

February

Saturday 15

1913

Assassination Day, Holy Thursday (Quebec)

THURSDAY 20

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1909

Very moderate to day in cold or wind, near night however it became colder and snow began to fall, it would be a good thing if 5 or 6 inches of snow would fall, as at the present time there is neither good sleighing or wheeling, snow banks in places and bare ground much in majority. we have received word this afternoon that Wesley Fielding died to day about noon.

Sunday 16

Quite a flurry of snow fell last night, perhaps 2 or 3 inches, it provides fair sleighing in the mean time, considerably colder last night and to day. Bella came along about 12 o'clock and staid till church time at night, I took a walk up as far as Mr. Lovell this afternoon and had a rest and chat with him, Mr. Lovell is visiting at Toronto.

Monday 17

Moderately cold only, beautiful clear sunshine, and among the most pleasant days of the season, the farmers are all at work in these parts, but so little snow will soon melt with the heat of the sun. it became colder as night approached. Maggie went off with a church party on a drive to the Moors, the old McDonald farmstead they are having a musical concert there, beautiful moonlight scene. Ewart & Gertrude here this evening, Ewart not well and didn't go the funeral of Wesley Fielding.

Tuesday 18

A fine day, moderately cold, and fairly pleasant, we were visited by Albert Toltow and his father-in-law Mr. Angus Thompson before the dinner hour, they staid perhaps between 2 & 3 hours, and we had a very pleasant & enjoyable chat, Albert gave us many particulars in regard to his life in the north west, he has now his property in Sable, Sask. in the living business he speaks of returning home in about a weeks time, he looks well, but ailing.

Wednesday 19

Mild and thawing to day, the sun has been out pretty hot and the snow has gone off with a rush I took the chance of getting a ride over to McKenzies with Roy Hindley, he had 3 trips to the mill to day and I returned home with him on the last trip about 5 P.M. the McKenzies are going to a entertainment at the Union Church at Coningsby to night, I spoke for 4 or 5 cords of swamp wood from

There, they are trying to raise funds to purchase a new organ. we hear of a number of deaths among our acquaintances, John Lovell living near Waples, Anthony Smiley, George Wood, a son of Matthias McCann, by railway accident.

Thursday 20

A fine morning, but changed a little to the worse as the day advanced, Bella came along with John as he drove to the mill, she a little better than she has lately been, wrote a long letter to Alex. Spg. Ewart & Gertrude drove down to see Mother, who has not been so well Fred McWilliam was operated on to day for appendicitis.

Friday 21

Froze up last night and every where it is hard and dry this morning. I have arranged our wood and yard so that I can saw the McKenzie stone wood in two, our hens are giving us 3 eggs a day these times.

Saturday 22

A very dull day, with rain & snow falling, the farmers are working again to day, stage on wheels and should have been sooner with sleighs, Marshall at Quilley to day, purchased rubber bottle for Mother \$2.00 at Petrie, the old one perished, clearing up the yard to receive fresh supply of stone wood, sawing the old stone wood in 2.

Wesley Fielding died to day

his trouble an inflammation of the kidneys

flurry of snow marked sleighing again. Bella here to day. She is some better

Wesley Fielding died buried to day

Weather fine

visit of Albert Toltow & father-in-law Mr. Angus Thompson

he had a sad mission from the north west

he intends to soon return home

I planned a ride over to McKenzies to day, and got a ride about spoke for wood from John

5 deaths on this page John Lovell, Anthony Smiley, George Wood, a son of Matthias McCann

a number of deaths

wrote letter to Alex. Springfield Bella and John McKenzies here Ewart & Gertrude to see Mother

Fred McWilliam operated on for appendicitis

marked letter this morning

rained snow ice farming on exposures. Barrie Miller visits us

February

Sunday 23

1913

Hard frost and very cold this morning, the cold prevailed all day, enough of snow has fallen the late storm of snow, sleet and sleet to make grand sleighing, there has not been better sleighing all winter, Maggie twice at meeting, Willie & Maggie McKenzie also, but their mother came out at night only. I labored at my reading, and had a walk up to the gravel road evening.

fine sleighing at present.

Willie and Maggie McKenzie

Monday 24

Hard frost again this morning, 8 degrees below this morning by Abbott's thermometer, but it turned out very fine though frost through the day, the McKenzies ^{family} drove to Lovely's to day, and set for their pictures, Nellie Abbott accompanied them, Mother a little better, out of bed till night from the dinner hour. Joe Stewart brought 100 lbs jewel flour, \$2.70 (paid)

Letter from Cousin James Stewart brother Joe the Jewel flour

Tuesday 25

Frost & cold continues about the same as yesterday, I got a bag of oats for the hens at Hortons 10¢ paid, Mary is here to day, cutting up the McKenzie stove wood in two, letter from Mrs Bryant, Toronto.

bag of oats 2 lbs 10¢ paid.

Letter from Mrs Bryant

Wednesday 26

Not so frosty but raw and chilly, looks as if we may have a fall of snow or a change of some kind, Robert Parker was telling me that John Cutting up at drumhill is thought to be dying Mother is not so well to day, she seems to be weak on her limbs and unable to move on them, she is inclined to keep her bed.

John Cutting very low Mother not so well.

Thursday 27

Quite an addition to the snow this morning, and the sleighing is now grand, Ewart & Gertie were here to day, Mr Baldie is poorly yet, one of his cows is going wrong with one of her teats since she calved, and Ewart came for the needle for inserting into it, John Cutting died last night at 7 P.M. Mother keeps her bed.

more snow and good sleighing Ewart & Gertie Baldie's cow needing attention Mother keeps her bed.

Friday 28

Moderately cold, and fine sleighing now, Ewart was at the mill to day for Mr Baldie's cows, at the present time, is not so well he gave his back too much to do in handling a calf and is feeling it now, Ewart got up on our roof to day and cleared some ice from the gutters, the water has been troubling us by being backed up and melting I have been cutting at the stove wood to day.

John Cutting buried to day at Minto's Farm Cemetery town line died Wednesday night 7 P.M.

March, Saturday

Moderately fine to day, the sun has been softening the snow and more has fallen this afternoon and towards night, I have about finished cutting the stove wood, and have piled the most of it, John McKenzie is drawing some wood to Mr Wells these days, Ewart has been at the mill for himself to day, Mother is not well these days the new water bottle, Geo. Marshall got at Peter's leaks and gives us trouble.

Snow melting and falling Mother not well shall. The rubber water bottle giving us trouble, it leaks

Sunday 2

A very stormy day, snowing & blowing, and the roads are being filled up again, Maggie has not gone out to day, Mother is not any better and not very fit to leave, we have all kept pretty close to the house, Willie & Maggie McKenzie spent a good part of the afternoon with us.

Snowing and blowing Mother not any better

Monday 3

Very stormy this morning & forenoon, improved afterwards, I drew in the balance of the McKenzie stove wood to the house, the wind has left heavy snow drifts, had to shovel them, our John called to see his mother, first time since coming to Ewarton, don't know why he kept away, perhaps he knows, the roads are heavy and blocked in places.

John called taking in some McKenzie wood. Strong making snow drifts.

~~Calmer~~ to day and quite pleasant. I took a walk over to Henry Cuffings this forenoon and had a talk over the particulars of his brother's illness and death. Pneumonia seems to have been the immediate cause of his death at the last. Called also to see Mrs. Weatherston. She seems to be recovering. Roads are a little heavy with snow and not much travel on them. Harold got a ride to school with Austin McCutcheon on a big load. Mother a little better.

Wednesday 5
Temperature below this morning. But calm, and not cold in the house. Although cold, it has been a very pleasant day, clear sun and free from high wind. I repaired a pair of house slippers for Harold, put on a pair of heels on them. Our hens are doing a little better this day or two, got a letter from Annie Sunter, Meaford. Her father is not improving.

Thursday 6
A very stormy morning, and pretty cold. The frost increased as the day advanced, the thermometer showing 4 above zero. The roads are filling up badly, and it is both heavy & dangerous travelling on them. The papers give accounts of the deadlock in parliament over the Naval policy, debating all night long, while much snoring was indulged in, and remarks made not for enlightenment. Mother's better, but still not well at all these times. Her appetite is not good now.

Friday 7
Quite a cold wave. The Abbot's thermometer says this morning 10 below zero, that is the lowest that we have noticed this winter. The frost has been sharp all day, although it rose past zero. Fine clear sunshine. The roads, in places, are blocked, the stage ran to Guelph, but did not return, quite a job shovelling round the place. Snow hard & packed. Got a card from Colin Campbell, that their company expected to reach home last Tuesday.

Saturday 8
Another cold morning, and the day kept up wintry and cold, there is a little improvement in mother's condition. There have been quite a number of visitors to her to day, Mrs. McEvel, and near neighbours, and Johnny and Ewart also.

Sunday 9
Quite a change this morning, the temperature was milder and a thaw melting off the snow fast. Some rain also, our summer kitchen was being flooded from the icy choked pipes, and we had quite a job cleaning and fixing things to rights. Bella was here since yesterday. She is away home from church at night.

Monday 10
A beautiful sunshiny day, moderate frost through the night which made the surroundings dry. Leaving this morning that Abbot's were coming over to Erin with Stanley Stewart. I applied for a ride over there to get a tooth filled, and six of us had a pleasant drive over. Dr. James did my job - before dinner, and the rest afterwards, taking him till about 3 P.M. I had dinner & tea at Stephens. Uncle Thomas seems fairly well for him. I paid my dues to Overland \$2.00 which pays up to July 1. They have raised to \$4.00 per year. I mailed a letter to Annie Sunter, Meaford. Saying it was doubtful whether we could visit them as intended, because of mother taking rather a backset in her general health. She has been perceptibly weaker and more helpless, and without she gets some better, we dare not leave her. Got 50 lb. worth Oatmeal (paid) at Joe Stewarts, ordered 200 Sugar \$4.90 per 100. I walked up to Dr. James house after dinner to see his family. They are a pair of interesting children, had a talk with Hedden to day on the difference between popular and true Religion.

visiting around. heavy travelling. Abner Brown died last week at Toronto.
Cold but calm & repaired a pair of small shoes. received a letter from Annie Sunter Meaford. Cold & stormy roads being blocked with snow. a deadlock in parliament.
very cold. Snow blocked roads. a card from Colin Campbell returning from Frisco.
visitors to day. Johnny & Ewart among them.
thaw morning. a mud from troughing and pipes. Bella here.
tooth filled. Jim did it as a birth day gift over to Erin with Stanley Stewart. paid a sum. dues up to July 1. got Oatmeal at Joe Stewarts. ordered 200 lbs. Sugar 200 lbs. Mailed letter to Annie Sunter. talk with Mr. Hedden on popular and true religion. Harry Lovell. Sister Grippie.

