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January, THURSDAY, 1st 1863

The year has ushered in with most splendid weather The sun shining out clear and beautiful quite calm and the cold in the morning only about the freezing point, the ice on the Dam is strong enough and crowded with skaiters. of all ages and sexes.

FRIDAY, 2d

The same fine weather prevails, and the roads are hard and smooth.

SATURDAY, 3d

The weather is not so fine as it was yesterday was dull, I went down to Puslinch to see about clear boards and square timber It began to rain in the afternoon, and made the roads quite heavy, that were very fine in the morning

January, MONDAY, 5th 1863

The day is dry but blowing cold went out to the farm, the men are at work cutting up all the old laying cedar and other logs and under-brush

TUESDAY, 6th

The weather is still mild and little or no frost more than to harden the roads during the night, which soften during the day.

WEDNESDAY, 7th

{No entry}

January, THURSDAY, 8th 1863

{No entry}

Friday, 9th

{No entry}

SATURDAY, 10th

{No entry}

January, MONDAY, 12th 186{3}

{No entry}

TUESDAY, 13th

Some more snow fell to day which with what fell yesterday enabled a light sleigh or cutter to slip along. The annual meeting of the Bible Society was held this evening in St Andrews Church

WEDNESDAY, 14th

The weather to day has been quite wet and rainy, and melting all the snow that fell yesterday

January, THURSDAY, 15th 186{3}

It froze harder last night than for some nights past, but the most of the snow gone it Began however in the afternoon and snowed heavy. I have just got the new toe and brass for for the upright shaft of the old Mill (but now a new one) the toe is $3\frac{1}{16}$ inches in diameter which is $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches larger than than the old one. I was present both at the steeling and temporing of it myself, and likewise cast the

Brass, which is quite hard & good. The teams went down to Morriston to day for some dry square pine timber. It has been snowing heavy all afternoon, and will be hard for the teams to get home. Board day in Bank

FRIDAY, 16th

There is considerable ~~frost~~ snow this morning and must have fallen during the night. At 7 this morning the glass was 10° below zero.

Saturday, 17th

Rather of any thing milder this morning

January, MONDAY, 19th 186{3}

Much milder this morning and during the middle of the day there was a slight thaw

TUESDAY, 20th

No thaw but a cold raw wind and very dull threatning a fall of snow or rain. We are getting on well with the Water Wheel the greater part of the Buckets are in their place

WEDNESDAY, 21st

Went down to Galt this morning and returned by evening train, At the Foundry setting a/c in full to date. R Wallace informed me he sold 1000 Bhls {bushels} No 1 spring wheat flour to be delivered F.O.B in Hamilton at \$4.15 Blain is treating now with a Montreal House for \$4.20 and thinks he will get it. The snow has improved the roads but I am afraid it is not going to last, as there is a slight thaw. The upright shaft and spurs wheel and level pinion are in their place

January, THURSDAY, 22d 186{3}

Very mild this morning and thawing and continued so all day, so that it begins to tell on the roads seriously. Mr N Higginbotham very ill, yet,

FRIDAY, 23

It still continues mild but the snow is not melting as fast as it did yesterday. Measuring and deciding about the upright shafts. Higginbotham rather better to day

SATURDAY, 24th

{No entry}

January, MONDAY, 26th 186{3}

It has been quite soft to day and little else than waggons and Buggies going. It however began to snow in the evening. This is the Anneversary of Burns Birth day Dinner ~~was~~ or rather Supper at 8 was given at Grants Saloon to the Canadian Bard, Alex^r McLaughlan - on his return from Scotland

TUESDAY, 27

Snowing hard this morning yet soft yet Mrs A & I went down to Mr Idingtons in Waterloo. and found the sleighing tolerably good for a light conveyance. It snowed all the fore part of the day

February, WEDNESDAY, 28th

It froze pritty hard during the night and there is no thaw to day - this evening a Dinner to Hon A. J Ferguson, to welcome his return from Scotland

Thursday 29th

Fine morning and moderate frost Board day, the President of the Bank Mr Simpson was here

Friday 30th

Moderate frost and no additional snow.

