

Franklin McMillan (1885–1966)

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{Inside front cover} Frank McMillan Burlington Ont Diary 1923. {pencil scribbles on the page}

Jan. 1st. Weather is mild & cloudy. Thawing snow nearly all gone. Had Grandpa, John & Donlald also Mr & Mrs Boniface out from Hamilton for New Year dinner

Jan 2nd A Little cooler but bright and clear. Have another load of orange crates ready at Carrols, but have a bad cold and can not go for them now. Election day returns for yesterday Hydro Radial Bylaw, defeated in Hamilton, Toronto, East Flamboro & Barton. Carried in St Catherines : Burlington & Nelson. Pete Rae & W.H. Easterbrook. for Reeve & Deputy by acclamation Nelson all council acclamation Burlington. E. A Harris Mayor F D. Ghent. Reeve. Councillors all by acclamation they are F. Sheppherd. Busby, Gray, Williams, Van Scriber. Hamilton Coppley defeated for Mayor by Jutten.

Jan 3rd snowing all day and last night. looks like real winter

Jan 4th. Fine & moderately cold went out to do the chores tonight but cold is not better yet.

Jan 5th Cold and looks like another storm coming. done the chores today. all used up again with cold tonight

Jan 6th Another real north East snow storm this morning cleared up at noon but very cold. Mr E W Lewis was buried today. Grimsby Hockey team defeated Burlington last night the score was 8 to 0

Jan 7 Sunday. very cold must be around zero.

Jan 8th A Little milder with light snow.

Jan 9th. milder with more snow roads bad, some cars running yet. but sleighs go the best.

Jan 10th. Clear & fine but cool. Got a summons tonight for speeding but it was for Mr Bruce who got our Ford Truck the Reo people did not Transfer License as they promised. Burlington Hockey Team defeated Oakville 6 to 1 last night.

Jan 11th One of the worst snowstorm of the season. Have bad cold yet. Dr Peart advises me to go to N. Carolina. Had a Real Estate Agent in Hamilton phone me wanting to go to Texas on an excursion to Rio Grande Valley. to see some land there selling at from \$200 to \$600 per acre. cost of trip \$96.50 for ticket & meals. Rev. Amy died today.

Jan 12th Cloudy and cold a few snow flurries

Jan 13th Bright & cold roads badly blocked now. The busses are nearly all quite running

Jan 14th Sunday. another real snow storm today. only two days this month so far that it has not snowed.

Jan 15th. mild this morning, a few snow flurries and colder at night

Jan 16th Colder again & more snow more snow now than at any time for several years

Jan 17th Very cold. 18 below zero here. and 22 below in Waterdown not many cars out to much snow now.

Jan 18th. mild today. cloudy but thawing fast. quite a change about 60 degrees in 24 hours. Burlington lost Hockey Match with Ham. Beavers. 8 to 4. Looks like Beavers to win Group -

Jan 19th. Fine today. Harry Boniface had another daughter born this morning. also Lillies Grandmother died this morning

Jan 20th milder with rain in the evening. My Birthday today guess I must be 38 years old

Jan 21st. Lillie gone to Welland this morning to her Grandmother's

funeral. the service is Mond. morning at {illegible} o'clock. The weather was fine & bright

Jan 22nd. Fine & bright and not very cold. Had Allan Davidson in to try & sell trees. They are same price as last year Plum trees \$100 {\$1.00} Cherry & pears 80¢ apples 70¢. Do not know whether to plant or not as price seems very high

{Side note} James Wagstaffe of Wagstaffe Jam Factory Killed by elevator this morning.

Jan 23rd Fair & Cold. lots of snow yet and roads very icy.

Jan 23rd. Fair & Cold. zero this morning. wrote Greens nursery's Rochester and Stark Bros. Louisiana Mo. {Missouri} for price of trees.

Jan 24th Milder and snowing again this morning. Burlington

lost Hockey game 5 to 3 with Beamsville last night. Received a load of chestnut coal from Cannom. 2200 at \$16 00 per ton – \$17.60. Raining this afternoon. Had an agent here from Star Nurseries Ridgeville selling trees. cherry trees 70¢ there

Jan 25. Fine. thawing some this afternoon. We hear F. Syers has another son last Sat – Jan 20th.