March

Tuesday 11

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MAY

MONDAY 31

(151-214)

1909

Mild and warm through the day, the snow is going off with a rush to day. if this holds another day or two the slipshod will be gone. I walked up to H. Y. Gray's sale this afternoon to see about the wood from Henry McDougall, but he has none to sell now. Joe Stewart sent the sugar along 200 lbs. Ewart & Gerlie here this P.M.

W. Y. Gray's sale
Joe Stewart sent
200 Sugar over
could not get over
from Henry McDougall

Wednesday 12

Thawing steadily, water in the Cellar, Maggie & I got out the rotten potatoes, and placed the good ones above the water line, also barrel of apples. Mother not up to day, was up yesterday

Cleaning out
the flooded Cellar
Settling the apples
& potatoes

Thursday 13

Continues very soft, snow mostly gone, repairing my boot which was leaking, a call from Mrs. Jackson, Mother up - awhile this afternoon, Willie McKenzie at the mill this afternoon, and team ran off while loading the chop behind the mill not much damage done, one wheel damaged and reach broken

Shoe repairing
Willie McKenzie
did not run away
from the mill
not much
damage

Friday 14

Soft weather still prevails, and the snow is about all gone, only the snow drifts in places have left the remnants I bought 70 lbs. worth of buckwheat for the hens. Johny was at the mill and he brought it up, he called in to see Mother, she was sitting up while this afternoon, Maggie and I went to the disciple church this evening to see and hear "Bengough" lecture and display his art in cartooning, the title of his lecture was, "Why is this, thus" he spoke principally on the right of the people to own the land, nature provided the land, and the great increase of values in cities &c was brought about by the congregating of large populations in any particular place, consequently the people as a whole should enjoy Nature's gift, without the shadow value, and reap the profit of their labor & improvements only, he illustrated his subject by drawings &c, but I was handicapped for want of hearing properly. The receipts at the door amounted to \$28.10, which he appropriated, he could have claimed \$40.00, anything over going to the Society, but it only reached the amount named, the admission charge was 25 cts. Mr. Lovell and myself were the only local pictures taken, he made a good cartoon of Premier Whitney and Rowell, leader opposition

even snow
drifts disappearing
40 c for buckwheat
for the hens.
Johny brought it
up from the mill
he called to see Mother
Maggie and I
to hear Bengough
this evening
his lecture "Why
is this, thus"
Cartoons of
Willie Lovell
and myself.
paid sugar to
Joe Stewart at
Church to night
\$4.80.
met Mary Foster
first time since
returning from
old country.

Saturday 15

Very soft and sloppy, foggy this morning & forenoon, but getting colder afternoon, flurries of snow and signs of winter weather again towards evening, not doing much but fixing round some, to make considerable wheeling to the mill to day, sleighing all gone. Leonard McDougall

Change of
weather again
assessment
made, put
50 dollars increase
now \$350.00

WEDNESDAY 2

(153-212)

Quite a frost last night, Sunday 16 and the cold has prevailed to day, all the mud of yesterday is hard and dry to day, have kept the house pretty close all day, took my usual Sunday night's walk round the block, reading enough to make my eight dim, Ed. Webb, from Winnipeg called in to see us, he has left home for a little, no doubt, to see his Mother.

posty again
Ed. Webb of
Winnipeg called
reading smooth
Sight gets dimmer

Monday 17

Moderately cold last night, and frozen dry this morning, but the heat of the sun made mud again to day. I have been fixing up my Coon Coat to day, so as to have it ready to take to Meaford, if the weather is cold Ewart down with a load of chop for Baldie.

Sewing rips in
Coon Coat, to
be ready for trip
to Meaford.
Ewart down with
load for Baldie

Tuesday 18

Slight frost last night, mucky to day from heat of sun, Ewart down to day with chop, drew out a check for 25 dollars, by wants to buy corn for his pigs, Mother is a great run to the mill these days, Ewart did not get his full edge of dawn, he had a long wait, hens doing better, got 18 to day, not had for 120 hens in all decided to night that Geo. Ewart take us to train on Thursday and Ewart to come & as to the road on Tuesday next.

drew out check
for Ewart for \$25
on loan.
Ewart left at mill
Geo. Ewart to take
us to train next
Thursday.

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Wednesday 19

1913

Slight ^{FOUR} frost last night, but the heat of the sun had everything as soft as ever very soon. The day has been quite spring like. It might better that colder weather prevailed for awhile longer. Mary & I have been preparing for making a fairly early start to Rockwood tomorrow morning, on our way to Meaford. we went to get to Meaford by the train which reaches there at 7 P.M.

weather fine
Mary & I -
preparing
to go to Meaford
Tomorrow

Thursday 20

A fairly fine day. Slight frost last night, but hot sun soon disposed of its effects. Mary, Loree and I got all ready to start for Rockwood on our way to Meaford. George Loree came along about 9 o'clock. and drove us to the train due at 11:12 A.M. it was a little late. I bought our tickets at \$3.15 each, and we went round by Toronto without extra charge, if we had waited for the later train at Georgetown. it would have been 10. or later before getting to Meaford. by Toronto, we arrived at Meaford at 7 P.M. Brother Hunter joined us at Collingwood, and we reached Meaford about on time, and walked up to the house in company. we were very kindly received by all. I was much struck with Uncle Alex. appearance, besides being feeble, and his voice greatly weakened and changed, the sore on his face disfigured him badly, so much so, that I would not have recognized him from the sore side of his face. I was more reconciled to his appearance on seeing the other side and having a talk with him, after spending a very enjoyable evening we retired to rest before it was very late.

arrived at
Meaford this
evening at 7 P.M.
Geo. Loree drove
us to Rockwood
this forenoon
went by Toronto
was much struck
by appearance
of Brother Alex.
the sore side
of his face -
disfigured him
his voice changed
and he is weak

Friday 21

The wind was blowing very fresh early this morning, and soon increased to a hurricane which never let up the whole day long. much damage has been done to property, and in Meaford, a young man, 27 years old, Hill, by name, was killed on the street by a piece of a roof striking him on the head; the whole end of the brick Armory was blown in, as well as a part of the roof, a lot of harm is done to other property in town.

An awful
high wind
which is doing
much damage
a young man
killed in Meaford
from a part of
roof falling
on him.

Saturday 22

The wind has fallen, although it blew pretty fresh this forenoon. it was better this afternoon, we hear there is much damage done up this way all over. Brother James drove to Alex. house to see us to day. Mary Loree accompanied him to Louie's. the roads are heavy. Jimmie & I took a walk down town. things have got a bad shaking up. Called to see J. J. Johnston, he is a smart man at his age but perceptibly aged. also called on Mr. David Mitchell, joining Mary there, and coming home together. Stopped very close with brother Alex. as he appears, lonesome. he does not seem to suffer much pain however, although it gives him trouble to keep the sore clean and presentably, poor man he is in a poor way indeed.

The extra high
wind has fallen
although high yet.
called to see
J. J. Johnston
also Mr. David
Mitchell called
on. Mary was
there.
Jimmie & I
have a walk
down town
together.

Easter Sunday 23

This has been a moderately fine day. towards night it changed to rougher weather. Joseph Loree drove Mary to brother's house, in time for their meeting. She attended forenoon and evening meetings along with Ellen and Annie in the forenoon. I rode back with Joe to his house, and had dinner and a very enjoyable time up to between 4 & 5 o'clock, when Jimmie drove me back again to Alex. much damage has been done to buildings on the route.

Mary returned
from Loree home
I paid Loree a
visit. returned
at evening.
Jimmie drove
me to Alex.
much damage
done to buildings

Monday 24

The weather has improved considerably, and I have become easier in mind since we received a card from Gertie stating that Ervart was able to save the barn, up at home, from losing its roof or otherwise being collected. no word direct from home, about Mother we were anxious. visited Mrs. The Jettin, at a friends house, the Mr. Quars. She is fairly well for an old woman, she is 79 years old. She is pretty feeble, and failing perceptibly.

received card
from Gertie
visited Mrs.
The Jettin at
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be failing
but she is old
79 years
I think

March

Tuesday 25

1913

Got up before 4 o'clock this morning, and made ready to go on the train which started at 5:30 A.M. on the dot. Bertha, Lohi & Sophie also rose and prepared breakfast for Mary and I, and accompanied us to the Railway Station, which I suppose is half a mile away. poor Ade did not get up, but had reluctantly to bid us good bye while lying in his bed, Margaret rose simply to bid us farewell, it was a sad parting for us, because I much feared it was the last we would see in life, of my dear brother. we came to Georgetown by the H. & W., and found less damage to property, by the Wind storm than we expected, we stopped off at Georgetown and spent about 3 hours at Moore's, and had dinner and friendly reception. inspected Hatters new house which is well nigh completed, and arrived at Rockwood some time after 3 o'clock, where Ewart was in waiting for us. with Peavy's democrat, the roads were heavy, but the team plowed through them and we met the friends at home fairly well. Mother, I think better than when we left.

