] I finished [braids?] on mat.[.] 28
15. Tues. Snowed[;] roof & Rails white[.] Albert Wise here[.] John in Clinton[.] John fixed pump[.] Black cows in[;] fixed the fence round field[.] 22
16. Wed. Snowed a little[;] Duncan's here on way to Clinton[.] Picking clover stones all day & was putting up fences [in the] afternoon[.] Cold out last night[-] frost[.] Sarah at Glen's[.] 35
17. Thu. Scott here Dan Ross here for potatoes[.] Sowing mangold's(sic) & carrots...all day[.] Black cows out at night[.] 26
18. Fri. Father in Clinton[.] Got Agnes' seeds[.] McEwens after Gobler(sic) [.] Planted 6 rows of mangols this evening[.] Got a piece of bride's cake [and] Gota Guinea egg. 26
19. Sat. Sowing Mangol & Turnip seeds most all day[.] D[ad] again at Clinton[.] Indian woman here[.] Pa & Ma at Elliot's & Wigginton's[.] John at Craig's[.] 36
20. Sun. Let Black Heifer on the road[.] Vicount out all night[.] Malcolm & a [stone] Mason here. 29
21. Mon. Morrow Agnes & I dug flower beds[.] Agnes & Bella at Glen's[.] John at mill with grist[.] The Emerson boy shot a snake.... 26

22. Tues.	John Elliot here[.] John solling[.?] Uncle James here Finley's share...Father and Knot at Malcolm's[,]	22
23. Wed	Father & Malcolm at Clinton [.] Sandy Ross' wife was here[.] John Junor collecting[.] Let three calve out[.]	28
24. Thu.	Scott here [-] washed sheep[.] Bella at Uncle James [-]Father & John at Sandy Ross'es & I finished....sun hat & brown dress.....	26
25. Fri.	Glen here[.] Dunkan & Charlotte here[.]	17
26. Sat.	Kate foaled[.] Mowed lawn[.] Malcolm here[.] Wigginton here[.] Set Guinea eggs[.]Jane planted melons[.] Francis came to Glens[.]	26
27. Sun	Father & Mother at church[.]Uncle James & Willie & Ned[.] Kates foal died[.]	35
28. Mon.	Wells & Wife....Duncan....Smith...[and] ..Morrow...here[.] Heavy rain [but] not very much.	29
29. Tues.	Malcolm & Wife here[.] Father & Mother left for Old Country ⁷ [.] Ned here for spade[.]Malcolm here with cow[.]	32
30. Wed.	Ag & I planted turnips most of day[.] Sarah here[-]Smith here cow Kate McEwen & Jane here[.] Ned & Francis ⁸ here[.] John plowing summer fallow[.]	28
31. Thu.	Raining....Sarah Wigginton.....Jim.... Charlie...here...Found Guinea nest.....	23

June, 1888

Eggs

1. Fri.	Ag & I fixing fence. Old[Mr Edward]Glen here[.]Rev. [Alex] Stewart at Glens[.] Raining Frost last night	24
2. Sat.	Aunt Agnes here[.]John finished plowing summer fallow[.]Jane in Clinton[.] Malcolm here with cow tonight[.] Raining this morning[.] Sarah here all night. Smith here with cow[.]	24
3. Sun.	Ned here[.] Fen[wick] & Adam [Stewart] in on the way to [sabbath] school[.]	28
4. Mon.	John harrowing before dinner[.We] shore sheep [in the] afternoon[.]Inspector at school[.]A very little frost last night[.]	20
5. Tues.	Ag & I finished fence[;]Started running off lye[and]John started manure[.]	21
6. Wed.	Agnes went to Clinton[.] Tom & Jessie [Wigginton] here[.] Gave Annie guinea eggs[.]Washed blankets [and made] corn-meal pudding[.]	23

7. Thu.	Aunt Agnes...[and]...2 Mrs Glens.here[.] John & I in Clinton & Ag at picnic mee- ting[.]Jane ironed her White dress[.] [Eggs] not gathered[.]	
8. Fri.	Mrs Junor here	49
9. Sat.	Raining Agnes horse back riding[;]ask- ing [for] baskets[.]Smith here cow[.]	21
10. Sun.	Heavy Rain Uncle James...[and]..... Francis here[.]	26
11. Mon.	John Butchart ⁹ ...[and]..Emerson here[.] planted out cabbage [and] lettuce[.]J[ane] at Glens[.]	17
12. Tues.	Manson here[.]Jane & I cleaned cell- er[.]	23
13. Wed.	A fellow here for his breakfast[.] Jane at Clinton & McTavishes[.]	28
14. Thu.	Scott here Road Work	25
15. Fri.	Sarah[Barkley...and]Aunt Agnes here[.] Ferguson here on way after stray catt- le[.] Picked bugs first time[.Eggs]not gathered	
16. Sat.	Sarah in in way to Clinton[.]John & I at Clinton[.] Fen[wick] up with pap- ers John took out the last 2 loads of manure[.]	46
17. Sun.		30
18. Mon.	Emerson...[and].....Aunt Agnes here[.] Finished Soap[.] Bella at Grants to- night[.]	25
19. Tues.	Old [Edward]Glen here[.]John at Bruce- field[.]Sewed ribbon collar on dress[.] John finished spreading manure[.]	27
20. Wed.	Cleaned out my room[.]Jane finished her white dress[.] Guineas out John mowed lawn[.]	37
21. Thu.	Scott here[.]Malcolm here in evening on way home from Uncle John's[. I] planted out some foxglove[.]	18
22. Fri.	An old fellow here looking for work[.] Set up Ma's stove[.]2[Duncan McGregor's] here.....Ag at Glens...Francis here	22
23. Sat.	Jane & I at Clinton[.]Ag, Bella & Fran- cis at river[.]	17
24. Sun.	Francis at [Sabbath] school.....Ned ..Mrs Wigginton....Lizzie....Fen[wick] & Adam....here[.]	27
25. Mon.	Jim....Aunt Agnes here[.]Started weeding roots[.] John took Aunty home[.]	18

26. Tues. Weeding roots[.]John & Ag at McEwen's[;]
Jane, Bella & Frank at river[. I] got a letter Mrs McEwen fetched[.] 15
27. Wed. Sarah here[.] John & I [and Wigginton]
in Clinton[.] Weeding roots[.] 15
28. Thu Raining Weeding roots Lizzie over with
hen 20
29. Fri. Ag & I picked strawberries[.]Hoeing po-
tatoes[.] Wool buyer/peddler here[.] John at Uncle Johns[.] 21
30. Sat. Ag & Bella hoing potatoes[.] Jessie Wig-
ginton here[.] Ned here baking for [Mon-
day's Dominion Day] picnic[.] Jessie &
Bella cooking berries[. Eggs not gather-
ed[.]
1. Sun. Annie Stewart¹⁰.....Uncle James.....Tom
Wigginton..Ned..Daniel..Fred..here[.] 57
2. Mon. Picnic John started mowing[.]Brigham,
Adam & Ellen Elliott¹¹ here[. Jane & Annie Ferguson & John Here.Duncan's here
on way from picnic[.]Old fellow with arm
off here[.] 17
3. Tues. Old [Edward] Glen.....Aunt Agnes here[.]
Started coleing(sic) hay. 15
4. Wed. Taking in hay[.]Fellow at pump for
drink[.] 18
5. Thu. At hay 32
6. Fri. Harrow [Ontario?] pedler here[.] At
hay[.] Father & Mother sailed for
home in Toronto[. Eggs] not gather-
ed[,]
7. Sat. Finished big hay field[.]Jim....Ned..
& Dunc[an] McEwen here[.] 24
8. Sun. Uncle James.....Ned here[.]Aikenhead
at [Sabbath] School[.] 23
9. Mon. Sarah here[.]Jessie & I[were]at Mrs
Wigginton's rug bee[.] John & Jane
in Clinton[.] 17
10. Tues. John in Brucefield [-] got binding
twine[. Eggs] not gathered[.]
11. Wed. Scott here [-] brought wood[.] Fen-
[wick] here [this] afternoon[.] A little rain 16
12. Thu. Raining Shook out hay 13
13. Fri. Aunty [Agnes]..Andrews cattle buyer...
....here[.] 7
14. Sat. Finished hay [in] all but [the] orchard
before dinner[.] 21

15. Sun.	Tom Wigginton here for dinner[.] Annie Stewart, Ned & George & Tom here in evening[.]	17
16. Mon.	Ag & Bella picking berries[;] got about 3 q[uar]ts[.] Finished hay (orchard) Mrs Wigg[ington] at Glens (cherries)	18
17. Tues.	John at Uncle James'[.] Ag & I picking bugs nearly all day[.]	12
18. Wed.	Ag & John in Clinton & Brucefield & at Duncan's[.] Jane at Uncle James[.] Rain (fried lard over) [Eggs not gathered.]	
19. Thu.	Ag & Bella weeding turnips[.] Aunty Agnes here. Trout sited(sic) yesterday[.]	<u>12</u> 16
20. Fri.	Started cutting wheat[.] Mother home from Old Country[.] Lizzie here[.]	<u>12</u> 11
21. Sat.	Father home [with imported livestock] Glenappin & Glenlyon[.] Wiggintons...Uncle James...Fen[wick].....Adam.. [and] Duncan here[.] Sold 4 fat cows to one Smith[.]	19
22. Sun.	Ned & Will.....Jim...John Junor.....Jack McGregor....Malcolm & McBride here.	12
23. Mon.	Finished cutting wheat Sold 4 steers to Stanbury's ¹² [.] Sarah [Barkley] and Annie [Stewart], Mr & Mrs E. Glen and Sarah Wigginton here[.] Father & Mother at Malcolms. Eggs not gathered[.]	
24. Tues.	Father and John in Clinton[.] Jim[Paul? apeddler here[.]	24
25. Wed.	Aunt Agnes here[.] Horses out at Malcolms creek[.] Started putting straw out of mow[.]	13
26. Thu.	I cut some carraway[.] Taking in Wheat [and] outting [last year's] straw out of mow[.] Sandy Ross and Mrs here[.] Jane in Clinton[.] Uncle James here[.] Eggs not gathered[.]	
27. Fri.	Nora Junor & Lizzie McEwen here[.] Finished taking in wheat. G. Elliot and Jack here[.]	23
28. Sat.	Linds.....& Mrs Hugh McGregor Sr.....& rag pedler....here[.] Took in wheat-sakings[.] Old country sheep home[.]	23
29. Sun.	Father & Agnes started for church[.] Uncle James,, Ned, John & Hector Junor [here].	23
30. Mon.	Aunt Mary & Ida [Stewart] ¹³ here[.] Duncan for sheep[.] Bella herding horses[.]	20

31. Tues. Shot Wallace[.]Old Innis¹⁴....McIntosh..
 ..& Pete McGregor here[.] Weeding tur- 16
 nips [and] started pulling peas[.]
 Bella herding horses[.]

August, 1888

1. Wed. Ag at Uncle Jame's for kitten[.]¹⁵ Hoe- 18
 ing roots [in the] forenoon[.]
2. Thu. Ag in Clinton[.] Aunt Agnes Here[.]Will 27
 & Road[.]
3. Fri. Ag & I pulling garden peas[.]2 McG[reg- 34
 or] Duncan's here[.] Heavy rain-storm
4. Sat. Arch[ibald]McDougal..Jim Junor..here[.] 29
 Ma made the first apple pies[.]
5. Sun. Bella & I went to church[.]Mr & Mrs Bob 26
 Renolds.....Fen[wick].....Bill B[e]acom¹⁶
 & Jack..Tom Wigginton..[and] 2 McGregor
 boys here[.]
6. Mon. Jim Heren here[.] Bella & I spreading 22
 peas[.] Ag herding horses[.]
7. Tues. Took in 2 loads of peas[-]finished pull- 29
 ing both[.] Rev. [Mr Stewart] called[.]
 Fen[wick went] for doctor for his moth-
 er[.]¹⁷ Old Glen here Ma went down[.]
8. Wed. Aunt Abby & Lily¹⁸ at Glen's[.] Father & 30
 Mother at Wigg[inton's] Finished peas[.]
9. Thu. Started cutting oats[.]Father at Varna & 7
 Uncle James'[.] Jane went to Clinton[.]
10. Fri. Old Mr Fisher here[.]Jane at Uncle James'.⁴¹
 Jessie, Tom & Lizzie Hunter here[.]
 Fetched..[illegible]..stand...[illegible].
 Sleam Dunk here[.].....J[ohn] and A[gness]
 picked first [apples?]
11. Sat. Bella went to Clinton[;] Father herding 47
 horses[.]Finished cutting lowpiece oats[.]
12. Sun. Tom Elliot..Cook...Hamilton....McDougal.. 25
 Cousin John [B. Stewart]¹⁹.here[.] Jane
 & I at church[.]
13. Mon. Morrow here[.] He] took John's lamb & Fa- 28
 ther & John cleaned up the oats. I [was]
 herding²⁰ [the] bull all day[.] Jane & Ag
 picking thimble[berrie]s[.]
14. Tues. Nursery peddler here[.] Tom Wigginton 23
 here all night[.]
15. Wed. Smith Here[.] Rosy calved[.] Finished reap- 34
 ing[.]Father at Duncan's[.]
16. Thu. Father & John in Clinton[;] got Glenappin 31
 shod [.]Herding bull[.]

17. Fri. Sandy Innis & G[eo]r[ge] Inglis.....Uncle 22
James.....& Cluff here today[.]²¹ Ag & I
clipped lambs[.] Herding bull after dinner[.]
18. Sat. Herding bull 60
Ned here to night
19. Sun. Father at church[.] Tom & J[essie] Wigginton] were here[.] The Rev. Mr] Turnbull preached[.] 23
20. Mon. Started hauling in oats[.] Took 4 fat 36
cord[s of wood] to Brucefield.] Margaret-Ann in on way for berries[.]
21. Tues. Took 7 steers to Walker's²² corners for Stanburys[.]Father in Clinton[.] 36
22. Wed. Finished taking in Rathwell²³ [place 46
oats[.] Herding bull[.]
23. Thu. Jane & John in Clinton[.] Finished har- 36
vest[.] Aunty [Agnes]..... Finley[McEwen] and Inglis...here[.]
24. Fri. Bella & Agnes at Varna[;] Father at Mal- 32
colm's[.] Ned here[.] Scott bought Ag's lamb[.]
25. Sat. Father at Malcolm's threshing[.] Mrs Finley, Ella & baby [Anabel McEwen].....Mrs Dunk & Mary & Bella Ross..Hugh McGregor& Tom 33
Fraser...[here].
26. Sun. Henry Bacom, Ned & Will here[.] John, Ag, 32
Bella at church[.]
27. Mon. Ho[l]mes here (other side of Clinton).Vic- 26
ount(sic) at Butchart's[.]
28. Tues. John at Gilmour's for wheat[.] I went to Clinton[.] a fellow going to see the mason 25
29. Wed. Guinea hen died[.] Sowed wheat (at 34
Smith's)[.]²⁴
30. Thu. Maggie McGregor, Carrie, Kitty & Lizzie McTavish [and] Parks Here[.] Father & John in Clinton[.] 20
31. Fri. Finished making my boot box[.] Raining 54

September, 1888

1. Sat. Father & John in Clinton 33
2. Sun. Uncle James, Jim [Barkley], George Gilmour & Fen[wick] here[.] Jane, John & I at church[.] 25
3. Mon. John to Perdues²⁵ to see about threshing[.] I [was] at Uncle James'[.] John 18
fractured his wrist.
4. Tues. I went for Reeve[.]Father at Malcolm's[.] 25

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5. Wed.	Reeve & Son here setting arm[.]	Glen's threshing	22
6. Thu.	Scotch pedler....Aunt Agnes.....Wigginton & Tom..here[.] Stray pig here[.]	Perdue fetched separator[.]	21
7. Fri.	Agnes in Clinton. Reeve here.		28
8. Sat.	Churchill here[.] Perdue fetched [steam- threshing] engine[.] I finished[pleated?] mat[.]		32
9. Sun.	Jane & I went to church[. We] saw Polly & Margaret Cumming. Sarah Issard & Willie with us.		19
10. Mon.	Threshing[.]John went to Clinton[.] Took machine over to Finley's[.]		22
11. Tues.	Took tank out today		30
12. Wed.	Father at Finley's threshing[.]		28
13. Thu.	[Agnes and I]washing sheep[.]John at mill for chop[.] Wigginton & Tom here for wheat[.] John & Ag in Clinton[.] Duncan & Mrs here[.]		14
14. Fri.	Uncle James threshing[.]Sarah Wigginton here[.] Jim Inglis after pig[.] Ag at Churchill's and Issards[.]		26
15. Sat.	Uncle John's threshing[.]Ag & Father fix- ing up sheep. Mother & Jane in Clinton[.]		26
16. Sun.	Tom here[.] Raining[.]		31
17. Mon.	John & Ag in Clinton[.] Tom here all night - Ned[.]		19
18. Tues.	Father, John & Tom at Seaforth[.]		18
19. Wed.	Started lifting potatoes[.] Duncan here [illegible] sheep[.] Churchill here[.]		33
20. Thu.	Jane & I lifting potatoes[.]Ag & Bella at Clinton show[.] Mr & Mrs Ballantyne here all night[.]		
21. Fri.	Father, John, Jane & I..Churchill & Tom at show[.] Churchill here[.]		36
22. Sat.	Girls all at potatoes [-]Father carrying them in[.] Finished Melons[.]		25
23. Sun.	Mr & Mrs Tom & Stella [here.]Bella & I at church[.]		21
24. Mon.	John & Agnes at Clinton[;]Father & Mother at Rathwells ²⁶		23
25. Tues.	Father at Malcolm[McEwen's.]John at Uncle James[.]		20
26. Wed.	Raining[.] Ag & John in Clinton[.]Church- ills here ²⁷ [.] Pedler (dress cutting)Mar- tin & Sons here[.]		21

27. Thu. Raining Father took Glenlyon to Church-
ills (sold)[.] Ag cleaning oats[.] 17
28. Fri. Raining Father went to Clinton[.] 20
Cleaned stove & stove pipes[.]
29. Sat. Raining[;] Snowed first, I think[.] Father
at mill with grist & chop[.] Ag & John in
Clinton[. Eggs] not gathered[.]
30. Sun. Father at Uncle James' [and] Uncle James
here[.] Raining 37

October, 1888

1. Mon. John & Agnes in Clinton[.] Raining Aunty 14
[Agnes and] Tom here[.] Men all went to
Clinton with Dad[.] Fen[wick] and Tom
here all night[.]
2. Tues. Father, John & Tom away to Goderich 11
show[.] Fen[wick] & Ag went to Clinton to
take home team[.] Jane at Issards[.] Mrs
Duncan here[.]
3. Wed. Snowed last night & all day nearly (big
flakes & showery)[.] All (4) pulling 16
apples[.]
4. Thu. Raining Lizzie [Glen] here[.] She gave
Mother [a photograph] album.²⁸ 6
5. Fri. Tene McDonald.....Tene McEwen...&...Sarah 9
[Barkley] in on way to Clinton[.] Sarah is
going up north[.]²⁹ They came home from
[the] show[.]
6. Sat. Father & John at Clinton for 4 loads [of]
Goderich stuff (Hanley rails to fence). Mr &
Mrs Ferguson here[.] fetched goose (pul-
ling apples)
7. Sun. Raining[;] Ned, Jane, John & Agnes at preach- 15
[ing] in [Sabbath School] (Butchart Ministry)³⁰
8. Mon. Pulling apples[.] Ned Rathwell here for 12
dinner[.] Started plowing (shanty field)
9. Tues. Father, John & George at Bayfield show[.] 4
Pulling apples[.] Packers at Glens[;] they
sacked them to night[.]
10. Wed. First baking of new flour[.] Heavy frost 7
last night[.] Pulling mangols all day. Old
Glen here[.] Beautiful day[.]
11. Thu. Jane, Bella & Father gone to Blyth[.] Ag & 12
I finished mangols before dinner[.] Scotch
peddler [who was] here last time.....[and]
...Jim...here[.]
12. Fri. Raining[;] Sandy Ross & Smith have bought 5
Bold Vicount (sic), heifer calf & Ag's black
heifer[.] Took away after dinner[.] Duncan
fetched up his sheep[.] Mrs & Duncan here[.]

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13. Sat. Baker, McDougall, Duncan, Torrance [and] 7
George Stickley³¹here[.]Jane [at]Sheppards
sale[.]
 14. Sun. Agnes & I at Sabbath School, Beautiful 8
Day[.]
 15. Mon. Jane & Bella home on A.M.train.Pulled barn 9
roads took cellar[.]Father shot rabbits[.]
Raining to night[.]
 16. Tues. Raining (Showery) Glens here[.]Agnes & I 5
Pulling apples[.]Started ploughingRathwell
[place] after dinner[.] Tom & Jessie
here[.] Finished ploughing shanty field[.]
 17. Wed. Pulling apples[;] shower after dinner[.] 3
Malcolm in on way To Sheppards[.] Father
ploughing too in forenoon[.]
 18. Thu. Lifting potatoes all day[-]finished[.]Nice 2
day[;] Aunty here[.] Charlie took Glen's
barrels[.]Saw flock of geese going south[.]
 19. Fri. Raining all forenoon[.] Pulling apples[.] 15
Ag & J[ohn] took up [a] load [of] rails[.]
Father ploughing after dinner too[.]Took in
a load of mangols[.] Malcolm[here after
scraper[,]
 20. Sat. Father hauling mangols all day & pulling ap- 7
ples & carrying sheep[.] Cold wind snowing
& raining all day[;] ground white now[.]
 21. Sun. Snow lying yet on roofs[.] round edges 6
places yet[.] Wigginton here[.] Ma at
Glen's[;] Baby sick[.]
 22. Mon. Dickson's man here for his 3 lambs that he 5
bought[.]Jane in Clinton[;]got home with Un-
cle James[.] Ag & I baking an apple [des-
sert.]
 23. Tues. 3 days taking in apples all day[.] misty 14
rain[.] Missed goose[.] Finished taking in
apples[.]
 24. Wed. I [was]in Clinton[.]Hauled 3 loads of rails 8
(wood)[.] Beautiful day[.]
 25. Thu. Ag & I pulling carrots all day[.]Ned & Dun- 6
can here[.] Beautiful day[.]
 26. Fri. East south wind;showery[.] Ag & I pulling 10
carrots[.] Uncle James here[.]
 27. Sat. [We] Finished pulling carrots and took in 1 7
load[.] Raining[.] Ned in Clinton for cid-
er[.]
 28. Sun, Fen[wick] here[.] Showery 4
 29. Mon. Finished taking in carrots[-]4 loads[.] Ad- 6
am & Jim Elliot called[.] Showery
 30. Tues. Ag & I pulling turnips[.] Adam Elliot 5
here[.] Beautiful day
 31. Wed. Jim Elliot & Uncle James here[.] Uncle John 2
& Glen's went to Hullet [Township.]Mother &
I in Clinton[.]Beautiful day[.]Jane & Agnes
at quilting at Annie Ross'es[.] Jennie Grant
here all night[.]

November, 1888

1. Thu. Glen's threshing[. I] put on new boots [for the] first time. Ag & I taking in turnips[-] 5 loads & [I] pulled about 1[.] Jane at meeting [concerning missions.] Martin here this morning[.] Beautiful day[.] 4
2. Fri. Glen's threshing[.] Ag & I finished pulling turnips & taking them in [-] 2 1/ loads[.] Aunty here[.] John plowing[.] Showery warm 13
3. Sat. Picking turkeys until dinnertime[.] Sarah here[.] Mary Cummings [correct spelling is Cuming] here all night[.] Father Mother & Agnes in Clinton[.] Beautiful day 2
4. Sun. Beautiful day[.] Ned here[.] Jane & I went a piece with Mary Cumming[.]³² 7
5. Mon. Ag at Malcolm's[.] Father plowing all day too[-] finished at Rathwells about 5[o'clock] Sarah [Barkley] and Annie [Stewart] in on a walk[.] Heavy rain at night & thunder & lightning[.] Beautiful [hot] day[.] 5
6. Tues. Started plowing below barn[with] two teams[.] Nice day [but] dull[.] Wigginton [called in[.] 6
7. Wed. Picking turkeys all morning[.] Wells here with 4 sheep[.] Aunty [Agnes] & [sister] Ag & John in Clinton with turkeys[.] Apple packers called[.] Beautiful day[.]
8. Thu. Father at Malcolm's for dinner[.] Scott here 11 for Dick (his lamb). Wells bought one yesterday and took it with him[.] Raining all day[;] milch cows and colts in to night[.]
9. Fri. Tom & Jessie [Wigginton] here with [4] sheep[.] 6 Malcolm & John Thompson³³ here[.] Ada [Stewart] with Ag & Bella went to town for pump[.] Trees delivered to night[.] Raining
10. Sat. Showers[.] Tom & Jessie here with citrons & for pears [Jane finished jacket[.] John & Dad took up 2 loads of wood after dinner[.] finished my checked red shirting skirt and put it on to night[.]
11. Sun. Father & John at Uncle James' [.] Tom [here] cold wind very windy Two black cows in to night for the first time[.] 9
12. Mon. Jane in Clinton[.] McDonald here[.] Cut out jacket lining[.] Beautiful day[.] Eggs not gathered[.]
13. Tues. Frost last night. Father & John at Wigginton's threshing[.] Laidlaw here[; He] bought [the] last billy lamb[.] Beautiful day 9
14. Wed. Father & John finished plowing all but summer fallow land in front of door[.] Cut out jacket[.] Mrs Junor here[.] Beautiful day 9
15. Thu. Thanksgiving day examinations [and then] Sabbath School closed[.] Rev. Sim[p]son, Sawyer, Scott & Forrest at Examination[.] Father & John plowing summer fallow[.] Beautiful day [-] raining a little to night[.]

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16. Fri. Snowed a little and froze last night [We] had in all the cattle last night[.]Ma [and] John [attended John Pearson's dance.³⁴ 7
17. Sat. Agnes went to Duncan's[.] Duncan here for his sheep[.] He bought an imported shearling[.] Jane & John in Clinton[.] 3
18. Sun. Jane & I in church[;]Ramsay preached[.]Hard froze[-]snowed a little toward night & started raining[.] Thawing toward midnight[.] 2
19. Mon. Raining cold Uncle James..Sandy Ross & Duncan here[.]Ag went down for Uncle James[.] 2
20. Tues. A fellow here with McDonald's two sheep[.] Father in Clinton[.] Jane & Ag at Gregor's[.]³⁵ Uncle James & Dares here[.] Nice day [-] froze hard 2
21. Wed. Nice day Apple packers here[;They] packed 15 barrels[.]Father at Uncle James'killing pigs[.] Allister here for his 2 sheep[.] Duncan with sheep[.] Dewdrop calved[.] 2
22. Thu. Nice day[,]Aunty here[.]Jane in Clinton[.] Father & John & Irish³⁶cutting..[and hauling] wood -] 1 load before dinner and 3 loads after dinner[.] 2
23. Fri. Nice day[.] Put in double[i.e. storm] windows [in the] kitchen[.] Father went to Bell's sale and him & Mother went to Finleys at night[.] Ma was at Duncan's all day[.] Finley's wern't at home[.] 10
24. Sat. John & Willie McEwen in this morning[.]Father at Wigginton's for dinner [and at] Woon's & Wises too³⁷ Manson here[.] Mrs Middleton's funeral[.]³⁸ 15
25. Sun. Ag & Bella in Church[.]The Rev.Alex.Stewart preached[.] Nice day[;] The ground is hard-frozen [making for]good roads[.] 2
26. Mon. Nice day Dull middling cold A few flurries of snow Jane in Clinton[.] I hauled 2 loads of wood after diner[.] 5
27. Tues. Agnes at McTavish'es after dinner[.]Prayer meeting at A[lex.] Innis's[;] Ma, Jane & I went[.] Hauled 2 loads of wood I think after dinner[.] fellow hunting mink[.] Nice day dull 0
28. Wed. Aunty here[.]I] hauled 2 loads of wood before dinner [and] John [hauled] 1 after[.] filled apples for cider[.] John hauling gravel[.]³⁹ Nice day [but] dull[.] 3
29. Thurs. Father...John....& Willie in Clinton.[Ontario Department of Education] Inspector [Elgin] Tom at [S.S. #1] school[.] Sarah Wigginton here[.] J.Wigginton here asking [us to a] dance[.] John hauling gravel[.] Raining & snowing a little[.] 3
30. Fri. John at Malcolm[McEwen's]bee hauling earth to house[.]⁴⁰ Wigginton dance[;] John went[.]Jim [Barkley]here going to dance[.] Snowing & soft all day[;]freezing a little to night[.]