Jan 26th. Doris – first Birthday. had Grandpa. Ida & Olive up for dinner. played Parcheesi after dinner.

Jan 27 Strong north east winds cold & cloudy. Hockey Game last night Ham – 12 Burl – 6

Jan 28 Cold – with north east winds and some light snow.

Jan 29th Fine & Cool. good sleighing

Jan 30th. Clear & Cold. Burlington Hockey Club team trimmed again in Oakville – 3 to 1 last night

Jan 31st. Cloudy & milder today. one month of the year gone. it has been a real one at that, never saw bare ground all month.

Feb 1st. Mild & cloudy with a few sprinkles of rain

Feb 2 Cool and partly cloudy. guess there was enough sunshine for the bear to see his shadow. so for six weeks more winter.

Feb 3rd Cold again with some snow. Got prices on trees from Stark Bros for cherry trees 75¢ Got our last Dr's Account for last year from Dr. Peart.

Total for last year <u>1922</u>	
Hospital & nurses	506.50.
Doctors	275.50
Maids Wages & board	<u>200 00</u>
	982 00

Drugs at drug store would make it easy up to \$1000 some bill for sickness in one year

Feb 4th Sunday very cold Lillie went to church with Mr & Mrs. W King.

Feb 5th. Very cold. below. zero. Our maid leaves today. hope we will not need her again for awhile.

Feb 6th. Very cold. strong north wind and snowing again all day and still at it tonight. Oakville & Ham. Beavers played another tie game. score 4 to 4 after half an hour overtime that makes the 2nd tie game this winter. will likely have to play again.

Feb 7th ordered four cars hotbed manure. for Feb 20 March 1st 10th & 15th also a few Seeds in states from Condon Bros. Rockford. Ill. 1 oz N. Victory Peppers 1 lb Big Tom Pumpkin 1 oz Cannon Ball Cabb{age}. Stokes Seed Farms Co. Moorestown NJ. 4 oz Ruby Giant 1 oz neapolitan pepper 1 oz Copenhagen Mkt. cabbages {Side note} Cost {price marked out} \$4.20 duty & all

Feby 8th Mild today. heavy south west winds & thawing Ham. Hockey Team Beat Oakville in the third game to break tie score. score 5 to 2, last night.

Feby 9th. Colder again and very icy. went to Ham. on buss and got a pair of Truck Chains.

Feby 10th. Bright & cool. but thawing in the sun – went to Hamilton to Carrolls for two loads Orange Crates got 287. at 10¢ – \$28.70 also got 3000 – 11qts in from Glovers – Got truck License today cost \$25.00 No. 11438

Feby 11th Sunday. Fair & cold.

Feby 12th Received 50 Apple bbls {barrels} from Hutchison Bros & 71 from Geo Kemp at 25¢. total cost with Freight \$39.29. started storming again from the east tonight.

Grimsby won from Ham. Beavers. on Sat. night which Gives Grimsby Group honors in the Int. O.H.a.

Feby 13th Cloudy & cool. Had Alderson of the Gray Dort {Gray-Dort Automobile Company} out. trying to sell a car.

Feby 14th. Very cold. heavy west wind & snow squalls. no Mail man today. wonder what the trouble can be (too cold)

Feby 15. Very cold yet but nice and clear wind getting up again. worst Blizzard of the winter in the West (yesterday) the papers say.

Feby 16th Cold. around zero lots of snow yet & good sleighing.

Feby 17th. Fair & cold yet.

Feby 18 Sunday. cold. had Will Bell & family for supper also Mr & Mrs Allen. after supper

Feby 19th Fair & cold yet. sure are having some winter.

Feby 20th. Cold yet had Alderson out about a car. he is also trying to rent Woodruffs old place to Koenig to raise foxs on it.

Feby 21st Cloudy & cold. had Prescott out trying to deal

a Used Reo Car. Got seeds from the states. Duty 25% on trees duty is 3¢ each & plants (berry) etc 20%.

Feby 22nd Drove down to Hicks had dinner & supper. and played a few games.

