

# James Bowman (1863 - 1944)

## 1898

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### Thursday Jan 6th 1898

We chored around barn most of day. C got save glass in 10¢ np at Morris. bgt meat. 70¢ worked in root house in afternoon Friday 7th fine we hauled turnips from pit to root house about 125 bush went for 5 bush grains ~~25 np~~ Sat 8th fair windy hauled two loads turnips and went to town, bgt meat 1 50 apples. 80¢ Baskets 60¢ Lantern glasses 14. Candies 01. teapot 25¢ pencils 01¢ spoons 05¢ grains 30 paid for yesterdays. 25 spoke for a turkey hen from Geo Fyfe pries to be \$1.00 oatmeal 90¢. Flax in 25 paid for mercury \$1.00 Sunday. 9th fair Inez Willie & I went to church in morning all children to S.S. and Mary, Jean & Charlie to church at night Monday 10th fine & soft I went over to John Mountains with a Polled Angus grade heifer to trade with John for one to kill got there at 4 pm. found all well. looked around a little and went over to Saudys in evening. took a look at his stock & then went back had quite a chat. was much pleased

### Tuesday 11th Dec Jan 18978

I got a heifer from John & give him five dollars to boot. ~~th~~ I also brought 3 bags of oats ~~fre~~ to change seed. took a look at Sharps cattle on way to Burts sale. The cattle sold well. highest was a cow 150.00 Wensday 12th wet we chored most of day bgt brains. 25¢. went to town bgt glass ~~¢5~~ got ~~cattle~~ stock insured in the waterloo mutual for \$1000.00 paid premium \$1.00 got over all to Cottenade Thursday 13th fair we chored around barn most of the day Friday 14th fair I took grist to town in morning 11 bags at 5,55¢, paid Mckenzie's bill ~~5.36~~ 4.36 horses shod 1.00 paid wardells for line \$2.25 bgt gro. 50¢. went to see about thrashing. bgt scribbler for Inez. 05. stamp for J Saturday 15th snowy we chored & got up two loads of wood from around creek got a load of clover hay from Jas Alderson. 2305" at 5.50 = \$6.30

### Sunday. Jan 16th 1898

Mary. C. Jean & W. went in morning to church. all children to S.S. Inez & I to church in evening heard Rev. Chown of Toronto it was ^a very high standard he held. I enjoyed it but feel I need sadly to climb higher. Monday 17th fine C & I worked at wood I went to town paid Jas Alderson \$6.30 for hay grain 25 Tuesday 18th well we chored in morning and I took no 1 to Bruders Bull in afternoon. I went to town in morning got chains fixed 25¢np postage for Jonathon 05. Wensday 19th fine we chored & went for grains in morning 50¢. I worked at wood and & Charlie went to Institute meeting in afternoon Friday ~~Thursday~~ 20th wet we chored & I went to for grains in morning 25 in afternoon I went ~~to p~~ as a deligate to the convention to appoint an independent candidate for the Ontario Legislature. Mr Anderson of Puslinch was the chosen candidate. paid \$1 to Mr Scroggie for McFyfe {?}

go back one day for Friday {above date heading}

#### **Thursday 20th Jan 1898 wet**

we chored and I went to Mr Geo Fyfes for turkey & took children to school then went to farmers Inst-itute meeting for an hour & a half. then took no 1 to Bruders bull and also put Mayflower Elm Park Mayflower 1st to Kymas heir Saturday 22nd dull we chored & killed heifer in morning & went for grains 25 & chored in afternoon, went to town in evening bgt. dry goods for Jean 19¢ for Mary got Inez shoes mended 50¢ Charles 30¢ ~~willie's pants~~ suit 25 40 paid Mr Scroggie for Dawson's tricycle bgt bag onions Sunday 23rd dull & windy Inez, W & Jean I went to church in morning heard Rev Strachan on the 3rd verse of 1st psalm Like tree planted by rivers of water All children went to S.S. Monday 24th fair we chored in morning cut up beef and cut some wood in afternoon Jim & Katie called today