December, 1888

1. Sat. John Junor here.....Father & John went to Tom Welsh's sale. Father took Wigginton's sheep..... 3
2. Sun. Dull day[.] Ned [here,] 0
3. Mon. Father away buying our beef. Wells here[.] Finished red shirting busque[.] Started storming some[.] 3
4. Tues. Father & John went to Johnny Thompson's for heifer father bought yesterday[.] Glen's killed pigs[.] John there to night[.] Jane cleaned pantry[.] Showering some[.] 0
5. Wed. Agnes at Corin's; (sleigh [used] first time)[.] John at mill with chop (had Hector)[.] Jane cleaned kitchen ceiling[.] Stormed soft last night[.] 3
6. Thu. Mother, Jane & John in Clinton[.] Took cider apples & didn't get cider[.] Sleigh in Clinton[.] Fen[wick] here[;] took vinegar home. Snowed some nice day 1
7. Fri. Killed 6 pidgeons[.] (Sic) 1
8. Sat. Jack Reid & Jack Elliot here[.] Father & John finished cutting, splitting & piling what wood was hauled up[.] Dull day Softish Finished making curly jacket and apron[.]
9. Sun. Jane & I at church[.] Uncle James here[.] Soft buggies going good[.]
10. Mon. Aunt Agnes....Heren & Couch here[.] Father & John in Clinton for cider with the wagon[.] Soft fine day
11. Tues. I[was] at Duncan McEwen's[.] Mother & John in Clinton[.] Mother got home with Duncan (for sheep)[;] John waited for cider & kettle[.] A little frost windy
12. Wed. Making apple butter[.] Duncan & Mrs here[.] Jim here all night[.] Snowing a little to night[.]
13. Thu. Mr Glen here[.] John took back kettle[.] Father & John hauled some wood[.] Set up Jane's stove upstairs[.]⁴¹ Snowing stormy
14. Fri. Father & John hauling up logs for wood to day too[.] I moved into the room[.] Jane at Uncle James'[.] McGuire here and away after fat sheep[.] nice day Sheep died[.] 4
15. Sat. Father in Clinton[.] McDonald's man after his sheep[.] Finished making other apron (shirts)[.] Thawing[;] rained a little to day[.]
16. Sun. Raining
17. Mon. Misty [-] Started freezing & snowing a very little near night[.] John in Clinton[.] Father dug round berry bushes & moved little trees[.] Ag cleaned her room[.]

18. Tues. Jane at Pearsons[.]Minnie⁴²& Gustie & Sarah here[.] Clear moonlight Froze hard cold no wind 1
19. Wed. Father & Mother went to Wigg[inton's] about 1/2 past 4(after they came from bush)[.]Fellow here to night wanting to buy pigeons[.] Icy cold flurries
20. Thu. Father in Clinton[.] I [was] at Glens[.] clear windy cold
21. Fri. Father put on new smock[.] made 3 window boards[.]Agnes made.....[illegible]...box ...[illegible]Stormy but not very frosty[.]
22. Sat. John at the mill with [a Wagon-load [of] grist[.] Father at Duncans[.] Finished father's drawers[.] Clear cold (middling) 2
23. Sun. Bella & I at church (Rumbal) Green Froze hard (buggies)
24. Mon. John in Clinton[.] Shot a partridge[.] Killed turkey. Soft a little rain 1
25. Tues. Sarah [Barkley,] Ada & Annie [Stewart] here after dinner and all night[.] Ned & George here at night[.] Raining and warm
26. Wed. Father at school meeting[.]⁴³ Duncan & Tom & Duncan's and J. Bole's boy here[.] Warm a little rain
27. Thu. Father in Clinton[.]Sarah Wigginton here all night[;] her & Ma went to Uncle James'[.] Hard frozen stormy 2
28. Fri. John went down to Uncle James' with [news]-papers to night[.]⁴⁴ Hard froze nice day windy 4
29. Sat. Jane & Bella in Clinton[.] Father & John in the bush these days. I finished navy blue basque[.] 3
30. Sun. Ag & I in church[.] Hard froze a little soft p.m. 3
31. Mon. Father at Varna(election).⁴⁵John Hunting all day[.] We] ate Sarah's goose[.] Snowed last night; soft[.] froze a little to night[.] 6

1. The Grant's farmed on the London Road on the Stanley. The cluster of houses at the junction of Stanley Sideroad 30 and the London Road, was called Granton.(Unlike the Granton in Biddulph Township, this Granton had no post office status. Janet (Jennie) Grant was a longtime friend with Isabella MacFarlane, and both became school teachers. Jennie became an avid photographer.

2. Duncan McEwen 1843-1927-son of Stanley pioneer "Cash" John McEwen, and farmed Lot 28, Con 2.

3. S.S. #1 teacher "Master" George Baird's mother-in-law, Mrs John Cameron, died April 7 and her funeral was April 9. Deceased was born in Perthshire, Scotland 1800, married John Cameron 1833, emigrated to Glengarry, Upper Canada, 1845 and settled in Stanley, 1850. Her daughter Janet married to Geo. Baird. See obit. Clinton New Era, April 13, 1888.

4. This Ross Family lived on Lot 27, Con 2.

5. Annie Stewart 1867-96, daughter of John Stewart and Abigail Tweedy Sometimes call "Nan"; She died at 29 of TB.

7. James MacFarlane made several trips to Scotland to acquire purebred livestock -sheep-cattle-horses.
8. Francis Hamilton
- 9.
10. Annie Stewart 1875-1960, daughter of James Stewart and Mary Barkley; married 1900 to Harvey H. McBrien, a Clinton carpenter.
11. When the diarist's maternal grandfather, Adam Stewart, emigrated from Ireland to Leeds County, Upper Canada, in 1833, his niece Mary Anna Stewart came with the family. Mary Anna married James Elliott of Kitley Township, Leeds Co. in 1835 and the farmed south of Smith's Falls on Con 3, S. Elmsley Township. In 1857, the Elliott's followed their Stewart and Barkley relatives to Huron Co. and settled in Hullett Township north of Clinton. The diary entry is confusing; one of the Elliott daughters was a Mrs Brigham.
12. Stanbury's lived out on the London Road.
13. Ida Stewart 1877-1956 dau. of James And Mary.
14. refers to John Innis (sometimes spelled Innes).
15. Yesterday Eliza-Ann says "Shot Wallace." Wallace was probably a cat and Agnes is getting a kitten from Uncle James and Aunt Mary.
16. The Beacoms lived up in Goderich Township. Bill Beacom and Fenwick were good friends and future brothers-in-law. Wm. Beacom married Annie Rathwell and was the father of Elmer and Cela. Cela Beacom married Fred Sloman and they operated the "School-on-Wheels" in northern Ontario. Wm. Beacom died young in ~~1895~~ 1902.
17. Mary Barkley suffered severely from "dyspepsia." She was overweight and may have suffered from an eating disorder.
18. Lillian Ellen Stewart 1876-1904, youngest child of John and Abigail Stewart.
19. John Barkley Stewart (1861-1925), eldest son of John and Abigail Stewart. His father had set him up on a farm on the Bayfield Concession, Goderich Township. In 1890 ~~(the year this diary is missing)~~ Jack married a Stanley Twsp. neighbour, Amelia Graham (1868-1903). They had 3 children: William John John (1890-1974) Elva Abigail Graham (1895-1947) and Thomas Brown (1902-78). Jack's second wife, Mary Jane Haliday (1871-1939) is the mother of the youngest child, Mary Robertson, still living in 1998.
20. Eliza-Ann occasionally refers to herself or her siblings as "herding" horses or cattle. This most recent reference supplies a clue. A bull is kept only for breeding. In 1998, our diarist could have written, without violating propriety: "Cow X in heat. Father and John tied up getting the oats into the barn, so I had to set the bull on her. I left the pair together for most of the day in the barnyard." In many households, well into the 20th century, only the menfolk would supervise this livestock coupling. Women of all ages and small boys would be sent to the house. On a farm where men were in short supply, a wife, sister or daughter, would take the initiative. James MacFarlane was years ahead of his time and was widely respected for the high quality of his pure bred stock. His four daughters would all understand the logic and the financial rewards of selective breeding. They conformed to Victorian propriety by not talking about it, or using a euphemism such as "herding."
21. John Innes (sometimes spelled Innis), a native of Banfshire, Scotland, emigrated to Upper Canada in 1841 and came to Stan- in 1848. Originally he settled on Lot 30, Con 2, but event- moved 2 lots north to lot 32. He was one of the first horse importers in the area. His son Alex (Sandy) Innes carried on the tradition and farmed on Lot 32. John Innes's daughter, Mary, was Mrs Duncan McEwen. John Innes died in 1893. (see obit in Clinton New Era, August 4, 1893.)
22. Duncan Walker farmed
23. Lot 32, Con 4, Stanley Township fronts on the Bayfield River and is 120 acres. It had been occupied by Edward Rathwell and by Alex. Robertson, before Edward Glen and James MacFarlane bought it and split it between them a decade or so earlier. A mile and a quarter south, next to James Stewart, Nicol Robson had farmed Lot 26-IV, before moving west. The MacFarlane's

tended to refer to their part of that lot as "the Rathwell place" while Glen's tended to call their 60-acre portion "the Robison Place." (There is a tendency in people from Ulster to add or subtract syllables from names - Robson becomes Rawbison and Elliot becomes Elliot). And in handing down the oral tradition about the pioneer days, Robson and Robertson got confused as one-and-the same person by the oral historians and both got called "Rawbison." To the day of his death in 1997, Don Glen called that farm on the 4th "the Rawbison place." (More on this in the 1893 diary)

24. The Smith's lived to the south, on Lot 25, Con 3.
25. The Perdues lived just across the Bayfield River from the MacFarlane's, in Goderich Township. In addition to farming, they did custom threshing and were the threshermen of choice James MacFarlane, James and John Stewart.
26. The Rathwell's were Protestant Irish settlers from County Carlow, Ireland. John and Jane Rathwell were pioneers in Goderich Township in the 1830's. They settled on the Bayfield Concession in Goderich Township and most of the Rathwell's to whom Eliza-Ann refers are children or grandchildren of this prolific couple.
27. The Churchill's lived north-west from the MacFarlane's, on the 10th Line in Goderich Township. The diary entries suggest that there was largely a business relationship between the two households.
28. In late Victorian times, there were two standard sizes for mounted studio photos, the small carte and the larger cabinet photos. The elaborate, ornate albums with their thick pages, had openings of both sizes cut in them and the photos could be inserted or withdrawn very easily. The vast majority of the photos were taken in local studios with exotic scenes and plush appointments for background. Most newlyweds sat for a "wedding photo" sometime in the first year of married life and copies were given to siblings, Aunts and Uncles, sweethearts or grandparents to adorn their albums. These sturdy albums often as not occupied a place of honour in the parlour and were able to survive a lot of handling. It was acceptable for a young lady to sit close to a young gentleman caller, to show him the pictures. Most of the photographs in the MacFarlane-Glen-Fraser connection are in Glenfarm House, and it is fairly safe to bet that the album and photos that Lizzie Glen gave her Aunt Eliza MacFarlane are there. It's also a safe bet that two of the photos would be the wedding photo and one of Mary, the baby. The Glen wedding photo shows Margaret Elizabeth Stewart and William Glen around a simulated and overly-large exotic earthenware jar. William Glen was small and slight in stature, but is well turned out. Lizzie has a timeless beauty and would age gracefully. Lizzie was the best-looking of the 6 daughters of John and Abigail Stewart, although sister Lily (Mrs Cuming) was a very close second.
29. Sarah Elizabeth Barkley (1859-1923) at age 10 or 11, lost her father David when a steam engine in the sawmill where he worked blew up. Mary his widow had several small children and no income. She remarried almost immediately to John Hunter, but was still experiencing difficulty. Mary, (Mrs James Stewart) offered to take and raise one of the children, and so Sarah lived the next 18 years in her Uncle James Stewart's home. The Hunter's lived north of Clinton in the vicinity of Lucknow and Dungannon, and Sarah could see her biological mother frequently. But four or five years earlier, the Hunter's moved up to Algoma District (near Sault-Ste.-Marie). About the time of this diary entry, James and Mary Stewart gave their niece money to go and visit her mother on the new place up north. Sarah never came back. She married Willie McBain, a stone mason who had worked for Buchanan and had helped put Malcolm McEwen's stone house up earlier in 1888. Willie then moved up to Algoma. The two knew each other from Stanley, and eventually got married (Dec 1, 1890) The Stewart's and MacFarlane's received wedding photos which still survive.
30. John Butchart (Lot 27 Con 3) had a brother Dr James Butchart, who was a medical missionary in China. Eliza-Ann is not clear

- as whether Dr Butchart was home for a visit and spoke in person, or whether some other preacher or lay speaker gave a detailed account of Dr Butchart's work[.] Fund-raising in support may have been part of the agenda.
31. George Stickley (Steckley?) was the hired man at John Stewart's in this period. A veteran of the British army, he was cockney to the core[.]
 32. Mary Cuming is a cousin. As noted in Footnote 11, Mary Anna Stewart came to Canada in 1833 with her Aunt and Uncle, Adam and Ann Stewart. She married James Elliot and the couple followed their Stewart relatives to Huron and settled in the north of Hullet Township. One of their daughters married a Nicholas Cuming. The Cumings kept in contact with their Stewart cousins in Stanley. A son, John Cuming, worked for John Stewart and in other places in the Baird's school community. John would marry Lillian Stewart (his second cousin, once removed) in 1899. Ada, a daughter of James Stewart, became close friends with Isabella, another Cuming daughter, and tried unsuccessfully to matchmake Bella with her brother Fenwick. When Eliza-Ann writes about walking Mary part way, it's safe to assume she's staying nearby at James Stewart's, or, more likely, at John Stewart's.
 33. John Thompson of Blake was a stone mason. Isabel and Don Glen said that Thompson did the stonework on MacFarlane's house and barn, and the foundation of Ned and Jane Glen's house in 1902. One of his assistants did the foundation for Ned Glen when he raised his barn in 1900.
 34. Pearson hired Peter Campbell to build him a new frame house in 1888, which still stands on lot 32, Con 3. This Nov 16th entry would refer to the house-warming party.
 35. Gregor McGregor farmed on Lot 26, Concession 3.
 36. George Elliott over the river in Goderich Township was nicknamed "Irish" Elliott. (I.P., E.J. & D.A. Glen)
 37. The Woon and Wise farms front on the Bayfield River, in Goderich Township, immediately to the north of MacFarlane's.
 38. The Middleton's were "Old Country English gentlemen." Charles Middleton settled in Goderich Township in 1834. The Middletons had money and were able to prosper by lending it out in mortgages at the high rates of interest prevalent in pioneer days. Like MacFarlane's, Middletons raised pure bred stock and cultivated fruit orchards scientifically. At the time of this diary, Charles' sons were farming. John Middleton had his farm on the 10th concession at the junction of the Clinton-Bayfield Road. Since 1878, the Anglican parish of St James, Anglican Church, Middleton, has flourished. George Middleton's farm nearby consisted of several odd-sized lots on the Bayfield Concession. The funeral alluded to by Eliza-Ann is probably that of Mrs Charles Middleton.
 39. This probably to do with Statute Labour. From pioneer days until well into the 20th century, rural rate payers were required to work so many days a year maintaining the gravel roads. The more acres one owned, the more hours or days required. A farmer with horses could do his work by using his waons to haul gravel from the gravel pit to road repair sites. If one did not do one's required service, a substitute could be hired and the delinquent party billed for the wages.
 40. The McEwen stone house was built in 1888. Instead of digging a cellar on a flat site, the cellar floor and foundation could be built at ground level and then earth and fill banked up against the foundation walls. This had the visual effect of making a house seem more imposing, perched on a hill.
 41. The word "stove" is a guess as the writing is illegible. But Jack Glen did tell me that when the MacFarlane stone house was new, each bed room in winter was heated with a small wood stove. There was a net work of stovepipe holes in the walls and ceilings and enough chimneys to set up a network.
 42. Probably Minnie Walker: see 1891 photo of the Master with his former pupils. Minnie Walker is about Eliza-Ann's age.
 43. The annual meeting of the rate payers of School Section #1, Stanley, was held between Christmas and New Year's. The

three trustees for the coming year would be elected. The teacher would be formally installed for the coming year and his (or her) salary was set. The Master was at this school from January, 1861 to December, 1910. The school house was the focus of the community. Everybody who grew up in the school section had been taught by the Master. The Sabbath School was held there every Sunday from Easter to Thanksgiving. Many young people who graduated from the school were destined to marry a class mate. The annual meeting was serious business.

44. Isabel Glen, daughter of Jane MacFarlane & Ned Glen, used to say (and the diary supports this) that James and Eliza MacFarlane and their 5 children went to Clinton far more frequently than most of their neighbours. There was no rural mail delivery until 1912, and the people of S.S. #1 had to go to the Clinton Post Office for their mail. MacFarlane's would pick up the mail and what ever big city daily or weekly newspaper their relatives, friends and neighbours subscribed to. Mailed newspapers were stitched shut with cord, but Isabel said that didn't stop the five children and their parents from perusing the front page. Some of the people for whom they performed this service told them to go ahead and cut the cord and read the whole thing. At any rate, I recall Isabel saying that her mother and Aunts were exposed to the *Toronto World*, *The Globe* and *The Mail & Empire* and the two London papers, the *Free Press* and the *Advertiser*. James Stewart subscribed to *The Hamilton Spectator* until his death in 1911. He was an avid reader and debater of public affairs and read anything he could get his hands on (as long as it was Tory.)
45. Municipal elections in Ontario were usually on December 31 or New Year's Day. Stanley Township was run by elected councillors and a Reeve. The Township Hall was in Varna.

TWO PHOTOGRAPHS

both taken

September 22, 1891

Top: "Maple Grove"

Farm house:

Jas. MacFarlane Prop.

Bottom George Baird
with past and present
pupils, commemorating
30 years at S.S. #1

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OUTSIDE WORK A SPECIALTY.



Standing L to R. John MacFarlane, Jane MacFarlane Seated L to R. James Mac Farlane, Agnes MacFarlane and Mrs James MacFarlane née Eliza Stewart Absent Eliza Ann MacFarlane



Back Row, L to R: Frank Scott, Bill Scott, unknown, Frank Butchart, Ida Stewart, Edith Whittingham, Lillian E. Stewart, Master George Baird, Jane MacFarlane, Alex. McTavish, Annie "Nan" Stewart, Ada Stewart, William McTavish, Minnie Walker, and standing apart, Bob Gilmour. Middle Group [standing between the back row and the bench] L to R John Innes, unknown, Byron "Tim" Waldron, Alex D Baird, William McEwen, Peter Baird, unknown Janet McLeod, Ella McEwen, William Baird [boy in front of him unknown], James Baird, [child in front of him unknown], Alex. McEwen, Annie E. McEwen, Isabella May McEwen, Isabella R. McEwen. Bench Row: Mary McEwen, Elizabeth McEwen, Mary Glen, ? Smith, Bertha Whittingham, ? Jennison, Maude Scott, Tena Ross, Kate Ross, unknown, Bessie Smith, Anabel McEwen. Front Row on the ground: Christena McEwen, Margaret McEwen, Annie Stewart, Christena Baird, Agnes Butchart, Agnes MacFarlane, and Janet Gilmour.

THE FIRST FULL YEAR: 1889

This diary follows the format set in 1888, but it is penned on blank paper. Eliza-Ann inserted all the numbers and drew in all the lines. The original is brittle and there are holes. Missing text will be indicated by dots.....

	NOTES	WEATHER	EGGS
DATE			
January			
1st T.	All at Uncle James.....	Nice Day	5
2. W.			3
3. T.	Killed heifer[.] John in Clinton[.] Asked Wigginton's over tomorrow		4
4. F.	Wigginton's..Adam..Ned & George here[.] Father & Mother in Clinton[.] Ag on horseback asking Ada[.]	Nice Day a little soft after dinner	4
5. S.	Finished knitting pleating on pettico[a]t[.] Father at Malcolms[.]		8
6. S.	Raining		5
7. M.	Malcolm's dance Junor & John Mc [?] asking [me] to dance[.]	Nice day	5
8. T.	Father away to London[Ontario.] Lizzie here this afternoon[.]	Softish	7
9. W.	Father home to night; [He] fetched 3 lamps & my watch charm[.] ¹ Ned [Glen here.] ² (poured all day high winds snowing)[.]	Rained	16
10. T.	John in Clinton[.]	Stormy Big drifts	5
11. F.	Father at Duncans[.]	Snowed a very little	10
12. S.	Father finished making pot-hole cupboard Ned fetched home his pigs[.]	Nice Day	8
13. S.	Father, Mother, Jane and I [were] in Church[. We went in the] sleigh. Tom & George here[.]	Nice day snowed a very little	8
14. M.	Sarah & Ida here & John at mill with chop[.] Malcolm & Alex McDougal [here].	Nice day	10
15. T.	Duncan here[.]	Nice day cold wind	6
16. W.	Raining all day in showers[;] saw partial eclipse[.]		9
17. .	Father in Clinton[.] Fen[wick Stewart,] Ned & Will[iam Glen] at barn[. I] finished blue shirting wrapper[.]	Hard froze snowing a little to night	10
18. F.	Father at Dunkins for lambs (2) with wagon[.]	Snowing to night	8
19. S.	Mother, Jane, John & I in Clinton[.]	(poor sleighting)	8
20. S.	Father, Mother, Jane & I at church[.]	storming	10

January, 1889

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21. M.	Jane & Agnes...& John at Finleys[.]	stormy	8
22. T.	Mr & Mrs [Nicholas Cuming] here to night[.]	Nice day	10
23. W.	[Cuming's]& I at Glen's &[at]C[linton.]	Nice day	6
24. T.	Mrs [Cuming] & Auntie drove up in cutter[.] Mr Wells & Mrs Lang here[.]	Nice day	7
25. F.	Ag at Wiggintons[.]Auntie went home after dinner[.] ³ Duncan here in buggy[.]	Nice day	8
26. S.	Old Duncan [McGregor?] here.[.]	Nice day	5
27. S.	Jane & I in church[.]	snowing	12
28. M.	John at Sandy Ross'es with Dewdrop[.]	snowing a little all day	11
29. T.	Ag & Bella at Glens in evening[.]		5
30. W.	[There was a dance at Bob] Pearson's[.]	snowing a little all day	13
31. T.	Torrance here[.] John in Clinton (cutter)[.]	Snowing & stormy	10

February, 1889

1. F.	John at Churchills[.] Dan Ross and Dan McGregor here[.] Wises' [had a dance.]	Snowed some	9
2. S.	Father in Clinton[.] Ned & George here[.]		9
3. S.	Father, Mother, Jane & Agnes in church[.] [They went in the] sleigh[.] Milligan from Toronto preached[.]		11
4. M.	Aunt Agnes, Adam Whiteford from Oak Lake [, Manitoba,] ⁴ ...& Dan Ross of Dakota ⁵ ...here[.] John, Ag & Bella in Clinton[.] Father left for Montreal[.] John took Aunty home [in the cutter.]	snowing	9
5. T.	John & Jane [were] in Clinton in [the] morning [and they went again in the] evening for Maggie[Cuming.]Ned & George here[.]	stormy	7
6. W.	Maggie [Cuming] & the rest at Glen's to-night[.] Father came home[.]	very stormy [5 degrees] below zero	12
7. T.	Jane and Maggie at Uncle James' [in the daytime and they were with] John, Ag & Bella at Uncle John's at night[.]Father & John in Clinton(sleigh)[.]	Stormy	11
8. F.	Sold Nancy to Tipling[.] Lizzie [Glen] here[in the]afternoon and Charlie, Alice, Annie, Adam [and]Fen[wick Stewart] & Ned & George here at night[.]	some stormy but mild	6
9. S.	John and Jane went to Clinton with Maggie in [the] sleigh[.]	snowing	9
10. S.	Ma, John, Bella & I at church(Sleigh)[.] Jim & Ned [here.]	Nice day	8
11. M.		Snowing Stormy	8

12. T. John in Clinton[;] got up & down with Ned in [the] cutter[.] *Snowing Stormy* 8
13. W. Johnny Gilmour & Tom selling tickets here[.] Father & John in Clinton[;] took sleigh[.] Finished knit-quilt blocks[.] 4
14. T. Father, Mother and John in Clinton[.] Bull(Arcgowan Nubicum) arrived[.] Tor- *Nice day*
9 rance, Sparrow & Ned here[.]
15. F. Father in Clinton[.] *Nice day cold east wind* 5
16. S. Mr & Mrs [Nicholas] Cuming here[.] Father drove him to Wise's [in the sleigh.] Started knit-Quilt border[.] *Thawing* 5
17. S. Father at Uncle James's[.] 6
18. M. Started quilting Agnes' quilt - John Junor.....Bella Ross & Finley McEwen here[.] *Snowing Stormy*
19. T. John Junor here for [a] bag [of] potatoes; [he took a bushel plus 10 pounds.] *Snowing* 7
20. W. Junor's here[.] John started for [the] mill with chop [but] turned back [when] he found the] concession blocked[.] *Cold* 3
21. T. Lamey lambed one (Billy)[.] Finished Ag[']s quilt and started wool comfortable[s].] *clear day drifting* 8
22. F. Finished tacking 2 wool comfortable[s].] Hector Junor's dance *Snowing Stormy* 11
23. S. Tacked 1 other comfortable[.The temperature was six degrees] below zero at 9 o'clock] A.M. [and nine degrees below zero] at barn time *Snowing stormy* 8
24. S. Ned, Will & George [were] here [and went with] John [to] Uncle John's[.] *Sunny day* 8
23 [degrees] below Zero
25. M. John out breaking road at mill with chop p.m.[.] Tacked 4th comfortable[.] 6 [degrees] below [zero] this morning[.] *Sunny day* 4
26. T. Mother, Jane & John in Clinton[;] took my watch up[-] mainspring broken[.] Jim Turner here[.] *Snowing a* 4
27. W. Tacked 5th comfortable (Ag's)[.] John at Junor's[.] John started hauling manure[.] *Nice day warm* 3
28. T. Uncle John's Annie [called] here [to invite] us to Alice's wedding[.] Ag at Malcolm's[.] Jane in Clinton[;] She went on Grey's back as far as Wiggint[on's.] 1

March, 1889

- 1st.F. Father & Mother at Wells'[-they]bought 10 sheep[.] Wells brought some of them home [for us.] *Nice day soft* 6

- 2nd.S. Holland⁶here for dinner bargaining for trade oats[.]Finley here to night-John at foot-ball match[.] finished covering comfortables & binding Ag's quilt[.]2nd.sheep lambed[-]2 ewe lambs (long-faced old old country)[.]
Nice day 5
soft
- 3rd.S. Mother, Jane, Agnes & John in church (Nellie & Hector sleigh)[.]Uncle James here [-] John at Glen's[.] Tame shearling had a nice lamb this morning[.] Started feeding long-faced lambs[.]
Nice day 10
soft
4. M. Father in Clinton[.] Tipling & Hull here[.] Old country shearling lambed 2 l[ambs.] (1 R[am] & 1 E[we.] Tom Wigginton here[.]
Nice Day 6
soft
5. T. Agnes went to Stonehouse's⁷ on the Grey[.] Jane mending bags[.]
Nice day 12
soft
6. W. Fellows here peddling Beacom's fence[.] Joe Fisher⁸ & insurance man here for dinner[.] John in Clinton [-] got 2 teeth filled and one pulled[.]
Nice day 11
soft snow-
ing a little
7. T. John at Dan Ross'es[.] Glen's cutting in the forenoon[;]Father there[.] Father [was] in Clinton [this] afternoon[. He] came home by Wigg[inton's.]
Nice day 21
North Wind
8. F. Father & John cleaning wheat[.The] Rev. [Alex.] Stewart & wife here[.] Prayer-meeting at Malcolm's[.] Father, John, Jane & Agnes there[.]
Snowing 25
Stormy
9. S. Father and John in Clinton with a load of wheat[.] Fetched home my watch from J. Ross[.]⁹ Bella and I helped [Father John] to clean another load[of wheat.]
Snowing 26
Stormy
10. S. Ned & George here[.]
Nice day
Mild Snowed a little 20
11. M. Father,Mother & John[were] in Clinton [in the] afternoon[.] Father & John.. [also made a trip to Clinton in the morning and] finished taking up [the] wheat[.] Lilie [Stewart was] her[e this] afternoon[.]
12
11
12. T. Donald Smith & Dan Walker here[.]Holland here for his oats with chop[.] Father & John in Clinton with potatoes[.]To day was Alice Stewart's wedding [at Uncle John's. T]he 5 of us [MacFarlane cousins were] there[.]
Nice day 20
Beautiful
13. W. Father in Clinton[.] Started our 1888 mat - again[!]
28
14. T. Malcolm & Junor here [-]left bags for potatoes[.]Ag out there for papers[.]
23
15. F. Father at Duncan's & Ross'es[.] Scott here & Glen's weighing horses[.] Wigginton's entertainment¹⁰ [-] Jim & John here went to Wigginton's[.]
25
Beautiful
day soft
16. S. Father & John in Clinton[.] Shipped bull to Wingham(to Black)[.] Acheson here[.]
Beautiful 26
day soft