Feby 23rd Very cold again. Biggest fire in Hamiltons history at 230 this morning. one million dollars loss. whole block between James & Hughson & King Wm & Rebecca – burned. Had Harry Simmons & Stan & John Blair over at night for a few games cards.

February 24th Cold & cloudy. have not heard of any Hotbed manure yet. was ordered for Feby 20th

Sunday, Feby 25th Fine & mild thawing about the first since Xmas was down home for supper

Feby 26th. Received answer from Maloney Bros. Nursery Dansville N.Y. can get 250 Montmorency cherries 2 year old 6 to 7 feet for 70¢. Freight & duty paid. weather cloudy.

Feby 27th A little colder. but thawed some. got another load of baskets

Feby 28th Fine & clear & thawing. shovelled snow out of hot bed grounds

March 1st Fine & mild. March came in like a lion lamb alright.

March 2nd Very mild, wanted to get a few trees by mail from U.S. but cannot on account of quarantine & inspection went to the city got some seeds. 1/2 lb Copenhagen Market Cabbages, 2oz John Baer tomato and 4 ozs First & Best tomato cost \$5.35 made a deal this afternoon for a chevrolet car. allowed \$150.00 on Gray Dort & \$645.00 balance Cash.

March 3rd. Fine & mild. Snow nearly all gone. Heard some Robins & crows. Toronto Granites won O.H.A. Senior Hockey last night from Hamilton and Stratford won Intermediate from Guelph. Have no hotbeds yet. but two cars manure on the way. Big fire tonight about 9 oclock. Ed Sherwoods big barns burned. dont know whether they got stock out or not. Fire truck could not get up past Freeman to much snow. (Later part of Live Stock burned.)

March 4th Sunday. Raining. turning very cold at night. was down home for tea.

March 5 Cold today. no manure yet. Ordered 255 Mont. cherry trees from Maloney Bros Dansville N.Y. at 67¢ landed here Freight & duty Paid also some pears apples & plums to fill in

March 6th. Got new Chev. car today. allowed \$150 on old Dort. balance \$645.00 and License \$14.00 car manure arrived this afternoon. Big snow storm started at noon from the north east.

March 7th. Real winter again from 6 to 8 inches snow. Unloading manure.

March 8th Finished putting up seed beds also got the earth on. Car made 44 sashes for \$90.00 cost price.

March 9th. Sowed seeds today 8 sashes Sweet pepper 8 sashes Hot pepper 8 sashes Cabbages 20 sashes John Baer & First & Best tomatoes. weather fine but cool at night nearly zero last night.

March 10th Cool & windy real March weather, Kitchener won Junior O.H.A. from Varsity and Ottawa won the Pro N.H.L. from Montreal last night.

March 11th. Sunday had Mr & Mrs B. out for dinner & tea.

March 12th. Have another car of manure in raining & snowing in the morning. started unloading at noon. and quite again at 3 oclock. too high wind.

March ~~14th~~ 13. Finished unloading car of manure. Weather getting cold tonight

March 14th Very cold must have been nearly zero. too cold to work.

March 15th Strong East wind, cold & cloudy. seeds in Hotbeds not coming very good.

Mch 16th Raining all night. turning colder again with strong west winds. Toronto Granites won Senior O.H.A. semi final from Ottawa last night. they play finals in Winnipeg next week.

Mch 17th. Cool & cloudy. Lillie played at St Patricks concert at M. Sunday School

March 18th Sunday Fine & mild. drove new Car to Hamilton had dinner & tea.

March 19th. Strong west winds. very cold as bad as Feb'y. was about zero.

Mch 20th Very cold yet. were all down to Grandpa's for

supper. it is his Birthday there were 17 there. Macs & Bells

Mch 21st. First day of spring strong. southwest & west winds. fine & mild. getting cloudy at night. Started trimming trees.

March 22nd. Showery last night and this morning. making hotbeds this afternoon.

March 23rd Toronto Granites Senior O.H.A. win Allan Cup from the West. Sask. Varsity score 11 to 2 on the two Games gives them Champions of Canada. weather cloudy & colder.