#### **Tuesday 25th Jan 1898**

I went to town in mor-ning after chores were done. sold meat 84 " a 5 1/2 Herbert Leadley = \$4.62¢ ~~sel~~ not paid yet. sold hide 54 " A 8¢ = \$4.32¢ = credited at Hewers got photos @ Burgess & ~~sel~~ paid \$2.50 for Jonathon recd \$25.00 from Jonathon. Came home and went to Brewery for Grains 25¢. Croff Day brought out eight students to see the stock spent an hour or two and then Charlie & I turned turnips in root house making a home suit for Willie 10 {smudged} Wensday 26th fair C hauled box of straw to Scroggie and about 2/3 load of manure home in afternoon he hauled a load of manure from Ryans bgt paper & P. cards. 20¢ stamps 06¢ I went in to see vet about Bob's leg & did chores C hauled a load of wood. Thursday 27th dull we chored in morning and cut wood in afternoon Dr Ireland v.s. was out to fix Bob's leg he brought D. McKenzie to fix on shoes. went to entertainment 10 20 ¢ for Inez and Jean

#### **Friday Jan 28th 1898**

C & I chopped wood in in morning and got grist ready and thrashed about 4 1/2 bush peas Saturday 29th fine & cold I took grist to town in mor-ning 12 bags. {ink blot} 10 oats & 2 cow traded 1 1/2 bags peas for 2 1/4 bags corn. peas a@ 55. corn at 38. bgt flax 25 @ 2.30 60 ¢. Shoes mended for children 50¢, stamp for children 03 & for @ 03, stamps & letters for self 12 ¢ paid Scroggies 10.00 paid bal on gro 16¢, dry goods for Jennie 65, Grafts{?} for Willie 15¢ c oil Sunday 30th fine All children went to church in morning & Sunday School Mary and I stayed at home all day Tory took a colie{?} at night and I could not get away. Monday 31st dull & snowy Charlie went to Bye's thrashing I did chores and went for & took back Blacksmith to fix stifle shoe on horse he was away from shop one and 1 1/2 half hours, bgt salts at Maddock's 25¢ Licorice 15. Tuesday Feb 1st 1898 C sick I went to Byes thrashing in morning came home & did chores at noon & chored in afternoon

#### **Wensday Feb 3rd 1898**

did chores & took children to school C is some better today. went to post office after dinner Thursday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> Took children to school and did the chores Friday 4<sup>th</sup> fair we hauled three jags of straw into barn and one load to Sleemans 3 1/2 this squares up for manure that I have hauled so far Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> snowy C worked at chores I went to town in morning bgt gro 60¢ stamp drawers for C. \$1.15. scribbler for Jean. 05. spool 10. Ink 05. Candies 02 pans. 05 Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> fine Inez, W & I went to church in morning. heard a young woodstock man preach on John 10-10. I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly it was a real good sermon. All children went to S.S. Mary & C went to church in evening Monday 7<sup>th</sup> fine did chores and cut down an elm tree in morning. & sharpened saw. Mr Sharp came over and we went to see Bull. came home and took him to station at night

### **Tuesday. Feb 8th 1898**

after chores I went to O.A.C. to see about school business Mr Mills & Mr Ryde are agr-eeable to help things along. Mr Titter seems to favor leaving things alone. went to see pedigree of prince of Thorndale 1886 his sire ~~Wm~~ Daw are both from Ermine Baurer 1750 went to see Mr Zavitz he advises me to send for Kendal's early sweet corn. C & I cut saw logs in afternoon & did chores letter card 03 Wensday. Feb 9<sup>th</sup> Soft we did chores and hauled ~~three~~ two loads logs to mill ~~and~~ Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> fine soft I did chores in morning & took load of logs to mill in afternoon and brought home a load of lumber, got Douglas shod in front feet 25¢ at McKenzies, sent samples of peas & oats, away to Steele's {?} and Pearcer's Friday 11<sup>th</sup> - soft & warm like April I did chores and took Mary & Jennie to Barkers in afternoon then went to P.O. & sawmill for lumber & did chores C's knee is still sore. Letter card. 03 wrote to F. W. Hodson esq