Wednesday 26

Birth

Rain last night which has frozen as it fell, and every exposure is encased in a heavy covering of ice this morning, it is very hard to move round at all, it became softer afternoon for a time and afforded better footing, but towards night it hardened up again, really it is a terrible time for wind and storm, there are terrible reports of damage from wind & floods over in the states, the loss of life & property is appalling, Omaha has suffered from a cyclone causing desolation, and floods in Ohio causing terrible suffering

Thursday 27

Quite a fall of snow last night, and it has been quite wintry all day, very stormy forenoon, cleared up some afternoon. Geo. Robertson cut his soft cordwood this afternoon, Hugh Robert McCutcheon cut it for him in about 2 hours, he afterwards went to Heatherstones to cut theirs. I wrote a letter to Meaford this afternoon, and addressed it to Sophie this time, Mother has sat up awhile this afternoon and taken tea at the table. I think she is a little better, the news to night of the floods in Dayton and other towns & cities in Ohio state is appalling, the loss of life and property is almost without a parallel, it is bad enough here but as nothing compared to there.

Friday 28

A better turn to the weather, it is yet cool on account of so much snow on the ground, but the sun is not obscured till on the frost and snow now, this is not promising to be an early spring however, the land is terribly soaked and will take considerable time to dry sufficiently for working on. Harold & Eirett walked down from home to day, I had to repair Eirett's shoes one had to be toe capped, and both pieced at the top on the sole, they had been worn too long.

Saturday 29

Another fine day, a melting thaw has set in, and the snow is going very fast, the daily papers contain sickening accounts of the havoc in the states from floods, fire & wind, the loss of life & suffering is appalling, destruction to property & homes of the people without a parallel. Ewart & Bertie are here to day, Ewart has a gist of chop, I got a bag of chop for the hens. 65¢ pd. Jim Duffield unfortunately has a big job ahead of him in repairing his barn roof, and the weather had now

Sunday 30

Milder to day, and the snow is fast disappearing, Bella called before church this morning, Maggie & Willie also had dinner with us, Willie had to be to Talbot's to do chores. Mother was up yesterday, but keeps her bed to day hens laid 11 eggs to day. they have been a little backward

Left Meaford home on the 5:30 A.M. train. Stopped off at Georgetown and spent about 3 hours Moore's.

arrived at Rockwood at about 3 P.M. Ewart met us with democrat roads were heavy & muddy

friends at home pretty well. Mother seems better than when we left

This morning a little boy baby was born to Mrs. Geo. Robertson

all surroundings encased in ice terrible time for wind & storm awful accounts from U.S.A.

Omaha has suffered, also Ohio in places

Fall of Snow Geo. Robertson cutting stone wood

wrote letter to Meaford

awful accounts from Dayton and other towns in the states from floods great loss of life and property

received a letter from Jeanie Edmon

ton. they are well. repaired Eirett's shoes

land soaked with rain.

sickening accounts of havoc from floods in the states. Jim Duffield had luck in his barn roof

Maggie and Willie McKenney here to day

^{JUNE}
Rained some this morning, and although it partially cleared up the weather was rather unpleasant & goully all day, we had a short visit of Dougald Robertson, to day this is the last day for Hassan the Guelph & Erin Stage driver to run, And Nevill is expected to take his place tomorrow.

1909
unpleasant weather.
last day for stage driver.

April
Tuesday 1
A little frost last night which hardened and dried up the land some, it has been very winady today but nice and clear. Maggie washed to day and unfortunately her clothes line broke after the clothes were hung and let some of the clothes onto the ground and they had to be washed the second time. Nevill's first day of stage, has an Erin Hotel Buss.

weather clear up again.
Maggie washing
Nevill's first day of stage.

Wednesday 2
Frost quite hard this morning and all the surrounding hard & dry, has been a nice clear day. The warm sunshine soon had the frost out again. Sent away a letter to Jennie Edmontow. in reply to hers received a few days ago. Mother sits up awhile in afternoon this day or two back, she is a little better again. Peirpont Morgan the great American financier died at Rome. Italy on Monday 31st March

George Butchart died at Toronto.
Peirpont Morgan dead also 31st March

Thursday 3
Quite a change in weather, heavy rain fell this morning a clasp of thunder preceded it. Geo. McDermott drove up a member of the Butchart family from Rockwood, he tells me Geo. Butchart is dead, poor George has been very poorly & understand, for this last couple of years. Think he has been an inmate of a public institution in Toronto for some time, the weather has been very dreary & wet the most of the day, Ewart & Gerlie were here this afternoon, Gerlie getting work done at Mary's.

Telephone out of commission
Geo. McDermott drove up a member of the Butchart family, he told me of the death of Geo. Butchart, expected this corpse to day but didn't come.

Friday 4
The weather still unsettled, not so wet as yesterday, but quite a rain fall betimes, and a let up also betimes. Henry Royce drove to Rockwood this forenoon for the remains of Geo. Butchart, other also accompanied it up from there, John Anderson (son of Duncan) Ruben Butchart, and Mr Geo. Butchart and one or two more met and rode up in a hired rig, Amos Lovell was also present from Guelph. They arrived here about one P.M. the roads are now in bad condition. Dr James Abbott was over from Erin, by a misunderstanding Henry Royce drove to Rockwood yesterday afternoon to meet the body. and it did not come, it was a pity as the roads are so bad, hard on the horse flesh.

Funeral & burial of Geo. Butchart, riggs in all miserably relation.
Henry Royce brought corpse from Rockwood other friends accompanied. I was present at the funeral.

Saturday 5
Frost last night which hardened up the ground but the roads are terribly rough, the ground softened up considerably afternoon. Ewart & Gerlie were down this forenoon, Ewart drove home without Gerlie and came back again for her. She was getting some work done with Mary, got 50 lbs pastry flour at Hartops \$1.25 (paid), my right ear has become very painful, did not sleep well on account of it last.

Frost last night hardened the ground, but roads are rough.
50 lbs pastry flour \$1.25

Sunday 6
Wintry again, frosty and has kept cold all day. little flurry of snow, see by the papers there is from 2 to 5 feet of snow fallen up north. the weather was too fine early in March. Had a nice visit from Mary Forester this afternoon, also a call from Lilian Black, she returned lately from Edmonton. Mary Forester gives an account of her travels, told County experience.

papers say there has fallen in New Ontario, from 2 to 5 feet of snow.
Call from Lilian Black, also Mary Forester.

Monday 7
Frosty nights prevail, but the sun has power through the day to dispel its effects. Bella accompanied John McKenzie on a load of wood and she remained with us until he brought & delivered the 2nd load, she brought us some butter which we paid, she also paid 35¢ for mailing her money to Mr. Gregor. She seems to be fairly well at present.

Bella came with John on a load of wood and returned after delivering the 2nd load.

April

Tuesday 8

1913

Frosty again last night, but the sun has shone out brightly, and good and warm, which gives promise of better weather ahead. I mailed a card this morning, reminding him of the 2nd girl meeting should be held this week.

Wednesday 9

Frosty again last night, the sun had the effect of softening up the ground pretty soon, and it is drying up considerably through the day. I walked up to the corner & met John McKenzie as he was taking 8 fat hogs to Rockwood, and I gave him 4 empty sacks and he brought them to me full of nut coal, something over 400 lbs. - \$1.35. (paid) Ewart was down at the mill to day, George Jettin was married to day at Helmsmans one marry this dollars to pay coal. Thursday 10

Great rain last night, and a very rainy day almost the day out, there is lots of mud now. the ground is getting a soaking that might take long to dry off again, we were pleased to keep indoors all day, the day was cool & unpleasant to be exposed.

Friday 11

The weather is quite unsettled yet, not very much of rain has fallen to day. the gardens around here are very wet, and heavy streams are running from them. I fear we are going to have a very late spring time, but likely, when the weather takes up the land may dry quickly as the frost must now be pretty well gone out.

Saturday 12

The weather has not changed much, there has not been any rain to day, but it has been overcast and threatening, not at all pleasant weather, doctor called to see Mother when at Helmsmans, I have been unwell from my painful right ear for some time, also from a pain in my side and was telling him of it, I suppose, I looked too well to be considered sick, because he paid little or no attention to my story, had a very sore side all the same. "Pain King" seemed to ease it some, had a message by phone that a meeting of the B.O. Health is called for next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Sunday 13

Weather somewhat improved, the sun has shone out and the temperature is more spring like, Bella McKenzie was here this morning, went to church and from there home, Willie was here to dinner, Geo. Black spoke this evening, Maggie visited at McKenzies this afternoon, and they were all at church this evening, but I had to stay at home with Mother.

Monday 14

Frost last night, and the air is cold this morning, as the day advanced it became a little milder, but not coal enough to make me decide to wear my fur coat & cap to drive to Rockwood to meet the other members of the B.O. H. I got Mr. Couell's horse & buggy to take me down and he just charged \$5. for it, which I considered reasonable. the horse is a new one, just bought on Saturday last, 4 years old, and is a nice free driver, without quite to all appearance. I got my pass Book posted at the bank, and lifted 5 dollars.

Tuesday 15

A little frost last night again, but it soon turned warm with the sunshin, I got 9th worth of feed for the hens, barley & buck wheat, after dinner, I walked over to Mitchells and had a very pleasant and long chat with Mr. Mitchell, mostly about Newburg & the people in old country.

Wednesday 16

Cool air, but very fine day, the land is drying up finely, and the roads improving, Ewart & Gertie have been here this A.M. Ewart at Blacksmith shop. I rode up to the farm and had dinner & supper, helped to take of stones in back field South. Ewart gave me a ride to the small Box. got a ride at the corner with Mills.

finer weather mailed a card to Mr. Head reminding him of B.O. H. meeting walked up to the corner, and got 4 bags coal brought from Rockwood by John McKenzie he was down with fat hogs. he brought the coal down to us.

a very rainy day. Lots of mud unpleasant weather.

Ewart & Gertie are here this morning. Gertie at Marys Baby girls born to Helmsmans to day, all well so far.

weather not very good yet have the phone of horse & buggy from Mr. Couell for Mondays - meeting B.O. H. doctor called to see Mother

James Lish was here to day at Mimosa Conchatory (methodist) he lived in Guelph

a number of letters to day.