March 24th. High west winds & cold with snow flurries. got in a load of basket covers 10 000 in all. ordered some shrubs also 1lb. Pumpkin seed 75¢ 1 oz G. Ede{??} Caul. 300 {\$3.00} 15 lbs Corn G. Giant \$4.50. seeds total \$8.25 from J. A Simmers, Toronto.

March 25th Sunday. Cloudy & cold in the morning. & started snowing a real blizzard from the north East in the afternoon.

March 26th. Zero this morning and lots of snow. Car of manure in this afternoon

March 27th. Unloading manure and making hotbeds. very cold will be zero or lower tonight. Kitchener Junior Hockey Team lost in the finals against Manitoba Varsity after winning the O.H.A. and defeating Montreal & Iroquois Falls.

March 28th Very high north west winds with snow squalls. nearly zero. this morning froze Truck Radiator going to Burlington. hotbeds will be frozen out. I guess.

March 29th. Very cold. finished unloading car of manure got some Tomatos & Cabbages frozen last night.

March 30th. Good Friday. very cold ground covered with snow. strong north west winds with snow squalls in the afternoon and getting colder

March 31st. Very cold must be below zero. am afraid more plants in hotbeds will be frozen
March came in but like a lamb but it is sure going out like a lion dont think there has been a week all winter as cold and rough as this week.

April 1st Easter Sunday was down home for dinner & supper weather is a little milder.

April 2nd Transplanted about 6000 Cabbage plants. Fine & mild but very high wind. Ottawa won Professional Hockey Championship in the finals last night with Edmonton.

April 3rd Cloudy in the morning transplanted 4000 tomatoes & 2000 Hot peppers. started raining about 3 oclock. Indian started work at \$14.00 per week.

April 4th Cool & cloudy transplanted 6000 more Tomatoes & 2000 peppers. Forgot to mention that there was skating at Burlington Rink on Good Friday March 30th.

April 5th nothing doing cold and raining from the East.

April 6th Have a bad cold. did not go out till noon. transplanted some more Cabbages after dinner.

April 7th. Finished transplanting Cabbages this morning about 10 000 in all. in 40 sashes. also done 12 sashes of Ruby Giant Peppers after noon sent draft to Maloney Bros Dansville N Y. balance on tree order. \$145.46. Looks like rain again

April 8th Sunday. cold. cloudy & windy have a cold did not go out.

April 9th. Cold ground frozen. 3/4 in. ice on water pail got a few tomatoes frozen. Cut Blight out of Bartlett pears. pretty bad on the high ground. transplanted tomatoes in the afternoon.

April 10th Fine in the morning went to the Dominion Tile Co and got 500 - {illegible} in tile cost \$14.37. had a snow squall in the afternoon.

April 11th. Transplanted a few more Tomatoes. stopped by rain cleared up and turning cold again in the afternoon. Very cold and stormy at the Soo. had a foot of snow on the 9th. total 105 inches this winter Ice all gone here out of Bay. Macasse started Monday.

April 12th Very cold ground frozen solid had from 3000 to 5000 tomato plants frozen last night. transplanting more all day to make up the loss.

April 13th. Cold and cloudy. transplanted more Tomatoes, went to Hamilton to get Truck. Gas Tank fixed was leaking. also took Income Tax papers in for Grandpa. 9 76¢ Myself. nothing.

April 14th Very cold ground frozen hard in the morning. Went to Geo. Thomas' at Mt Nemo to get some stumps. his lane so bad could not get any. got some pine limbs instead

April 15th. Sunday. Ground covered with snow this morning. but it seems milder. Had Harry B. and family for tea. raining this evening.

April 16th Cold again with a few snow flurries. started putting in tile.

April 17th Still at drain, some job mud. and some places a foot of frost yet in the ground.

April 18th. Cool, yet. ground frozen this morning. finished putting in drain 500 tile for strawberry patch. Stanley Longs Baby died today was four weeks old tomorrow

April 19th Milder, gathered up brush. and drew some manure into Raspberries.

April 20th. Very warm. started team working on farm discing & harrowing Asparagus

April 21st Very warm. started man ploughing for strawberries & trees. Sowed one ounce Cauliflower seed today (as experiment) in hot-bed to try and get them earlier. also uncovered one Strawberry patch. looks like rain tonight the strawberries that are covered are nice & green. the others very brown. {Side note} Cauliflower turned out very good.