### **Sat Feb 12th 1898 fair**

I did chores & went to town twice. bgt Lantern glasses 18¢ got chopping done. 10¢ bgt Bran 30 Bruder Bull is gone for Buf {?} as now we will have to look to other quarters for our stock Bull paid G. B. Hood 25¢ member fee to Farmers Institute Scribbler for W & pencil 05 Sun Feb 13<sup>th</sup> fair Mary & Inez went to church in morning. C & I are both laid up scaresly able to do chores. I. J & W went to S. S. Mon Feb 14<sup>th</sup> snowing Chored & wrote letters in morning Mr Benson was here to see about thrashing & went to town after dinner bgt hinges & bolts. 30¢ nail & hooks 23¢ paid D Reeds account \$3.00 paid for medicine for Douglas 50 his mixture for itchy legs is ~~one~~ two ounces fine sulph, plumbe acrt. 2 oz water 1 1/2 pints and told me to give him one table spoonful of sulphur twice a day Wed Feb 16<sup>th</sup> cold & clear We chored & took children to school in morning & got grist ready. and in afternoon I took grist to town. 94 bu & 40" peas exc-hanged for 14 bushels corn. 5 bags oats .25 Chopping 25 1 bag bran 332 Oatmeal 15 stamps for Jonathon 06 other stamps 03

### **Tue Feb 15th 1898 - put wrong days work for yesterday**

we chored almost all day & flailing peas & cleaning them in afternoon. Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> fair Charlie & I did chores and threw back turnips to make room for a box stall. Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Dull & soft C & I worked at box

stall in root house what time we had to spare from chores I went to P. O. ect. sent 5.00 to Miss Winslow London seed Insurance policy \$1000 in Live Stock for 3 years Postage .07¢ Saturday 19th fair Boys chored & I went to town in morning did not do any business tried to sell cow we worked at box stall in afternoon. Mr Cull came out to see cow. Sunday 20th dull east wind Jean. W. & I went to church heard Mr Mills preach, Ch Inez & Jean went to S.S. Monday 21st Storm from east C & I finished box stall in morning & fixed sheep pen & thrashed two floors peas

### **Tuesday Feb. 22nd 1898**

we worked at chores & took children to school. I went to town after dinner. bgt hinges and bolts 25¢ Kyma 2nd and Kyma 5th each had calves Kyma 2nd heifer K.5th a bull. Wensday 24th fair we did chores and cut some wood and went to school meeting in evening did not accomplish much, reed, 1.00 from Mr Barber for Bull service Thursday 24th snowy we worked at chores and wood went to P. O. stamps set. 02 Friday 25th fair ~~we~~ I went to town after morning chores were done and then ~~we~~ this stamps 16¢ young Hendry from Dundalk came to see our stock he seemed quite pleased with them Saturday 26th fine After chores were done I went to town and saw a few men about business but did not do any - need an order from J. S. Pearce's Co London for 850 bush siberian oats. at 50 ¢ per bush F. O. b. London paid taxes \$33.33 paid Tolton Bros. 5.00 on account I bgt 50 bush Siberian oats from Jas Hewer: paid 25¢ to Mrs Denyse

### **Saturday 27th Feb 1898 fair**

Inez, Jean, W & I went to church in morning heard Dr Briggs t on a bruised reed shall he not break and the smoking flax shall he not quench. he was very good, Children all went to S.S. Monday 25th fine M I went to town to buy Siberian oats from Hewer got 50 bushels @ 35, \$17.50 in afternoon C & I went to bush & cut wood Mrs Nisbat came this evening one of our grade ewes had three lambs one died bgt stamps 06 ~~Tuesday 29th~~ Tuesday Mar 1st 98 We did chores & sold two cows to J. W. Atkinson in morning, we are to get \$102.00 on a ~~years~~ 10 mos time for Rose and Trixie. I went to vote in afternoon Wensday 2nd fine I did chores & cleaned some oats in morning and went to Lindsay's sale in afternoon bgt pair ewes & a fork \$18.30 one died about two minutes after we loaded so I just got one ewe, gave my note for \$18.30 John & Willie Mountain came for seed grain & to see about stock Thursday 3rd fine we got seed ready & John started off about noon. he bgt heifer \$25. meat \$3.00 sold calf & sheep to Tom for \$20.00 delivered in Mt Forest reed \$10. recd \$10, reed to from{?} mill