Saturday 31st

Sharper frost this morning, but little or no snow on the roads, except at the sides

February, Monday 2d 1863

{No entry}

Tuesday 3d

{No entry}

Wednesday 4th

~~Board day in bank.~~

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Board day

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WEDNESDAY, {18th}

Very sharp cold day, good roads and a great quantity of grain in

February, THURSDAY, {19th} 186{3}

Has been a cold day, good sleighing and a considerable quantity of wheat in the market. Rev Kenneth McLennan of Paisley here. Board day in Bank.

FRIDAY, {20th}

{No entry}

SATURDAY, {21st}

Not due in Hamilton on Monday

[Transcriber's note - No entries between February, MONDAY, 23rd 1863 and March TUESDAY, 31st 1863]

{April} WEDNESDAY, 1st {1863}

Cold freezing day, the ground was bare of snow yet there was a considerable number of cattle at the Fair, And the prices were much improved when compared to the one last month

April THURSDAY, 2d 1863

{No entry}

FRIDAY, 3d

{No entry}

SATURDAY, 4th

{No entry}

April, MONDAY, 6th 1863

This has been a very different day from what yesterday was it began to snow heavy this morning and continued all day and in a great measure melted away, whereas yesterday was a fine clear pleasant day of Sunshine

TUESDAY, 7th

This has been another day of sleet and snow which is melting fast, have the 3 horse teams and the Oxen at the Rocks hauling the firewood out of the chopping on to the roadside to be out of the way in burning the brush in the spring. Let the water on the big Mill New water wheel. the stone pinions were in gear and all went smooth and well.

WEDNESDAY, 8th

{No entry}

April, THURSDAY, 9th 1863

This has been a very fine day, but the roads are getting deep and muddy as the frost goes out. Peter Idington was here to day, went out to the freight station with him. A.B. Stewarts sale of furniture to day. I wrote to Hart & Munson of Utica NY. about another of Mattisons Flour packers.

[Transcriber's note - No entries between April, FRIDAY, 10th 1863 and April WEDNESDAY, 22d 1863}

April, THURSDAY 23d 186{3}

have obliged to discontinue here so as to begin the month of May on the proper day of the week.

{Transcriber's note - no entries after the above date until May, FRIDAY, 1st 1863}

May, FRIDAY 1st May

Began to chopp Corn in the (large Mill) to day at a fine rate. Had quite an alarm yesterday about the outer gudgeon of the new water wheel being allowed to run dry untill it was so hot as to change its colour it tore up the brass and also made the surface of the gudgeon (which was had been polished with Emery) rough and quite pock-pitted. we cooled it down with sulphur and water, and then after cleaning it well, and had got it quite cool put on fresh oil & tallow and smoothed the surface with a

fine file, it then appeared to work tolerably well But fear it will have to be turned again to make it as perfect as it was. It is fine weather

SATURDAY, 2d

There is some appearance of rain to day. I feel heavy and have a slight headache

Note due tomorrow

~~Meeting of committee on Printing 1/2 past 7.~~

May MONDAY, 4th 18{63}

{No entry}

May, TUESDAY 5th

~~Began to~~ chop Corn with the Old Mill (or large Mill) regularly

WEDNESDAY {6TH}

{No entry}

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May, THURSDAY 28, 18{63}

{No entry}

Friday 29

Have got the Eight acre field next the Glebe sown with Oats this day, and partly harrowed

Saturday 30

considerable rain fell this forenoon, and part of the afternoon The cone for the new packing machine was finished to day, and the most of the geering filled up for it. The fitting up of the upper part begun The shafting is progressing as fast as can be done, the Bran Bolt casing is finished

May, Sabbath 31 18{63}

June, MONDAY 1 1863

This has been a {throng} day, this being our annual meeting of the Wellington Mutual Fire Assurance Co. when I was again re elected a Director, Had also a meeting of the Building Society The weather is raw and cold to day Have got the 8 acre field fenced and finished this afternoon.

Tuesday 2

Intend leaving for Hamilton this morning

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Letters to write or answer

Horsburgh Mrs Robertson Chatham (of 13th Feb) see Kingsmill

John Burnes, {---}

Treasurer of Goderich. A.M Ross

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