April 22nd Sunday. cooler and cloudy.

April 23rd Uncovering strawberries.

April 24th. same job weather clear and cool.

April 25th Uncovering strawberries weather bright & clear all week. but cool with high. cold winds

April 26th. making hotbeds for transplanting tomatoes last time. Trees arrived this afternoon from Maloney Bros. Dansville N Y. arrived in good shape and look like good trees. weather very warm.

April 27th Planting trees. three of us planted 200 cherry trees today.

April 28th Had a light shower this a.m. finished planting trees. the apple trees are. by Hedge next road. 1st Greening. 2nd Snow. 3rd R. Astrachan 4th Snow. 5th Spy. in the

Row down the field 1st is McIntosh 2nd Delicious 3rd Duchess 4th McIntosh 5th Delicious 6th Rome Beauty 7th Yellow Transparent 8th McIntosh 9th Delicious 10th Wagner

April 29th Sunday. cold. Tom Bamford buried today, had a very large funeral. went down home for tea. Frank & Geo McMillan Called in

April 30th. Cloudy and very cold, west winds. too cold to transplant tomatoes which are ready.

May 1st Fine & warm transplanting Tomatoes second time.

May 2nd Transplanting Tomatoes Wm Best buried today there was three funerals today. – six in all since Sunday.

May 3rd. Transplanting Tomatoes & put 2000 Cabbages out. are up against it for men, only have one and cannot get any more it seems. it has been fine & warm and very dry.

May 4th At Tomatoes yet also put out some more Cabbages

May 5. Finished Transplanting Tomatoes today about 18 000

May 6th. Motored to Caledonia Six Nation & Oshweken to try & get men. have some promised to come.

May 7th. Fine & warm. dry. no rain. finished putting out Cabbages. started digging Strawberry plants. one man arrived at noon.

May 8th. Started planting strawberries. Showery in the afternoon.

May 9th. Cold and showery also some snow. digging strawberry plants between showers.

May 10th Ground covered with snow this morning. too cold to plant strawberries. got a load of Hay at \$15 per ton total \$27.90.

May 11th. Planting strawberries but very cold yet and also cloudy. has been a very cold late spring so far.

May 12th nothing doing. raining from the east.

May 13th. Clear but very cold. have furnace going today. also have a bad cold.

May 14th Bright but cool. finished planting one patch of strawberries about 3 acres.

May 15th Raining heavy again this morning. Planting SBerries in the afternoon.

May 16th Raining all night again more showers in the day getting pretty wet now Planted strawberries between the showers Colder this evening

May 17th Cold and showery nothing doing. went to Hamilton for Seed Potatoes 4 bags paid \$4.60 10 bus Oats \$8.50 40 lbs Clover \$12.75 Lillie is also getting her eyes tested did not get home till 9 oclock

May 18th. Fine, today planting strawberries.

May 19th. Still planting strawberries have about half an acre yet to do. King's Plate Race run today. won by - Seagram. Horses. names Flowerfull, 1st. Chedokee. 2nd. Trail Blazer 3rd.

May 20 Sunday. First thunder shower of the season this morning. another shower after noon.

May 21st Shipped First Asparagus 3 bsks {baskets} to Toronto sold at \$375 {\$3.75} and \$4.00 Very cold today & ground very wet

May 22nd. Finished planting strawberries about 8 acres. also sowed Johns Pear orchards with oats & clover. started hoeing Blackberries.

May 23rd. Sowed Cauliflower & Late Cabbage Seed. also planted Potatoes and finished hoeing Blackberry patch. weather clear but very cold east wind.

May 24 Received 130 apple barrels From McJannett Gravenhurst Paid 25¢ - \$32.50 and \$21.45 freight. Sowed Carrots sowed at Onion hole in drill all but last few rows which are a little thicker. also put nitrate on Cabbages. and shipped 6 bsks asparagus Sold at \$2.75

May 25th Fine & warmest day this year. hoeing & Cultivating old strawberrey patch -

May 26 Fine & warm still at strawberry patch -

May 27th Sunday Fair with cool east winds. . cherry & pear & plum blossom out now also a few strawberry blossoms.