17. S. Francis Hamilton at Glen's [-] came last evening[.] *Nice day soft* 23
18. M. Sandy Ross here[.] Sarah here and Jane at Glen's a little while[.] Father in Clinton[.] River over road (upper bridge) off next morn[.] *Nice day soft* 20
19. T. Father & John in Clinton shipping Nellie, Hector & Grey to Duncan[.] John & Fenwick saw ducks when they were coming home[.]..[Mr] Tuff..[the] Assessor..here all night[.] John Junor here[.] *Nice day soft* 29
20. W. Jim, John & Dave Junor & Johnny McGregor here[;] Jim in the morning[.] Smith here[.] Jane & I at mat bee at John Junor's[.] *Nice day middling* 19
21. T. Agnes finished 1888 mat at dinner time[.] Uncle James & Mrs J. Pearson here[.] John in Clinton[;] he got home with Ned & Will(buggy)[.] *Nice day* 30
22. F. Jack Butchart, John Junor after potatoes & Lizzie McEwen here[.] Dyed cotton rags brown in cooler for carpet[.] Bella went to Uncle James' to night[.] *Nice day* 26
23. S. Isabel & Lizzie McEwen here[.]¹¹Belle learning [how to] crochet-quilt[.] Heard frogs & a pluver(sic) [;] spring birds here long ago[.] *Beautiful day* 29
24. S. Lots of frogs singing all day[.] Grass pretty green under the apple trees on the lawn[.] *Beautiful* 20
25. M. [I] Made 3 pillow cases and sewing sheets[.] Went up the concession after cows[.] *Beautiful; Froze hard last night* 28
26. T. Jane & I at Grants[.] Jane went by Clinton[.] *Beautiful; Hard froze; soft coming home* 26
27. W. Mrs Glen Sr. at John Junor's[.] People plowing all round to day[.] *Beaut[iful] snowing to night* 30
28. T. Mrs Wigginton... John Junor....[here.] Agnes in Clinton[.] *Nice day* 32
29. F. Ag at Wigginton's hooking mat[.] Finished making 12 pillowcases[.] *Snowing; a little coldish* 28
30. S. Jane in Clinton[.] Big ewe lambed 2 R[ams.] Stanbury, Duncan & Acheson here[.] *Nice cold raw* 25
31. S. Stanley Beauty calved heifer[.] John at Glen's[.] *Snowing; ground well covered* 36

April, 1889

1. M. Wells... & John Butchart here[.] *Nearly All the fresh snow melted* 24
2. T. Acheson and Crooks here with chop for oats[.] Jane washed 9 sheets, 15 pillow cases and 4 towells (new). *Snow & sleet; Ground white this morning; all melted 19 Nice spring day*

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3. W. The other Old Country shearling lamb-
ed 1 R[am] & 1 E[we.] Bella at Glen's
inviting them to R. Pearson's party[.]
4. T. Uncle James here[;] Father in Clint-
ton[.] Jane & Agnes at Miss[ionar]y
meeting[.] John and Waldie McEwen
here[.]
5. F. Hicks here with chop for oats[.] Ag-
nes's other sheep lambled & other long
tail[.]
6. S. Uncle James here[.] Mother at Glen's
this evening[.]
7. S. [I got my] 1st Turkey egg[.] Last snow
snow not all gone yet[.] Frogs sing-
- Raining; 30
snowed a
little
- Nice Day 15
North wind
- North wind 23
drifted
stormy, snowing
all day; lots of snow
- Nice day; 21
a lot of the
snow melted
- freezing.. 19
nice day

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20. S. Father & I planted out 5 trees [-]
Irish Juniper etc, [;] went to Clinton
[and] got cards about horse[.] Fenwick
here[.]
21. S. Sabbath School started[.] Jane, Bella
& I [were] there[.] Ag got [a] cold[.]
Sarah at school[.] Ned & Tom Elliot -
John & Ned had supper[.] Elliot
22. M. Father at Varna[;] bought Stewart's po-
ny[.] Finished tapeing carpet rags[.]
Agnes started sewing[.] Ag at Glen's[.]
Father had to go for the cows[.]
23. T. Alexander with chop for feed oats[.]
Femy calved (heifer)[.] Father & Mother
out at Junors[.]
24. W. Father at Clinton to day helping Junors
to pack as Mrs Junor[is] leaving to mor-
row[.] Tipling here showing ponies[.]
25. T. Cleaned peas[.] Jane went to Clinton
[and] took my watch[.]
26. F. Father through Goderich Township[.]
Johnny McTavish got a ride a piece[.]
Cantelon here[.] Coleman at Glen's for
noon[.] Father at Glens overnight[.] Set
20 turkey eggs[.]
27. S. John shot [a] yellow hammer[.]
28. S. Jane & I [were] at S[abbath] School[.]
John, Ned, George at Wigggintons[.]
29. M. Cantelon and 2 others here packing
apples (10 barrels)[.] Herberson, J. Butch-
art and 2 McLeods here[.] Horny heifer
calved[.] (He[i]f[er])
30. T. Father & John at Malcolm's with buggy
for scraper[.] 12 Father & John scraping
in hill at [the] back of [the] house[.]
Thomas Trick & [his son] Levi [were]
here for tea[.]
- Beautiful 37
day
- Nice day 22
- Nice day
cold wind 20
16
- Nice day
cold wind 29
- Raining 26
- Nice day 26
coldish wind
- Dull day 33
nice
- Raining all day 33
- Misty & rainy 27
- Snowing & 35
rainy
- Fine day 29

May, 1889

1. W. Jane & I [went] in [the buggy to] Clin-
ton[.] Jim Snell¹³ & Arch[ibald] Mc Doug-
al here[.] John went to Uncle James's
- Nice day 25
cold

6. M. Mother and I at Cartwrights[.] Agnes washed 6 sheep with father[.] Young black heifer calved(he[i]f[er])[.] Turned out young cattle for good[.] nice cool wind 36
7. T. Donald Junor, Arch[ibald] McDougal, Malcolm, Jack McG[regor] & Tom Matheson [here.] Cleaned stove pipes[.] Mother & Jane at Wiggintons[.] Nice day 14
8. W. Ag & I at Wiggintons for wire strecher (sic) [.]¹⁴ Churchill & Anderson's sons [here.] Jane cleaned up John's stair[.] Took off any flannels[.] very warm 39
9. T. Agnes & I planting patch of potatoes out there[.] Jane & I in Clinton[;] got John's watch & left mine[.] very warm 15
10. F. All winter clothing off & Comfortables off bed[.] Digging strip out to little gate. Lizzie here[.] (heavy) Thundering Raining very warm 35
11. S. Streaching (sic) wire round house & digging garden[.] Washed sheep[.] John hauling manure to shanty field (for roots)[.] Nice day 18
12. S. Jane, Bell & I in Church[.] Acheson from Hensal preaching[.] Nice day 40
13. M. Shored 6 sheep[.] Jack McGregor & F. Kettle here for tea[.] Finished our flower beds[.] Father at Malcolms[.] Ag & I hauling apples out of cellar raining a little 29
14. T. Agnes & I cleaning out cellar[.] Mrs Rathwell..George...Annie.....Curry... John..Isabel & Lizzie here[.] Father & Mother at Duncan's[.] Nice day 29
15. W. Father in Clinton[.] Jane finished cleaning Ma's room[.] Agnes at Uncle James'[.] Nice day raining all evening 31
16. T. Jenison's, Mitchel & Alexander here[.] Jane cleaned parlor[.] Nice day 33
17. F. Shearing sheep[.] Mother at Sarah Wiggintons[.] Nice day 23
18. S. Finished shearing sheep (20)[.] Mother & Jane in Clinton[.] Nice Day 23
19. S. Jane, Bella & I in Church[.] N[ed], George, Adam & Tom [here.] Nice cool day rained a little 29
20. M. Agnes, Bella & I [planted 6 rows of potatoes in the shanty field] after dinner about 4 o'clock[.] Uncle John in this morning[.] Annie here[.] Bought fish from pedler[.] Nice cool day raining 25
21. T. Jane, Agnes & I [planted 8 rows of potatoes before dinner[.] Hunter & Sandy Thompson here & J. Butchart & Malcolm & Matheson fetched in pigs[.] Put up stair rods[.] Raining P.M. 19
22. W. Jane, Agnes & I finished planting 18 rows [of] potatoes before dinner[.] Uncle James here[.] Cold raining 29

20. S. Father & I planted out 5 trees [-] Irish Juniper etc, [;] went to Clinton [and] got cards about horse[.] Fenwick here[.] Beautiful day 37
21. S. Sabbath School started[.] Jane, Bella & I [were] there[.] Ag got [a] cold[.] Sarah at school[.] Ned & Tom Elliot - John & Ned had supper[.] Elliot Nice day 22
22. M. Father at Varna[;] bought Stewart's pony[.] Finished tapeing carpet rags[.] Agnes started sewing[.] Ag at Glen's[.] Father had to go for the cows[.] Nice day cold wind 20
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23. T. Alexander with chop for feed oats[.] Femy calved (heifer)[.] Father & Mother out at Junors[.] Nice day cold wind 29
24. W. Father at Clinton to day helping Junors to pack as Mrs Junor[is] leaving to morrow[.] Tipling here showing ponies[.] Raining 26
25. T. Cleaned peas[.] Jane went to Clinton [and] took my watch[.] Nice day coldish wind 26
26. F. Father through Goderich Township[.] Johnny McTavish got a ride a piece[.] Cantelon here[.] Coleman at Glen's for noon[.] Father at Glens overnight[.] Set 20 turkey eggs[.] Dull day nice 33
27. S. John shot [a] yellow hammer[.] Raining all day 33
28. S. Jane & I [were] at S[abbath] School[.] John, Ned, George at Wiggintons[.] Misty & rainy 27
29. M. Cantelon and 2 others here packing apples (10 barrels)[.] Herberson, J. Butchart and 2 McLeods here[.] Horny heifer calved[.] (He[i]f[er]) Snowing & rainy 35
30. T. Father & John at Malcolm's with buggy for scraper[.]¹² Father & John scraping in hill at [the] back of [the] house[.] Thomas Trick & [his son] Levi [were] here for tea[.] Fine day 29

May, 1889

1. W. Jane & I [went] in [the buggy to] Clinton[.] Jim Snell¹³ & Arch[ibald] Mc Dougall here[.] John went to Uncle James, s to night[.] Nice day cold 25
2. T Sarah here[;] Jane went home with her[.] Father at Jervitt's sale[.] Oiling kitchen floor[.] Agnes at meeting[.] A very little rain 26
3. F. Father & John in Clinton with apples[.] I finished oiling [the] kitchen [floor and] put up river fence[.] Planted one flower bed[.] cabbage nice kind of cold 26
4. S. Planted onions & a row of Lettuce[.] Father & John digging post holes behind house[.] Some of the cattle out all night[.] Steam Dunk here[.] Agnes ...one lamb...died[.] Nice warmer 38
5. S. Wiggintons at Glen's[;] Jessie here at S[abbath] S[chool.] Father & Mother at church[.] Nice day 30

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23. T. Donald Junor here[.] Agnes & I [were] in Clinton[.] Lily Miller came out with us[.] cold 20
24. F. Jennie Mustard¹⁵, Aggie Butchart, George Stickle[y, Edward, William and Ned Glen]... Coleman's man....& ..2 Jenkins [here.] All of us [were] at[the] river[.]¹⁶ Cold windy 24
25. S. Father in Clinton[;] Lillian[Miller] went home... Fen[wick] here[;] came home from Clinton with father.. Tree Agent Mr Fallis..... Mr & Mrs Duncan ... Margaret & Cordelia [here.] Cold 22
26. S. Father & Mother in Church[.] Frost last night & other night too[.] Nice day 25 cool
27. M. Carrie [the] Heifer calved (steer)¹⁷ Very windy raining 26
28. T. Jim Aikenhead here[.] John in Clinton[.] Jane & I stretching wire[.] Snowing 25 cold wind
29. W. Malcolm McEwen here for dinner & once before[.] Agnes & I stretching wire[.] Malcolm McGregor here all night[.] 15 Raining mostly all P.M.
30. T. Cows (milch) Horses & sheep in all night[.] Pouring rain all day 18
31. F. [There were] 7 chickens killed last night[.] I was in Clinton[.] Malcolm McEwen here for tea[.] As Pathmaster, he is [let[t]ing jobs on the road[.] Raining 15 all P.M.

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1. S. Jane & I [were] in Clinton[.] Butchart & [son] Johnny & Lollie (tree pedler) here[.] Cold Dull 15
2. S. Agnes & I at Sabbath School[.] Raining nearly all day 14
3. M. Glen here Nice day raining evening 29 11
4. T. Johnny Butchart here[.] Jane & Agnes at Glens[.] Father at Wigentons (sic)[.] Dullish sprinkling 13
5. W. Donald Junor, Tom & McEwen's here[.] Gobbler died last night[.] Sarah Isard(sic) Bob Trick collecting for picnic[.] Raining 13
6. T. Agnes at the meeting[.] Father in Clinton[.] Nice Day 26
7. F. Tom Wigginton in[.] Raining pouring evening 13
8. S. Agnes at Uncle James'[.] I [was] round there asking [for] baskets[.] John in Clinton[.] Finished putting on net wire[.] Wells sheeps (Philips) other lamb died[.] John got his watch. Raining 20

9.	S.	Ned, George, Jack Elliot & Another fellow here[.,]	Raining	15
10.	M.	Malcolm C[ameron], Uncle James [and] Mr & Mrs Duncan here[.]	Dull day	19
11.	T.	Mother & Jane in Clinton[.] John & Father digging post holes along the concession[.] McDonald[from] Porter's Hill & another fellow here[.] Glen's after scraper	Nice day	21
12.	W.	Agnes in Clinton[.] Let out calves[.] French man here[.] Johnny Butchart(C)	Nice day	17
13.	T.	Father in Clinton[.] Baking for Isards picnic to-morrow[.] Lizzie here[.]	Nice day very warm shower morning	20
14.	F.	All at Picnic but Mother & John[.] Malcolm in, Charlie Mason here[.]	Nice day warm	15
15.	S.	Agnes in Brucefield and at Duncans[.] Currel & I. Isard looking at horse[.]	Nice day showers	30
16.	S.	Jim...Fen[wick] & Adam.....here[.]	Nice day showers	18
17.	M.	Jane at Stonehouse's[.]	Nice day	15
18.	T.	Jane & I[were]at N[ed] Rathwells[.] McDougal.....Alexander...McLeod... ..Wigginton...& Coleman [here.]	Nice day	23
19.	W.	John [with the wagon] in Clinton[.] J. Butchart...D.Ross..Malcolm & Tom ..[here]	Nice day	26
20.	T.	Liz & Jane gone to Blyth [for Ellen Elliot's wedding.] ¹⁸ A.McQuire..... Fen[wick]..John off collecting sold cattle[.] Bella at Grants[.] Finished [illegible.] Head ache*	Sultry day*	17
21.	F.	Fen[wick] stayed all night[.] J. Butchart [here.] John walked to Clinton [and] stayed to [attend a] concert[.]	Rainy Morning cool evening	18
22.	S.	Charlie McDougal [came for eggs.] M. McEwen, Ned, George & Ida camped out[;] do not know when they will[be back]	cold	17
23.	S.	Ag & Bell[a] went to church[.] [Mr] Beattie Esq ¹⁹ . from London, Tom & D, McEwen & Mr Ross, Mr Duncan & James [here.]	cool	18
24.	M.	Jane [and Lizzie?] came home on the 4.25 train[.] Father at Snells, Duncans & Brucefield with Beattie[.]	Nice day dull	13
25.	T.	Alexander here for his horse[.]	Nice day	36
26.	W.	Father & Mother at McGregor's[.] Father in Brucefield with wool[.]	Nice day	17
27.	T.	Father in Clinton with chop (buggy)[.]	Raining nice day	15
28.	F.	Agnes & Mother in Clinton[.] Agnes & Father dipping lambs[.]	Nice day	17

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29. S. Father, Glens & Mac in Brucefield with fat sheep to Jack Hunter (1 sheep ours)[.]Father took buggy[.]Father & Agnes dipping the rest of the lambs[.] Father, Agnes & Bella finished sowing turnips[.] Jane finished Bell's slate dress[.] very warm 17
30. S. Agnes, Bella & I [were] in Church[.] [The Rev. Mr] Drumm preached[.]Uncle James here[.] Nice day 26 warm

July, 1889

1. M. All at [Dominion Day] picnic but mother[.] Malcolm, Jim Aikenhead, Sandy Campbell, Fred, George & Jim here for tea[.] Nice day 20 Raining P.M. heavy thunder sharp lightening
2. T. Father & Agnes planting potatoes[.] Agnes at Glens [this] evening for mousetrap[.] very 32 warm
3. W Donald Junor here[.] Agnes & Father scuffling roots with pony[.] Father at Malcolms[.] Very warm pouring 22 rain
4. T. John in Clinton[; He] fetched home [the] new wagon[.] Jane, Ag, Father & I weeding mangols[.] Malcolm, McTavish, Aunt Mary [Stewart] & Mrs[John] Hunter²⁰ (Sarah [Barkley's] mother) [here.] 22 Very warm
5. F. Finished weeding mangols before dinner[.] Jane & Agnes hoeing potatoes P.M.[.]Jane, Agnes & John seeing Sarah [Barkley] before her departure for Algoma in the morning[.]²¹ Nice day 17
6. S. Father & Mother in Clinton. Started mowing[.] Nice day 20
7. S. Jane, Bella & I [were] in Church (Stewart)[.] Warm 18 Nice day
8. M. Hauled in all [the hay which] was mowed [on] Sat[urday] -(5 loads)[.] Very warm Nice day 19
9. T. Hauled in [5 loads of hay.] Took Bella up to try for 3rd class [teaching certificate? Upper School?] Very warm 14
10. W. Hauled in [5 loads of hay.] Took Bella & Jennie Mustard up[.] Very warm 18 Raining Evening
11. T. Scattering hay Nice day 22
12. F. Hauled in [8 loads of hay.] Currel here[.] Nice day 27
13. S. Hauled in [5 loads of hay; a lamb died and] Agnes & John skinned[it.] Raining morn Nice day
14. S. Mr & Mrs Jessie [Wigginton] & Stella & Uncle James [here.] 33 Raining P.M.
15. M. Duncan & Miss S[tella] Wigginton here[.] Hauled in [4 loads of hay.] Nice day 11 cool wind
16. T. Hauled in [5 loads of hay.] I mowed before dinner[and] finished the first little field[.] Nice day 16

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17. W. Hauled in[6 loads of hay.]J.Butchart (C) Mowed before dinner[.]Jane & Agnes picking berries(1st)[; berries scarce this year.] Nice day 16
18. T. Hauled in [8 loads of hay-]all we had cut[.]Lizzie McTavish and Christie McLeod passed[.] Nice day 16
19. F. [I] finished mowing[.]did not mow the orchard[because] the sheep are running in it[.] Father in Clinton[;] got chop[.] Dull day 25
a little rain
20. S. Duncan, Beatie & Fox here[;]bought lambs & Billy[.]Father drove Beatie & Fox to Snells[.] Jim Junior here all night[.]Hauled in[3 loads of hay.] cold wind 24
21. S. Jane, Agnes & I in church (Stewart)[.] Father at Uncle James'[.] Nice day 25
22. M. Agnes, father & I hoeing mangols all A.M.[.]Hauled in[1 load of hay. - the last.We took off 55 loads altogether.] Agnes & I in Clinton seeing if Fox's car was come[.]²² We were at Mrs Glen's & McTavishes[.] Nice day 16
coolish
sprinkled
23. T. Father[in the buggy]& John in[the] wagon took up the Billy & the 10 lambs[.] Agnes, Bella & I hoeing mangols[.] P.M. Agnes & John cradled round wheat[.]²³ Mrs Duncan McEwen &[her daughter] Annie [Eva] called on the way from Clinton[.] Nice day 14
coolish
24. W. Reaping wheat[;]Agnes & I stooking[.] Father & Bella hoeing mangols[.] Mrs Duncan & Cordelia here[.] Nice day 20
coolish
25. T. Finished cutting wheat A.M.[.]Father & John hauling manure[.]Bella & Agnes hoeing mangols P.M.[.] Mother & Jane in Clinton[.] Nice day 12
warm
26. F. Mr & Mrs Dunkin here [this] evening[.]Agnes,Bella & I hoeing turnips all day[.] Nice day 17
27. S. Father walked to Clinton[and] got home again with Scott[.]I finished my muslin dress & cuffs[.] Agnes & Bella hoeing turnips all day[.] I [was] hoeing A.M.[.] Nice day 18
warm
28. S. Father & Mother in church[.]Uncle James here[;]Fen[wick] Tom Elliot & George around[.] Nice day 12
29. M. John & I hauled in 5 loads of wheat[.]Father,Agnes & Bella hoeing turnips[.] Mr & Mrs Thomas Dunkin here[.] Started quilt-missionary quilt[.] Nice day 12
30. T. J[ohn] hauled in 4 loads of wheat[.] All of us-Father,Agnes & Bella hoeing turnips[.] Ben Higgins [an in-surance agent and]Bob Pearson (sow) here. Nice Day 8

31. W. Mr E. Glen Sr. & Mr Duncan here[.] 26
 Father in Clinton with Duncan[.]
 Lizzie here[.] I raked wheat stub-
 ble[.] Jane & Agnes skinned lamb
 (another died)[.] Finished Mis-
 siona[r]y quilt[.]

August, 1889

1. T. Hoeing turnips[.] John & I took in the rakings [gleaned from the wheatfield.] Tom McLean, Mr & Mrs McEwen and Steam Dunks an[d] others here[.] Agnes at Miss[ionary] meeting[.] *Nice day*
2. F. Father in Clinton[.] Agnes & I [were] at Stomehouses seeing Aunty[.] Duncan & Jack McGregor[here.] *Nice day 10 shower evening*
3. S. Father left for Old Country[.] K.J. Dunkin Stepheson(sic)[:] Pump & Cistern Maker here[.] John & I [were] in Clinton[;] We took up 6 steers[.] *Nice day 11*
4. S. Purvis and [Isaac] Salkeld here[.] *Nice day 18 coolish*
5. M. [Aunt Agnes & I were] in Clinton [to go to Mrs Weir's funeral[.]²⁴ Started cutting peas[.] *Nice day 19 coolish*
6. T. Finished mowing peas *Nice Day 14 Warm*
7. W. Reaping oats behind [the] barn[.] Lizzie [was] over [in the] evening[.] *Nice day 14*
8. T. Mother & John in Clinton [.Finished cutting field oats[.] Turned some peas[.] Jane & Agnes picking brambles [in the] evening[.] *Nice day 6*
9. F. John & I finished turning peas [and we] put off wheat raking and cleared out old horse stable[.] Agnes & Jane [were] picking berries [in the] morning[.] *Nice day 25 dull*
10. S. Took in peas(3 loads)[.] Bella in Clinton[; she] got card from(father Vancouver went on) *Nice day 15*
11. S. Agnes, Bella & I in Church(Stewart) *Nice day 25 cold*
12. M. Agnes, Bella, John & I reading hay for oats[.] Mother & Jane at..Wiggintons & Jane picking berries[.] *Nice day 16 sprinkled*
13. T. At hay[; I] cut 2 rounds [a]round the big field of oats[on the "Rathwell place." Bella & Agnes at Uncle James'[;] Annie came up to stay all night - to pick berries[.] *Nice day 14 small shower*
14. W. Reaping P.M.[.] Uncle James here[.] Bella passed for 3rd class[.] *Raining 47 nearly all A.M.*
15. T. John at Wiggintons threshing A.M.[;] Reaping P.M.[.] John went to Macs for divine[services.] Bella in Clinton[.] *Nice day 18 cold morning*

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16. F. Reaping oats [on] the Rathwell place Nice day 16
all day[;]got ball [of binder] twine cool wind
from Glen,s[.] slight shower last night
17. S. John & Agnes in Clinton with Bob in Nice day 18
buggy for[more binder] twine[.] Fin-
ished reaping[;] hauled in 4 loads
[of] oats from below [the] barn[.]
Aunt Agnes here[.]
18. S. John Junor, Tom Wigginton, Fen[wick] Nice day 18
& Adam here[.]
19. M. Hauled in 7 loads of oats from below 0
the barn[.] Bella May & Ella McEwen a small
here[.]²⁵ shower [this] morning
20. T. [We] finished hauling in [oats from Nice day 23
the field] below the barn[.] We took
in 4 loads to-day- 15 alto-gether[.]
John at Finley's threshing[.] all day
21. W. Hauled in 5 loads from [the Rathwell Nice day 9
well place.] Mother picked [the ni- showers last night
cest little pail [of] berries [this]
evening[.]
22. T. Hauled in 6 loads[.] Christening[;]* Nice day 4
ing[;]*M.Bryden & Annie Stewart stay-
ed the night[.]
*possibly Mary Glen
23. F. Hauled in 5 loads[.] Jenkins here[.] Nice day 22
here[.]
24. S. Hauled in 5 loads[.] Fen[wick] & Adam Nice day 24
here[.] John in Clinton (Bob, buggy) warm
25. S. Jane,Bella & I in Church[.] Uncle James, Nice day 31
Mr & Mrs Wigginton & Jessie, Stella and
Miss Jessie Moir [here.]
26. M Hauled in 5 loads.[.]Started stack with Nice day 9
2nd load[.]²⁶ Adam passed with his warm
gun[.]
27. T. [We]Hauled in 5 loads[and] put almost 6 Nice day 14
in [the] stack. Lizzie Thompson came
here[.]
28. W. [We] hauled in 1 load[-]the last [of] 32 Nice day 20
loads from[the Rathwell place.We had] 47 very warm
loads of oats altogether[.]Jane & Lizzie
at Uncle John's[.]
29. T. Mother & Agnes in Cinton.[We]were all at Nice day 26
[the] Glen's in [the] evening[.] Jane & very warm
Lizzie Thompson at Uncle James' P.M.
30. F. Bella in Clinton[;] Agnes & her at Wig- Nice day 13
gintons[.] Tom here[.] very warm
31. S. In Clinton with Lizzie Thompson[.] Nice day 22
very warm

September, 1889

1. S. Agnes,Bella & I in church (Manning Nice day 22
preached)[.] very warm
cool in evenings

2. M. John in Clinton[.] Put Shrops[shire sheep] down to hayfield[.] Glen here[.] Ditto 24
3. T. Jane & Agnes in Clinton[.] Roofed the stack[.] Nice day 16 heavy showers
4. W. Took off load of oats[.] Fixed my muslin[.] Nice day 16 windy
5. T. Jane & John in Clinton[.] Mc & T. Matheson (C) John & George at Uncle James'[.] Took lambs from sheep[.] Rained a 12 little very windy
6. F. John at Malcolm's threshing[.] Clothes-bar peddler [here.] Jane at Sarah Wiggintons[.] Nice day 21
7. S. John in Clinton (Bobsbuggy)[.] nice day 21
8. S. Mother & I in church[.] Tom Wigg[inton] & Adam [Stewart here.]
9. M. John & Jane in Clinton[.] We got a letter from father[who is in the Old Country.] Nice day 4
10. T. John finished putting in [fence] posts [a]round [the] front yard[.] I [was making button-holes in Mothers silk bask[.] Nice day 22
11. W. John in Clinton[.] Lizzie at Wigginton's (afternoon)[.] Nice day 30
12. T. John & Jane in Clinton[.] Ada [Stewart] here[.] I fixed[the] lounge²⁷ [and] Bound my stripped(sic) flannel pettic[o]at[.] Nice day 15
13. F. John in Clinton[.] I changed band on 5 cent apron[.] Nice Day 13
14. S, Father came home P.M. Fen[wick] Father & Jane went went to Clinton in [the] buggy & John & Fen[wick in the] wagon[.] The horses ran away when they were starting and broke [the] gate[.] Nice day 0
15. S. Jane, Bella & I in Church(Stewart)[.] Uncle James here[.] Nice day 24 raining evening
16. M. Father, John, Jane & I in Clinto[.] Imported] Stock arrived[;] 2 fillies & 10 sheep ours 11 Beattie's 12 Duncans & horse[.] Uncle James, Malcolm, Tom Matheson & Johnny here[.] Nice day 9
17. T. Finished Ma's Silk Dress, Cut bur[dock]s in orchard, Fen[wick] here [in the] evening[.] Cold & 4 windy
18. W. Went to Clinton with father for Goderich show[.] I [was] at J[ohn] Pearson's seeing the baby[.]²⁸ Nice day 9
19. T. In Clinton meeting father Cold raining evening 11
20. F. Agnes, Bella & Father cleaning wheat[.] Jane & I reading trash(some event)[.] Cold & 21 showery
21. S Father & Mother in Clinton[.] Duncan here for his sheep[.] John sowed wheat[.] Cold; 11 a few misty showers

22. S. Uncle James, Tom Beacom, Old Duncan & Beattie here[.] Beattie here all night[.] Agnes, Bella & I in Church(Stewart)[.] Cold 9
23. M. Father & Beattie in Clinton A.M.[.] John Nice day 10
took up sheep & they crossed fields
P.M.[.] Agnes[W?] Mac & John for[outs?oats?]
Tene, Bill & John [McEwen] here [this] evening[.]
24. T. The 5 kids of us [were] lifting potatoes[; Warm 4
We] lifted....18 rows altogether[.] Agnes Nice day
holding sheep for father after dinner[.]
25. W. Agnes, John & Bella at Clinton show[.] Warm Windy
Father, Jane & I finished lifting pota- Raining 18
toes A.M. Fen[wick Stewart was] here [in evening
the] evening[.]
26. T. Father, Jane, John & I [were] at[the] Clin- Cold Windy
ton show[.] Father got his leg hurt [when Raining 0
he was] with[the] bull in[the] morn[ing.] evenibg
Old Duncan drove him home[.]
27. F. Jane & Agnes in Clinton[.] Johnny McTav- 30
ish called in to see [the] stock[.] John Cold Windy &
got a wagon jack[in trade] from [a] pedler Raining
for a coon skin[.]
28. S. Father & John in Clinton with wheat for Nice day 0
flour[.]
29. S. Jane, Bella & I in Church(Stewart)[.] 15
John Thompson[the stonemason,] Jim Junor, Nice day
Mr & Mrs & Stella Wigginton here[.] a little cold
30. M. Father A.M. & John P.M. at Glen's thresh- Showery 11
ing at Spear's[.]²⁹ Jessie Wigginton...
...John Gilmour & Cooper...[here.] Lillie
[Stewart was minding her niece so her
sister Lizzie could feed the threshers.
Lillie brought] Mary Glen over[.] John
started fall ploughing (at Rathwells big
field)[.]