### **Friday March 4th 1898**

we did chores and attended the arbitration case re the extension of NO 7 ^school section boundary did not accomplish anything but put in the most of the day sold skin to Hewer 90¢ cr on account Saturday 5th fine After chores were done I went to town. bgt 140" corn @ 40¢ pr bu stamp 03¢, J. W. Atkinson signed his note ~~for~~ \$102.00 for our two cows and took it home to have his father sign it, ~~read~~ Sunday 6th fine

Mary, C & Jean went to church all children went to S.S. we all stayed at home in evening Monday 7th fine J. W. Atkinson came and got Rosie and Trixie & gave me his note for \$102.00. I took a cord of heading to saw mill in afternoon . two loads 2 cord at \$2.25 = \$4.50 this paid our old account & I paid \$1.25 for this years account. went to P.O. ~~stamp~~ Tuesday 8th fine Chored & got up wood in morning C thrashed peas & I went to trans-ship a calf for Will on to C.P.R. Halter 20¢. Turnips 25¢ stamp 05 got note discounted at Bank rec \$95.95

### **Wensday Mar 9th fine**

C did chores & I went to Jas Hunter's sale, I did not bid buy but bgt a mare from my Bro W. for \$150.00 to apply on principal that he owes me. spent \$1.20 to go up and 50¢ to come back reed 45¢ from Will for turnips & Halter Thursday Mar 10th fine I chored & saw about thrashing asked hands & went down to Sorbys with Joe Barnett had quite a pleasant chat with him Friday 11th Dull went to get tank in morning and we thrashed in afternoon peas turned out 365 bushels Saturday 12th ~~fine~~ wet I took tank home & bgt corn 205" @ 40.00 per bush ~~stamp~~ cards 09. sent ad to Farmers advocate Sunday 13th 1898 Jean & I went to church in morning heard Rev. Scott. C & Jean went to S.S. we all stayed home in evening Monday 14th fine did chores & sold prince in morning I read \$2.00 on him and he ^Mr Hastings is to take him by april 1st I went to town in afternoon sold peas 810 bgt corn 140" 205" & 635.00 oats 360" @ 32 1/2 per bush 3.

### **Monday 14th Mar. 1898**

got 9 bags grain chop & got 45" flour, paid for flour & chopping 45, & 61¢, shoes for Willie \$1.00 & shoes for Inez & Jean \$2.00 Mary's shoes mended. 45 Tuesday 15th 1898 fair We did chores and cut wood the rest of the day. had R. McRae in in afternoon 25 paid him 45¢ for Saturdays work Wensday 16th fine & warm did chores in cut wood. C went to Mitchells cutting in afternoon & R helped me with wood. I went to town at noon ~~bgt~~ got the mail & bags from J. S. Pearce, for oats, & 1 peck Kendels early giant corn Thursday 17th fine we worked at wood all day W.R. Walker came tonight with good accounts from Glenford & Hamilton Friday 18th fair we worked at wood all day Jas Sharp came to get Mr & Mrs Scott . had Jennie ~~bap~~ christened spent a pleasant evening. W. R. W went to Mount Forest this evening Saturday 19th fine we did chores & cleaned oats in morning left 12 bags siberian oats at station ready for to ship to J.S. Pearce & co London sent 1.75 to witness for advertising 06 {smudged}