May 28th Fine & warm hoeing & Cultivating strawberries got 200 bls {barrels} Arsenate of Lead also a bag Blight. special for Tomato plants.

May 29 Hoeing strawberries. went for a load of stumps

May 30th. Hoeing strawberries fixing up sprayer etc.

May 31st. Started putting out Tomatoes about 9000 today weather cool & cloudy. Plants not very good. small. not enough water in hot beds.

June 1st. Finished planting Tomatoes about 18 000 in all. weather very warm. Strawberries getting white with Blossoms.

June 2nd Planting out Peppers 24 sashes Hot peppers {25?} to the sash & 14 Sash Large Sweets about 9 000 in all. Two men cultivating tomatoes weather warm & dry no rain for two weeks.

June 3rd Sunday. Light thunder shower in the night and a few light showers today.

June 4th. Three or four heavy thunder showers today. finished planting peppers also planted {blank space} Cauliflowers out of hotbed.

June 5th. Put about half a ton nitrate of soda on Cabbages Tomatoes & a few peppers started spraying got one tank on.

June 6th Spraying again today weather cloudy. looks like a light crop of fruit.

June 7th Raining all morning hoeing new Strawberries afternoon

June 8th Very strong west winds & Cold could not spray. hoeing SBerries

June 9th Spraying all day very windy & cool

June 10 Sunday Fine & not very warm sat on Verandah. counted cars for half an hour. 334 cars passed the corner. between 4 30 & 5 oclock.

June 11th. Spraying yet.

June 12th. Finished spraying at noon took 22 tanks 3½ Gals Lime Sulphur to the tank. and 5½ lbs Lead Powder Cultivating Tomatoes this afternoon first I have done for years.

June 13th. Cultivating carrots hand Cultivator & 3 horses cultivating tomatoes & strawberries

June 14th. Finished carrots arms nearly broken. men hoeing & cultivating only have two men this week one left last Saturday.

June 15th Hoeing Cabbages sowed Oats & Clover in orchard

June 16th. Hoed Cauliflower & Cabbages. and put 500 lbs 5-10-5 Fertilizer on Tomatoes.

June 17 Sunday Fine & warm had Mr & Mrs B & Dean out.

June 18th Planted Cucumbers and a few Pumpkins & squash. started weeding Carrots

June 19th Weeding carrots – and mowed some Clover Hay. had a light shower will do the strawberries a lot of good. they are getting pretty dry.

June 20. Very warm fixing up houses for berry pickers

June 21 Motored to Munsey Reservation the other side of London – about 105 there got lost coming home drove 235 in all. got about 15 pickers very warm up there had a light shower here

June 22nd Picked first strawberries 48 crates sold 11 @ 25¢ shipped 25 north at 23¢ shipped 12 to Toronto sold at 30¢

June 23rd shipped 26 crates to Toronto on noon train Sold @ 25¢ and have 28 in cellar for Monday morning to try. not very good sold at {blank}

June 24 Sunday. Very warm & dry 100 in shade went to Bronte with Hicks for picnic

June 25th. Motored to Toronto with 46 crates Berries left at 11.30. Picked 107 today. very warm had a wind & Sand storm about 6 clock. Provincial Election today went and voted for Biggs.

June 26th. Clean Sweep in Elections for Conservatives, Biggs was elected. Drury O F.W. Leader defeated. went to city for berry pickers got

all I could draw. picked 245 crates. sold 50 crates Harvest Canning Co at 8¢ Crates & boxes returned berries very soft. very hot & windy. crop nearly cooked.

June 27th. Picked about 235 crates today selling to Canning Co 8¢.

June 28th. Picked 113 crates in the morning raining all afternoon. shipped 100 crates north at 12¢

Jne 29 Biggest day of picking 273 crates. sold all to Canner at 8¢ Crates & boxes back. weather cool.

June 20 Picked 33 crates to make load for Hamilton planting late Cabbages & Cauliflowers out

July 1 Sunday Fine & warm.

July 2. Fine & Cool. about 80 Berry pickers picked 287 crates sold at 8¢ to canners.