October, 1889

1. T. Father up at Weir's to see about thresh- Showery 9
ing[.] Killed skinny(sic) lamb[.] Moore & Windy
son from London here in livery[rig.] Jane
& I at prayer meeting(Old Grah[a]m)
2. W. Jim Hearn here[.] Jane, Agnes Father & I Nice day 31
putting up hay above [the] old H[orse] Coldish
S[table.] Found guinea nest - 20 eggs.
3. T. Jane at Miss[ionary] Meeting[.] Agnes & 11
Bella fetched up pumpkins & squash & Fa- Raining A.M.
ther helped them pull the beans[.] Father Nice P.M.
& John making box for dorkings* to-
night[.] *imported poultry See Dec 6 entry
4. F. Father, Jane & John at Bayfield show[.] Nice day 0
George went with John[.]
5. S. Willie McEwen (C) Gammel for dinner[;] 20
Jack McDonald with sheep[;] Johnson & Raining morning
Pollock buying sheep[.] Jane washed plas- nice day
ter up John's stair[.]
6. S. Agnes & I in Church(Ramsey)[.] Tom Math- Very Cold 4
eson for tea[.] Snowed last night[.]

7. M Agnes finished making Lamberquins(*sic*) Very Cold 0
for John,s windows & put them up[.] Aunt
Agnes here[;]Jane drove her home[.] John
Wigg[inton here.]
8. T. Father at Wigg[inton's]threshing[.]I[was] Nice day 15
in Clinton with Agnes[who was catching
the train] for [Blyth.]Lizzie.....Scott..
..& Edwards here[.]
9. W. Jane & I at Benmiller [woolen mills]with Nice day 29
wool for rolls[.]Mrs Perdue[was] here[to
tell us that the]threshers are coming[.]
Malcolm here tonight[.Fenwick,] Jim Per-
due & Matt Shepherd here all night[.]
Bella at Nico Buts & Finleys[.]
10. T. Threshing all day[.] Matt Shepherd here Nice day 3
all night[.] Eliza-Ann Isard here[.] A
stack of straw out[. We]threshed the oat
stack to-day[. Mick] Diehl & [Bert]Whit-
tingham [were here] after threshers[.]³⁰
11. F. [We]finished threshing at dinnertime[.Nice Day 0
We]went to Uncle James's P.M.and finish-
ed him[.]Bob Pearson and Bill Craig[were
here]after threshers[.]³¹Lizzie McTavish
here P.M.
12. S. John at Malcolm's threshing[.] Father Nice day 4
went to Brucefield for cattle for Mal-
colm[.] Mother & I in Clinton[.] Scott
here[.]
13. S. Father & Mother in Church(Stewart)[.] Cold Wind 4
14. M. Bella & I pulling mangols A.M.& at fun- Nice day 2
eral P.M. (Gilour's baby)[. The Rev.Alex
Stewart took the]service[.]Mason here to
floor[the]stable[.] Agnes came home from
Blyth this evening[.] At river P.M.get-
ting stone [-] John & Father too[.]
15. T. Agnes,Bella & I pulling mangols all day[.Warm 5
We] hauled in 1 load in the sheep rack
16. W. Agnes,Bella & I pulling mangols all Nice day 3
day[.]McTavish's here (C) Father at But- very warm
charts threshing[.] Jane in Brucefield
with mason's tools[.]Called at Diehl's &
McGregor's
17. T. Agnes, Bella & I pulling mangols all day Nice day 4
[and we] finished them [.The Rev. Alex]
Stewart called[.]Mother,Jane, Bella & I
at [a] prayer-meeting [led by Mr] Stew-
art[.] Old [Mr Edward] Glen here[.]
18. F. Carrie & Kitty McTavish here.Father at Nice day 0
Finley's threshing[.] Bella at Uncle
James'[.] Pearson's here (C)
19. S. Father [was] in Clinton [and he] fetched Nice day 6
home[a set of]Double Harness[.]We pulled
[the] apples off of 2 Spy trees[and got]
10 pails[.] Agnes,Bella, Father & I cut-
ting corn[.] Bella Ross[was] here [this]
evening[.]
20. S. Jane & I at church[.The Rev.Mr Stewart] Nice day 3
preached on *Thou shalt be missed for thy Frost at*
seat shall be empty[.] nights

21. M. Agnes & I cutting corn all day[.] Father [helped us] at it A.M. & [he was] helping [the] mason P.M. Bella started school[.] Nice day 3
22. T. Agnes & I finished cutting corn & helped fill 4 loads of mangols[.] Jane helped John off with them[.] Cold Dull 1
23. W. Mother & I at Stonehouse's seeing Auntie [Agnes]³² [Edward] Glen....Mrs Ned Rathwell & Jennie [Rathwell] here[.] Jennie [stayed here.] Agnes & John took in [the] last load of mangols[.] Cold bright day Hard frost last night 2
24. T. Jennie Rathwell at school with Bella[and she] went home to-night[.] Helping put in straw P.M. Finished pulling apples[- We] had about 12 pails altogether[.] John started ploughing shanty field Nice day coldish wind 0
25. F. I [was] in Clinton[.] Billy out on the road[.] Dull Raining P.M. 2
26. S. Bella & I in Clinton at Church(Henderson from Hensall)[.] Agnes walked to Stonehouse's[.] Wiley[a]collector[was]here[.] Dull, rained a little 0
27. S. Father & Mother & I in Church[.] Tom Wigginton here[.] Nice day cool wind lovely roads 7
28. M. Agnes washing [clothes.] I [was] at [the Bayfield]river[which fronts on our Rathwell place,helping in] fixing [the]fence with father[.]³³ I [was] at Finley's P.M. Dixon's man [was] here with 2 sheep[.] Bella went to Grants to-night[.] Beautiful cool wind 1
29. T. Finley[McEwen] was in[.]Steam Dunk,Johnny Besque, his father & Uncle & Wells here[.] I [was] at Finleys for peas [and] got 2 bags (5 bus[hels]).Agnes & John took in 2 loads [of] corn I helped put [them] off[.] Nice dull day 0
30. W. I washed[.] John took the mason part way home P.M. Father plowing P.M. John took up the 3rd & last load of corn Cold wind dull 4
31. T. Ada [Stewart] & Jennie Grant here all night[.] Ned..George ...Mr & Mrs Duncan³⁴ & Amelia here[.] Father & Mother at Ned Rathwell's[.] Raining morn nice P.M. 0

November, 1889

1. F. Father, Agnes & I in Clinton with [Carrie the heifer for the butcher's[.] Glen here[.] Showery 2
2. S. John hauling sand A.M. Sponged & ironed my brown & black dress[.] Raining High winds to night 1
3. S. Bella & I [were] in Church[;]Prof[essor] Gregg preached[.] Mrs, Jessie & Stella Wigginton here from Glen's[.] Nice day cold wind 0
4. M. Mr & Mrs [?] & baby (May Louise)here for dinner[.] Father & John hauling stones for horse's stall[.]³⁵ Nice day cold wind 3

5. T. Agnes & I [were] piling mangols in [the] Cold Wind 0
roothouse[.] Shepherd, Tompson(sic) & freezing
Cluff called on the way from J. Ross'es[.]
6. W. McTavishes here (C) Johnny passed [by com- Nice day 3
ing] from his school when Agnes & I were
sawing wood[.] Father & Agnes in Clin-
ton[.]
7. T. Thanksgiving day Examination[s for Sab- Beautiful 3
bath School] Turnbull, Forrest & Cluff
[were the] examiners[.] Smillie & bro-
ther here[.]
8. F. Agnes & I pulling turnips[.] Agnes sawing Nice day 1
up a tree with father for wood at riv-
er[.] They fetched it up on [a] load [of]
stones [being used in the building of the
stable floor.]
9. S. I [was] at [.] Finley's for peas (5 bus- Mild dull 0
hels & 4 lbs.) Father took the mason to
Varna & paid the taxes[.] Jane walked to
Clinton[.] Agnes, Bella & I [were] pul-
ling turnips[.] John & us took in 2 loads
in [the] wagon box just[.]
10. S. Jane, Agnes & I in church[.] Jim Junor,
Tom Wigginton & his cousin McGregor
[here.]
11. M. Father, Agnes & I finished pulling tur- Mild & 0
nips A.M. John & us finished taking [them] dull
in P.M. (3 loads) I twisted a ball of cot-
ton for my quilt border[.]
12. T. Father at mill with 5 bags of oats for Mild 0
chop (buggy)[.] Agnes & I helped clean Rain evening
them[.] Currell here[.] East here (for
dinner) with a load of brick for fur-
nace[.] Jim Inglis here[.] I helped John
up with a load of rails[.] Father & Moth-
er at Wigginton's[;] Father went over in
[the] buggy before dark[.]
13. W. Uncle James here[.] Killed pigs[.] Jane Drizzling 1
scrubbed her room & swept [the] empty a little
room[.] I [was] twisting cotton[.]
14. T. [I] scrubbed my room & cleaned paint[.] Raining 3
Jane washed [the] plaster & floor of [the]
North west room[.] Mother making soap
yesterday[.] Duncan McEwan (C) Scott (C)
John [was] in Clinton [in the] evening
on Bob[; He] got home with Adam[.]
15. F. Weighed pigs (187 lbs. each) Father at Nice day 1
Uncle James' killing pigs[.] Annie up for Froze hard
[news] papers[.] I took Jane back[.] Mal-
colm here [this] morning[.] Mrs Cart-
wright & Etta here[.] Finished twisting
[cotton] & washed it[.] E[liza] A[nn] I
...[ink smudge indecipherable]
16. S. Father & John in Clinton for Furnace late Nice day 0
P.M. John plowing at Rathwell's these Froze hard
days[.] Jane cleaned Spare Bed room[.] Ag-
nes at Glen's P.M.
17. S. Agnes, Bella & I [were] in Church (Stew- Nice day 4
art)[.] Jim Junor & Tom Matheson [here.]
18. M. Mother & Jane in Clinton[.] Father Milder 4
[worked] at postholes along [the] con[cess- Raining some
ion.]

19. T. Davis & Jim Scott here putting up furnace[.] Alice [Parke] & Lillie Stewart in [here] on [the] way from Glen's[.] Mild 1
some rain P.M.
20. W. Father away to London[; I] took him to Brucefield[.] John finished plowing at Rathwell's Mild 3
Showery
21. T. [Lottle?] drive down Haywood & Best- his labourer to build furnace brick[.] Davis & Scott here P.M.[.] John went to Clinton for papers & to Brucefield for father[.] A fellow (Old Peacock) [was] in [this] morn[ing] asking [the] way to Uncle John's[.] Raining 1
22. F. Scott here A.M. finishing putting in furnace[.] Mild 1
raining
23. S. John finished plowing [the] shanty field[-] the last of [the] old plowing[.] I Led Kute for John plowing [the] back yard[.] I took down [the] wagon for [a] load of wood[.] John & Father sawed it[.] [We] moved machinery up to [the] barn[.] Dull 6
24. S. Father, Mother & John cleaned old cow-stable & tied in the 4 calves last night[.] Drizzling Morning 2
Nice day
25. M. Agnes at Stonehouse's seeing Aunty[.] Father & Mother at Dunkin's[.] Sold sheep and lambs to Andrews' buyer[.] Dunk McEwen looking at lambs[.] John plowing sod next Uncle John's at McEwen's bush[.] Nice day 3
a little frost P.M.
hail
26. T. Jane & I went to Thompson's[.] Uncle John [Stewart] gone to Denver, [Colorado] this evening[.]³⁶ John plowing Nice day 1
27. W. Jane & I at Lindsey's[; We] came home tonight[.] Quite a bit of snow last night[.]
28. T. Holland here[.] Mother at Glen's[.] Charlie here[.] Snowing 0
lightly
29. F. Father at Uncle John's killing pigs & a cow[.] I cut points off my hair[.] McDonald here for his sheep[.] Mother finished spinning rolls tonight[.] Snowing 2
all day
30. S. Father in Clinton in cutter for first time this winter[.] Nice day

December, 1889

1. S. Jane & I in Church in cutter (Logie.)[.] Jim Junor here[.] Nice day 3
2. M. Jane in Clinton in buggy[.] Father & John at wood[.] I hauled up 3 loads[.] Mother finished twisting yarn Mild 1
a little driz
3. T. Wells here for his sheep[;] Father bought one[.] Johnny Scott here[;] C & Willie at night[.] Willie Glen in on gig asking to threshing[.] Agnes & Jane cleaning oats[.] Clear & 1
raw
4. W. Jim Hearn here[.] Agnes helping clean wheat[.] John at mill for flour & chop[.] Dewdrop calved [but the] calf [was] dead when John went to the barn[.] The veranda thermometer read 18 degrees F. Cold east 0
wind Frost

5. T. John at Glen's threshing[.] Father at Sy- Silver thaw
monds sale & Mother at Stonehouse's[.] drizz 1
6. F. Jane in Clinton[.] Miss Sarah Wigginton Nice day 1
here all night[.] Father & John in [the]
bush[.] Beast[last] night[;] Old Country
dorking hen killed[.]
7. S. Tronto(sic) Smith here[;he]bought our fat Nice mild 0
heifer[.] Father at Bob Marshall's [and] day
bought 2 heifers[.] Moore from London
here[;] Father at A. Elliots with him[.]
Father at Wigginton's[.] Malcolm here[.]
Agnes drove Mrs Wigginton home[.] Bella
in Clinton[.] Bull out in field all day
with cows[.]
8. S. Father at Uncle James' [.] Raining 1
9. M. John plowing 2 weeks tomorrow since he Nice 1
quit[.] Father in Clinton with sheep[.] Mild
Father at Malcolm's
10. T. Bob Marshall fetched heifers[.] Father at 0
Cameron's sale³⁷ with Mc(sic)[.] J[ohn] Raining P.M.
plowing A.M. Raining P.M. Jane & I got
ready to go to McTavish'es when it start-
ed raining[.] Jane & Agnes at Glen's[.]
11. W. Dickson's man here for his 2 sheep[.] I Nice 1
[was] in Clinton with Father & John with cold wind
fat Heifer[.] John at the [illegible.] John
plowing A.M.
12. T. Jane & I at McTavish'es[.] Mrs Scott 1
there[.] John plowing all day[.] Beautiful P.M.
13. F. Father helping to move up Campbell's 0
house for [Malcolm McEwen's wood shed.]³⁸ Small shows
John plowing[.] Agnes at Clinton & Jane Snow
and her at Wiggintons[.] Jane took buggy[.]
Master J. Biggins³⁹, a Mr Scott & Mr Thomp-
son here[.]
14. S. Father at [McEwen's] A.M. A Mr Taylor from 1
the other side of Londsboro(sic) [was A little
here] looking at black cattle[.] (He snow
thought we had Galloways)[.] Farrar &
Rattenbury⁴⁰ here looking for Shrop[shire]
sheep for an American[.]
15. S. Agnes & I[were]at Church[.] Old Barr pulled 1
us there in the buggy[.] Jim [Barkley] here A little
[this] evening[.] Uncle James here. snow
16. M. Mother & Jane in Clinton[.] finished sewing Raining 1
knit quilt blocks together[.]
17. T. William Snell here for Billy lamb[.] Fa- Warm 1
ther at Herbison's sale⁴¹ [where he] bought some rain
[a] Saddle[.] Glen here morning
18. W. Agnes at Uncle James' [.] She went next door 1
to see[.] H[arry] and Margaret[.] Diehl's Raining some
baby[.]⁴² Jim Junor here[.] Jane fixed our
old seal caps[.]
19. T. John finished plowing at dinnertime[.] Dull Warm 0
Father in Clinton[.] Ned Glen here with
sore hand. John at Uncle James' with [news]
papers[.]
20. F. Jane trimmed Mother's bonnet[;] (Mother cov- Raining 1
ered shape with old velvet[.]

21. S. Jane in Clinton[.] Finley here[.] John in Nice day 1
Clinton to-night[.]
22. S. very windy 0
23. M. Ned & Mary [Rathwell] here[.] Father[walked Nice day 2
into] Clinton[this morning] on business[.]
Agnes [was] dying rags for foot stool
mat[.] John was in [the] bush & Father kil-
led[the] gander[P.M].
24. T. John fetched up a load of furnace wood[.] 0
Killed turkey[.] Pouring rain,
thunder & lightning
25. W. All Uncle James' children here [plus] Adam Beautiful 0
& George[.] Jim Junor..&..Ned [Glen] here warm Sun
for supper[.] shining, no snow
26. T. Jane & Agnes in Clinton [with] buggy[.] Fa- Windy 3
ther & John at wood[.] Beatie(sic) here all starting
night[;] Duncan fetched him[.] freezing
27. F. Father took Beatie to Dickson's had dinner *Seaforth
in C 1/4* & came back by Brucefield[.] Bel- Clear 1
la at Grants all night[.] (Jennie [is hav- sunshine
ing a] party[.] Froze hard
28. S. Finished my home jacket(Cheap wood) Clean- Nice day 3
ing oats A.M. with John[.] Father & John at Frost came
wood[.] back a little
29. S. Tom & George at barn[.] Raining a
little this
morning Very
high winds to-
night
30. M. Father in Clinton with W[illiam] Glen for 3
salt[.] J.Cooper & J. Gilmour [were] here Hard froze
[this] evening[.] snowing a
little
31. T John at Glen's with first chop there[.] Hard froze
I washed[.] east wind

Here is a fragment by Eliza-Ann MacFarlane found
in a little notebook she kept for recipes.

[It is] the last day of the year 1889 [and I am] feeling kind
of forlorn[.] Bella is washing the dishes[,] Agnes has just
finished walking in the wood[,] and Mother has just gone out
to catch fowl[.] (We are all intending to go to Uncle James'
tomorrow.) We are alone us three & are soberly wondering what
we will be doing a year from tonight. It seems as if there
was never anything new in this family, but there is lots of
newness. I hope we will all feel better Dec 31st 1890.

In one of the account books is a folded sheet of
newsprint, with the first nine days of January,
1890. They are given below. Eventually Eliza
settled for a Huron Expositor 1890 Almanac,
and transcribed an abridged version of what
follows.
January, 1890

1. W. The five of us[were] at Uncle James' all Pouring rain 2
day[.] John, Adam, Lillie, Ned & George
[were here.] John Allen was here all
night[.] Tom Wigginton [was here] asking
for [a] hand to cut to-morrow at night[.]

2. T. Mrs Finley McEwen & children & Susie Nice warm 3
McFarlane called[.]I finished making [a]
case for [the] dinner knives[.]
3. F Father at Wiggintons all day cutting & Nice day 3
chopping[.] Jack McDonald here[.] Colts Ground frozen
away out all night[.]
4. S. Agnes & I [were] in Clinton[.We] took up Nice day 3
[the] parlor stove to Davis[.]* I got 2 frost back
teeth pulled[.]
* Davis put in the furnace in and this must be a trade-in of sorts.
5. S. Ned & George here [in the] evening[.] Pouring rain 3
6. M. Father & John in bush at wood P.M. Jane Raining some 5
milked and did my chores P.M. Tom Mathe-
son at barn[.]
7. T. Father & John[are still] in [the]bush[.] Nice day 5
Agnes hooking her (cat's head) mat for hard froze
ottoman[.] Party at G's
8. W. Agnes finished her mat[.] Father & John Very windy 6
in [the] bush[;They] fetched up a load[.] flurries
Jane finished the riding basque [and I] evening
finished my knit quilt[.]
9. T. Uncle John's John & John Dunkin here[.]
Father & John in[the]bush[.This evening]
John went to Clinton on Bob for papers[.]

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1. Isabel Glen told me in 1959 that her grandfather, James MacFarlane, took great delight in buying gifts of jewellery for his wife and daughters. Isabel was the only granddaughter he knew and she also was the recipient of his generosity. He died less than three months before Isabel's 6th birthday, but at the time of his death she had already received about a dozen gifts of various sizes. I recall her saying that he would go and sit alone in the living room and her mother (Jane) or her grandmother or one of the Aunts would tell her to go in and see her grandfather. After a brief chat,

- he would produce the jewell or bauble and beam with pleasure when she put it on.
2. Isabel Fraser told me that Jane MacFarlane and Ned Glen became formally engaged during the time when Jane's parents were in the "Old Country." The diary for 1888 says that both James and Eliza went, and that is probably when it happened. Eliza-Ann has not mentioned it so far, but one can assume that Ned is now Jane's fiancé.
 3. Agnes Stewart (1836-1911) sister of Eliza MacFarlane, lived in various locations. She lived with brother James, Eliza and their parents. When James got married in 1867, she lived in a log cabin on the 'back fifty" of lot 28 Con 4 and looked after the old folks as long as they lived. We think the dad (Adam) died about 1874 and the Mother (Ann Barkley) died on March 10, 1879. When brother John acquired the Frazer place (Lot 29 Con 5) Agnes (or "Nancy") moved into the cabin. "Nancy's shack" was a few rods north of John Stewart's and a bit to the south-west of MacFarlane's. Don Glen told me that Agnes had an understanding with a brother of James MacFarlane that they would marry. The old MacFarlane's in Perthshire, Scotland, were too old to live alone and the brother went back home to fetch them to Canada. They refused to leave and the brother felt obliged to stay and look after them. So Agnes never married, and spent her days helping siblings James, John and Eliza, as needed. In 1898, her sister-in-law, Mary died and she moved in with her widowed brother James, temporarily she thought, to help the family adjust. The MacFarlane's felt that Uncle James' family indulged in a sort of opportunism. Fenwick got married and lived in a house on the family farm. Annie married in 1900 and Ada and Ida left home for the city to find work. Agnes kept house for James for over 12 years, and the two died a couple of days apart in 1911.
 4. James MacFarlane's brother William had left Stanley for Manitoba some years earlier. It's not clear whether Whiteford is a neighbour or relative, visiting in Ontario.
 5. In the 1870's and 1880's the neighbourhood experienced some significant depopulation as people were driven by limited opportunities and the high cost of farm land in eastern Canada, to the Canadian north-west or to the American west. People settling in the U.S. west could get a free homestead (160 acres or 1/4 of a square mile) if they farmed it successfully. The departed migrants were always welcomed back in Stanley when they visited.
 6. The Hollands
 7. The Stonehouse's were "Old Country English" with money, who pioneered in Goderich Township. One of the Stonehouse's who farmed on the Bayfield Concession was cornered in the box stall by his stallion and attacked. He died of his injuries and his widow, with only small children, sold the farm. It was bought by Eliza-Ann's Uncle John Stewart and he put his son, John B. Stewart on the place.
 8. The Fishers were pioneers on the 4th of Stanley. Edward Glen and James MacFarlane bought them out. Jack Glen told me that Fisher's were involved in distilling and did themselves in by sampling too much of the inventory. They did remain in the Clinton area.
 9. J. Ross: a jeweller?watchmaker?
 10. This eliptical reference probably means that there was a party at Wigginton's. For the better part of a century, up to about World War II, people in the S.S. #1 Community, and near neighbours across the river in Goderich Township took turns providing week end entertainment. Friday night was the preferred time: Saturday night turned into Sunday after midnight. The family giving the party would clear out the biggest room for dancing. The evening might begin with cards (euchre) and those coming brought refreshments. The host had a choice of fiddlers and pianists resident in the community. James Stewart played the fiddle by ear and I believe John could as well. Their sons, Fenwick and Adam, played the fiddle at local square dances most of their adult life. Jim Barkley played the fiddle. Annie (daughter of John and Abigail) Stewart could chord on the piano or parlour organ. Several

generations of the McCowan family provided such musical service right into the 1960's.

11. Isabella R. McEwen(1876-1964) and Elizabeth McEwen(1881-1976). In 1889, Belle would be 12 and Lizzie would be 7. Belle was destined to marry John 11 years.. Elizabeth McEwen had a life-long problem with poor eyesight. The Clinton New Era of this period has references to Malcolm McEwen taking his daughter as far as Montreal to seek treatment from medical specialists. At one point Lizzie was out of school for a year. But she overcame her disability, qualified as a teacher, and was the one who took over S.S. #1, in January, 1911, when George Baird retired after 50 years. At the end of June, 1912, she resigned and married R.Y. McLaren, and they farmed on the London Road just north of Hensall. The Master was getting past it at age 68 and his instruction and class management were getting somewhat frayed. My father Harvey Stewart said he never would have made it to high school had Elizabeth not come when she did. She restored discipline and was demanding in her teaching. Her ungrateful students in the senior class in 1912, all got their entrance. Elizabeth had a daughter Margaret (Mrs Dorland Evans) who has won distinction as an historian of Ontario politics.
12. The scraper was a primitive forbear of the bulldozer. It closely resembled a wheelbarrow without wheels or axle and no sides on the tub. The forward part of the device had a sharp edge. The driver would hitch a team up to the scraper and grip the handles. When the team started up, the operator would pull back on the handles as the team pulled forward. Earth would be dislodged in clean lines and the loosened clods could be shovelled by hand. Contractors building early roads or rail road rights-of-way made extensive use of these simple scrapers right into the early 20th century. I was shown a scraper in 1957 by Cliff Stewart that had belonged to James Stewart his grandfather (Uncle James). The London, Huron & Bruce Railway, running from London through Clinton to Wingham had been put through in 1875. When the job was done, the contractor auctioned off used construction equipment to local people, and James bought the scraper. It is quite possible that Malcolm McEwen got his the same way.
13. The Snell's were Old Country English who pioneered in Hullett Township. Like the Middleton's in Goderich Township, they people of means who raised pure bred livestock, cultivated the best orchards and embraced innovations in agriculture. The 1878 Atlas of Huron County has a detailed write-up about Humphrey Snell, and engraved illustrations of Humphrey and Mrs Snell, their farm buildings and even their prize-winning sheep, horses and cattle. James MacFarlane and the Snells had a great deal in common, moved in the same circles and had business dealings with each other. There has been inter-marriage amongst their descendents.
14. Several times already in these journals Eliza-Ann has made allusions about fences. In this period James MacFarlane was replacing the cedar split rail fences of the pioneer era with modern wire fences. Stretchers were needed to maximize the tension and tightness of the fence wire. A huge cedar post, one to two feet in diameter, and specially braced, served as anchor post. The ends of the fence wire roll were securely wrapped around the anchor post. Then the wire roll would be unrolled. At about every 6th post, the stretchers would be set up to stretch the fence to maximum tightness. Then staples would be driven into the preceeding 5 posts. The process would be repeated with the next 6 post, and so on, until the fencer reached the next anchor post.
15. Jennie Mustard was the daughter of Margaret Mustard. Margaret later Duncan McEwen (another Duncan who lived further south on the 2nd. Jennie kept her Mustard surname. She grew up in the community taught grade school, including at her *alma mater* S.S. #10, and she coached drama productions. She never married.
16. The 24th of May is the Queen's Birthday.
17. Steers are made, not born. Is Eliza-Ann showing Victorian modesty in declining to write "male" or "bull calf?" Or is it more likely, in her cryptic fashion, that she is indi-

- cating that it has already been decided that the newborn's destiny lies in the nutritional side rather than the procreative side of the MacFarlane cattle operation?
18. Ellen Elliot married
 19. Beattie was from Westminster Township, south of London, and was a prominent breeder of pure bred stock -esp sheep.
 20. See Footnote 30, 1888 diary.
 21. See Footnote 30, 1888 diary.
 22. From 1840 to about 1912, North Americans used the term "car" when referring to railway freight or passenger cars. People who shipped livestock relied heavily on the railways and in Clinton there were railway stockyards by a siding immediately west from where the Stratford-Goderich crosses the London road. It would be another 10 years before telephones were in general use, so a stock raiser would have to check personally to see if the expected shipment had arrived. Laws governing treatment of animals were not nearly as strict as now, and one did not want one's livestock to languish on a rail siding a moment longer than necessary.
 23. By 1889, most people used mechanical reaper or binder to cut grain, but many "broke in" a field and cleared the outer perimeter of the grain field by cradle to avoid tramping down the grain under hooves and wheels. Subsequent generations that didn't know or want to know how to use the cradle were not so squeamish.
 24. The Weirs lived nearby in Goderich Twsp.
 25. The two girls are first cousins. Bella May is Duncan McEwen's daughter (destined to die in early womanhood.) Ella is Finley McEwen's daughter.
 26. When he couldn't get another sheaf into the barn, a farmer might build up a stack. The sheaves were tossed to builders who would make a waterproof pile. In round or square formation, sheaves would be lined close together, butts out. The centre was kept high, and when the builder deemed it high enough, he would top it off by using some sheaves for a thatched roof.
 27. For the better part of a century, nearly all farm kitchens in this neighbourhood had some sort of serviceable couch that all members of the household could flop on in their work clothes. Generally the "lounge", as Eliza-Ann calls it, did not have a back, but might be raised at one end. This allowed the reclining party to participate in the conversation, if he or she were so inclined. The couch might be upholstered with leather or horsehair, and protected by an old blanket. Wood stoves have to be out three or four feet from the wall or wainscoting, and the lounge could be put beside or behind in what otherwise might be waste space.
 28. Margaret Myrtle Pearson, born September 1, 1889 (*Stanley Township Record Book*)
 29. The Spear's were pioneers in the community and Edward Glen bought Lot 31-3 from them in 1876. They moved to Kent County near Highgate. One of the boys, William, returned to court Margaret McEwen, married her and took her back to Highgate.
 30. The Whittinghams lived on Concession 4, south of James Stewart for a generation. The Diehls, natives of Bavaria, came to Canada from Germany via the U.S., and settled on Concession 5 (Lots 23-26) The two Diehl brothers, Valentine and Jacob, settled here in the early 1850's and had large families. The last Diehl (Carl E. Diehl:1893-1972) left the neighbourhood in the early 1960's. Somebody in the John Stewart family composed verses about their exotic neighbours
The Diehls live by the riverside
where trees grow 'round so thick.
There's Jacob, George, Charley, Jack,
Henry Lou and Mick.