### **Sunday Mar 20th 1898**

Mary, Inez & C went to church in morning & ~~Chine~~ all children to S.S. I stayed at home all day. Monday 21st fair we cleaned grain in morning sent 68 bu & 24" of Siberian oats to J. S. Pearce & co London and ten bush to Augustus. Converse Upper Melbourne Tucker paid Freight on Pearce's \$2.73, got seive fixed. 25. P Cards & 02 ~~stamps, 08¢~~ bgt Oil 60¢, sold hen to R 30¢ Tuesday 22nd Dull we cleaned grain & cleaned a sheep pen. Wensday 23rd fine R plowing orchard, C Rolled old meadow & part of new I went

to town after dinner sold chickens & turkeys \$1.50 bgt, drugs 33¢, stamps, ect 15¢ reed 1.00 for Mandesuri Barley 1 bush barley bal of 1.00 in potatoes Thursday 24th fine R. plowing all day C & I piling wood in morning & C rolling in afternoon & I spread horse & cattle droppings on meadow I went to post office stamps for Mr German's Book & Pills 28¢

### **Groceries**

153 / 95 \$1.55/99 \$1.39/98 10/98 75/99 \$1.43/101

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### **Johnathon Balty**

4795/348 25/351 05/351 1.30/353 03/355 1.00/357

\$1.00/360 25/360 20/362 07/365 05/366 50/367

40/366 \$25.00/368 & 19/366 20/368 68/369 05/370

05/372 06/372 07/382 20/384 \$1.40/386 31/388

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### **Friday. Mar 25th/98 fine**

R choring 7 C rolling meadow in afternoon. I hauled manure from G. T. R. yards 4 Loads a 1.00/25 Sat 26th fine R ~~ha~~ hauled 3 loads manure in morning, R was off in after-noon, paid him \$3.25. Inez shoes mended & marbles 07¢ hauled 2 loads manure in afternoon. Sunday 27th wet ~~We~~ Inez & I went to church in morning. heard Mr Scott preach. All children went to S.S. Inez stayed for dinner with Miss Steward {?} Monday 28th wet I took children to school and C went for manure. hauled four loads, sent 3 pcs to Exhibitors, re Jacques Tuesday 29th fine C. hauled bal of manure in the morning. 2 loads paid them 25 per load = \$3.75 cut down big poplar tree & chored Mr D. Reed called today

### **Charity account**

75/90 75/92 20/93 25/94 75/96 62/96 25/97 311/99 25 45/105 05/106

50/106 10/106 75/107 25/109 25/108 17/111 25/110 70/112 25/114

28/116 27/118 20/120 33/122 08/123 28/124 75/129

18/130 27/131

{line separating entries}

### **C Germans 1897-8 account**

10¢/349 1.90/360 50/360 .25/360 150/360 1.00/360 8.00/360

25/344 30/369 03/36.9 \$1.15/370 28/381 \$1.25/385

### **Wensday 30th wet 1898**

we chored and got grist ready in morning went to town in afternoon recd for ^E state potatoes, got Harrow fixed 25. Lock & steeple 15¢ pants & braces for C. 1.25 Envelopes 05. C chored in afternoon Thursday 31st fair we hauled wood & went for grains & brewery. 25¢ C & I went to see Stones cattle J Friday April 1st 1898 Mary went out to Whittakers this morning. C & I worked at wood rest of day C went for her in evening. Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> I went to town to get my teeth fixed \$2.75 n.p. reed \$30.93 for oats, from J. S. Pearce. paid Hower for oats \$17.50 ~~reed P~~ bgt. grains, 25¢ Sunday 3rd fair Mary, C & W went to church all children to S.S.