Board of Health meeting. I hired a horse & rig. took five dollars out of Bank. it Book posted

90 cts was the barley for hens visited at Mrs Geo. Mitchells pleasant time

Ewart and Gertie here to day, I rode up with them to the farm

April

Thursday 17

1913

a little frost again last night, but a beautiful day. bright sunshine and quite warm. plowing among many farmers is now on hand. Siding will soon be on if this weather continues. Walked over to see fence posts at John Weatherston and bought them, 15¢ and 15¢ each. he delivered them.

Friday 18

Quite warm and beautiful weather to day. Dan Simons measured our front 68' 1/2 ft. he is sending for the wire fence stuff. it costs 15¢ per foot. the 10 foot gate 5.75. the 3 foot 2.75. he puts it up. Geo. Justin also ordered the same. there is quite a thunder storm on this evening and heavy rain. old Janet McKenzie was buried this afternoon. she was not long in following her sister, they lived in Guelph. Mr Weatherston delivered the fence posts today.

Saturday 19

The thunder & lightning has brought quite a change in temperature. there was a stiff frost this morning. and quite cold all day. I peeled and cleaned off the fence posts to day. Mary drove to Rockwood and met Mabel Moore at the Station at 2.35 they arrived here about 4 P.M. she says she must return tomorrow evening. Mr Lovell's horse & buggy brought them. Mother has not been so well this week. she does not take nourishment right. Mr Bella Hindley was taken to Guelph hospital to day. for an operation.

Sunday 20

Hard frost last night, and has been very cold all day. bright sunshine however and pleasant otherwise. Bella & Maggie McKenzie were here in the morning and joined Mabel and the rest to church. Mabel visited Abbotts with Maggie & the Robertson girls. I walked up to Mrs Lovell's at about 4 o'clock and brought his horse & buggy, and after getting tea. started off with Mabel to Rockwood about 5.20. we hardly drove fast enough to make sure of the train, at 6.15 as it came in at sharp times, just as I was carrying in Mabel's things from the buggy. Mrs Dougald Robertson was at the doctors and rode up to Lovell's with us.

Monday 21

Frost again last night, but the day has been very fine. I did some shoe repairing this forenoon, and cut some stove wood with the buck saw this afternoon. Sent an application for insurance of the house to J.M. Kilgour. Joe Fielding round today. paid him \$4.80 for the tea we used since last here. he left 15 lbs again for this season. Coming in. Bella Hindley was operated on at the Guelph hospital to day about noon. they speak of it being successfully done. Mother not very well.

Tuesday 22

Weather still very backward. cold and raw wind and dull towards night. I have cut a while at the McKenzie wood with the buck saw. cutting it in two. Ewart was to the mill this forenoon with chop. he tells me his 2nd sow has done well she has ten nice pigs, about a week old all doing well. saving all the litter so far. Harold walked up to the farm today.

Wednesday 23

Thunder & lightning & rain all last night. And to day has been much warmer. and very pleasant. we took down the storm windows. and Maggie has been painting them. I finished cutting the front pile of McKenzie wood. it was warm work.

Thursday 24

A very fine day. great change in weather, very hot in the sunshine. I have backsawed fully, I think, a cord & 1/2 of the McKenzie wood today. Bella has been here since morning. she went home on stage. Mother sat out on back veranda to day. the late rains have made the land quite wet.

to see fence posts. Weather stormy. Bright them.

Janet McKenzie was buried. Aunt Sarah to day. Guelph cemetery.

got the fence posts delivered. Thunder & lightning this evening.

Cold train of weather again.

peeled & cleaned the fence posts.

Mary drove down. met Mabel Moore at Rockwood.

Bella Hindley taken to Guelph hospital to day.

Mabel Moore at church with our folks.

I drove hest to Rockwood with Lovell's house for 6.15 train.

Mrs Dougald Robertson rode back with us.

paying him for the horse 50¢.

Shoe repairing for Maggie & L.A. Abbott.

sent application for insurance of house here.

Bella Hindley operated on to day.

Weather backward.

Ewart at mill his 2nd sow has 10 pigs doing well a week old. Harold walked to farm.

Thunder and lightning last night and warmer to day.

Stormy weather painting wood.

Sawed a cord & 1/2 of the McKenzie wood today. Bella has been here since morning. she went home on stage. Mother sat out on back veranda to day. the late rains have made the land quite wet.

April

Friday 25

1913

Quite a change in the temperature, ^{which} has so long prevailed. ^{MONDAY 21} This has been a very hot day. it was fortunate for me that I got so well through with the cutting of the stove wood before this great heat set in. I finished ^{cutting} what was left of the 1 1/2 cords of the McKenzie stove wood before the sun got up high enough to cause much heat, and then split up the uncut stuff for the other Cook Stove in the afternoon began splitting & piling the short stuff. Mother is feeling the heat to be oppressive, bought meat from Keough 35¢ last week was the first for the season. Maggie McKenzie here this afternoon. Willie called for her this afternoon to take her to party for young people at Mr. John Ewart.

Saturday 26

Dull & threatening all day, but held up till about 5 o'clock P.M. when a thunder shower brought on a heavy rain, which lasted quite a time. I split about a cord & 1/2 of the short wood and piled it against the fence in yard glad to get done with the sawing before the heat set in, not so hot to day though. Some neighbors are at their gardens but ours is too wet. Geo. Jettin & wife are very busy papering & painting. Maggie & I have taken off the storm doors and put on the screen doors. Mosquitoes bit badly last Friday night while we were in bed.

Sunday 27

The weather is broken again and ^{the} rain has fallen rather constantly the most of the day. The land is getting a great soaking now, and I fear it will put seedling time very late. it will require very favourable weather to make the land in good condition for sowing. the trees are showing their green bud and leaf and the grass is showing green also.

Monday 28

Quite windy and cool, the land has been terribly soaked by late rains, and this windy and drying day will do much to dry the land up, seedling has been going along some but not at all in a general way, the soil they say is soggy. I split up quite a bit of the short wood and piled it. Maggie is cleaning up our bed room to day. Mary helped remove the furniture and carpets. Mr. Horstman cashed a check for \$20.00 for me.

Tuesday 29

Continues cool, and a very fine drying day. I finished the splitting the stove wood, and have 3 piles of over a cord & 1/2 each, there is a part of the 4th to pile yet. Ewart here at the mill this A.M., sent \$6.00 to J. M. Kilgore for insurance of house.

Wednesday 30

High wind and a fine drying day. Such weather is now badly needed. The land is not dry enough to provide a good seed bed, Mr. Mr. Howell loaned me his horse & buggy to drive up to Ewart's this afternoon, also wanted to see Johnny. Ewart was working sod up to dry, he was using Charlie Duffield's disc for a little, but shortly quit it as he thought the cultivator made a better job. Ewart has now about 12 acres sowed. I finished piling the short stove wood.

Thursday May 1st

A splendid drying day, it has been very warm, the dust has been flying on Creston Streets. This is, I think, the 3rd day that the Automobile has been used for carrying the mail and passengers. I baled the water out of the cellar to day, there was a large quantity. Donald Robertson plastered the floor of abattoir cellar, this afternoon, helped to wheel a few loads of sand for them also helped Mary, who has been papering her parlor.

¹⁹¹³ I got a card to Margaret reminding her of their Helen's writing. I got a letter from Margaret this evening. I am no longer in the 2nd time for Keough the last got a piece to do.

Split a cord and half stove wood. done sawing just as had has set in taking off storm doors and putting on the screen.

rain on land wet green on with leaf & grass.

got 30th horridge made at the mill 29 dollar for Star Horstman Maggie house cleaning.

paid insurance on the house piling stove wood

Ewart has 17 acres sowed had Mr. Howell's horse & rig to drive up to town line folks they are on the land and it is not too hot finished piling our stove wood.

John Ewart got badly hurt by being gored by a cattle beast. Donald Robertson plastered abattoir cellar floor wheeling sand for them

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Friday 2

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The warmth continues and the land is drying up fast. the dust is flying on the road. Maggie cleaned out the cellar to day. I helped her by carrying out the dirty stuff and handing down the clean water. I cleared out the hen house, and dug it into this upper end of the garden, and planted 3 rows of potatoes on the ground. a number of people I have been talking to, have just finished their seeding, its not so late after all.

Saturday 3

Another very hot day, the sun has shone out as hot as midsummer. I have been cleaning and turning off, dug some more and planted another couple of rows of potatoes. the garden is drying up pretty good, got 8.5th month chop for the hens. received a letter from Jennie, Edmonton, they have been sick with colds, Willie has also been in trouble with a sore hand, has had a growth cut out, and again the 2nd time because it kept growing, they think that now it may stop, he has been six weeks confined to the house.

Sunday 4

Continues close and warm, rain threatening, but none comes. Bella and Maggie McKenzie came along to morning this forenoon. William Everts and the 2 McEverts drove to Guelph to see John who lies in the hospital, they report that he seems doing well so far.

Monday 5

Another hot day, the threatening continues, but none to hand yet. I dug quite a bit of the garden and used several barrow loads of our compost heap. Maggie planted some dutch sets, and did some other garden work. we went over to Marys and wheeled away all the rotten potatoes, and put the sound ones in Mr Wells' driving house in a box, 3 bags I think. we also did the same with Marys'. there was a great many rotten. Geo. Abbott & wife visited us to day, mailed a letter each to Annie Margaret Suter and brother James.

Tuesday 6

The great heat is over for the present, this evening is quite cool. but no rain, I paid John Weatherston for the fence posts, a dollar & five cts, he said that would do, \$1.25, he could not make change of a five dollar bill, besides there 3 rather imperfect, Mrs. Lovell tells me he got a letter from James J. Hill, asking to whom he would remit the \$500. I dug another portion of the garden to day, and Maggie did. Sowed a quantity of garden stuff, I also planted more early potatoes.

Wednesday 7

Frost last night and cool this morning and all day. John Everts is reported as doing fairly well. Geo. Robertson helped me to raise the old picket fence out of the ground, we laid it up by props until getting the holes ready for the new posts. Maggie was also cleaning up the pantry.