The Mick Diehl mentioned by Eliza-Ann was the son of Jacob, and he farmed the ancestral acres -Lots 23 and 24.

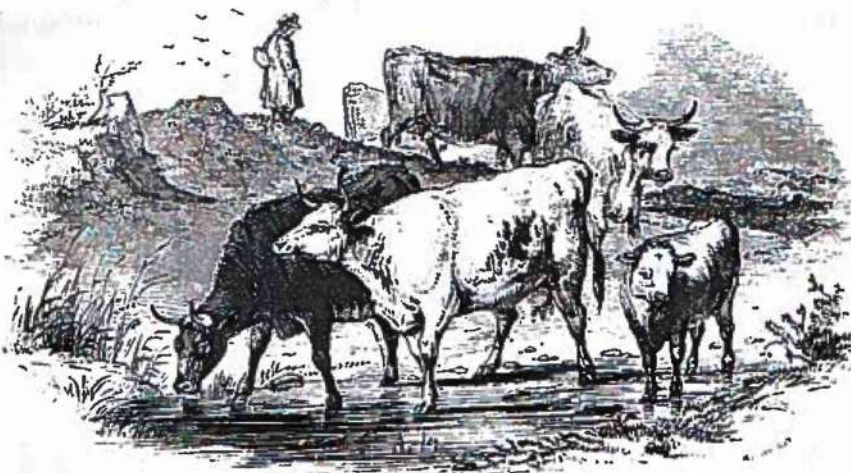
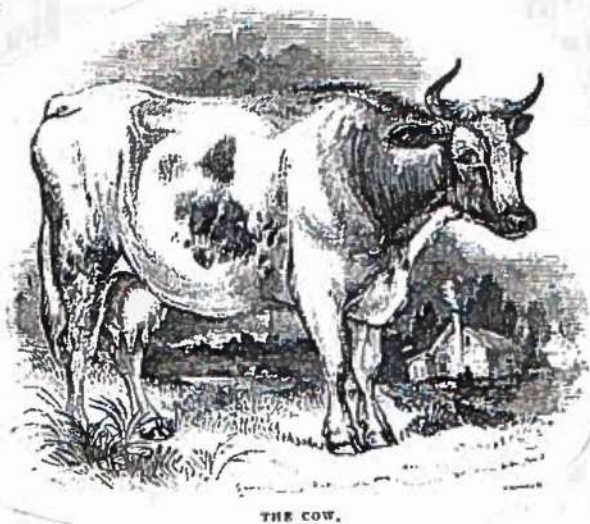
31. In the days before the telephone, every farmer went through

the ritual of going around in person to all the people he traded work with to get help at threshing. One paid the thresherman so much an hour for the use of his machine, and all the rest of the labour was free. You gave your most immediate neighbours the same number of days they gave you. How long it took depended on whether you put your crop in the mow or stack, or whether you stook-threshed right from the field. When the thresherman informed you he would be at your farm on such-and-such a day, you then went around in person to tell those committed to you that their services were required. And they could command your presence when the machine came to them. It was quite alright to go to someone else's threshing to buttonhole your help - in fact it saved steps

32. Eliza-Ann has a pronounced tendency to refer to homes and farms by the names of the previous owner. John Stewart bought the farm on the Bayfield Concession, Goderich Township, from Stonehouse's widow and put his son, John B. Stewart, on it. In a few weeks time, early in 1890, John would wed Amelia Graham, daughter of Wm. Graham, a prosperous neighbour. The Graham's had only recently bought Lot 19 and part of Lot 20, Concession 3 and erected a substantial white brick farmhouse. Agnes was probably keeping house for her nephew and helping him with the cows and the hens, until he was joined by his bride.
33. I worked for a Stanley Jackson for 4 summers (1958-61), whose farm on Concession 2 also fronts on the Bayfield river. The Bayfield River, in a very hot summer can be as dry as a bone above where it is joined by Spring Creek. But in spring, the ice breaking up and the torrential run-off will sweep away any fence ever invented. A fence is necessary to keep livestock from wandering away or being injured in the boulder-strewn river bed. Stanley Jackson dealt with the problem by sinking a huge anchor post that survived the spring torrents. He attached a roll of fence wire to it and unrolled it and hooked it up to another anchor post at the end. In between, the river fence was held up by wooden X's which sat on the ground and were held up by tension. In the Autumn, Stanley would dismantle the fence, roll up the wire and carry the roll and the X's and store them in a spot safely above the highwater mark. Eliza-Ann does not make clear how MacFarlane's dealt with the problem. But it is very likely that they used rails. An old-fashioned snake or shad fence could have been laid out every spring after the run-off, and before livestock were let outdoors. In the late fall, they could dismantle the fence and pile the rails above the high water mark.
34. Eliza-Ann plays fast and loose with surnames and given names. When she refers to "Duncan" she might mean McEwen, McGregor. But Duncan could also be a surname. In Clinton newspaper files for the period, reports about James MacFarlane and his purebred stock activities, more than once mention a John Duncan of Brucefield, also a purebred stock man.
35. The floor of a horse's stall was paved with stones about the size of eggs or golf balls[.] Packed tightly together or set in wet cement, the rounded stones were thought to be better for the horse's hooves and to provide it with better traction than would poured concrete or dressed stone. MacFarlane's and Glen's had an ample supply of such stones from the gravel pits on their properties.
36. Mary Emma Stewart (1857-1939) married Donald M. Ross (1850-99) in 1887. In fact sisters Mary and Lizzie were married together in a double wedding ceremony at home. The groom's father Roderick Ross, farmed on Con 3, Lot 10. Mary & Dan Ross went to Denver where he prospected for silver.
37. Is this Malcolm Cameron who went to Dakota earlier in the decade or another one?
38. In 1879, Donald Campbell of Lot 29, Con 3, Stanley, sold his 100 acre farm to Malcolm McEwen, on lot 30. (See the Clinton New Era, October 16, 1879. The "Campbell place as McEwen's referred to it for the next 80 years had a frame house and an unraised two-bay barn. Malcolm McEwen built

the stone farmhouse on Lot 30 in 1888. (See *The New Era*, Nov 11, 1887, March 9 and Sept 7, 1888) In 1889, the Campbell house was moved north to lot 30, and placed against the rear (west) wall of the new stone house, to serve as woodshed, summer kitchen etc.

39. The Biggins farm was south of Clinton on Lot 33, Con 1. James ("Squire") Biggins had just died on Oct 19, aged 82, (*New Era* Oct 23, 1889)
40. The founder and first settler of Clinton, in 1835 was a Rattenbury. Rattenbury's remained prominent in the social political and commercial life of Clinton for over a century.
41. Herbison's lived in Goderich Township to the north-west of MacFarlane's.
42. Born December 2, 1889, Annie Erma Diehl (1889-1972) -Mrs Morris Durham *The Clinton News-Record* January 13, 1972



1890

Eliza-Ann MacFarlane wrote this year's diary on the memoranda pages of The Huron Expositor ALMANAC For The Year Of Our Lord:1890, McLean Bros. Seaforth, Ont., 1890

January, 1890

1. W. [The] 5 of us [were] at Uncle James['s.] 2
John Allen [was here] all night[.] Pouring Rain
2. T. Made c ase for dinner knives(sic)[.] Mrs 3
Finley [McEwen] & Susie [McFarlane] Nice, warm
called[.]
3. F. Father at Wigg[inton's] cutting[.] Colts 3
Colts out all night[.] Jack McDonald[was] Nice, froze
[was] here[.]
4. S. Agnes & I [were] in Clinton [with the] par- 3
lor stove[.] I got 2 teeth pulled[.] Frost back to
nice
5. S. Ned [Glen] and George [Steckley were] 2
here [this] evening[.] Pouring Rain
6. M. Jane milked and done my chores P.M. Tom 5
Matheson [was here] at [the] barn[.] Raining some
7. T. Agnes hooking Ottoman mat[.] Party at 5
G[len]'s[.] Father & John in the bush Hard Froze
these days[.] Nice
8. W. [I] finished my knot quilt, Jane her Rid- 6
ing Basque & Agnes her mat[.] Very Warm
Flurries Evening
9. T. Cousin John [B. Stewart] and J. Dunkin 6
here[.] My brother] John [went] to Clin- Windy, Snowy
ton on Bob [this] evening[.]
10. F. Jane & Ag [were] in Clinton with D 5
Stove[.]¹ Ag got [a] tooth pulled [by Dull
Mr Bruce.] A[lex.] Innis & McLaughlin
[were] here[.]
11. S. Father [was] at Wells' sale[.] 4
S. Thaw, nice P.M.
12. S. Bella & I [were] in church (Stewart)[.] 9
Father at Uncle James' P.M. Rain P.M.
13. M. Grange Social² Balderson's old house 10
blew down[.] Very windy,
Snowed a little
14. T. Ma went to Mac's [and to] Wigg[inton's][.] 5
Jane and Agnes [were] at Finley McEw- Nice day
en's[.] hard Froze
15. W. Agnes & I did barn work[.] Father & John 7
[were] in [the] bush[.] Snowed a little
16. T. Agnes & I did [more] barn work[.] Father 9
& John [were again] in [the] bush[.] John Snowing and
[was] in Clinton on Bob this] evening[.] ???
17. F. [More barn work.] I washed[.] Father [was] 5
in Clinton [He got \$350 from [John] Dun- Snowing
can[.]

18. S. Agnes[is] sick[.] Jane [went] in[to] Clinton[in the] buggy[.] Father at Glen's[?] I baked a little[.] 9
Nice day
19. S. Jane & I [were] in Church[; We took the] buggy(Stewart)[.] 8
Nice day, rain at night
20. M. Jim Heron here[.] Men made [a] fence at the end of[the] H[orse] Stable[.] Mother [is] making [a] broom[out of] Iron Wood Iron Wood for [the] barn[.] 7
Windy, frozen
21. T. Agnes & I [were] in Clinton[.] She got 4 teeth pulled[.] John Elliot & Carson [were] here[. Brother] John [is] sick[.] 4
Very windy
Snowing
22. W. Agnes finis[hed] her Crochet-Quilt[.] Uncle James[called] here on[his] way from Clinton[.] Father & I cleaned vats[.] 12
Snowed some
23. T. Annie Diehl & Uncl[e] James here killing heifer[.] 6
Stormy
24. F. I was at U[ncl]e James['s house] with beef[.] Snell fetched back lamb[.] John [was] in Clinton[.] Adam[Stewart called] in[.] 8
Chilly
25. S. Father walked to Clinton[.] Bella & I [are] sick[.] 4
Foreboding
26. S. George Steckley* [was] here for tea[.] 12
Misty &
Drizzly
- *George Steckley was John Stewart's hired man. Cockney Englishman, Imperial Army veteran, he was very much one of the family and popular in the community[.]
27. M. [I] Finished[the] Braided Chemise[.] Father bought a steer at Elliott's[.] Mr Hanly fetched lambs[.] 5
a little sun
Drizzle
28. T. Adam here for John to help them cutting to-day & to-morrow[.] 5
Nice, freezing
some wind
29. W. Jane at Glen's, Agnes at Macs,* Father at McGregor's & at Mason's sale[.] Elliot & [illegible] [were] here all night[.] 5
Rain evening
30. T. Jane & I [were] in Clinton[.] Jno. Churchill Charlie & Tom Powell [were here.] [were here.] 4
Beautiful
31. F. Ab Knott and Uncle [James were] here[.] J[ohn] Pearson [arrived] with [a] telegram*for U[ncl]e James[.] Ag went down[.] John at Glen's with chop[.] 2
very heavy
stickey mud
very sunshiny

* probably advising him of the death or impending of Mrs James Elliott in Hullett Elliott and his wife are buried in the graveyard in Burns church.

1. S. Agnes at Stonehouse[']s John [was] in 3
Clinton on Bob[.] Aunt Jessie [MacFar- Hard Frozen
lane], Mr & Mrs [George] Chapman & their
two children [were] here[.]*
* probably Margaret McKenzie who married Geo. Chapman of Atwood. They had two boys and two girls. The oldest boy, Arthur (1887-1965) was raised by Dunk and Mary McKenzie his grandparents and Stanley pioneers, on Lot 24, Con 4. Arthur would have to be one of the two children alluded to by Eliza-Ann. This is her first reference to the McKenzie's since the diaries began. Margaret's older brother Paul, was a hired man at MacFarlane's in his teens but he died around age 20 or 21.
2. S. Aunt Jessie & Ag in Church[.] Mother [was 6
off] seeing Mrs Wigginton[.] Cold Wind
3. M. Father [was] in Clinton[;] He got money 8
for Grey[.] Fen[wick came] home with him Nice, dull
for tea[.]
4. T. Sprung, Govier, Mrs Ettie Cartwright & 5
Charles [were] here[.] Misty & soft
5. W. John, Jane & I [were] at [Cousin] J[ohn B.] 5
Stewart's wedding.* Frozen, snowed
a little
*He married Amelia Graham, daughter of Wm. Graham, Lot 18, Con 3.
6. T. Jane [was] in Clinton[.] I [was] at Is- 11
ard's[.] Aunt Jessie & Ag [were] at Snowed a little
Glen's[.] We sold [a] heifer[.]
7. F. Glen here[.] Auntie & Ag [were] at [the] 10
Graveyard & [at] U[n]cle James[']s Father Snowed a little
[was] at Wigginton]'s sale of Smith's
things[.]
8. S. John [was] in Clinton on Bob[.] Took up 13
a log for wood[.]
9. S. Tom Elliot and W. Elliot's son [were] 9
son[were] here[.] Hard Frozen
Snowed a little
10. M. John took [a] heifer to Clinton[.] Aunt 13
Jessie & Jane [were] at [Finley McEwen's.] Nice Day
11. T. John took Auntie to Johnson's[.] Father 14
[was] at Snell's[.] Mother [was] in Clin- Nice, Soft
ton[.] I started [to] knit [a] mat [for]
the hall door[.]
12. W. 15 hard
13. T. J. Scruton & Sue Ketchen [were] here 8
for dinner[.] T. Matheson, Tene, John and Nice, soft
Will [McEwen] were here[.] John [was] in
Clinton [with Bob and the buggy.]
14. F. Mother & I [were] at Isard's[.] Uncle 13
James Sandy Thompson & a Dutchman [were
here.] Raining & sleet
15. S. Jon took Auntie to Brucefield[.] Jane & 8
I in....Clinton Church[.] Charlie & Fen- Cold wind
[wick Stewart] here[.]

February, 1890

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16. S. Jane & I [were] in Church[.] 12
Soft P.M.
17. M. Aunt Agnes came here[.] 8
18. T. [I have] near[ly] finished [the] ging- 15
ham dress[.] Soft, Thaw; hard
froze at night
19. W. Geo[rge] Hanley here for dinner[.] 7
hail snow
20. T. [I] finished knit mat at [the] kitchen 12
hall door[.] John walk[ed] in[to] Clin-
ton[.] Snow & drifts
21. F. John hauling up logs for wood[.] 18
Snowing & drift
ing a little
22. S. First lambs 2 E[we] yearlings (1 each) 11
Finished Old Cloud mat[.] Cantelon here
here with chop[.] Father in Clinton[.] Nice day
23. S. Bella & I in Church(Principal Grant)[.]* 14
Snowed a little
*The Rev George Monro Grant, Prin-
cipal of Queen's University at King-
ston 1877-1902
24. M. 2nd lambs E[we/R[am] Finis[hed] Fix- 12
in[g] new black skirt[.] Elliot here Soft
25. T. John at Tricks with grist[.] Smith here 11
with Heifer[.] Jane at Isard's[.] Springlike
Raining
26. W. Aunt Agnes at Uncle John's & [at Uncle] 10
James['s.] Father at [Malcolm McEwen's.] Froze a little
27. T. Father at Duncan McEwen's[.] Jane 18
[was] in Clinton[.] I was over[.] seeing Soft
Aunt Abby [Stewart].....
28. F. John at Jenkins 9
Raining, freez-
ing & snowing
at night

March, 1890

1. S. Father walked to Clinton[.] Adam & 16
George [were] here [this] evening[.]
2. S. Fenwick here[.] Beettie shearling died 11
last night[.] Flaked a little
3. M. Wells' shearling lambed-2- 1 each[.] 12
(added later) The Billy died on the Nice
11th[.]
4. T. Malcolm & Smith here[.] Father went 13
with Mac to Coleman's sale[.] Snowing
5. W. [I] Finished making my black dress[.] 16
J.Matheson [was] at [the] barn[.] John Stormy, below
started [on the] manure[.] zero
6. T. Mother & Jane[went] in[to] Clinton in 12
[the] cutter[.] Clear & Windy
10 below 0

7. F. Smith here for J. Ross's Heifer[.] 17
8. S. Auntie & I [were] in Clinton [We went in the cutter with old Lamey. Cousin] 9
Mary Emma [is] home [from Denver.] Nice day
9. S. Uncle James here[.] Jane & Agnes [went to] Church in [the] buggy[.](Stewart) 11
(Stewart) Nice day
10. M. Jane & Agnes [were over] seeing [Cousin] Mary[Ross this]evening[.] 3 sheep 14
lambd (Beetie 2 of each)[some indecipherable short hand] Sleet
11. T. Father & John[were] at Switzer's [and] 14
sold[the] buggy[.] The other B Country Drizzling
sheep lambd[.]
12. W. Johnny Barkley³ & Tom Ager [were] here 11
all night[.] Agnes started Welcome mat[.] Soft, soft
13. T. Father with Ager at Mason's, Duncan's, 11
Elliot's & U[n]cle John. I finis[hed] braiding [the] Night _____ collar.* a little frosty
at night
- * Night gowns are "unmentionables."
14. F. John & Ager[were] in Clinton[.]McDer- 10
mid [came] home with them [and was] here all night[.] A little frost
at night
15. S. [The visiting] Folks went home [this] 13
morning[.]Agnes finis[hed her] mat[.] Snowing quite
a bit
16. S. Stormy, but all the snow blew off the 16
roads in drifts[.]
17. M. [Mr] Tough ([the] Assessor) [was] 14
here all night[.] Softened a
little
18. T. Jane & I[were]at Wells[.]Father[was] 18
at Churchill's & [in] Clinton[.]Last year['s] GC sheep lambd[.]
19. W. Father & John at D. McEwen's sale[.] 9
Jane[was] at Isard's[.]The Ager Bro- Pretty soft
[ther]s [were] here all night[.]
20. T. T.Ager bought Glenappin[.] Fa[ther] 10
& John[were] in Clinton[.] J.B.Homes Jessie & Stella [Wigginton], Ada [Stewart] & Sandy Gordon here[.]
21. F. Father & John, [driving the] buggy, 15
[were] at J.B.Homes['s] & [in] Clinton[.]
22. S. John walked to Clinton[.]Glen here(C) 24
23. S. 12
Stormy
24. M. Smith here (C) Tom Wigginton fetched 19
John's E[uchre] Cards[.] Raw wind
25. T. W.H. Scott here[.]I Finis[hed]button 13
holeing [the] black dress[,] Wells Rain at night
[and Moffatts are off to Manitoba[,]

26. W. Alex Inglis here(C) Jane & Ag [were] at D. McEwan's[.] Long faced lambd (1-E[we]) 13
Blustery
27. T. I [drove the] buggy in[to]Clinton Mr & Mrs James and Thomas Duncan here[.] 15
Very windy
28. F. Agnes & I [were] at Lizzie's quilt- ing[.] Mr & Mrs Wigg[inton] [were] here [in the] evening[.] 13
Stormy
29. S. Father in Clinton[.] 17
30. S. 16
Stormy, ongoing
31. M. Lame ewe lambd (lamb dead)[.] 18
Nice

April, 1890

1. T. Jane & Agnes[were]in Clinton[and] got a photo[of the] kids all at Mac's[.]⁴Aun- ty at both Uncles[.] Father at U[ncl]e James['s.] Nice 23
2. W. Mr & Mrs Dunkin here[.] John at Wise's forty[.]* Frogs [were]singing [for the] 1st time[.]Big dry Ewe [gave birth to a E[we] lamb.] Nice 12
*Goderich Township farms are surveyed in 80 & 40 acre parcels.
3. T. Jim Junor and Smith[were] here with [a] heifer[.] Father was in Clinton[.] 19
Springlike rains
4. F. Jane & I [at were] at Grant's[.] John [was] at Dunkin's[.]Bella [was]at U[n- cle] James's[.] 21
Misty, nice
5. S. The Mason,* Bella McEwen & Jack McDon- ald [were here.] 19
Misty, nice
Frost Sat night
* Alex Thompson of Blake.
6. S. Tom Wigginton [was] here for tea[.] 18
Raining
7. M. Father & John [were] at Dunkin's for seed & at Wells' old place for beef[.] Last year G.C. 2 lambs R[ams] 21
Beautiful
8. T. [I]finis[hed]braiding [the mat for the] n[orth] door[.] Fa[ther] was] in Clin- ton[.] Jane [was] at U[ncl]e James['s] all night.Aunty was at U[ncl]e James's.] 17
Some Rain
9. W. Agnes started [the] other door mat.Ash- ton [was here about.....the] Russell fence.] [The] nice big G.C.[sheep had 1 lamb, a ewe.] 27
Rain & Sleet
10. T. John [rode] in[to] Clinton [on] horse- back[.]Femey calved[;it was a]big black steer[.] 24
Snowing
11. F. John Churchill [was] here[.] Ag finis- [hed her] door mat[.] Jessie the black cow calved a small heifer.] 15
Nice, raw wind

12. S. Aunt Agnes [was] in Clinton with Uncle John [Stewart.] I started.... [another] ...mat[. Jessie Wigg[inton is] back for [indecipherable] 27
Beautiful, windy
13. S. Uncle James here[.] Mother [was] over at Glen's [this] evening seeing Betsy[.]* 18
Beautiful, very warm
*Mrs Edward Glen Sr. née Eliza-
beth McQueen, mother of Wm & Ned
14. M. Churchill, both Mrs Glen's, Janey Bell, John & Will McEwen [were] here[.] 31
Dull, cold
15. T. Mother & Aunty at Isard's seeing Sarah Wigginton[.] 38
nice, cold wind
16. W. Father & John [were] at the Brucefield show[. They went in the] buggy[.] Aunty [was] down sweeping Frazier's[.]⁵ 20
nice day
17. T. Ma & Jane [were] in Clinton[.] Father [has] gone[to the] Lucknow show[.] Smith & J. Pearson(C) & Mr & Mrs Finley [McEwen], Dunk & Lizzie McTavish[were] here[.] 26
Nice day
18. F. Mary Emma [Ross was] here[. Her sister Lillie came for her[.] Smith (C) Father planting slips[.] 25
Cold wind, clear
19. S. John [was] sowing peas [today and was] in Clinton[this] evening[.] Lizzie [Glen] left Mary here[.] I [did some] digging [in the] garden[.] 19
Nice
20. S. Jane & Agnes [were] in church(Stewart.) They took the] buggy[.] 36
Nice
21. M. I was at Dunkin's for seed peas [this] morning[.] 6ld turkey laid her 1st[egg.] 20
Coldish
22. T. Mekin here (C) after the two colts[.] Father & I [are] digging these days[.] 33
windy
23. W. Killed & ate [the] gobbler[.] Mary Emma [Ross], Finley [McEwen] & Jim Ross 29
raining
24. T. Jane & Agnes [were] in Clinton[.] John, Bella & I [were] at U[n]cle John's[.] 26
25. F. Mary Emma [has] gone back to Denver[.] Mrs Baird was here[;] I drove her home[.] B. Churchill [here at] noon[.] 24
nice
26. S. Bella walked to Clinton[.] Fen[wick was] here for [news] papers[.] 33
Rain
27. S. Agnes & I [were] in Church(Stewart)[.] 28
Nice, cold wind
28. M. I [worked at] horse-raking stubble off clover. Mrs Wigg[inton] & Stella [were] here[.] [The] Black Heifer calved - Red steer[.] Agnes helped shere(sic) 3 sheep[.] 32
nice, white frost
29. T. [I] saw swallows[.] Jane saw them first[.] Mac called[.] Daisy calved [a] heifer[.] 33
Rain, dull
30. W. Jane & I were at Stonehouse's[.] Aunty went to Green's[.] The] sick sick lamb died[.] 22
Nice, rain in evening

1. T. Smith (C) Jane, Agnes & I [were] picking A.M. Mother & I [were] in Clinton[.] Dunkin's walked here[.] Cold Wind 29
2. F. B. Churchill [was here at] noon[.] Jane & I were at Wigginton's P.M. nice 20
3. S. Jane walked in[to] Clinton[.] Ag, Bella, & John took 2 loads[of]stones off [the] [the] clover[.] rain 32
4. S. Young cattle [were] out last night[.] Misty 20
5. M. [I] Finished [the] Braided Night Dress[.] Tom Wigg[inton]came]overin[his] gig[.] Cattle all in[.] Rain 11
6. T. Glen & Duncan [were] here for dinner[.] I [was] at Aikenhead's for pigs[.] pigs[.] The young cattle were all out[.] Snowing 35
7. W. Jane, Ag & I [were] picking stones all day[.] Nice, cold wind 43
8. T. [More] picking stones I [was]in Clinton P.M.with potatoes[.] Nice, cold wind 21
9. F. [I] Ironed Braided set[.] John went to Varna[.] Churchill [indecipherable] Cattle all in[.] Raining 25
10. S. John walked to Clinton[.] Dan Ross here seeing Patent[rail fence.]⁶ Washed [?] quilt[.] Raining 40
11. S. Jane & Agnes in Church(Stewart)[.] nice, cold wind 25
12. M. Agnes & I [were] picking stones A.M. planted 2 rows of potatoes P.M. Raining 24
13. T. John [was] digging [in the] garden all day[.] Father [worked at] pruning [and] I [worked at] picking stones off [the] yard[.] The cattle were all out last night[.] Dull, nice 32
14. W. Ashton & 3 others[were] here fencing[.] cing[.] D[an Ross [was here] for seed potatoes[.] John, Jane, Ag and I planted 11 rows of potatoes.] Nice 17
15. T. Ag & I planted 3 3/4 rows[.] Jane, Ag and I were picking stones P.M.] Father[was] in Clinton[.] We got our first goose egg.] Nice 29
16. F. Father & Mother[were] in Clinton[.] Mr & Mrs Duncan [were here. In the] even[ing] J. Beatie & B. Churchill [were here.] Stanley Beauty[?] Jane's [illegible 2 words] nice, cold wind 24
17. S. Isard, Ida [Stewart], Minnie & D[uncan] Walker, [the] Atlas peddler, James Dunkin & [illegible] peddler [were here.] nice 22
18. S. Jane & I[were]in church[.] Uncle James [was] here[.] Raining 28
19. M. Ashton & 2 boys [worked on the]fence[.] Finley[McEwen was] here[.] Father [was] Dunkin's[.] They] bought[Stanley Beauty.] ??? nice, 21

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20. T. Ashton & 3 others [worked] all day[.] 26
Dunkin's boys fetched [rest of entry in-
wind decipherible] Nice, cold
21. W. Father [took the] buggy in [to Clinton[.] 22
Bella & I [were] planting tur- Nice, rain in
nips[.] Mac's boys (C [rest of entry evening
indecipherible]
22. T. Ag & Lizzie [were] at J. Pearson's[.] 26
John & I hauled 4 load[s] of stones[.] Nice, warm
[rest of entry indecipherible]
23. F. Jim Junor & for Howson [were here for 22
dinner[.] Ag was at Mac's for [news]- Heavy rains
papers[.] last night,
warm
24. S. Smith(C) Aunt Agnes[is] back[.] Bell[e] 22
Bell[e] McEwen, Wigginton and J. McGregor Nice, windy,
[here.] Pouring Rain
25. S. 25
Rained
26. M. Mr, Mrs & Maggie Dunkin [were] here[.] 25
Father [was] in Clinton..... Nice, rained a
little
27. T. Father [was] at Emerson's trying to buy 24
cattle[.] nice, windy,
evening rain
28. W. Took Auntie..... 21
Father & Mother at Dunkin's[. I] washed Nice
sheep[.]
29. T. Mother & Jane[were] in Clinton[.] Father 24
& I harrowed [the field at Smith's & Nice, warm
hauled 4 load[s] of stones[.]
30. F. John [was] in Clinton[.] Father dug & 21
planted some....cabbage[and] pumpkins[.] Rain
kins[.]
31. S. Father [was] in Clinton[.] Mr Smith's 18
son & daughter [were here.] Smith (C) Nice, warm
I [was] in Clinton for [illegible]