### **Bowman Bros ac July 1<sup>st</sup> 1892**

3.10/19. \$75.00/19 \$46.70/20 20/21 ~~2.85.2.00/35~~ old book 2.00/288 OB see, peas & barley \$19.90/284 OB ~~27~~ 5.00/83 1.00/83 75/91 157.40/91 295/123 2.77/141 59.20/146 16.35/149 {blue in separates this and the next line of numbers} 60.00/290 50/299 \$60.00 311

### **Mr Germans Account**

{each fraction of numbers has a checkmark next to it} 30/324 13/327 \$18524/327 \$1.65/328 {?}0/329 20/339 \$1.60/342 25¢/344 6.95/346 {red ink} 2.00/346 {black ink again} 1.50/346 \$4.36/350 37/351 37/351 07/356 \$65.65/357. {the last three entries do not have check marks} 11.75/357 \$1.50/357 ~~368~~

### **Monday. Apr 4th/98**

C & I chored & I went to town in afternoon, took mower to Toltons It do to be about six \$ got two bags corn at presents got store back fixed 15¢ sent \$90 to W. R. Walker charge 15¢ Mr Pickering & Mr Martin came out tonight we had a little prayer meeting W.R. Weaver also left all pretty well at home. Tuesday 5th fine I went to town in morning bgt 3 barrels, 25¢ paid for grains at Brewery 50¢ went to O.A.C. with Mysie & {looks like two words overlapped} back May 12st Inez's shoes mended & scribbler Wednesday 6th fine & cold C went to Scroggies for manure in morning & I did chores in afternoon we hauled manure on mangel ground. I went to P.O. in evening sundries 06

### **C. German's Account June 11<sup>th</sup> 92**



80¢.71¢/1414 05./17 30/18 \$5.85/20 30/31 6.00/36 2.50/37 90/37 2.35. 2.00/45 1.00/54 Board for year  
60=81 76¢ rendered Mch 4<sup>th</sup> 1890

30/57 ~~100/60~~ 88¢/39 25¢/60 44¢/60 11¢/64 \$.175/73 \$5.55/79 ~~77~~

\$1.45/78 \$1.20/88 15/89 40/88 140/91 25/92 \$4.75/92 \$1.11/95

22/96 ~~9~~ 25/98 \$1.45/101 50/102 16¢/102 06/103 65/105

30¢/106 12/106 04/106 20/106 88/107 40/113 05/114

Rendered April 10<sup>th</sup> 1894

05/116 10/118 2.00/120 ~~420~~ 8.00/122 & 21/123 75/123

30/123 10/125 06/130 2.60/130 44pd/127 125.00/127 ~~47/134~~

~~\$1.00/136~~pd 05/141 08/141 \$1.25/142 \$2.60/143 15/145

\$2.01/149 7{?}/154 \$3.25/155 \$1.20/155 53/157 7.00/158 25/159 46/163

17/163 05/164 650/165 2.00/165 12/166 03/166 05/169

\$1.80/169 \$2.50/170 15¢/170 135.00/184

Re bal to Mr Geredit this year 2.00 Rendered April 9<sup>th</sup> 1895

11/172 10/175 03/175 2.88/176 \$1.75/79 05/179 2.00/184

3.25/184 05/189 15/190 03/199 2.45/200 ~~42.60~~ 14.60/200

15/203 2.00/204 15/204 {blue ink} 06/207 05/209 13/213

09/219 75/221 10/222 1.50/223 5.00/226 2.50/227

03/229 2.15/230 \$2.20/237 16/237 03/240 2.95/241

1.48/241 20.00/241 5.75/243 60/243 05/244 1.15/245

50/245 2.00/248 7.00/249

Rendered May 8<sup>th</sup> with fees for June and Examination and clothes that Mina needs 136.29/254

1.00/257 1.35/259 10/262 03/269 6.77/273



13/276 4.00/278 \$50.00/279 80/282

\$6.59/283 85/283 ¢63/284 \$1.12/286 \$4.50/287

05/287 \$8.23/291 2.35/294 02/294 10/296 08/286

4.00/299 05/303 4.00/305 28¢/305 10/306 30/307

02/308 4.00/308 \$12.00/308 60¢/308 15¢/209 35/310

15/310 10¢/310 \$1.35/316 03/316 \$9.33/312 4.00/316 78¢.19 34/319 320/321 \$7.93/22