Thursday 8

Frost again last night, and cool all day. dug all the post holes out and Geo. Robertson and I set the new posts in place and filled them in. word came to day for Mr Everts to go to Guelph. John has turned worse. I fear it is serious. McVelsman drove her in, John Everts is reported very low.

Friday 9

Frost at night, and quite cold all day, John Everts very low all day, and died at 9 P.M. Henry Cutting helped me to cut the fence posts the proper height, paid him \$2.50. Everts brought some things down. he got 40 odd bushels barley from Ing McHut. at 50¢ per bus. Dan Simons to come tomorrow afternoon to put the wire fence up. I have to write to get it ready for him.

Maggie and I carrying out the water out of cellar.

planted some potatoes for early use

hot weather planting potatoes

letter from Edmonton

Willie has been six weeks confined to the house

McKenzie and Maggie the Everts drove to Guelph to see John

sorting and placing the potatoes mailed letters to Masford Geo. Abbott & wife called

settled with John Weatherston for fence posts.

James J. Hill writing to Mrs. Lovell about his promise of \$500.

tearing up the old picket fence in front of house

Geo. Robertson helped me to set the posts for new fence. John Everts worse

John Everts died this day 9 P.M.

Everts down to get fence ready quickly for Simon to morrow afternoon

May

Saturday 10

Frost again last night and it has been cool all day, we are having a very cold spell this last week, and as the fruit blossom is now well out in many places, I fear the frost will have done injury to fruit prospect. I have had a very busy day. Maggie and I measured the fence posts for the bottom scantling, and we cut out the notches to receive them about 2 inches deep. Dan. Simons came on about 2 o'clock, and we fitted the stretchers and nailed them on and had the fence wire fastened on before tea, after which Dan fixed up both gates before dark. Simon's Bill is \$16.90, which he may wait a little for.

received letter from Robert Morton Portage La Prairie. Mrs Morton has been very ill, now some better. Letter also from Mrs. Ford. Brother no longer finished erecting front wire fence.

Sunday 11

Continues cold, but in other respects fairly fine and pleasant. Bella & John McKenzie drove down to the Everts home, where lie the remains of poor John who so unfortunately met his death. I walked down myself this afternoon and viewed the corpse he looked very natural, many callers were there to day.

John Everts - remains lie at home. McKenzies & I went down a little while.

Monday 12

A very fine day, looked much like rain this afternoon. I got a ride down to Everts in time to come home with the procession. I rode both ways with Hugh Robert McLeathere, Maggie went to the church while I stayed with Mother during the time there, when ready for lifting for burial. I rode on the mail car to the cemetery. There was a large concourse at the grave, and the church was filled, our town line friends there. Mr & Mrs McLeathere, also Mr M. Crewson called & others.

Funeral of John Everts this afternoon a large funeral.

Tuesday 13

Not quite so cold to day. a little rain last night, helped to lay the dust, more rain is needed provided it is warmer. The papers report much damage done to fruit prospects up London way. it is thought that Niagara district has escaped fairly well. Ewart was at the mill to day. Gerlie was down here with him. I have been fixing some around, took several loads of earth to front of house.

callers to day a number of old friends & acquaintances.

Wednesday 14

Cool, but pleasant to day. I have cut 3 loads of cods from the back street, and wheeled them round to the front of our house and Maggie has placed them under the wire fence. I also brought some earth, have been dismantling the fence between Robertson's and us.

papers report damage done to fruit prospects up by London Gerlie and Ewart down.

Thursday 15

A very cold and raw east wind to day, hardly to be expected on this day of the year, have been fixing the old fence between Robertson's and us. Thunder & lightning this evening. Joe Stewart brought 100 lbs jewel flour, and 50 lb worth oatmeal. gave him a check for \$5.00 he gave me \$2.00 back, his bill being \$3.00.

Thunder and lightning. Joe Stewart brought us 100 of flour, and 50 lb worth oatmeal (paid).

Friday 16

A nice rain has fallen, and as is not very usual especially after thunder & lightning it has turned warmer which is very welcome. I worked at the old line fence this afternoon, and it is a tedious nasty job. so much of the material is rotten and unfit for use even for a make shift.

Thunder and lightning and a turn warmer working at the old fence.

Saturday 17

A beautiful turn of the weather. it is mild, and bright Sunshine, and everything wears an inviting appearance. I half soled and heeled Erretts shoes this forenoon. Ewart down at the mill & finished up our part of the line fence between the Robertsons and ourselves.

half soled & heeled Erretts shoes finished our part of the line fence in garden.

May

Sunday 18

1913

1887

Dominion Day (Dominion)

THURSDAY

(1882-1889)

1888

Cool to day, but fine and pleasant, milder early in the morning, but as the day advanced it became colder. Maggie was at meeting twice, we have just learned to day that John Rosgel has been very ill, and has had 2 or 3 different doctors with him, it seems the rheumatism has gone through his system and touched his heart, and there is great danger to life under those conditions, it is thought he is now slightly improved although not out of danger. Bella was here from last night until church time this forenoon.

John Rosgel is now really sick, dangerously so.

Bella McKenney here to day.

Monday 19

Frost last night, and very cool all day. I have planned the scantling come on the front new fence, and smoothed the posts ready for painting. At a meeting of the Trustees of the Cemetery, of the Women's Institute this afternoon on the grounds considerable business was done, I was not there, but I am told they have bought an acre of land at the back of the present ground, price \$150.00, they are laying out to fence it all round and have other improvements in view.

a meeting of the Cemetery trustees and the women's Institute - at the grave yard. planned on new fence in front.

FRIDAY

(1882-1889)

Tuesday 20

Some milder to day, and weather very fine and pleasant, towards night it became dark & lowering and giving indications of rain. I finished up the repairing of the Robinson's part of the line fence; cut up some stuff into stove lengths, and some other choring. Ewart was down at the mill to day, he tells me he sold his 3 young fat cattle yesterday at \$6.75 per 100. to go in about 3 weeks.

finished the Robinson's part of the line fence.

Ewart tells me he sold his fat cattle yesterday.

Wednesday 21

Very dull this morning about 7 A.M. when shortly after it began to rain, and then rained heavily for a long time. Harold went to school with Elmer McCutcheon who called for him and who was fortified with a good sized umbrella. It remained rather wet & dull all day, the rain will do good. received a letter from brother James this evening he talks of coming here on Monday the 2nd of June.

rain & not so cold - wet most of the time

George Easton caretaker of Robinson's park fence to Ewart Cemetery from Guelph

Thursday 22

A little cool, but a pleasant day. things are growing fairly well in the garden. the garden peas are showing good. Dan Simons & George Jestin have taken up the old Steeples fence, and put in the new posts, and stretchers, and have it now ready to receive the wire covering, we hear that Geo. Duffield is very ill from rupture of the stomach. it is considered to be very serious, I planted Mary's Corn, and tomatoes to day. I notice the Senate Caucus has decided the Naval Bill must go to the people.

garden things are growing.

Geo. Jestin getting his new wire fence put up. Geo. Duffield very ill.

Naval Bill to go to the people.

Friday 23

Temperature a little milder, but still rather cool for good growing weather, I have been smoothing off the posts and stretchers of the new fence in front. Geo. Jestin took the best time he planned them before putting them on, he is hard at the work and has the back garden fence up and all finished this evening.

received letter from Alex. Springfield

Saturday 24

A very fine day, some warmer than what has lately prevailed. we have spent a long time in sand papering our posts & stretchers on our new fence in front, and have improved it a good deal. Mary is sick to day, she had the doctor to see her, he says it is cramp and Bontutus. she is some better this evening. Mrs Brown, Orton, lived to day. She died of cancer of the stomach. Archie Stephens called to day.

Mrs Brown, Orton lived to day. died of cancer in the stomach.

May

Sunday 25

1913

Cool, but not an unpleasant day. Bella McKinnis and Maggie have been here to day. our Maggie visited over at McKinnis this afternoon, George Bruce drove down there with Mr. King's Pic & buggy while Bella took Maggie's place here, I was at home, excepting in taking a walk up to the Cemetery and looking over it awhile.

Monday 26

Quite a cold day for this day of the year. This is certainly a very cold & backward spring, growth is very slow. Ewart was down at the mill this morning, and I rode up to the farm with him, had dinner with them, after helping them a little in the garden, went over to John's to try if he would pay up some of his arrear that he had so long owed me, but he declared he owed me nothing as I had given him credit of them when paying for the farm, I showed him that matter depend on me getting the value of the farm, which I did not, and he knew it, he was obstinate however and I suppose without I take measures to force it, it will never be paid, if his conscience allows him to thus rob and plunder us as he has done since he married, we may have to try and live our time through it.

"paid Dan Simons for the fence building. Seventeen dollars. Ewart paid me the 25 dollars he borrowed of me some time ago."

Tuesday 27

Rain and cold this morning and looked like rain this forenoon. At noon a slight rain set in, which was unpleasant. I got Austin McEntee & team to draw us up 2 loads of horse manure. We had them drawn & spread at 9.30 A.M. I settled with H. H. Hartop for 12. 2x4 scumming, \$1.95. 58 lbs chop and manure provided and drawing \$1.50 = \$4.25

Settlement with H. H. Hartop to date. Scumming chop & manure \$4.25.

Wednesday 28

A very fine day, a little cool however, I walked up to the corner after breakfast in order to see Ewart as he was driving to Rockwood, he was past about 5 minutes but left word at Smith's for me to meet him between 10 & 11 o'clock, which I did and rode up home with him, and after dinner, I drove down Prince & buggy & plow & harness, and plowed the garden and harrowed it, a hard job as the land was caked, I then drove the horse home, and found Ewart & folks all from a home, I set out to walk home, but met Barrie Nutrie on the hill by the river, and he was good enough to turn round and drive me down to Mr. Couell's corner, it was very kind of Barrie, more thoughtful than my own folks. I don't get very much attention from that quarter. I hear Mrs. Soper is thought to be about her last. She is at the hospital and has been sick at home for some days without attendance of people not knowing of her sickness, they took her away in auto car.