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1. S. Father & Mother in Church[.] 10
Nice, warm
2. M. Fa[ther] & I hauled off 6 load[s] of 18
stones & shore 3 sheep[.] Straightened
B[ee] frames[.]
3. T. Fa[ther] & I [(and John a little)] finis- 18
[hed] shearing 8 [sheep.] J. & C. Eliot Thunder storms
here [to see the fence[.]
4. W. Father [was] digging [in the] garden [and] 16
planted beans (Butter for string)[.] I very warm
[was] at Aunty's[.]
5. T. Smith (C) [There was a Liberal party] 16
election [contest in the] school [house Hard driving
to pick a candidate for the impending rain
provincial election-] Bishop [versus
Homes[.]? Aunty [was] up [here.] Jane &
Bella [were] in Clinton[.]
6. F. Dan Ross(C) I finished digging Ma's gar- 27
den[.] Father [is] digging yet[.] Nice, cooler

7. S. [I] Finis[hed] this side garden .Father [was] in Clinton[.]Tene & Bell [McEwen] & Bela Forsythe were here[.] 14
Nice, cold wind
8. S. Jane, Bella & I [were] in church(Stew-[art]) [.] 20
Nice cool wind
9. M. I painted 2 B[ee] Boxes[.] Ag [was at] Isard's[.] Aunty [was] up [here.] 18
Nice, warm
10. T. Glen here[.] Bella's turkeys coming out[.] 32
Raining
11. W. Melia & Charlotte Duncan, Jim & Arm-(strong with pictures) & U[n]cle James [were here.] 12
12. T. P. McGregor[was here for]dinner[.]J.& W. McEwen (C) Beatie & Horton Varna T Aunty & I [were]in Clinton[.] Ag at [?] in Toronto[.] 18
Nice, windy
13. F. Father[went to the mill for]chop[.]Aunty[and]Bell McEwen[here]for eggs[. The] Blind Peddler [was here.] 39
Nice day
14. S. Ag[was]in Clinton[.]Mac[is]letting jobs on the road[.]*Jane finis[hed] Bella's Red-Stippled dress[.] *Statute Labour 14
Nice
15. S. Mother & Agnes in Church(Fletcher)[.] 16
Nice
16. M. Ag & I [worked] with Father hoeing yellowweed[.] Aunty[was]up with [a]Ladie's Slipper[.]* 20
Nice, very warm
* wild orchid
17. T. Smith (C) Agnes walked [to] Clinton[.] Line folks* [are]] hauling gravel from Glen's[.] 18
Nice
*Residents of Concessions 4 and 5 doing Statute Labour for road repairs
18. W. Father[was] at Bru[ce]field] with wool & [at]J. Cooper's & H[ugh] McGregor's[.] 19
Nice, a little cold
19. T. Kate foaled [a filly.] Father [was] in Clinton[.] 15
nice
20. F. The 5 of us [were] at a picnic in Isard's bush[.] Jim [Barkley was] here[.] 7
nice
21. S. Father was at A Dunkin's[.] Mother & I [were] in Clinton[.] 14
Rain last night
22. S. Jane & I [were] in Church(Stewart)[.] Uncle James [was] here[.] 20
Nice & Warm
23. M. Father [was]in Clinton[.]Today the bees bees had the 1st swarm[.] J[ohn] & I were at Mac's[.] Mr Culbert [was] here all night[.] 24
very warm
24. T. Fa[ther], Ag & I [worked at] roots and planting turnips[.] Smith (C) 24
very warm
25. W. 2 Coopers & McRoberts [were] here[and] [and] bought 4 sheep.....[2nd swarm of bees] 19
very warm

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- 26 T. Father [was] in Clinton [and] got [the] 15
[the] other 2 B[ee]Boxes[.] F[ather, Ag nice
& I [were] hoeing potatoes[.]
- 27 F. Ag & I [were] weeding roots[.] J. Deeves 14
[was] here for Churchill[.] nice
- 28 S. Mother & Jane [were] in Clinton [at a] 20
Church council [meeting.] Sold steers[.] mist, very
warm
- 29 S. Father, Mother & Jane [were] in church 9
(Stewart)[.] very warm
- 30 M. [I] finis[hed] painting[the] 2nd[of] 2 20
B[ee]Boxes A.M. Father Agnes & I worked Rain evening
at roots[.]

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- 1 T. Father, Ag & I [worked] at roots[.] 19
Rained a little
- 2 W. Ag & I planted cabbage[.] Father[was in] 11
Clinton A.M. Ag & I were at Aunt's[.] A
garment pedler [was here.]
- 3 T. Jane & Aunt [were] in Clinton[.] F[ath- 14
er], A[g], Jo[hn] & I [worked] at Roots[.] nice, cold A.M.
J[ohn was] spreading hay after sup[per.]
- 4 F. Father [has] gone to London for 50..... 17
sheep[.] Ag & I [did] roots[.] J. McDonald
& McPhail [were] here[.]
- 5 S. Father [got] home[.] Jim drove [the] 13
sheep up [in a] wagon[.] Ag & I finis-
[hed] colling hay [in the] Smith field[.] Nice
- 6 S. Agnes, Bella & I [were] in Church(Stew- 25
art)[.] Nice
- 7 M. [We] Hauled in 6 loads [of hay from the 19
Smith's field.] Nice, warm
- 8 T. [We] Hauled in 7 loads [from the Smith's 18.
field.] Up with & for Bella trying for
[her] 2nd class cert[ificate.]⁸ There were
2 swarms [from the] white hive[.]
- 9 W. Up with & for Bella[.] Geo[rge] Baird (C) 18
Cold Wind
- 10 T. Up with & for Bella[.] [The] White Hive 21
swarmed again[.] J. Thompson[was here] with Cool
with 2 lambs[.]
- 11 F. [Ag up with and for Bella. The] Brown Hive 11
[swarmed. We took in 7 load[s] of hay [from
the] field behind [the] barn[.]
- 12 S. [Ag up with and for Bella. We took] 4[more] 28
loads [from the field behind the barn. The] Rained a
B[rown] hive swarmed again..... (the 1st little
Box Hive)[.] Janey, Ag, John & Bella [were]
at 12th [of July celebrations] P.M.*
- *The Stewart's were strong Orange supporters.
- 13 S. James Angus Fisher and Uncle James[were] 26
here[.] Father[was] at U[n]cle James'[s.]

14. M. [I] Took honey from [the] White Hive (the 1st) [.] J[ane] & Ag picked [the] 1st Rasp-
[berrie]s I [worked at] roots A.M. Jas.
Dunkin [here] P.M. 12
15. T. [I went] Up with Bella [.] [At home, we
home, we were] putting up hay all day [.] Day was cool
all day [.] 16
16. W. [We used 8 loads of hay building a
stack.] Reid here [.] Geordie McLeod [was
here] for tea [.] Nice 19
17. T. Geo[rge] Baird (C) [We] Hauled 8 loads 15
[of hay and] finished [the] field at [Mc-
Ewen's] bush [.] Parke [here.] Showers A.M.
cool
18. F. John [manured]* the field next [to the]
watering place [.] Shipley [was] here [and]
Father [was] in Clinton..... nice 13
*This is a
guess. The ink
blotted.
19. S. Father [was] in Clinton for Glenburn -
hauled 1 load [.] Jno. & I [were] in Clin-
ton with steers [.] Mr & Mrs McEwen
[were] here [.] 4
cool evening
20. S. Jane, Bella & I [were] in Church (Stew-
art) [.] Jim [Barkley and] Jack Elliot
[were here.] Nice, cool 34
21. M. Father & Mother at Dunkin's [.] Finis-
[hed] mowing & big stack [.] Ag & I pick-
ing berries [.] 21
22. T. Father [was] in Clinton [.] We were] col-
ling hay all day [.] 17
Nice, warm
23. W. [We] Hauled 6 loads [of hay] to [the] 2nd
stack [.] Jane [was] at Dunkin's [.] Rained a little
24. T. Uncle James & Wigginton here [.] I] scrub-
bed my room & filled [the] tick [.] Rain 35
25. F. Mother & Father [were] in Clinton [.] 15
Bella & Agnes picked [potato] bugs [.] Showers
26. S. [We] Cut and stooked [the] wheat in front
of [the] door [.] Old [Mr] Fisher* & [his]
nefew (sic) [were] here [.] nice 16
27. S. Father & Mother [were in church] (Reid,
Toronto) [.] Jim [Barkley was] here. Nice, warm 20
28. M. [We] Hauled 4 loads [of hay] (3 out of
the low field) [and Finis] [hed the] 2nd
stack [.] Mac's (H) & (C)
29. T. [We] Hauled 5 loads of hay, finis [hed the]
last stack [and] Finished haying [.] Nice 10
30. W. Andrew Dunkin & [his] wife [were] here 28
[for the] first time [.] Reading [the] Raining
hay mows [.]
31. T. John [was] at Brucefield for [the] pea
harvester [.] Ag, Bella & I [were]
weeding [tur]nips P.M. & Even[ing] [.] Nice, warm 18

Hayloads

13 Smith's [Rented field]
 11 Behind barn
 16 [By McEwen's] Bush
 8 Watering Place
 8 Last Field
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LOADING HAY.

August, 1890

1. F. Agnes [was] in Clinton[.] The Smith boy [was here]for eggs[.] Mr Wigginton, Mr & Mrs Dunkin,U[n]cle James & S. Switzer [were here.We] hauled in 9 loads of wheat[.] 17
Nice, Warm
2. S. [We] hauled in 5 loads of wheat(14 altogether)[and] started cutting peas[.] 15
Nice, warm
3. S. Jane & Agnes in Church(Reid)[.] 18
Nice,very warm
4. M. John[was] in Brucefield[.We were] Moving straw[.]* Ed Wise & Fen[wick were [were here] for flour[.] 15
High winds,rain evening
5. T. Moving straw A.M.*[Worked] at Peas P.M. 17
P.M. Cooper & McRoberts here[.] Nice
* The straw in the barn from last year's threshing has to be moved to make room for this year's sheaves.
6. W. [We] Finis[hed] cutting [the] peas A.M. 22
[and] started [the] oats[.] John [was] in Brucefield [looking]for a spring in [the] binder[.] Nice
7. T. [We were] Reaping oats [on the] Rathwell [place.]Bella [was] in Clinton[.] 14
Nice
8. F. [We] Finis[hed] reaping oats on the Rathwell place and started] cutting [in the] shanty field[.] 19
Warm
9. S. [We] Finis[hed]reaping [and]Hauled in 3 loads of peas[.]John walked to Brucefield for [the] McIntosh bullock[.] 24
Nice
10. S. Jane & Agnes in Church[.] Jim [Barkley, McIntosh & his student here[.] 34
Nice
11. M. [We] Hauled in 7 loads [of] peas[.] McIntosh, Ada [Stewart] & Woon [here] 23
Nice, windy
12. T. [We] Hauled in 4 loads of peas & 1 of oats[.] Father[was]in Clinton P.M. Jim Barkley [was here] all n[ight.] 19
Nice
13. W. [We] Hauled in 5 loads of oats[.] Father [was] at Woon's threshing P.M. 52
Nice, dull
- 14 T. [We] Hauled in 6 loads of oats[.] McIntosh [was] here[.] Bella passed for 2nd class [teaching certificate.] 19
15. F. [We]Hauled in 7 loads of oats[.] Father was at [Finley McEwen's] threshing P.M. 17

16. S. McIntosh [here. We took in] the last load & finish[ed the] harvest[.] Mother & Ag [were] in Clinton[.] 20
Nice, warm
17. S. 26
Raining
18. M. John [was] hauling manure[.] Father was at at Brucefield & [fetched] Mrs Maggie Mc-McGregor[.] 16
Nice
19. T. Took Mrs Maggie McGregor home [in the] evening[.] 19
Raining
20. W. [I worked] with Father clipping sheep all day[.] Ag, Jane & Bella were in Clin-Clinton[.] 12
nice
21. T. Mr Baird (the Teacher), Mr Thompson and Elsie [were] here[.] 18
Raining
22. F. Mr Cooper & McRoberts here all night[.] Father & John and others [were] in Clin-Clinton[.] Dickson here and Bruce with lambs[.] 20
Nice, cool
23. S. Father walked to Clinton[.] 31
nice, cool
24. S. Bella & I [were] in Church (Gregg)[.] Uncle James, Tom Beacom & Wigginton [were] here[.] 10
cool
25. M. Father was in Brucefield with wool[.] Donald Ross & Jim Steep at Gates[.] Jim [Barkley was here in the] evening[.] 14
Rained a little
26. T. Jane & Ag [were] in Clinton with..... 15
.....[3 bags of apples.] Mr & Mrs Dunkin and U[n]cle James [were] here[.] Nice
27. W. Father, Agnes & I [were] weeding & scuff-ling [tur]nips[.] 17
Sprinkled, cool
28. T. Father [was] in Clinton with Dunkin & Charlotte A.M. & at Wigg[inton's] thresh-ing P.M. Ma & Jane [were] in Clinton[.] 8
Beautiful
29. F. Father [has] gone to Montreal[.] Ag drove drove him to Clinton[.] Apple buyers from London [were] here[.] 17
Showery, windy
30. S. 24
Windy, cold,
Drizzling
31. S. Jane, Agnes & Bella [were] in Church (Ram-sey)[.] Jim [Barkley was here.] 25
Nice, cold

Loads

Hay	56
Wheat	14
Peas	14
Oats	20
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SHEEP-SHEARING.

1. M. Father [got] back from Montreal[.] Bella started Model School [and] Ag took her up[.] Aunty[is] back from Green's[.] 14 Beautiful
2. T. Mrs [Malcolm] McEwen & Mrs [Richard] Spear⁹ [were] here[.] Jane & I [were] at Andy Dunkin's[.] 11 Beautiful
3. W. Father [was] at Wigg[inton's] for oats [and] at [the] mill for chop[.] Jane [was] in Clinton[.] 16 Beautiful
4. T. Father walked to Clinton[.] 13 Rain in evening
5. F. I walked to Clinton[.] 13 Nice
6. S. Mother & I [were] in Clinton[.] Aunty [was] in too and got her clock chains her clock chains & [news]paper[.] 15 raining A.M.
7. S. Jim [Barkley was] here[.] 12 very warm
8. M. I [was] in Clinton with Bella & at Glen's A.M. Tom Wigg[inton was] here[.] here[.] 22 Raining
9. T. Ag walked to Clinton & [I] went up with Father after[.] John sowed wheat[.] 18 nice, dull
10. W. [Lord Dormid, our new Bull, arrived in Clinton.] Mr Hirst [and] Melia Duncan Duncan[were] here[.] Ag & I[were] picking grapes to-night[.] 9 Nice
11. T. Jane at Mac's P.M. Ag took Aunty down bedding & sand[.] 21 Dull, snowed a little
12. F. John[was] in Clinton getting[the] horse shod[.] Mr & Mrs Finley[McEwen were here this] evening[.] 28 Misty, Rained a little
13. S. Father & John in Clinton fixing car[.]* Jane & Bella [were] picking grapes [and got] 2 baskets[.] Jane [was] at U[n]cle James['s this] evening[.] 8 Nice, Windy

* Perhaps Eliza-Ann is referring to what later generations called a "dolly," the device that rolled back and forth on the wooden track inside side the barn, and which was part of a more complicated apparatus involving ropes, block and tackle. When properly hooked up, a team of draft horses could pull on the rope, slingloads of hay or sheaves would rise off the wagon on the barn floor. When the pulley hit the dolly, a slingload would slide horizontally along the track. The hay or sheaves could be dropped in either mow by pulling on a long trip rope[.]

14. S. Fen[wick] & Tom [were] here all night[.] Ag Bella & I were in Church(Stewart)[.] 12 Nice, cool
15. M. Father, John & Tom gone to Goderich[.] Wigg[inton] & Fen[wick] took up sheep to Clinton[.]* 20 dull

*Probably James MacFarlane was entering sheep in the Goderich fall fair.

16. T. 17
Rained a little
17. W. [I] Took[the]divide boards out [of the] bees'[boxes.] Fen[wick] & Wigg[inton] & [the] sheep [had to be] fetched home [from] Goderich[.] 11
Nice
18. T. [We were] Lifting potatoes & [will]fin-i[sh] A.M. to-morrow[.] 13
Nice
19. F. Mr & Mrs Kyle,U[n]cle James & Aunt Mary [were here.]John Duncan came here [with a] load of sheep for Lon[don.] 15
Rain, Windy
20. S. Father & John [were] in Clinton with Duncan's sheep for London[.] 20
cool
21. S. Father & Mother[were]in Church[.] Aunty [is] here[.] 9
Nice
22. M. Father,Mother,John, Aunty & I [were] in Clinton[.] Churchill [was] here[.] 11
Nice, cool
23. T. Father [was] at Butchart's threshing[.] Bella Ross & Ella McEwen [Aunt and niece] [were] here [this] evening[.] 8
Nice, windy
24. W. Father, Mother & Agnes [were] at London fair 11
Nice
25. T. John [was] at Glen's threshing[.] T. Frazer & [his] brother-in-law * [were here.] 8
* Cameron?
26. F. Father at Finley's threshing[.] Jane walked to Clinton[.] 17
Raining
27. S. John [was] at Glen's threshing[.] Dunk-in kids for father to take [illegible] sheep[.] 10
cool wind
28. S. Jane, Agnes, Bella & I [were in] Church (Stewart)[.]Mr & Mrs Wigg[inton]& Stella & Jim Junor [were here.] 8
nice, cool
29. M. [I] Killed a sick sheep[.]Father & John [were working at fence[post] holes [using] cones[.] Dunkin [was] here[.] 15
Nice, Frost at nights
30. T. 12
nice, warm

October, 1890.

1. W. Mac & Will here[.]Ag & I[were] at Clinton [delivering]things to the show[.] J. Thompson[the stone] mason [was] here at [at] night[.] 16
nice, warm
2. T. I [was] up with [the] Glen's,Ag & Bella at [the] show & John was up with [our] horse P.M. F. Brigham was [was here] all night[.] 11
Rain morning
nice after
3. F. Father, John, Jane & I [were] at the show[.] Bella Cuming [came] home with home with us[.] Ross from..... 16
nice
4. S. [We] started pulling apples[.] Sturdy [was] here[.] Ag [was] at Glen's[.] 11
Nice

5. S. Jane & I and Bella Cuming [were] at Church(McMillain)[.] 8
Raining
6. M. Jane & Bella Cuming went [over] to U[n-
cle] John's[.Our brother] John [was] at
Trick's seeing [the] Perdues[.] 9
7. T. [I]drove Father &[Mr]Wigginton to Clin- 17
ton [to catch the train] for Guelph[.]
Ag & I were pulling feathers[.]
8. W. Aunt Mary [is] sick [so] Jane [was] at 3
U[n]cle James'[s] baking for[his]thresh- Nice
ing[.Ag & I pulled more feathers.] A.
Dunkin [was] here[.]
9. T. Cattle buyers Billy Pearson & Johnson 17
[were here]wanting pigeons[.] Un[cle's]
James & John [were] threshing[.] T[om]
Wigg[inton] was held up at another thre- Dull, east wind
shing, so] Lizzie [was] late[.Ag was at
Macs today.]
10. F. U[n]cle John's threshing A.M.,us P.M.Stur-
dy [was] here [and] bought 3 sheep[.] Rain in
morning
- 11 S. Threshing A.M. J.McDonald[was] here[.] I 13
[was] in Clinton with [five of Dunkin's] nice, dull
steers[.]
12. S. 6
Raining
13. M. Agnes[was] helping at Mal[colm McEwen]'s 2
threshing[.] Aunt Agnes[is] back from [a High wind
stay at] Green's[.]* Father & John [get-
ting?] Mother at U[n]cle James's[.]
James's.
- *Bella Green had 4 children in 5 years-Edna, 1885,
Stewart 1887,Lulu,1888 and Abby, 1890.Nettie was born
in 1896 and George in 1899. It is probable that Agnes
went over to help her [probably] exhausted niece, with
whom she had a special relationship.
14. T. Father was at Mac's threshing & Ag [was] 10
there for a second day.] John & I [were]
in Clinton for [the] Model Farm Calf[.]
15. W. Father[was] pulling mangols[.] Jane [was] 2
Stewart's]helping Ada[do the family]wash.* Windy
Ag & I pull[ed] apples[.]
- * Mary, Mrs James Stewart, had a weight problem and
eating disorder. Victorians called most digestive
complaints "Dyspepsia." Quietly efficient,it takes
illness to make her family realize how much of a load
the mothe carries. Jane helped her 17-year-old cousin
get on top of the washing.
16. T. Father,Ag & I[were] pulling mangols A.M. 8
Raining
17. F. Ida Isard and U[n]cle Jame's (sic)Annie 2
[were]here[.] Mother at S.Wigg[inton's] Cold Wind
P.M.

18. S. Father[was]in Clinton with W[illy] Glen 3
for barrells.(sic) Jane[was] at S[arah] nice
Wigg[inton's P.M.]Bella[was] at U[ncl]e
Ja[m]es's.]
19. S. 11
Rain morn.
20. M. Father [was] at[the] mill [with] 3 bags 0
of wheat [in the] buggy[.]Ag & I [were] Dull, cool
pulling mangols P.M.[Mother was at Sar-
ah Wigginton's.]
21. T. Father, Ag & I[were]pulling mangols all 5
day. Ada [Stewart came by at] noon [to] Nice
ask [for help with] thresh[ing.] B[ella
came] home to-night[.]
22. W. Apple packers came last night[.] Beetie 7
here al night[.]Two Dunkin's [were] here Nice.
23. T. Ag [was] pulling mangols A.M. Father 1
[was]at Blythe with Beetie[.] John took Rain P.M.
him to Dunkin's at night[.]
24. F. Ag was pulling mangols P.M. Mr & Mrs 6
[Nicholas] Cuming [arrived] P.M. [and] showery
stayed] all night[.] Father [was] at
Woon's thresh[ing.]
25. S. Jane & I [were] at church..John up with
the 2 loads [of] apples[.] Nice, showers
evening
26. S. Father,Mother,Jane & I [were] in church
(Stewart)[.]U[ncl]e James & Wigg[inton] Nice, dull
were] here.Ma & Jane [were out]see[in]g
S[arah] Wigg[inton.]
27. M. Glen's pulling our mangols[-We] hauled 4
in 3 loads[.] Father was at Wigginton's Snow, showers
threshing A.M.
28. T. [We] hauled in 2 loads[of mangols.]John
walked to Clinton[.] Sarah Wigginton
died[.]
29. W. [We hauled in] 5 loads [of mangols and 3
had to put the] sides on] the wag[on.]
John is plowing these days with Jeso' &
Marco's colts[.]
30. T. [Father took in 1 load and Ag and I 1
took in 3 loads of mangols.] Father,Mo-
ther & Jane[were]at Sarah Wigg[inton's] Nice
funeral[.] Jane went to Clinton [Cemet-
ery] with [the] Wigg[inton's.] Dewdrop
calved[.]
31. F. Laid in cows & calves[.] Jennie Grant, 3
Ada [Stewart] & Duncan, Mrs & Melia Snowing
here[.]

November, 1890

1. S. [We] hauled in 3 quite full loads of 1
loads of mangols [on the] sheep rack[.] Snow, rain
John [was] in Clinton [this] even[ing]
in [the] cart[.]
2. S. [The last 4 loads of mangols were haul- 2
ed in.] Jane [was] in Clinton[.]

3. M. Jim [Barkley] here[.] Father at U[n]cle Jame's[.] Cattle all in[.] Freezing
4. T. [I] Killed 10 turkeys[.] Mother & John [were] in Clinton [in the] buggy[.] 3
Snowed last night
5. W. [We] killed pigs[.] Ag & I took in some 4
refuse apples[.] soft
6. T. Thanksgiving[: The] 4 of us [MacFarlane lane sisters were] at [the] S[abbath] S[chool] Examinations[.] Father[was] pulling [tur]nips & John [was] away shooting[.] Nice
7. F. Father, Ag & I [were] pulling [tur]nips [and] John hauled [them] in[.] We pulled carrots P.M. Jane [was] in Clinton[.]
8. S. Ag & I hauled in 1 load of[tur]nips & 2 1
loads of cabbage[.] When that was] finis- Snow evening
hed* we] took in apples[.]



THE PLOUGH

* Eliza-Ann made this list at the bottom of the November page

Mangols 20 loads
sides on
Turnips 5 boxfulls
Carrots 1 "
Cabbage 2 "

9. S.
10. M. Father [was] helping U[n]cle James kill 1
3 pigs [.] Putting out cattle off wheat nice, cold
[stubble] & cleaning cellar[.] froze a little
11. T. Father, John & Jane[were] in Clinton with 14 live turkeys and 6 bags of refuse nice
apples[.]
12. W. Father[was] at Dunkin's[in the] buggy[.] 1
John started[plowing] sod[.] I worked at cleaning[the] cellar [while] Jane[cleaned] upstairs[.] very nice
13. T. Mother & I [were] in Clinton[.] Mrs Is-
sard [was] here[.] nice
14. F. [I] finis[hed] putting nips out of[the] shed with father A.M. & scraping the Beautiful
cellar P.M. U[n]cle James['s] Annie[here.]
15. S. [I] Took in cabbage & scraped [the] Milk Room[.] Hugh McGregor & Crerar from Raining
Strat[ford here.] I drove[to] Clinton[.]
16. S. I walked to church(Stewart)[.] Tom & Jessie Wigg[inton were] here[.] Nice
17. M. Levi Trick [was] in looking for colts[.] Started [indecipherable] carpet[.] Raining
18. T. Betty McGregor and Duncan McFarlane nice
from Aux Sables here[.]
19. W. Father walked to Clinton[.] Snow, hail, rain
20. T. Jane & I [took the] buggy in[to] Clin-
ton[.] Agnes [was] cleaning [grain for] nice, cold wind
grist & chop[.]