#### **Thursday. Apr 7th 1898 fine**

Mr. Wagg & I went over to Mr Sharps after leaving the Heifer at Rockood for John Mr W. bgt a bull from Mr. S. we got home about dark Friday 8th fine we chored & set cutting box in morning & cut in afternoon Saturday 9th fine I went to town in morning & afternoon, bgt. ^second books for Inez & Jean 40/20, boots for Jean 1.00 got 500 bran 3.00 1.00 milk 70¢ nail 18¢ Sunday 10th fine Inez, Jean, W & I went to church Heard Rev. Scott preach, we went to class also. All children went to S.S. Monday 11th fine we started cultivating today in no 5 & harrowing Tuesday 12th fine C cultivating all day R.Mc cutting wood & fixing fence M I bgt 2 bu grass 4.00/2.00 & clover 8.00/4.00 1/2 alsike, @ \$2.25/4.50 less 50¢ \$13.75 at Jackson & Sons, 1 bal. salt. \$1.00 Wensday 13th fine C & I sowing oats & grass seed in no. 5 Thursday 14th fine We finished no 5 and and started behind bush. R working at fence. bgt grain, 25

#### **Friday Apr 15th 1898**

C cultivating & harrowing in morning ~~the~~ rest of us picked over oats Mr Sharp brought two men to see our stock. H. A. Dinsmore Granton he has bgt Mysie if she proves in calf in three weeks for \$125.00 or when she is in calf. J. Friendship came tonight for 8 10.00/60 bush Blue peas did not pay for them = \$ 4.90 Saturday 16th fine I got potatoes & grain ready to shif R finished ^sowing patch of oats behind bush Charle did cultivating and rolling R working at fence in afternoon. bgt pail 25, bags 50¢ stamps & cards 21. left two bags at Lee's{?} for Mr Murphy \$1.00 Sunday 17th Dull Mary. Jean. C & W. went to church in morning & all children to S.S. I stayed at home all day Monday 18th fine & cool we sowed Barley in no 2 & sowed clover & timothy with it. R working at fences sold 1 bush peas to Mr Johnston. 60¢

#### **Tuesday 19th April. 1898 wet**

I took Charlie to Dentist this morning. Drugs 05 stamps 123¢ recd a order for 2 bags empire state potatoes Wensday 20th Dull we finished sowing barley in no 2 in morning and cultivated corn patch near barn C went to get his teeth finished in afternoon, Mr ^Jas Phillips Maidstone cross came to see Lord Douglas we did not make a bargain Thursday 21st fine & cool Mr. Phillips looked at stallion & looked

around farm I went with him to station about ten AM Friday 22nd wet we chored & finished taking stock in morning I went to town bgt corn 72¢, stamps 04¢ books for Inez & Jean & Willie 31¢ sheared Rams in afternoon filled potatoes and chored sold a lamb to Korman Butcher \$4.00 Saturday 23rd fair C. gang plowing & Jean picking potatoes. I went to town with grist 7 bags. recd an order for 3 bags E state potatoes. \$2.25, recd \$ 4.00 for lamb & 50¢ worth meat also \$133.00 from Will. paid amt m. 35.00 check 15¢ stamps. 20¢ grains. 38¢ Paid R. McRae \$2.00 recd \$1.50 for potatoes

**Sunday. Apr 24th/1898**

Inez, W & I went to church & Inez Jean & C to S.S. we all stayed at home rest of the day Monday 25th fair I went to town in morning got grist, chop & grains 35 came home & gave Mr Benson his bag of peas & he took at a look at Lord Douglas & about noon Messes Ehmer Dymont & Father{?} Dymont came & bought Lord Douglas for \$230.00 gave me their note for the full amount. Due in five days. went to the Bank & found out that it was all right & let them have him. Tuesday 26th fine C & I worked on barley ground in morning went for grains at noon 35 np. Took W Batty to see the Doctor he has the measles. bgt stamps & card bgt bags. 05¢/15 - 75 sold calf to Butcher Korman Wensday 24th fine I finished sowing, Barley this morning & peas in afternoon, C rolling in morning and harrowing in afternoon Thursday 28th fine I worked at rolling all day. C G plowing & cultivating

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