Mrs. Soper very ill. taken to Hospital.

Thursday 29

Another fine day. bright sunshine and fairly warm, hope it may become warmer. Maggie & I have been busy planting potatoes, we put them in with the hoe, spotting & covering, we used about 8 pairs of cuts, and was about even with the wire fence of hen yard there was 6 or 8 feet used for corn, beans and other sundries, we put only 2 cuts in hill.

Friday 30

Quite as heavy white frost this morning but the sun came out strong and hot very soon, no doubt, it would have been better had it been clouded for awhile, the ground is already getting quite dry, and in some places hard and lumpy. Maggie and I walked up to the Cemetery and attended the funeral of Mrs. John Soper. She died very soon after being taken to the hospital. There was a good attendance at funeral. Ewart was down at the blacksmith shop with Billy and got 2 shoes set in front, he intends going to Guelph tomorrow and will take Maggie and I along.

Mrs. Soper arrived from hospital about 3 P.M.

May
A very bright day. Maggie visited over at McKinnis this afternoon, George Bruce drove down there with Mr. King's Pic & buggy while Bella took Maggie's place here, I was at home, excepting in taking a walk up to the Cemetery and looking over it awhile.
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May & June

Saturday 31

A very nice day, although somewhat cool in the shade. Bright sun however which made it hot and dry. Maggie and I got a ride to Guelph to day with Ewart. He had John's Democrat and Gertie was also with us. She & Maggie had quite a time shopping. I took 11 dollars with me and came home without a cent. I got a dollar out of it for a new straw hat, had my dinner at Rich. McWilliams whom I went to see. Richard is not very well, he says the surgical operation he submitted to was not a success. and he is not doing very well in other respects. Our Bella was here this morning and not feeling well. Errett here to day.

Sunday June 1

Very hot and dry to day, a black cloud towards night seemed to promise a shower but, barring a few sprinkles, it did not materialize, and a good shower is what we need now. It became colder after the cloud passed over. Bella here this morning also Errett, down for yesterday by mistake.

Monday 2

The weather continues cold & dry, we are much in need of moisture and warmer air so as to bring on the growth of the crops. I drove to Rockwood this morning and met Brother James on the 10.10 train. They were 10 minutes late, we loaded on his rather heavy load box or behind, and drove home here with it. I took home the horse and rig and was back for dinner at 12.45.

Tuesday 3

Fine day but no rain yet although there were signs last night and to day. Brother James and I have kept at home all day. I half coled & heeled Harold's shoes, and Jamie fixed the Cistern pump so that it draws the water without being primed.

Wednesday 4

Cool at night and hot in the sun through the day. Brother James and I drove up to Ewart's this morning to shingle the horse stable. Errett brought down the horse and buggy for us as he went to school, Ewart helped us awhile, we put a new rafter in place and cleaned off a part of the roof of the old shingles and laid about 10 or 11 rows of shingles. John Weatherstone's horse died to day, it is thought to have been caused from indigestion.

Thursday 5

Hard frost last night, this morning there have been some injury done to garden stuff. Ewart has a very sore knee and he was down to see the doctor about it. The potato vines, he says, are blackened, ours don't seem to be hurt. Brother and I were again at the stable roof to day, and laid about 13 rows, we had to clean off some of the old shingles, it was very hot through the day, we were not able to work hard and Ewart could not help us. The carrying of the shingles on to the roof is hard.

Friday 6

Somewhat hot & sultry to day, and towards night a heavy thunder cloud passed around, and we got a good share & it came down very heavily and thunder & lightning with it. We were glad to get the rain as it is very much needed. I had Dan Simons helping me to day at the horse stable roof, he drove ~~me~~ up with his horse & buggy and worked at the roof while I helped Ewart over to his with 2 sows. We put on quite a few shingles, about 16 rows, and we shovelled all the old ones off the roof. Dan carried up the shingles on the roof.

June

Saturday 7

1913

The ~~thunder~~ storm of last night had the effect of lowering the temperature and it has been a cold and windy day. Dan Simons drove me up this morning to Ewart and ~~we~~ finished up the shingling, it took us till night to do it. Last night brother James (Friday morning) took ill and we phoned for the doctor about 1.30 A.M. he was some better before the doctor arrived, and he steadily recovered afterwards. his stomach seemed to be distended with gas, and pressing against his heart produced an awful feeling, he had great difficulty in breathing, and the cold sweat fairly poured out on him. I was so alarmed that I was anxious to have the doctor to see him, Ewart is some better to day but not able to help us.

Sunday 8

Another very cold day. There was ice formed on the water this morning in the wash basin about the thickness of a copper we must be greatly the better of the rain, and perhaps it may be as well that the air is cold and sunless, the land will not be so liable to bare, or the leaf wither with last night's frost.

Monday 9

Frost again last night, it is said the grass was stiff with frost this morning. our basin with water exposed to the weather had not formed ice however, Mr. Peach has finished George Jettin's Cement foundations to day; but he has the front steps to patch up yet. I have hoed up the garden patch to day potatoes, onions, peas, beets &c. Maggie & Mary have painted the front fence the second coat of white to day. Uncle James has been preparing stuff to make window screens for summer.

Tuesday 10

Continues cold and frosty at night, which is something very unusual for so late a time of the year. people are saying the grass was quite crispy under the foot this morning, and the day throughout was cold and rather unseasonable for so late a date. Maggie has been busy painting the fence, and I have been trimming up things around the place. Uncle James is making screens for the windows.

Wednesday 11

Cool, but not so frosty as of late; the weather was grand and pleasant to day. planted out the tomatoes to day. Geo. Jettin expected Parker on to build his back kitchen this morning but he did not materialize. up awhile at Ewart.

Thursday 12

Weather changing to moderate temperature, Geo. Jettin got Parker on this morning, but he only remained for about the half day, and got up the balloon frame. brother James is working at the window screens, they will be a good thing being in the garden and clearing out lots of weeds.

Friday 13

Quite warm, hot in the sun through the day. Maggie has been painting the fence and has it done over white with green on the scantling. She may yet put another coat on it, got word yesterday of the death of Geo. Rex of Galt. also of old Mr. Currie of Harbor Beach Mich. both to be buried at Everton tomorrow.

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THURSDAY

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A very hot day, the temperature was high, in the shade the thermometer registered 85 degrees. Some rain is again needed, the funeral of Geo. Rae took place this afternoon and proved very disappointing to his many friends here, the undertaker hurried up the burial an hour before expected, it was given out to take place by leaving Guelph at one P.M. but they arrived at Ewart's Harbour Beach, Mich. U.S.A. about that hour, and Undertaker Mitchell would not wait as he had another funeral at Guelph on his return, so there were no friends present but the Foresters to bury. quite a number were there afterwards and waited for the funeral of Mrs. Neil Currie which came from Harbour Beach, Mich. there was a large gathering of friends & relations present John, the deceased's son told me his mother was 93 years old last September.

Burial of Geo. Rae of Galt. also of Mrs. Neil Currie of Harbour Beach, Mich. U.S.A. with McKenzies.

Sunday 15

Another very hot and rather sultry day, temperature the same as yesterday although there was a stiff wind blowing, thunder looking clouds threatened rain, but very little fell, just laid the dust for a little while, Ewart & Gerlie & Errett were here for awhile this afternoon, Bella also at church this forenoon. She is not feeling very well at present, a Mr. Mitchell holding meetings which commence to day, he spoke at the grave of Mrs. Currie yesterday.

Ewart gave me ten dollars to day.

Monday 16

An extremely hot day, temperature 87 by our thermometer. Ewart brought us a load of old shingles from the stable roof for kindling, his fat cattle are ordered out tomorrow, and I rode up with them (Gerlie & Errett too) so as to help him tomorrow morning, helped him this evening with 2 loads of old shingle, kindly.

Tuesday 17

arose before 4 this morning, started with the 3 fat steers at 4.45 A.M. arrived at Rockwood nearly 4 hours afterwards, we went down by the Mitchell farm, which was the cooler road, the sky was overcast but about 8 o'clock the sun shone out warm again. Duncan Stewart came down on the 9 o'clock train and he lifted Mr. Litzys cattle Ewart's 3 weighed more than expected, 3200, the 2 bigger steers 2190, the little black one 1010, a 6.75 per 100 = \$216.00 in all, we were back at Ewart just about 12 o'clock. the price of cattle has gone back a little.

Ewart placed 190 dollars to my credit in the bank also 5 dollars in cash.

Wednesday 18

Cooler last night and this morning, but as the day advanced it became warmer, we are needing rain very much now. Brother James has been working at our front door to day, he put on a piece to widen it, and inserted pieces into the old key holes &c. nailing and gluing them on. we are thinking of fixing the roof of house and I bargained with John Reel for some old shingles for the job if we do it.

Thursday 19

Cooler again and overcast through the night, about 7 o'clock this morning there was some rain fell, later on through the day a splendid shower came along which cannot fail of being of immense to the country, there was great need for it and people are relieved. Ewart was down at the blacksmith shop, brother James has got both the screen and main front door pieced up, changed in their hanging, he has made a good job of the main door, we are now thinking of undertaking to make a change in our house roof which will entail considerable trouble and expense, we will soon have to decide, as James wants to be getting on with it.

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Friday 20

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^{JULY} Dull and rainy for the most part to day, and as it has been warm it will push on growth greatly if it keeps this kind of weather for awhile, we will expect a great change in the appearance of things shortly. I have written a letter to Jennie Edmonton, to night, the meetings at the disciple Church are going on, brother James has been busy fixing up the front door and others to the parlor and bed room, he has greatly improved them, Parker and Geo. Jester are about done with their job at the house to day.

Saturday 21

Dull and threatening, this forenoon especially in the morning, but it cleared up to be very fine afternoon, we were very pleased it did so, as the literary members had a picnic - arranged for to Puslinch Lake, a number from here took their own conveyance to Guelph, and hired a conveyance from there to take them the rest of the way, we have just decided to day to put on a flatstick cover over the gutter of our house roof, we find the plan of extending the raised shingle covering from the back to the extreme front, is a larger contract than we expected.