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21. F. Mother[was out]seeing[the] McEwen's baby(Elizabeth)[.]¹⁰Father [was]out[this] even[ing.] Nice, Warm
Hard frost
last night
22. S. John [is] plowing sod still[. I] Washed [the] double windows* & 3 milk room windows[.] Clear, cold wind
* Eliza-Ann's term for storm windows
23. S. I [was] in Church(Stewart)[.] Clear, cold wind
24. M. Mr Dunkin & Mr McCallum [were] here for tea. Father [was] working at [the] concession] fence[.]T[om] Wigg[inton]here for sheep[.]
25. T. John finis[hed] plowing[the] field next the [side]road & Mac's[.]* Snow
*the N/E corner of Lot 30 Con 4
26. W. Ag [was]at Cairn's & Scotts.Mother[was] at Mac's[.]J[ohn] Dunkin[was] here with a sheep[.] Nice, froze hard
27. T. Ag [was]in Clinton [and] got teeth pulled[.]Father [was] at Churchill's [and] Mother [was] at Wigg[inton]'s[.] Jane & I [were]at a prayer meeting at D[uncan] McEwen's[.] J.Mcdonald [was] here[.] Nice
28. F. Sid Smith [was] here[.] John [is] plowing below [the] watering place[.] Nice, dull
29. S. [I] Finis[hed the] fork-cases* & sewed up mac's bolsters. Jane finis[hed] Bella's black dress[.] softened
*cutlery
30. S. Snowed a very little

December, 1890

1. M. [Today] Sarah Barkley [was] married to Wm.McBain[,]Algoma[.] Ag finished Bella's night dress[. I] made [a]case for for tea-knives[.The]Tree peddler [was] here all night[.] Father & John [are] making [a] Bee-box for packing[.] Snowing, frosty
2. T. Father & John making B[ee-]Box[.]
3. W. Father & I[were]finishing [the bee-box box] in the house[.] Adam [Stewart was here] in [the] even[ing.]
4. T. [We] Packed t he 5 hive [of] bees [in the box for the winter.The]Tree pruner called[.] Jane & John [were] at Wigg[inton]'s [this] evening[.]
5. F. John[is] hauling manure[on the] sleigh[. Mr] Wiley[,the collector, was] here[.] nice, 18 degrees
frost
6. S. [I] cleaned [the kitchen stove pipes and] Hung 1st pictures in [the] parlor[.] nice
7. S. Jane, Bella & I [were]in Church [we went in the] cutter[. The Rev. Mr Stewart took the service.] Cold Wind

8. M. Jane [was] in Clinton with Bella[. They took the]cutter[.][The] Stanbury's were [were here] looking at heifers[.]
9. T. Jane washed kitchen plaster[. The Rev. Mr Stewart, Mary & Robert were here[.] [We]killed little lamey[.] Nice 1
10. W. Father walked to Clinton[.]Mother [was] at Glen's[.]John [was] in the bush P.M. soft, sleighing gone 4
11. T. Agnes [was] in Clinton[.She] got an impression took[for false teeth.] I [was] at Isard's[.] soft, pelting snow tonight 1
12. F. John [was]at Smith's to get Will to cut cut wood[.] Stormy 2
13. S. I [went]in[to]Clinton for Bella[.] John & Will[were] at Smith's[this]even[ing.] Cold Wind 1
14. S. Agnes & I[were]in Church(McLean,Blythe). Father [was] at U[n]cle James' [looking for a] missing animal[.] Cold Wind 1
15. M. [I] varnished picture frames[and] Bella papered [a] book case[.] Nice 2
16. T [I] Papered [the] backs [of the frames] & Hung[them] up[.]Mekin called[.]Jennie Grant [was here at] noon[.] Bella[is]in Clinton at school[.] snowed a little
17. W. Father [was] in Brucefield[.] Bella[is] in Clinton[.] G. Baird,John & Tom [were in] Varna[.] Mac's kids [were] in[.] Nice, soft
18. T. Agnes & Bella [were] in Clinton [with] butter[. They drove the] cutter[.] John [was] at U[n]cle John's cutting [wood] P.M. & [he will be there] tomorrow all day[.] 2
19. F. [We] put down carpet in the dining room room [- the] 1st rug[.] J.Dunkin [was] [was] here[.Cousin] J[ohn B.] Stewart's baby born [today]* nice frosty
*William John Stewart, 1890-1974
20. S. Bella [was] in Clinton[. I was] Hemming carpet[.]
21. S. Adam [Stewart was here] P.M. rain 2
22. M. Jane [was]in Clinton[.I was]sewing carpet[.] Windy, nice 2
23. T. I [was]in Varna with Bella at [her]exam & at Dunkin's[. We] Killed [the] year-[lin]g heifer[.] Cold, Blustery 2
24. W. Father & I [were] in Clinton[. We] put carpet down in Jane & Bell's room[.] Snow 4
25. T. Aunty [Agnes], Ada,Annie,Ida [and] Adam [Stewart] & G[eorge] Steckley [were] here[.]Jennie Grant[stayed]all night[.] Clear & cold Some starlight 3

26. F.	John[was]in Clinton[with the] gig[this] evening[.]	3
27. S.	John & Willie [Smith were] hauling up [cord]wood[.]	2
	Stormy	
28. S.		5
	Snowing	
29. M.	[I] made a linen cover for [the] easy chair[.]	4
30. T.	John [has been] hauling wood[.He took [a] load down [to Aunty's[.] Ag & I [were]in Clinton[-] good sleighing[.] Father [was] in Clinton & [he was] at the [S.S. #1 annual] school meeting[. He] bought Bella's kiefor Trunk[.]	3
	Soft	
31. W.	Agnes made B[ella] 2 aprons[.]I [was] topsewing shirts[.] ¹¹	4
	Thaw	

1. Check the few entries for 1890 begun on the end of the 1889 sheets. Mr Davis the Clinton hardware and stove merchant had installed a furnace in the MacFarlane house, and had made some sort of trade-in or sale by consignment deal for the wood stoves that had formerly heated the rooms. They brought in the parlor stove on the 4th.
2. See more detail entry (date) and footnote #
3. John Barkley (1849-1921) was Jim's older brother. He lived his whole life in Ashfield Township.
4. Perhaps this was the splendid photo of the five MacFarlane siblings, by H. Foster Studios in Clinton.
5. Not sure if she refers to the house N. of John Stewart's, where Agnes Stewart lived, or to the Fraser home on Con 3.
6. I'm guessing that she's referring to the patent rail fence. One had to pay a fee to erect one.
7. The Legislative Assembly of Ontario was dissolved on April 26, 1890 and a general election took place on June 11. The provincial Liberals held power without interruption from 1871 to 1905. With only a week to go, things have been left rather late. Don Glen said that the disappointed candidate was favoured by the Liberals in that corner of the riding and he ran as an independent. The Conservatives including Stewart's and MacFarlane's voted in sympathy for the independent. When James and John Stewart and James MacFarlane met on the way to vote, MacFarlane said in his Scots burr "We're all Grits today!" Thomas Fraser is said to have feigned an attack of lumbago to avoid working for Bishop. See 1897 P.G. & New Era
8. Isabella is taking a summer course, probably at the Clinton Model School. The cryptic references suggest that her sisters took turns driving her in, doing errands in town, and picking her up. We are never told the hours, but in those days before air conditioning, it was considered prudent (Isabel Glen told me) to schedule summer classes of any sort early in the day and end them by noon or 1 P.M. We find out on Aug 14 that she passed.
9. The Spears were pioneers in the neighbourhood and then they moved away to Highgate in Kent County. Malcolm McEwen's daughter Margaret married Will Spear.
10. This is not Elizabeth McEwen (1881-1976) later Mrs R.Y. MacLaren. That Elizabeth was the daughter of Malcolm McEwen. The Elizabeth referred to here was
11. Don Glen told me that all shirts -particularly work shirts were made by the women until well into the 20th Century.

Date

January, 1891

1. T. ...at Uncle James 6
Poured Rain
All Day
2. F. Frozen 8
3. S. Bella walked to Varna today[;She] starts teaching on the 5th.¹ Clear 8
4. S. Shower 8
Snow
5. M. Mother & Jane at Isards 6
6. T. Clear 9
7. W. 6
8. T. I [was] in Clinton [in the] buggy[.] Sold 2 cows to Sr. Smith[.] Beautiful 8
Weather
9. F. Went for Bella [in Varna]in[the]buggy[.] Tom Wigg[inton] here all night[.] 7
10. S. Jane walked to Clinton[.] Agnes & I were down at Aunty's* [in the] evening [-] moving [her] stove[.] Mild 11
* Aunt Agnes lived in a cabin just north of the John Stewart house.
11. S. Jane & Bella in Church[.] Bella got 2 teeth pulled[.] John took Bella to Varna [in the] evening[.] Cold wind 7
Showers of snow
thawed
12. M, Father at Wigginton's cutting[.] Mac at [the] barn[.] Blustery 8
13. T. Father at Smiths [in Buggy] A.M. John at Glen's cutting[.] Ada [Stewart here] for dinner.Jane & Ag at Glen's quilting. 9
Snowing
14. W. Hooking [-] pegged border [of] mat[.] 9
15. T. John in Clinton [this] evening on Bob[.] [I worked] at [the] mat[.] Warmer 10
Cloudy
16. F. Hugh Gilmour [here] all night[.] Bella home.[.] [The] spotted heifer calved[.] [I] Finis[hed the] mat[.] Clear & 4
cold
17. S. Francis Hamilton [here] P.M. for tea[.] [I] started log cabin quilt again[.] Clear 7
& Milder
wh[ite]
Frost
18. S. Agnes & I in Church (Edge Methodist)* Augusta Diehl [rode] home with us[.] Nice 2

* Eliza-Ann's shorthand for the clergy & his affiliation.Today's preacher was probably the Rev. Mr Edge, a Methodist.The regular Minister was the Rev. Alex Stewart,who served at Willis Presbyterian 1878-1912.

January, 1891

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19. M. Father & John took up fat cows[.]I [went to] Clinton [in the] buggy[.] 6
Silver Thaw
20. T. Mrs Finley [McEwen].....Mrs Duncan [McEwen].....baby Anna-Belle McEwen... & Malcolm McEwen [here P.M.] 4
Nice, Soft
21. W. Father in Goderich[.] Agnes at Cairns all night[.] Mother & I [took the buggy into] Clinton[.] Mrs Innis asking [women neighbours] to rag bee[.] 7
Blustery
22. T. Jane & I At Innis's bee[.] Father with Mac at Walker's sale[.] John [was] in Clinton [in the] cutter. 3
Frozen a little
23. F. Carrie Grant here in sulky[.] Jane went for Bella [in the] cutter[.] 15
Snowed a little
24. S. Mr John Sr. & Jr. & Mr Hugh Sr. & Jr here Jr. here for dinner[.]* Malcolm Taylor here[.] Father in Clinton[.] 5
Nice

*probably McGregors or Junors

25. S. Jane & Bella [went to] Church [in the] cutter[.]John drove Bella over[to Varna] P.M. 11
Nice, warm
26. M. H. Gilmour Sr. & Jr. [here] for dinner[;] father [was] at G. Elliot's with them[.] Good Sleighing[!] 13
Snowed
27. T. John & Jane went [to visit] the Cuming's, Elliot's and Brigham's on the]other side [of] Blythe[in the] cutter [with] Bob[.] Sandy Ross here[.] 8
Soft
28. W. John home at dinner.Took logs to Trick's Tricks [sawmill] P.M. Taylor from Kippen [here] for dinner[.] J. Rattenbury and Varco from Carlow here[.] 9
W. Frost
Nice
29. T. Aunty came up to go to Clinton[and]stay- ed all night[.] John [was] at [the] mill [and] fetched home [the] lumber [sawn from the] logs[.] 8
Soft
Raining
30. F. Father walked in[to] Clinton.Bella walk- ed home [from Varna. We both were] in at Aunty's[.] 8
Frozen
Softer P.M.
31. S. Aunt Agnes & I were in Clinton[with the] buggy[.] Father walked to Dunkins[.] 7
Raining

February, 1891

1. S. Agnes & I[were]in Church(Murry(sic) from London [for the] Anniversary Church[ser- vice]). 7
Soft, Flurries
Freezing
2. M. Agnes washed [clothes] & I cleaned [the] hen house[.] 18
Flurries & wind
3. T. I [was] down at Aunty's P.M. 7
Blustery
Rained at Mid-night
4. W. John went to Grange Social[.]² (Stanley Beauty's calf) 14
Stormy
5. T. Agnes in Clinton (cutter scraping)[.]* J[ohn] Dunkin here [in] sleigh[.] Cover- ed** kitchen lounge[.] 8
Milder*
** upholstered?

6. F. [I] went [to Varna] for Bella[.] Jane came home [from Hullett and Morris Townships[.] Mild 7
7. S. Jane finis[hed] covering her shoe box[.] Mild 8
8. S. Jane & Bella [went to] Church in [the] cutter[.] John took Bella over[to Varna.] Mild 8
9. M. Bob Pearson (C) Thaw, then frost 8
10. T. Agnes walked to Clinton (indecipherable) at Wigg[inton's] P.M. Jane & John at Aunt's[.] Dunkin here[.] James Gilmour buried[.]* 12
Frozen Slippy
- *Gilmour's (sometimes spelled Gilmore) lived on Lot 22 Con III. The Hugh Gilmour family had lived on Lot 23, but had 10 years earlier gone to the North-West (Moose Jaw) The John Gilmour family remained. Three unmarried children occupied the farm for many years - Mary, Hugh and Bob.
11. W H. Gilmour Jr. here[.] Willie Ross (C indecipherable). Father went to London, Glanworth, etc. Willie Glen went for K. Eddicoffer(sic)[.] 10
Soft to Sun
12. T. R. Beacom & W. Cox here[.] Mother & Jane in Clinton[with the] buggy[.] Father [returned] home[.] 6
13. F. Father [went] to Brucefield[;] I [went] to McGregor's[.] Jane & I [were] at Finley's P.M. 16
14. S. Bessie Glen born [to Willie and Lizzie.]³ Bella [was] home at dinner [and] the 5 of us [were] at Mac's [this] evening[.] 10
15. S. Agnes & I [went to] Church in [the] buggy[.] U[n]cle James here[.] John took Bella [to Varna.] Cold wind Thawing 15
16. M. Aunt Agnes & I [were] in Clinton calling on the Herbison's[.] Thawing 13
17. T. Dunkin [McEwen] & Thomas [Fraser] here[.] Jane & I [were] at Glen's [this] evening; I stayed all night[.] John at mill with chop[.] 12
Frozen, Soft very high wind
18. W. John at mill for chop[.] Blustering 15
19. T. Aunt Mary [Stewart] here for dinner[.] Mother at Glen's[.] Ida [Stewart] was here for tea[.] Father [was] in Clinton[.] Bella went to Exeter from Varna[.] Aunt [has] gone to Green's[;]⁴ U[n]cle John [Stewart] took her[.]
20. F. John & Jane went to Brucefield for Bella[.] 14
Pouring Rain
21. S. Jane & I [were] in Church (Henderson Bayfield)[.] Father at Coopers with MacLean[.] John H. [McEwen] (Dunk's & C) here[.]
22. S. Jane & I in Church (Stewart) Hard froze Blustering 22

23. M. 1st lambs E. & B. Hawkshaw here[;]
Mrs John Pearson here P.M. Soft 17
24. T. Yesterday 2nd Lambs 2 ewes 3rd
Pouring 21
Rain
25. W. Mac in [here;] Father went to J. Gilmour's
with him [in the] even[ing.] John & Ned
went to hear Porter speak[.] Rathwell's
bridge[has] a bent(sic) gone out of it[.] Soft 18
Hard Froze
26. T. 4th lambs 3 Blustery 16
27. F. 5th - 1 -R[am] John at Glen's cutting[.]
Bella home[.] Tin peddler here[;] bought
3 pails Cold 26
28. S. John in Clinton on Bob Snowy 13

March, 1891

1. S 6th Hawkshaw / big one / Near zero 19
2. M. 7th & 8th / had 2 & / died the others
was dead[.] Radcliffe & somebody bought
body bought 5 highland sheep[.] Sunshiny 21
Cold
3. T. 9th 2 C. McTavish P.M. Snowing 23
4. W. 10th - 2 Bright 19
5. T. 11th - 2 / 12th Old Longface 2 / 13th
- 2 / Father [went] with [the] Glen's
[in the] sleigh to vote[.]* John in Clin-
ton [at] night[.] Beauty calved[.] 15
- *Dominion election: This was Sir
John A. Macdonald's last victory.
His death weeks later on June 6
went unnoted by E.A. McF.
6. F. I [went to] Clinton in [the] cutter[.] Snowing 16
& blowing
7. S. Hawkshaw 2 / 2 big ones Bella home A.M.
Tenie [and] K. Eddicoffer over [in the]
evening[.] 16
8. S. Sheep lambed [at] night [-] had another
[lamb] dead before morn[ing.] The 4th
Hawk - 2 Thawing 15
rain
snowed a little
9. M. Churchill, Mac & James Dunkin here[.] Fa- Frozen 14
ther at Glen's [in the] evening[.]
10. T. Finis[hed] covering parlor chairs. Ada Thawed 18
[was] in [this] evening on [her] way from a little
Glen's[.]
11. W. Lizzie & Ida Thompson here[.] Father 18
walked to Clinton[.] A sheep lambed 2 Thawing
(m 68) I think[.]
12. T. Mother & I [went to] Clinton in [the] bug- 16
gy[.] Tom Wigg[inton] here all night[.] I Nice Soft
found the 1st goose egg[.]
13. F. John in Lonsborough(sic) with Highland Stormy 15
sheep[.]
14. S. Donald Ross['es] funeral⁵ Father went over 16
to Churchill's[.] Bella walked home[.]

15. S. John took Bella to [the B]ayfield road in [the] cutter[.] Blustery 21
No Snow
16. M. Started quilting Jane's old bias blocked quilt[.] Reid from Maine here[.] Ag & I at Glen's [in the] even[ing.] 14
17. T. Finished [Jane's quilt.] Beatie & Tough[, the] assessor[,] here all night[.] Hawkshaw, Wigginton & Dunkin here[.] John took [Hawkshaw] to Clinton[.] 19
18. W. Father & Beatie at Wigginton's & he drove them to Innis['s] & Dunkin's[.] Aunty back from Green's[.] M[alcolm McEwen & Peter Baird [were] here[.] I [was] at school[.] I started quilting Ag's finer quilt[.] Soft 15
Snowing
19. T. Churchill here with cow[.] Jane [went to] Clinton in [the] cutter[.] Big Ewe lambed Nice 20
cold wind
20. F. W[illiam] Scott here on horseback collecting for missions[.] I finis[hed] Agnes['s] quilt[.] Aunty [was] up [here.] Thaw 21
21. S. Fred Rathwell⁶ & Fen[wick] here[.] in [the] even[ing.] Bella home[; She] stayed all night at Uncle James'[.] Thaw 17
22. S. Jane took Bella a piece[.] Thaw 14
23. M. Father at Wigg[inton's.] Tom here [this] even[ing; he took a pair of] hens to take to Beatie[.] Started Bella's quilt[.] Thaw 20
24. T. Jane at Wigg[inton's] P.M. & all night[.] W. McQueen Sr. buried⁷ Nice 21
Slight frost at night
25. W. Finis[hed] Bella's quilt[.] Varcoe here[; He] bought 2 pure bred heifers[.] John [took the] buggy [to the] mill for chop & drove Varcoe[.] Hauled in load of hay from stack to Clinton[.] Nice 15
26. T. Father walked to Clinton[.] Jane went for Bella[.] Cold 21
east wind
27. F. Mac[was] in[.] Father went to [the] Far[m] Ins[urance] Bu[reau] meeting [in] Bruce- Good Friday Sleet & S Y
field with him[.] John went P.M.[.] Ag & Bella went to Grants[.] Annie & Ida Stewart here P.M. Finished making 4 shirting petticoat [illegible.]
28. S. Hugh McGregor & Mrs McGinnis here[.] Bella & I [went to] Clinton in [the] buggy[.] Beautiful 18
29. S. Agnes & I [went to] Church in [the] buggy[,] (Ramsay) Mr & Mrs Wigginton here[.] Bessie calved[,] Jane & Bella said they heard a frog[.] Nice 43
30. M. I went to McGregor's after Mary Grace[.] Bella went back to Varna[.] Clear 26
31. T. Shore 1st sheep (the yearling billy) Last yearling lambed (dead) Making blue print skirt of drapery[.] Rain 0

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|-----|----|--|--------------------------|----|
| 1. | W. | Jane & I at Glen's quilting[.] Father & John at Holmesville with heifers[.] Ada & Jessie here for dinner [and] Jessie all night[.] | Nice Showers | 22 |
| 2. | T. | Making sunbonnet[.] Agnes helping to clean grist[.] | Nice Showers | 27 |
| 3. | F. | John was at [the] mill in Clinton [with] grist[.] Jno. Junor [just] back from the O[ld] C[ountry] walked home with John[.] Bella home[.] Mending bags all day[.] | Snowing | 34 |
| 4. | S. | Agnes in Clinton[-] got Stamp Patt's[.] John [went] for grist[.] Jennie Grant here P.M. Made Bec Mitts & cut out skirting [for] skirt[.] | Nice cold wind | 26 |
| 5. | S. | I walked [to] church (Stewart)[.] McTaggart died[.] Frogs singing[.] | Frost at night | 32 |
| 6. | M. | Father in Clinton[.] U[n]cle John's Annie [here] P.M. Jane dyed factory lining quilt shirting[.] | | 27 |
| 7. | T. | Agnes cleaning oats A.M. Livery man fetched telegram from Johnny about horses[.] Jane, Agnes & John at Mac's [and] Tom here all night[.] | Clear, cold | 16 |
| 8. | W. | I [was] in Clinton[.] Jane & I [were] at McTavish's P.M. John at Holmesville[.] Set geese (I think)[.] Femy calved red[.] | Clear Cool wind | 14 |
| 9. | T. | John in Brucefield at Dunkin's & C in cart[.] J[ohn] was in Clinton with [the] horse getting [it] shod P.M. Beatie [the] peddler from Varna called[.] | Dull Raw Rain night | 22 |
| 10. | F. | Finis[hed] ticking petticoat[.] Agnes went to Clinton to go to Thompson's[.] | Warm Showery Sun shining | 23 |
| 11. | S. | Bella & Mary Grace home[.] John & Mary in Clinton P.M. | Raining | 20 |
| 12. | S. | Highland sheep lambed 2 R[ams.] John took John took Bella part way on [the] gig[.] | Dull | 18 |
| 13. | M. | John [was] in Clinton[.] He went P.M. to Dunkin's with horse[.] Agnes home A.M. Jane took Mary to McGregor's | very warm . | 45 |
| 14. | T. | Father & John [were] at [the] Spring Show with Glenburn[.] Sprung & Askwith [were] at the show and were here all night[.] | Heavy Rain evening | 24 |
| 15. | W. | Sprung & Askwith bought Glenburn[.] Father in Clinton & John took up horse[.] Started quilting Jane's shirting quilt P.M. | Misty | 33 |
| 16. | T. | Lifted Churchill corn[?] A.M. Mac [here] P.M.[;] J. Dunkin [at] night[.] Jane [was] at Mac's [in the] evening for the [news]-papers[.] | Dull | 23 |
| 17. | F. | Finis[hed] quilting[.] Sparrow here taking [the 1891 Dominion] census [and stayed] for dinner[.] Father & John hauling in hay from stack[.] Bella home[.] | Beaut[iful] warm | 25 |

18. S. Beettie⁸(Sic) [of] Varna here[.] Showery 25
19. S. T. Wigginton & Bella Cuming & A[da] Stew- Nice 26
art⁹ called[.] warm
20. M. Mother & I [were] in Clinton[.] Mary Glen 56
[was]over[.]John plowing sod below water-
ing-place P.M.
21. T. Fencing A.M. Varnishing curtain Pole fix- 29
tures P.M. Jane house-cleaning [John's
stairway.]Jane[house-cleaning in the]par-
lor[.] I thought I heard swallows[.] D.
Ross (C)* I think today
- *(C) may be Eliza-Ann's code
for social calls paid her by interested males.
22. W. Agnes & I[were] in Clinton getting dress Warm 23
& jacket cut[.] Mac's kids and their
[hired] man [here] in [the] even[ing.]
John sowing peas[.]
23. T. Aunt up [here] dyeing her dress[. I] 24
shore 3 shearlings [-] the 2nd shearing Cool wind
this spring[.]Sprung & Askwith & [The Rev.
& Mrs]Stewart here[.]Jane, Ag & I [were]
at B[ob] Pearson's [for the] prayer-meet
ing[.]
24. F. Jane walked to Clinton for papers[.] Clear 16
Wiley here [-] Peddling for Morrow [of]
Varna[.] Bella home Hang curtains
25. S. Beettie peddler here[. I] shore big Bil- N.Wind 24
ly[.] Beaut[iful]
26. S. Jane & I [were]in church (Henderson Bay- Cool, 28
field)[.] Jane, Agnes, Ada & I in S[ab-
bath] School[.] Bella went back [in the]
even[ing.] nice wind
27. M. Mrs Glen Sr.[and] Annie Stewart(James') Warm 24
here[.]Mother at Mac's with Mrs Glen P.M. windy
Shore 2 sheep[.] Heard swallows[.]
28. T. Amelia Dunkin here[.] Lily[Stewart] over 30
from Glen's[.]I stitched [the] jacket[.]
29. W. [I] shore the 6th & last shearling & the 32
big ewe P.M. Aunt & Ma [were] at Glen's
[this] even[ing.]
30. T. Mother & I[were]in Clinton[.]Father[was] 19
at Finley McEwen's sale[.]¹⁰ Mother
got broadcloth dolman cut & fitted[.]

May, 1891

1. F. Father at Dunkin's all day shearing 22
sheep[.] Bella home P.M.Arbor Day* warm, windy
- * Students outdoors planting trees. Bella
got the afternoon off from teaching.
2. S. Jane & Bella [were] in Clinton[.][Bella] Warm 28
got [a] tooth pulled[.] Young cattle out Showery
all night[.] Fa[ther] & John fixed river
fence [helpedby?] Cronyn[.]
3. S. Agnes & I [were] in Church[.]The 5 of us Cold 12
and Ada were in S[abbath] School[.] Cows N.W. Wind
all out[.]

4. M. Bella went back[.] Old Lamey lambed & dead[.] Jane & Agnes out at Scott's[this] even[ing]with dorking eggs[.] Father & I shore sheep[.] T. Wigginton over[.] Cows all out[.] 16
5. T. Elizabeth McEwen here P.M. Mac over [at] Glen's [in the] morning[.] John in Clinton for grass seed P.M. Cattle all in[.] 24
Snowing
6. W. Aunt [was] up getting [a] basque fitted (the one she dyed)[.] John rolling[.] Yearling calf died (black heifer the one that was sick & slobbering)[.] Just[the] Milch [cows were kept] in [at night.] 22
Cold Wind
7. T. John in Clinton[with the]gig[.] Father & I shore 5 sheep[;] 2 [in the forenoon and] 3[in the afternoon]. Agnes finis[hed her]black cashmere skirt[.]Cows[are] all out[.] 29
Warmer
8. F. Mr & Mrs Foster over in the even[ing] with Bella¹¹ [I] shore 2 sheep A.M. Goslings clipping - 3 out - all there is left 19
Windy Warm
9. S. Started making vest 18
10. S. Jane, Agnes, Bella & I at [Sabbath] School[.] U[n]cle James here[.] 18
Showery
11. M. Jim Barkley [called] in on [the] way [and was] back for tea[.] Bella went back[.] Fen[wick] up for Roller & sorrel[.]D.Ross (C) Horses out all night[.] 13
Nice
12. T. Father at Varna [to] get buggy fixed [which cost] \$3.00[.] He also bought potatoes from Beatty [and a] late Rose[.] \$1.00 Mac (C) Mother walked over to Rathwell's[.]Father there P.M. Ja[ne] & Ag picking starw[berries]..... 14
N.W. Wind
13. W. Jane & Agnes finis[hed] picking straw[berries]s[.] D. Ross (C) Jane & Agnes [were] at Glen's [in the] even[ing.] 25
Rain Warm
14. T. Fat[her], Ja[ne], Ag & I planted 17 rows [of] potatoes[.] There is] 1 row to plant yet[.] Jane in Clinton[.] Mac's (C) 19
15. F. Tene, Bell[e] & Mrs Junor [were here this] evening[.] Ag shearing 6 sheep[.] 1 Sheep died to night (little Blackey's mother)[.] 18
Cooler Cold rain
16. S. Father in Clinton[.] W. & J. Cooper here[.] Bella Cuming [was here in the] even[ing.] Finis[hed] Jacket[.] 29
Cold N. Wind
17. S. Jane & Bella [were] in Church (Stewart) & I [was] in S[abbath] School[.] Bella went back [to] Varna[.] Agnes [was] at Glen's, U[n]cle James' & [Uncle] John's with B[ella] Cuming[.] John drove [Bella home][.] 16
18. M. Ag, Father & I [were] sowing carrots & onions A.M.(8 rows) John [sow]ed 24 rows [of] Mangels[.] Shearing sheep (shore 4) P.M. 14
Warmer

19. T. [I] Took [3 loads of] stones off [the] Pretty 23
clover with Father A.M. John Finis[hed] Warm
sowing mangels[.] [In the evening] John
[was] in Clinton [and] Father & I shore
2 sheep[.]
20. W. Jim's shearing A.M. Shore 2 Sawed &
took down braces to concession fence P.M. 47
& took in a little hay[.] John sick[.]
21. T. [We] put up [the] parlor window shades
last evening and A.M. to day[.] Agnes Very 18
finished her flower beds[.] Fencing Warm
with father P.M. Lizzie over P.M.
22. F. Father in Clinton A.M. Bella home[.] Showery
Fencing with father & John P.M. cooler 15
23. S. Fencing with father & John A.M. Aunty & Cool 18
& I [were] in Clinton P.M. clear
N. wind
24. S. Father & Mother at Church[.] I [am] Warmer 9
25. M. Mac (C) John Thompson here[.] Agnes Nice 21
at Uncle James, [the] river & Uncle
John's[.] Ag mending bags A.M.
26. T. Teen here all night[.] Took Farmer down Cold 17
to draw out their grain[.] Father at
Cooper's with Mac A.M.[and] at Dunkin's
for dinner[.] Ag & I mending bags all
day[.]
27. W. Father & John hauled 2 loads of wheat
to Clinton[.] Set out Bees hives[.] I Warmer 24
[was] mending [for half a] day[.]
28. T. Father at Brucefield to see about wool[.]
John hauling up old rails[.] A. Dunkin & " 15
Willie & Chester & Ada here[.] Jane went
home with Ada[.]
29. F. Father walked to Clinton[.] Set out 5th Pretty 18
hive (White)[.] warm
30. S. Mother & I in Clinton took Jessie her 9
turkey[.] We also] took a frame of honey
from the hive[.] Mr] Scott [of] Brucefield
[was] here[.] He] bought & took away [some]
wool[.]
31. S. Agnes & I [were] in Church (Gregg)[.] Four
of us [were in] S[abbath] School[.] Father 14
up at U[n]cle James' [in the] even[ing.]
Wilson here for eggs[.]

June, 1891

1. M. Father, Agnes & I [were] fencing between
Midd[leton's] A.M. [and were] draining an Pretty warm
outlet with W[illiam] Glen P.M. Lizzie
here & Dennison called [in the even[ing.]] 14
Looked in all Bee's [hives.]
2. T. [Continued work on drain outlet] All 21
day[.] John in Brucefield with dark filly
Cleaned my room A.M.

Inserted in pencil is Mac'd cp2)
Possibly it is a cryptic reference to the
Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald. He
had suffered a stroke in May, and would
die the night of June 6. It was known
that he was dying days before the end.
The MacFarlane's were Conservatives.