Sunday 22

A very fine day, the hot sun is drying everything up very fast, and as the land got a fair coating, growth must be going on apace, the usual interest is being displayed at the disciple Church, our folks have not missed a meeting and, I suppose, they are having some taken into the fold.

Monday 23

Very pleasant and beautiful weather, the crops on field and garden will likely soon present a much improved appearance, brother James has been filing up hand saws and we have been looking up the material for the fixing up of our house roof. I sent by Geo. Jester for another 2 square of roof covering material (he has 2 square roll) costing \$8.40. I gave him \$8.50. also sent for a quantity of window screen, but did not send the money. I borrowed three dollars from brother James.

Tuesday 24

A very fine day, but very hot in the forenoon, after dinner a little more breeze sprung up which made it more tolerable. Brother James rode up to the farm with Hazel Bayou, this A.M. he prepared the old rafters that were on the old piggy, by cleaning them and cutting them shorter, and Ematt brought them down to night and gave Uncle James a ride down. I got 400 feet of rick hemlock from Wm. Horstrop and he sent it up for us. I helped load & unload it, gave him a check for 20 dollars, and his bill was \$8.45 for the lumber and 50 lb sack of pastry flour. I got \$11.55 in cash after paying his bill. I got the screening for the windows this morning and paid \$1.30 to the stage driver, who also brought a 2 square roll for roofing that I paid for yesterday.

Wednesday 25

Another extremely hot day, the thermometer recording 88 degrees, a good breeze prevailed otherwise the heat would have been very oppressive, Uncle James & Maggie put on the screens on the frames and set them in the windows, we put a scaffolding afternoon so as to fix the roof of the house. I had quite a few rows of potatoes received a letter from Bertha Suter, Collingwood, have just heard this evening that John Henry died to day.

got a 2 square roll of roofing covering material for Geo. Jester, and sent for another roll costing also \$8.40, also window screening for this morning for which I paid the stage driver \$1.30

Bro. James & I up to Gwath got 400 feet rick lumber from H. H. Horstrop, paid him \$8.45, gave him a check for \$20, and he gave me \$11.55 in cash, - stage driver brought screening for Ematt, and 2 square roofing

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Another very hot day. Very close towards night, after having quite a thunder plump which was a grand shower. Geo. Lake scuffled his potatoes this afternoon, and let me have the horse and scuffer to go through ours. I had them all hoed over with the exception of 6 or 8 rows. but the scuffer stirred up the soil better. They are now clean and in good shape, but the bugs are mowing some on them. Uncle James and I made our rafters ready to set up this afternoon, I borrowed Dan Simons' Cross Cut Saw. and Jamie fixed up a stand to saw them on. paid Jamie back the 3 dollars I borrowed from him.

a thunder shower which will do good

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Friday 27

The heat continues to be extreme. and a shower every day would do good, Jamie and I have been preparing the roof for the rafters and have the ends of the building measured & the end rafters placed & lined for inside ones, we made ready to meet the funeral at Methodist church which came along about noon an opportunity was given to view the remains of poor John Henry he looked thinner than when I saw him last. a good many of his friends were present, Geo. Lorie met them at Quelpin.

John Henry's funeral. Did him at rest at noon. His age was 87 years. He October 1825

had a call from Ed. Lovell to day, he gave us quite a bit of news about Edmonton.

Saturday 28

There was a good breeze to day which helped to cool the air some, otherwise it would have been as hot as ever, Brother James and I have had a busy day on the roof of house, we had all the rafters fixed and placed before dinner, got the help of George and Jackson to put up the lumber on top. and James and I sheeted the roof in the afternoon, I nailed while James fitted and cut, it kept us quite busy to do it.

Sunday 29

Continues hot. Brother James was very poorly last night, I had only been but a short time in bed when Mother waked me up and told me that he was sick, I rose and sat beside him till 4 o'clock in the morning, Maggie also sat awhile, he did not appear so ill as ^{on} the attack of a short time ago, but bad enough indeed, he is some better to day. quite a stir at the church to day. I slept nearly all forenoon, to make up for last night's vigils.

Monday 30

Another very hot day. I offered my dollar to pay for my road work this morning, but Geo. Weatherston all but refused to accept it and said he would like so much if I would work it out. he gave me the job of throwing out the stones as they loaded the gravel at the pit. so I went at about ten o'clock, and did it, but it was very hot, and a busy job it proved to be. there were 5 teams drawing gravel, and sometimes 4 men shovelling into the wagon. I had dinner at Lores on the farm, Shaw is very crippled up.

Tuesday, July 1

Dominion day. a good breeze has prevailed to day, but for all it has been very hot. the thermometer registering 85 to 88, terrible accounts of the great heat and terrible consequences of it, many deaths. I worked an hour & half this morning. paid up for yesterday I got John Weatherston to bring us a load of gravel from the pit I went and helped him load it, he just charged me 50¢ for it, I hoed 6 rows of the potatoes this afternoon, the bugs are getting thick on them, will have to Paris green them soon. Brother James is not very well, he got quicker over the attack the other time he took the bad turn.

July

Wednesday 2

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Quite a breezy day, but it has also been very warm indeed, very hot in the sun. The thermometer said 82 in the shade. Brother James has not been very well to day, he was some better as the day advanced, and seemed to be more reconciled to the idea of staying on still a little. This morning he talked dolefully and almost wished for being away for home we have greened (Maggie & I) the potatoes to day. The young ones were becoming plentiful. I also hoed quite a piece of the patch, as well as the garden. This is spoken of as being the last of the revival meetings at the disciple church.

Thursday 3

Very hot to day. Brother James and I walked up to William Lovell's and selected some boards for using on the gables of the roof of house, and Mr Lovell sent them along with a young man with a team. I have been hoeing the potatoes. Jamie is some better. Telephone message announces B. D. Heath meeting tomorrow afternoon. Mother suffers from pain in her side caused from falling on a chair while risen out of bed. Also feels the heat bad.

Friday 4

Another extremely hot and sultry day. I hoed 6 rows of potatoes this forenoon. Cutting what weeds there are and gathering the soil around the hills. Received a telephone message announcing the death of Uncle Thos. Tilton last night. I intended going over there to day, but on account of the B. D. H. meeting, especially as a note from Hannah intimated her father was very ill, but not in immediate danger, I intended going over tomorrow, but the announcement of his death had come. The Board of Health met with the district inspector and had a valuable interview and general instruction from him.

Saturday 5

Very hot again to day. A little rain fell through the night. The thunder and rain of yesterday did not seem to cool off the air. I paid Mr Lovell for the horse to Rockwood 50¢. and 60 feet of old lumber a cent & 4 a foot 75¢ = \$1.25 in all. I have done some ripping of the 10 inch lumber, and nailed up some supports for roof of house. Jamie finished up the front gable, and is now working on the back gable. Harold has come home this evening and tells us that Ewart's mare foaled this morning both doing well so far.

Sunday 6

Much cooler this morning, and the temperature has steadily continued to become colder all day. Uncle Jamie and I have kept round the house a good deal, he and I however took a stroll down by the river on Mr Ewart's Bush, where the high rocky bluffs abound. Bella McKenzie & Maggie were here this morning. We are making things ready to be off for the funeral tomorrow. have engaged Mr Lovell's horse & rig.

Monday 7

Continues cool and pleasant. It is quite an enjoyable change. we were early astir this morning, and brother James & I started up to Mr Lovell's at sharp nine o'clock. where we found the horse & rig all ready for us. Maggie went with Mr Heleman later on we drove over in about an hour & half. many of the friends had gathered. Mr & Mrs McKenzie, Ben Tilton, the Stephens, Ed. and his 3 sons. Alice & Susan & husband were there. Uncle Thomas looked fairly natural. Bella Roszel & eldest daughter John is yet quite ill. The cortege drove to Mimosa Cemetery by way of Ospringe. John McKenzie and Bella and us, parted company there. Mr Lovell charged me 75¢ for the horse & buggy to the funeral which I paid. got 2 measures of oats, but only fed the one.

heavy thunder storm and great rain. Caught one when hearing Rockwood going to B. D. H. meeting. district inspectors met at \$10.00 out of Bank.

paid Dr. Mr. Cullough's bill for James and ours. \$5.00.

paid Mr. Tilton's bill for horse and lumber.

Funeral of Uncle Thomas Tilton to day. drove to Mimosa Cemetery by Ospringe.

paid 2 dollars to C. Overland, dues up to January 1914. A. D. H. Ewart's colt died last night. disease same as last year.

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Tuesday 8

Warmer than yesterday, I went over to Parker to try and get him to help us to lay the roofing, he promised to come on Thursday morning. So Jamie and I had a steady job to get the building ready, Uncle Jamie got the end cornice all done, he had all the old sheeting to saw off, and the old cornice to fit on, it kept us busy all day.

Wednesday 9

Pretty warm again this forenoon, and between 3 & 4 o'clock a heavy thunder cloud loomed up and emptied itself on us, it was a heavy rain, and great hail stones poured down for awhile, Robert Parker came along at seven o'clock this morning and we laid the roofing on the roof of house and had it done by 10 o'clock, I was under the impression it was only 9 o'clock, because my watch showed 9.05, but I had forgotten to wind it last night and it stopped as above so we were 3 hours at it instead of 2 as I thought, Parker charged me 75¢ which was moderate under the circumstances.

Thursday 10

Cooler to day, and a very pleasant day for working. Jamie has closed in the back gable of the house to day, and I have been helping a little, although not well enough to do much, James got through with the house between 3 & 4 o'clock. I fixed round the chimney bottoms with the roofing cement, we had quite a few visitors this afternoon, got a letter from Annie Senter Grimsby.

Friday 11

A very fine day, clear and warm sunshine, things are growing finely at the present time, and the late hail storm does not seem to have done very much harm, Brother James and I walked up to Ewerts this morning. James went over by Standishs and fished down to the town line reaching Ewerts just as we were at dinner we had a look at the condition of the Barn and concluded we could not do it ourselves, so I suppose we shall have to engage a framer for awhile, Brother James talks of packing up soon for home, the Presbyterian picnic is held to day at Stanley Park, Erin.

Saturday 12

Dull and threatening this morning and after awhile rain began to fall, which continued with more or less severity until about noon or a little later, a great deal of rain fell for the time, we thought the preparations of the Orangemen would be of little avail, but the afternoon turned out fine and we hear they had a great time at Guelph, it is said that 16,000 came in on the trains, and that the procession took an hour to pass a given point, some reports say 2 hours, brother Jamie and I have been lying up resting to day, had some outing this afternoon, tried the fishing after tea but got nothing.

Sunday 13

Fine weather to day, brother James has made up his mind to return home and tomorrow or next day he may go, John McFergie has offered his mare & buggy tomorrow and to night we have settled to go then, James has packed up yesterday and Bella & Maggie comes to morning with the rig, Monday 14.

A few morning, brother James Paris pruned our potatoes this forenoon, Bella & Maggie brought their washing to do, and Bella went with Jamie and I to the station for the 3.23 train which Jamie boarded for home, I gave Jamie four dollars and paid the doctor Bill \$2.50 he objects taking it but I made him take it he has done us some nice work and I did not like to take it without some acknowledgment, I took out 10 dollars from Bank.

Albert Robertson and May Black married to day during the hail storm.

John Hall, one hear, was laid to day, at Harbor Beach Michigan.

got 35¢ worth wheat porridge meal. (paid)

Brother James and I walked up to Ewerts, Ewerts drove us down to the gravel, James fishing on the old creek, Picnic at Stanley Park, Presbyterian viewing the Barn for repairs.

Heavy rain to random but cleared after, Orangemen and great display at Guelph.

Bella McFergie here to day, John absent night, brother James settled on going home tomorrow.

Paris pruned the potatoes this A.M. brother to Rockwood this P.M. train, took 10 dollars out of Bank.

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Tuesday 13

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AUGUST

MONDAY

(214-151)

A very fine and pleasant day. Sunshine and warm. I have been hoeing our potatoes, a portion of them had not been the second time, so I hoed them to day. The balance 14 rows, I expect to hoe tomorrow. Mr Bryant came to day and, we think she will likely stay awhile with us. Ewart was down at the mill to day.

Wednesday 16

Another beautiful day. the dust is again flying it. looks like rain again and it would do good, although the haymakers would rather not see it I suppose. Ewart was down at the mill to day. he tells me Errett was hoeing turnips and had them done to 9 rows, he says he makes a very good job of them. I finished the hoeing of the potatoes to day. 14 rows, which was the last.

Thursday 17

Continues very warm and getting pretty dry again. it is good weather for haymaking and it is generally on now. have not done much to day. beyond a few chores.

Friday 18 TUESDAY

(215-150)

Another fine haymaking day. very close and warm this afternoon. I have been hoeing some of the garden stuff. but not feeling well enough to do much work. had a visit of Mrs J. S. Loe. She took dinner with us. had other callers also, who helped to cheer Mother who is keeping fairly well considering. received a Harbor Beach newspaper containing an obituary on Mr Webb, who died lately.

Saturday 19

Very close and warm to day. it would have been much more hard to bear but for a hustling wind that prevailed. I took the chance of a ride over to McKings. John was at the mill this morning and rode over to his place with him and had my dinner with them. Bella is not very well these days, as John had to go to Roy Hindley this afternoon. I walked to Ewart's after dinner. Ewart had just finished cutting the 5 acre field of hay (2nd field South.) and I raked up a goodly part of it, and helped him in with 4 loads (2 Sling loads, Errett and this father had taken in 2 previously. Ewart drove me home at night. his tone troubles him just now rather badly.

Sunday 20

Some cooler to day. a heavy thunder storm with considerable hail and rain fell this afternoon. haymakers would not like it. but it will be good for the growing grain and roots. the ground was getting dry and too much dust for comfort.

Monday 21

A fine hustling wind this day has prevailed - which will very soon dry up the hay that was wet with yesterday's shower. Douglas Robertson came to Abbotts this morning and filled in the trench they made for their walk to the house. he left for home after dinner. to work at the hay. our Maggie helped Kelli, at the tending. paid 95¢ for her feed.

Tuesday 22

Another fine hay day. Douglas Robertson came to Abbotts and finished the cement walk building for them. Maggie again helped Kelli to tend. he was home early afternoon. Mrs Bryant & M. Blakely visited at Mitchells and McCalloughs to day. 4 to Robertson's wife have returned from a trip to Buffalo. loan of a book from R. Butchart (Hullmark)

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Dull and threatening rain, but did not materialize. Somewhat close and warm. Maggie went off this morning to pick raspberries along with Jeannette Lovell who were carried to Peter Stewart's bush and brought home again in the early evening. Maggie had fully 15 lbs of fruit picked in about 6 1/2 hours. Mary & Mrs Bryant were with mother and I remained within call.

Thursday 24

A little rain fell through the night. but the mowers were generally at work this morning. Some people are done with haymaking. I rode up with John McCutcheon to Ewart's before dinner. found Ewart well through with their haying. Arrett was raking the last 2 loads in field between the barns. and Ewart had cut the last piece next the road in front field north. we hauled in the 2 loads between the barns, and 2 loads out of last cut, there is yet another load or more there. Ewart drove me down to Lovell's corner.

Friday 25

A fine day, not too hot, and almost ideal weather for comfort and pleasure. Ewart finished his haying to day. he says I think ~~22~~ 22 or 23 loads ~~altogether~~ counting 3 clings to the load. he has drawn them in by two clings to the load. which if counted, would make a third more loads. have been cutting up the remnants of the wood working and old posts &c, into stove wood, clearing up the yard. no word yet from Uncle Jemie, wondering he does not write.

Saturday 26

Beautiful weather, but getting warmer, and a little rain fall would be very acceptable, it is getting dusty, have been cutting at the wood, also fixing the floor of the beandak, and plumbing up 2 or 3 posts of our front fence which were out of plumb, we are shocked to hear of the accidental and violent death, last night, of Angus Thomson of the 5th line, Erin. he was throwing out feed to his pigs from the back door of his barn. When he slid out, falling on his head and, it is said, breaking his neck.

Sunday 27

Very dry, but pleasant and enjoyable, a few visitors to day, but none of the McKennies showed up. Maggie and Mrs Bryant attended the usual meetings at the church. Mother found it rather hot for comfort, it is promising a hot spell.

Monday 28

An extremely hot day, one of the most oppressively hot days of the season. I rode up to the farm with Ewart before dinner, and helped him this afternoon to make a hen yard. at the end of his cattle shed, he spread and nailed on wire netting about 5 feet high, and hung a door on, the burial took place this afternoon of Angus Thomson to Conningsley Cemetery.

Tuesday 29

Another very hot day, the sun has been blazing out oppressively all day, but especially in the afternoon we are anxiously looking for rain, so the air he maintained and the air cooled. had a letter from brother James, Meaford, he is not very well. I walked over to the highlands on William Ewart's place, thinking to see an aeroplane at Guelph, but saw nothing. Mary rode to Guelph on the Stage Auto, and took Harold with her. She wanted Errett too, but Ewart would not let him go, he may take him himself tomorrow.

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Another extremely hot day, the heat has been awfully oppressive. Mother woke Maggie and I up last night about 11 o'clock, in a great troubled condition, we thought she had been dreaming and perhaps, waked up in a fright, but we soon realized that it was more serious, as the left arm was now paralyzed, the fact now flashed upon us that she had now got the 2nd stroke, it soon became abundantly plain that she had, and she suffered very much before night fall. Phlegm collected in her throat, threatening strangulation, we phoned to the doctor to come, but he replied, that though he would come if we insisted on it, it was practically useless to expect any good from it, so we did not call him up. Ewart drove the democrat to Guelph and took the Baldies, I intercepted him up at the corner, and he drove down here on staying awhile, he concluded to go on and phone from Guelph later on to learn of her condition, he did so, and called on his way home. Mother was yet suffering, John McKenzie, Maggie & her mother came to hand, Belle remained, the others returned. John was down and drove round to let them know, the neighbors willingly lent their help in our trouble.

Thursday 31

A very fine morning broke in on us, and the past night - was more peaceful and restful than I expected. Mary remained up all night with her mother, and allowed Maggie and others, (as well as myself) to go to rest. Mother became easier after being operated on, instead of medicine, and rested fairly well a long time. Ewart & John were both here this morning, I mailed a card each to Willie Edmonton, Alex Jolles, Springfield, and Mabel Moore, Georgian. Mother however, this afternoon did not rest so well, and the attendants did not think her any better, but rather, if anything, weaker. I am writing a letter to Alex. Sp'g'd so as to know how to act in case of the worst taking place. Ewart & John and John McKenzie, also Willie & Maggie McKenzie were here to night.

Friday, August 1

There were indications of rain last night and it would seem as if there had been rain somewhere as it is some cooler this morning and it remained cooler all day, we have been anxiously looking for rain as it is badly needed, things are suffering from want of moisture. I mailed a letter to Con Alex this, and enclosed a short letter to grandson Willie, complimenting him on his successful passing of the board at Pharmacy College. I also sent cards to brother Jamie, Meaford, A. Stephens, Erin. Sophie Sinter Meaford. Mary also wrote to Mr Garbut, Peterboro, all re. Mother's condition. Mother seems weaker and very restless. She wants to be moved a great deal, and is hard on the attendants. Ewart's household was down this evening, G. W. Abbott sat up with Mary the most of last night, Belle is here, but not very well.

Saturday 2

Clear and hot sunshine and dry as ever. Mrs Garbut came along to night, it was, only yesterday morning that Mary sent a card to her informing her of Mother's condition. She hired an auto at Guelph and Mr & Mrs Heffernan accompanied her, they returned almost immediately, but Mrs Garbut remained, Ewart & Bertie have been down.