3. W. Father draining all day[.] John hauling Rain 11
manure these days[.] Mr & Mr [& Miss] cooler
Maud Scott¹² [were] here[this] evening[.]
4. T. Aunty & I [were] in Clinton[.] Father 11
finis[hed] draining A.M. Rain, cool wind
5. F. Father plowing Summer Fallow[;] John haul- 11
ing manure[.] I took [news] papers down to Cool wind
U[n]cle James* [in the] evening[.]
- *James Stewart was a fierce Conservative and was almost certainly devouring all the news he could get about the dying Conservative leader.
6. S. Kate foaled (filly). Father & John at 16
Tricks for lumber[.]
7. S. Jane & Bella in Church (Gregg) [Four of Warmer 13
us were] at S[abbath] School[.]
8. M. Father plowing[;] John hauling manure[.] Warm 13
I [was] fixing lining for [a] Gingham
dress[.] Bella got a ride over[to Varna]
with U[n]cle James[.]
9. T. Aunty up cutting her silk cape [and] Very 14
gingham[.] Jane [was] out at Mac's[this] Warm
even[ing.]
10. W. Father & Jane at Varcoe's[.] D. Ross, Mac Raining 13
& Charlie (C)
11. T. Father digging garden[;] Agnes & picked Very 12
[the] 1st [potato] bugs[.] Jack McGregor Warm
(C)
12. F. Father, Jane, Agnes & John at Isard's pic- Pretty 16
nic A.M. Bella home[.] Father planted some warm
cabbage(I think to day)[.]
13. S. Father at Spruogg's[.] I [was] in Clin- Very 14
ton[.] Planted some beans & corn[.] warm
Kitchen's letting jobs on road[.] * Mac's
(C)
- *Kitchen is pathmaster and "letting jobs" means assigning what tasks a farmer or his son or hired help must do in road repair and upkeep, under the provisions of the Statute Labour law. See below June 15 & 16.
14. S. Agnes & I [were] in Church (Stewart)[.] 9
4 S.S.* Mac's (C)
- * This is Eliza-Ann's shorthand for "The 4 of us were at Sabbath School (teaching)." The "four" were the MacFarlane sisters: Eliza-Ann, Jane, Agnes and Isabella MacFarlane. There is an unbreakable bond between these four exceptionally bright, hard-working and self-confident women that would endure for the five decades left to them. There was no aristocratic pretentiousness or snobbery here. Their Christian convictions guide them and they let their accomplishments speak for themselves. When John is also involved, Eliza-Ann speaks of "The of us."
15. M. Bella went back [to Varna]. Father, Agnes 18
& I at potaoes all day(clearing)[.] John
at road work[.]

16. T. Father in Clinton A.M. [He] got 1 bee box[.] Agnes & I hoeing potatoes all day[.] John [was doing] road work A.M. [He had] Adam [Stewart] helping him[.] 14
17. W. Finis[hed] potatoes & planted turnips A.M. Cooler 14
Aunty [was] up [here] fixing the collar on her cape[.] Father & Agnes dipping lambs P.M. Fen[wick] was here all night[.]
18. T. I [was] in Clinton & fetched home 2[more] B[ee] Boxes[.] Father [was] digging [in the] yard [and] planted cabbage[.] Caught skunk[.] Some 11
19. F. Father, Agnes & I [were] dipping lambs A.M. Cool 10
[16 lambs & 2 sheep were done. Father a little planted more cabbage] & [was] over at Cro- rain
nyn's P.M. Jane went for Bella [and] took Mary Glen [along for the ride.] Mrs Henry Diehl & [her] 2 children, [Erma and Fannie, were] here [this] evening[.]
20. S. Jane & Bella walked into Clinton[.] John Rain 0
[went] in [the] cart[.] Father digging A.M. Churchill [was] over with horse[.] Father [was] at [a] sawing bee at Mac's P.M. [I] painted 16 [Bee] boxes 1st coat(sic)[.]
21. S. Jane & Bella in Church[.] Jane & I in S[abbath] S[chool]. 13
22. M. Father finis[hed] digging [the] garden[.] We planted beans, corn & cabbage[.] Painted 3 B[ee] Boxes 2 coats[.] Agnes & I were picking strawberries[.] It [was the] 1st picking [and we] got 4 1/2 lbs[.]
23. T. John in Brucefield (filly)[.] Father Cool wind 12
scuffling potatoes A.M.
24. W. N[ed] Glen hauling manure[.] Jane & I Very Warm 0
[were] at Grant's P.M. [We took the] buggy[.]
25. T. John at Glen's[.] Father & I [were] cleaning potatoes all day & Ag helped P.M. 22
Jane & Agnes got 3 1/2 lbs [of] berries A.M.
26. F. Father in Clinton[.] Jim Junor & [his] wife [were] here [this] evening[.] Fixing muslin dress[.] Bella home.....
27. S. Mother, Jane & I [were] in Church (McMil- Warmer 12
len - Student Seaforth)[.]
28. S. Father, Mother, Jane & I in Church (Stewart)[.] Jane [was] down at Aunty's [in the] evening[.] 10
29. M. Aunts Agnes & Abby & Mother [have] gone to Smith's Falls¹³[.] Father took Mother Hot &
to Clinton[.] Bella went back[.] Finley very dry
[McEwen called. Today a W[hole] H[ive] Swarmed[.] The] 1st swarm came out 2 weeks ago-fast[!]
30. T. Jane went for Bella[.] She is home for 25
[the summer] holidays. Whittingham & Jimmy Ross called[.]

1. W. Agnes, Mary & I picking strawberries[.] Mac & Wiley here[.] Mac's called in the evening[.] John [was] in Clinton [with the] cart[.] [I] pulled [a] pail [of] gooseberries[.] [I] washed & ironed the "Roses" muslin dress pettico[a]t[.] Finished hauling manure[.] Showers
Last night
hot
17
2. T. Pulled Gooseberries & Cherries[.] John in Clinton A.M. and Mowing P.M. Hot
15
3. F. Pouring Rain All Day 15
4. S. I [was] in Clinton A.M. Father in Brucefield p.m. [and] got 15 lbs of yarn. McGregor's and Dunkin's[here.] Jane [was] at [Uncle James' [this] evening[.] Ag & Bella [were] at Glen's[.] Cold Wind
Showery
23
5. S. Agnes & I in Church (Livingston - Methodist.) Jane stayed home from Sabbath School[.] T. Wigginton was here and Fenwick[was here in the] even[ing]. Cool Wind
25
6. M. A[gnese] & I picked[potato] bugs A.M. Father & Agnes at roots P.M. John mowing all day[.] Showery
20
7. T. U[n]cle James [was here] for dinner[.] J. Scott (C) Cold
even
17
8. W. John mowing at Smith's[;] Bella in Clinton[.] All 4 of us pulling cherries A.M. Coleing hay P.M. Thurs[day] A.M. Maggie's 1st boy died[.]* Cool
windy
21
*?
9. T. Fa[ther] Ag & I weeding mangolds A.M. A. Dunkin [was] at Glen's [this] morning[.] John & us colering hay P.M. Nice
17
10. F. Hauling in hay all day (8 loads)[.] Jane in Clinton P.M. D. Ross (C) Nice
warm
29
11. S. Hauled in 5 loads [of hay. We] Finished the field in front of door & [the one at] Smith's*[.] Bella finished her net dress[.] Bella Cuming came down with Uncle John [Stewart] & J[im] Barkley[.] Jane preserved jam [made from] yellow Raspberries[.] 23

*rented field Lot 24 Con III
12. S. Jane & Bella in Church(Stewart)[.] Bella Cuming was in S[abbath] S[chool.] Agnes & Bella at home went to Varna[.] Very warm
18
13. M. Coleing hay A.M. [We] hauled in 4 loads [from the shanty field[.] Bella picnicking at Bayfield[.] Very
warm, slight
shower even-
[ing]
19
14. T. Bella, Agnes & I picked berries P.M. & even[ing]. Raining
16
15. W. Mrs Foster & Mr & Mrs George Dunkin & kid here ([and] at Glen's for cherries)[.] Dull
drizzling P.M.
16
16. T. [We] Hauled in 4 loads [of hay.] Jane & Agnes picked berries[.] Father in Clinton for Mother*A.M. Bella & I took honey from [the] 2 hives [that housed last year's 1st swarms.] Nice
warm
14

* back from 2 weeks in Smith's Falls.

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Right - an article
in the *London Free
Press*, Sat. Jan ,
1961 commemorating
the 100th anniversary
of the start of his
career.

Below a studio
portrait of his
family done by H.
Foster, Clinton.
Baird married
Janet Cameron in
1865 and they had
6 sons and a daugh-
ter. The portrait
was probably done
in 1889, the year
John left for good
to live in Moose
Jaw.

Reverse See the
30th anniversary
photograph taken
of the Master with
past and present
pupils. The major-
ity of those in the
picture are mention-
ed in the Diary.

'Master Baird' Remembered For Unique Teaching Career

By A. E. GARDNER

The present month marks the centennial of the beginning of one of Western Canada's most unique teaching careers. We recall that the late George Baird — that of presiding over school in one rural section of Stanley Township for 50 years.

"The Master Baird" as he has often been referred to, taught for 10 years in the frame school on the southwest corner of the crossroads then for 25 years in the present building (also frame) on the northeast corner.

Mr. Baird left off of teaching there Sept. 22, 1910. Some of the pupils at the time were the grandchildren of his father's student.

Mr. J. Stanley, known as "Baird's School" and still occasionally referred to as such.

On the last day of Mr. Baird's tenure a photo was taken by the late Valentine M. Diehl. Shown are Mr. Baird, Malcolm McKee, a trustee, Mrs. John McKee, Dr. Miss Annie Stewart and James McKee, thus including three generations of students — Mr. McKee, his daughter, Miss McKee, and her son James.

It might be noted here that William D. Oiler, who was born in 1845 on a farm on the west side of the main road south of Clinton was once a pupil of Mr. Baird. He later became Major-General Oiler of Northwest Rebellions fame. His death occurred in 1929.

George Baird, The Master, died Feb. 17, 1918 at



MASTER GEORGE BAIRD
— 50 Years for 50 Years

The age of 75 years is in Baird's Century. Although born in Scotland, Mr. Baird spent most of his life in the Baird homestead on the 1st of Stanley Township. He is still in the area.



Rear, Standing, L to R Alex D. (1882 - ?), Robert (1873-1967), John (1869-1964) and Peter (1870- ?).
Front, seated William (1878-1958), Janet (Mrs Baird), Christena Baird (1871-1959), George Baird and George Thomas (1873-1963).



17. F. [We] hauled in 9 loads [of hay and are finished in the field]below [the]barn[.] Bella Cuming [was]here P.M. 16
18. S. Father [was] in Clinton for [binder] twine[.] John finished mowing[.]I]finished making [my] gingham dress[.] Slight Showers 16
19. S. Agnes & I in Church (Stewart)[.] Cool wind slight shower 19
20. M. Jane in Brucefield[;] Dunkin's & Gilmour's with Bella Cuming[.] We] finished haying (hauled in 4 loads[.] D. Fred (C) Fine 15
21. T. John, Agnes & I cutting wheat[.] Father Jane & Bella weeding roots[.]B[ella]Cuming, U[n]cle John's & us down at Aunty's[.] Aunty here[;] McRoberts was here all night[.] Warm 17
22. W. Jane, Agnes & I[were]stooking all day[.] Father [had Mr] W.Snell &[his] wife here [this] evening[.] 12
23. T. Agnes & I finis[hed] stooking [and then worked at]weeding turnip A.M.& P.M. Bella & I [were] at Glen's [this evening;] Dunkin & Mac[were here.]Beetie[was here] all night Very warm 12
24. F. Jane & I [were]picking berries A.M. Took [a] frame of honey from the w[est] hive[.] Agnes & Bella [were] in Clinton[.] Father at Coopers A.M. & weeding [tur]nips P.M. D. McEwen (C) Cool wind 10
25. S. Father, Ag & I [were] weeding mangols[.] Jane & Bella [were]at U[n]cle James' and Ag & I [were] at Aunty's[.] 16
26. S. Jane & Bella [were] in Church(Stewart).[.] J. McGregor, T. Wigginton, [the] Scott boys (C) Slight shower cool wind 8
27. M. Father, Agnes & I [finished] hoeing mangols[.] Jo[h]n & I hauled in 1 load [of] wheat[.] Nice 10
28. T. Hauled in 6 loads [of] wheat[.]Mother & Jane in Clinton[.] Nice 10
29. W. Raking A.M.Father & John at Glen's threshing P.M. I picked 5 lbs [of] berries[.] Rain 14
30. T. Hauled in 2 loads after supper[.] Agnes in Clinton[.] Dull, fine 10
31. F. Hauled in 4 loads[of sheaves] & 1 of rakkings[.] Bella Cuming & us down at U[n]cle John's [in the] even[ing.] Fine 10

August, 1891

1. S. Jane[was] at Wigg[inton's] & Bella [was] in Clinton[,where she]got 4 teeth out[.] John & Agnes by Brucefield at McGregor's & J. Junor's[.] Father & John[were] helping Ned [Glen] to finish [the] wheat[.] Dull Slight shower 21
2. S. Father & Mother in Church (Straith)[.] Mary Glen [was] in S[abbath] s[chool.] 1 swarm [of bees] off (1st brown swarm last year)[.] Cool 10

3. M. Threshing P.M. I picked [a] little pail [of] rasp[berrie]s A.M. Fine 13
4. T. Ag & I picked a pail of thimbles & 1/2 [of] a little one of rasp[berrie]s A.M. 17
John at Woon's threshing P.M. Father Jane & Bella in Clinton P.M.
5. W. Swarm off(sic) bees left (the one that swarmed [on the] Sabbath)[.] Bella got teeth _____ Father & John in Clinton with load of wheat A.M. & Father & Bella with [me were back in Clinton] P.M.* 39
John at Ned's threshing P.M. * Is Bella getting dentures or a partial plate?
6. T. Swarm off [the] same hive again[.] Agnes & I picking berries A.M. I picked[half a pail of] Rasp[berrie]s[.] They scuffled some[.] John & they cleaning wheat[.] I washed[.] D. McEwen 2(C)'s N. & J. McGregor (C) Very Warm 12
7. F. Cutting peas P.M. Father in Brucefield[.] John & Jane in Clinton with a load of wheat[.] Jessie calved[.] Very Warm 19
8. S. Finished making old yellow Aprons[.] Cut [a] road around oats[.] Bella & I picked berries [in the] evening[.] Showery 13
Very Warm
9. S. Agnes & I in Church (Needham/Egmondville)[.] U[n]cle James's girls & Lilly [were here for tea[.] Rain with hurricane wind blew down the Russel[l]*fence[and a lot of other fences.] 13
*a type of rail fence
10. M. Agnes & I stooking oats P.M. Jane & Bella picking brambles A.M. Very warm 14
11. T. [We f]inis[hed] cutting [the] 1st field [of] oats (next to U[n]cle John's) A.M. 11
Cutting peas P.M.
12. W. J. Butchart (C) Cutting peas all day[.] John in Clinton A.M. getting [the] pea machine mended[.] Nice & cool wind 19
13. T. Cutting peas all day [-] Finis[hed.] Father at Wigg[inton's.] J. Cooper & McRoberts here[.] Mrs Dunkin called[.] Bella holding lambs for father[.] Warm 16
14. F. [Father & John were in Brucefield to deliver 23 lambs to McRoberts.]* Rain 17
*The entry is very confused -this is what she was trying to say.Eliza-Ann was probably very tired.
15. S. Father in Clinton[.] Jane, Agnes & I [were] stooking next to Mac's bush Warm, Mist Heavy dew 16
16. S. Jane & Bella in Church (Sommerville)[.] Nice Showers 13
17. M. Took Bella to Varna[.]Stooking P.M. Jane & Agnes [stooking] all day below watering place[.] Nice warm 17

18. T. Finis[hed] cutting[.] [We] hauled in 2 loads [of] peas[.] Jane picked [a] pail [of] berries [this] even[ing]. Pretty warm 18
19. W. Hauled in 6 loads[of] peas[.] Father put [the]horses[in]to Smith's cloverfield[.] Jane [was] at [the] school house select- ing [books for the Sabbath School] lib- rary[.]¹⁴ Nice 16
20. T. [We hauled in 4 loads of peas and are] finis[hed.] Jane picked [a] little pail [of] berries[.] Very Warm 29
Rain Evening
21. F. Milked sheep[.] Aunty up back from Green's[.] Bella home[.] Raining 17
22. S. Agnes and Bella in Clinton. Macs and J. McEwen [called.] Father put shingles on [the]barn[.] Father & Mother[went]visit- ing by Brucefield[.] John plowing P.M. Fine 17
Nice
23. S. Agnes & I[were]in Church(Sommerville)[.] ville)[.] Cool,Rain 11
in even[ing] & [at] night
24. M. Killed Jessie[.] N[eil] McGregor (C) Mac here[.] John plowing[.] Rain 10
25. T. Jane & John in Clinton[.] Father & John putting the manure on[the] pea land[.]Fa- ther and John were] plowing[in the]even- [ing. Uncle James's] Annie [was] here[.] Fine 22
26. W. Hauled in (4?)loads of oats P.M. Pulling plumbs(sic) A.M. Jane in Clinton P.M. Bella home[.] 17
27. T. [Hauled in 10 loads of oats P.M.] Jane gone to[Cousin Alice] Parke's with Bella from school[.] Dull 27
sprinkled
28. F. [I] started making father's vest[.] Jane [came] back[;] John [was] in Clinton[.] Raining 14
29. S. Father and u[n]cle James [were] at Wises A.M. & [at] J. Middleton's[in the] even- [ing] for seed wheat.¹⁵ Fine 14
30. S. Sprinkled 15
31. M. Hauled in 7 loads of oats[.] Teen [here] for dinner[.] Fine 20

September, 1891

1. T. Hauled in 2 loads[;]Finis[hed]Harvest[.] Beautiful 14
Mother & I picking brambles[.]
2. W. I [was] in Clinton A.M.and called on Mrs Wilson[.]Took down drain troughs to Rath- well's P.M.[.] Nice 13
Slight shower
3. T. Father in Clinton[.] Father helping John haul manure[.]Agnes at U[n]cle James'[.] 16
4. F. Bella home Nice 18
cool
5. S. Teen helping at wheat land. Bella & I in Clinton[; Bella] got a tooth pulled. Raining 16

6. S. Jane & I in Church[.] Fen[wick] was here Cold wind 15
all night[.]
7. M. I [was] in Clinton with Father[;He] left
for Quebec[.]U[ncl]e James' Annie here[.] 15
Annie here[.]
8. T. Teen here[.] Puttyed window[.] Nice cool 13
night.Frost
9. W. Jane & Agnes [were] at Finley's P.M. &
[at] Mac's [in the] evening[.] Bella
home[.] Fen[wick] was here[.] all day[.]
10. T. [Fenwick]at Beacom's threshing[.]U[ncl]e Warm 28
James [was] up [this] morn[ing.] I [was]
rolling A.M. [I] lengthened Johns Coat
Sleeves.[John was in Clinton.]Bella[was]
in Clinton [at a Teacher's Convention.]
John finished [the] Wheat [in the] even-
[ing.]
11. F. Washed[.] John & Fen[wick] shot 2 part- Warm 31
ridge[and were] in Clinton [in the]even-
[ing.]
12. S. Father home with Balbougie Stamp chick- 12
ens, [a] new [type, just]out[.] John & I Very Warm
[were]in Clinton P.M. [Annie and Fenwick Showery
Stewart],Jo[h]n,Ag & Bel[l]a[were] pick-
ing butternuts & grapes[.]
13. S. More chickens [delivered today.] Agnes & Nice 14
I [were] in Church[; Clergy were] Hen- Warm
derson & Cripple [from] Bayfield[.]
14. M. Father [went] in[to] Clinton [with] Jess Showery 15
[in the] buggy[.] John [was] light plow-
ing oat stubble[. At home we were] Clean-
ing [the] Cellar[.Father was] at S[amuel]
Rathwell's¹⁶ seeing W[illiam] Perdue[.]
15. T. Cleaned 2 1/2 bags of oats A.M. Father Heavy Rain
took them to the mill P.M. Picking Pota- Fine 15
toes [six rows] P.M.
16. W. Picking potatoes all day (6 1 1/2rows)[.] Fine 15
Father & Mother at the Mason's[;]* came Warm
home by Parkes[.]**Will[ia]m Scott [came]
asking Ma to [a] quilting bee tomorrow[.]
- * probably stone mason Alex. Thompson of Blake, on
the south boundary of Stanley. (See entry for
Oct 17.
- ** The Parke home place was on Lot 12 Con X
17. T. We [were] [picking pota[toes] all day[and Very warm 0
finished the last six rows.]Jane in Clin-
ton P.M.[Mother at Scott's quilting bee.]
18. F. Agnes & I pulled 2 bags of apples[.] Heavy 24
I [was] in Clinton P.M. Mrs Wigginton Rain
here[.] Father pulling down old Hen
house[.] Russell fence blew down[;] They
[are] helping to put it up[.]
19. S. Agnes hauling down old Hen-house with Fa- Fine 4
ther P.M. Bella in Clinton[.] Very warm
20. S. Father & Mother in Church Fine 3
Very warm
21. M. Aunt [Agnes] & I went to Blythe to [visit Fine 4
with the Cuming's.] T. Wigginton here[.] Very warm

22. T. [Aunty and I visited at Brigham's. Wig- Fine 17
ginton's called here. To-day, W.G. Barc- Very warm
lay, a photographer, in honour of The
Master's impending 30th anniversary
as a teacher at S.S. #1 Stanley, took
his picture in front of the north
wall of the school [with about 60
past and present students. Mother and
Father] got [Barclay to come here and
do our] house Photo[.]
23. W. [Aunty and I visited at Elliots.] Father, Fine 24
Jane & Jno. at London Show[.] * Agnes took Very warm
them down [to the train station] & went
for them [on their return. She] took Mrs
Junor up with her[.]
- *London's annual Western Fair
24. T. Aunty and I [were] at Fergusson's [We came] Fine 13
home to night. [The] Master* [was here] with very warm
sheep[.]
- * SS #1 Teacher
George Baird
25. F. I [worked] at the Sabbath School quilt at Fine 13
Gilmour's P.M. A Mitchell here[.] T. Frazer Very warm
[here] with sheep[.] Bella home[.] Jane &
Agnes picked butternuts[.] Fa[ther] & Jno
in Clinton for lime[.]
26. S. Father in Clinton with Mac A.M. & [with] Fine 6
Jane P.M. U[n]cle James here[.] Father & Very
John fixing show sheep[.] warm
27. S. Jane & Bella in Church (Stewart)[.] Father Fine 8
Father at Wigginton's[.] Very warm
28. M. Mother & I [were] in Clinton A.M. & John & Fine 9
Fen[wick] at night[.] A. Dunkin [with wife Very
& child called in] here on [his] way from warm
Seaforth* Father & John fixing sheep for
fixing sheep for shows[.]
- *Eliza-Ann wrote C 1/4
29. T. Agnes [was] at [the] show [and I was up Showers 6
with John (showing horses).] A. Dunkin was last night
here[;] he bought 6 shearlings[.] John Cold wind
Thompson came [at] night[.]
30. W. Father, John, Aunty, Jane & I [were] at Cold Wind 4
[the] show[.] J. Dunkin [was] here[.] Old
Mr Dunkin & Herbert here for dinner
with sheep[.]

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1. T. Father in Clinton for sheep[.] Mother Cold wind 18
sick[.] Miss Jennie McDougall here. Tene
McEwen here [in the] evening[.]
2. F. I [was] in Clinton A.M. Father [was] at Very warm 12
A. Dunkin's [and] bought 2 steers[.]
Bella home[.]
3. S. [Mr and Mrs Varcoe were] here all night. 7
[The stone] mason went home[.]
4. S. Raining 13

5. M. Varcoe's left[.] Jane took Bella back[.] A few 9
Mason back P.M. William Snell [here] showers
for dinner[.] dull
6. T. A. Dunkin [was] here for sheep[.] Jane & Dull 12
I [were] at [a] prayer-meeting at D. cooler
McGregor's[.] John at Mac's threshing[.]
7. W. Bayfield Show John at Mac's threshing[.] Raining 11
threshing[.]
8. T. [I] pulled some pears[.] John was at Mac's Fine 22
threshing[a little while[.] Bella home[,]
Mr Wise & Ned here & A. Dunkin with
sheep[.]
9. F. Father at Blythe show[;] Jane took [him] Fine 0
up[.] Agnes went for Bella[.] I was at
Rev. Stewart's at[a] Bee[.] John at But-
chart's threshing P.M.
10. S. Mason went home[.] Bella & I [were] in Fine 18
Clinton with pears[;] got mantle cut [and]
tooth filled[.] Bella at Grant's P.M. John
at Butchart's all day[.]
11. S. Agnes & I [were] in Church(Stewart)[.] Jane Cold wind 12
& I [were] in S[abbath] School[.] Father
[was] at U[n]cle Jame's
12. M. Mason back[.] Jo[h]n in Clinton for lime[.] 6
Agnes & I finis[h]ed pulling pears & star- Hard Frost
ted pulling apples[.] last night
13. T. Mother & I [were] in Clinton[.] I got 2 9
Goose-Eggs[.] John at U[n]cle Jame's till
2 O C[lock] & U[n]cle John's after thresh-
ing[.]
14. W. John at U[n]cle John's threshing all day[.] Raining 6
The threshers - Bill, Ceaser(sic), and Hail
Ward Perdue were] here all night[.]
15. T. [We] finished threshing [in] the middle Rain 6
of the afternoon. John moved them to Evening
Scott's[.] Lizzie here for dinner [I]fin-
ished knitting [the] mat[.]
16. F. [Agnes & I were pulling apples for] a Fine 11
while before dinner[.] Jane[was] with us P.M. Dull
17. S. [The] mason finis[h]ed the Hen-house* and Fine 9
went home[.] Bella home[.] She stayed at
U[n]cle James' all night[.] Mr Wigginton and
Tom, A. Dunkin, Fenwick, Annie and Uncle
James here.]
- *There is a picture of Eliza-Ann by Jennie
Grant in front of a splendid field stone
hen house.
18. S. Jane & I [were] in Church(Stewart)[.] Dull 6
19. M. Jane took Bella over[.] Father and John 14
shingled some [of the henhouse roof. I] Raining
washed my window[.]
20. T. Pulling apples A.M. Agnes & I [helped] a Rain 3
little[.] John started to plow[.] Father & Dull
Agnes started pulling Mangols. I pulled a
few[.]

21. W. Father, Agnes & I [were] pulling Mangols [until it started to rain.] Mrs Brigham and Mrs Moore [were] here P.M. Jane, Agnes & John [were] with them at U[n]cle John's [in the] evening[.] Rain P.M. 14
22. T. [The visiting cousins came for tea, and were joined by Lizzie. When they left for home,] Jane went with them as far as Clinton. she] got a ride home with Cousin John[B. Stewart.] Finis[hed] pulling Mangols.[.] Cold wind 0
23. F. Agnes & I hauled in [all] 10 loads of Mangols[; The wagon had the] boards on [the] sides & [each load was] heaped up[.] Bella home[.] Nice Dull 14
24. S. Father, Jane & I [went to church] in Clinton(Simpson)[.] Nice 4
25. S. Father walked up to Church & Mother, Jane & I rode [the buggy with Jess.] & I got home with Finley [McEwen.]
26. M. John at Woon's threshing all day[.] Father at Craig's sale on the..... Mother & I [were] in Clinton[.] I got[a] tooth filled [a] front leftside double one[.] Coldish winds 7
27. T. Gorel & Swarts, the apple packers [were] here. They packed 13 barrels [or] sacks. Agnes & I carried the apples in[.] Father [was] shingling [and] John[was] plowing[.] Nice Cold Wind 1
28. W. Father & Agnes [were] in Clinton with Apples[.] We] Finished pulling and taking in Apples[.] Stanley & J.B. Harris [were] here] for dinner[.] Charles Stewart married Miss [Emma] Irwin[.]¹⁷ 7
29. T. Father at Glen's threshing all day[.] I pulled cabbages & put[them] in [the] cellar[.] C. Grant and C. McTavish drove[over here] P.M. Mother & Jane picking beech-nuts[.] Nice, Warm
30. F. [Father was again at Glen's threshing.] Jane, Agnes & I pulled turnips A.M. [We] hauled them in P.M. [-] 3 1/2 loads[with] double sides[on the wagon.] Bella home[.] Ada [Stewart] & Jennie [Grant were] here all night[.] Jessie [Wigginton] & Annie Stewart [Uncle James' Annie] came over from Glen's [in the] evening[.] 9
31. S. Jane & Bella in Clinton[.] Father at Glen's threshing till P.M. and at Steeps after. Jane Bella & I [indecipherable] at Aunty's & John, Adam, [George] Stickley, Ada, Annie Ida & Lillie..... Very Windy Rain A.M. 0

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1. S. Jane, Agnes & I [were] in Sabbath-School[.] The] Horses & Milch Cows [were] in all night [for] the ist.[time.] Rain & Snowed 0