July 3. Canners filled with berries and every body else not many orders only picked 106 crates had a heavy thunder shower at 4 pm. also some hail.

July 4. Picked 119 crates sent 40 to Toronto sold at 8 & 8½ cents. also some north at 9¢

July 5th Picked 184 crates today. sold one load 92. to canners 48 north Balance to Toronto. sold at 6½ & 7¢

July 7 6th. Heavy rain last night berries soft today sold 44 crates to Harvest Co at 5¢ Shipped 60 to Toronto. Sold at 7¢ cut first Cabbages sold 10 crates north at \$1.25 { \$1.25 } shipped 10 to Toronto sold at \$1.50

July 7. Saturday only picked four crates.

July 8th Sunday. feeling sick home all day.

July 9th. Picked about 120 crates sold 65 crates up north at \$2.00 balance to Toronto at 7¢ Cut 6 crates Cabbages for North at \$1.25

July 10th Warm with light showers only picked about 90 crates shipped 22 crates north & 18 crates Cabbages balance of S.B. to Toronto. Sold 5¢

July 11th Berries flat. shipped some north at \$2.00 some Toronto sold 4¢

July 11 Picked 14 bsks {baskets} Richmond cherries shipped north at 50¢ very cheap in Toronto as low as, 15¢ to 50¢ for 6 qts.

July 12. only picked 15 crates SB, for orders. north. picked 10 bsks Green peppers sold in Toronto at. \$1.50

July 13 Shipped 22 crates SB \$1.25 north. & 11 bsks cherries 50¢

July 14. Only picked 13 crates SBerries sold at \$1.75 crate nearly done now. was down town. at night. every body talking of not picking any cherries. price so low. Cannors have bot a few at 50¢ and baskets returned but will not buy any more

July 15th Sunday. cloudy and showery. Heavy rain in the evening was down to the beach for tea.

July 16th. Picked 41 Richmond cherries sold at 50¢ and 35 crates Cabbages \$100 {\$1.00} and \$1.25

July 17. Finished Richmond cherries and started Montmorency cherries

July 18th. Only 3 or 4 pickers Indians quite picking Mont. cherries, because we would not pay 25¢

July 19th. Went to Hamilton this morning for cherry pickers. picked 118 bsks sold at 60¢ also picked 20 bsks peppers sold at in Toronto, 85 & \$100 {\$1.00} very warm today.

July 20. Picking cherries and cutting Cabbages Picked 3 crates Rasps sold at 35¢ in Toronto.

July 21 Spraying apples today very light crop and also look scabby. weather very warm

July 22. Sunday Fair & cool. Dalton Ghent. drowned in the lake near. Brant Hospital

July 23rd. Picked 190 bsks cherries 70 crates Cabbages at \$1.00 crate

July 24. Showery this morning picked 135 cherries sold at 65¢ north also sold 70 crates Cabbages. 6 crates Rasps sold at 15¢

July 25th. Fine & cool. picked 130 cherries sold north at 65¢ had orders today for about 400 bsks. also picked a few peppers and Cabbages 65¢

July 26. Still picking cherries and picked 12 bsks tomatoes sold at \$1.50 {\$1.50} north and 9 crates Rasps sold in Toronto at 20¢ & 21¢

July 27th. Picked 208 bsks Cherries sold north at 65¢ also 10 crates Cabbages. but are nearly all done.

July 28 Only picked 9 crates Rasps shipped to Toronto sold at 23¢ & 25¢ and 10 crates Cabb. at \$1.00

July 29 Sunday Fine was home all day.

July 30th Wet this morning picked 7 crates Rasps sold at 23¢ & 25¢ Cherries at 65¢

July 31. Picked 20 crates Rasps also cherries. Rasps sold 18¢ & 20¢.

Aug 1 Finished picking cherries only had {blank space} bsks this year. Tomatoes very slow only picked 9 bsks at \$1.00 {\$1.00} today.

Aug 2nd. nothing much doing today. Picked one crate Blackberries sold at 20¢

Aug 3rd Picked 16 crates Rasps and 7 bsks tomatoes off 7 acres. Sold at \$1.50 United States President died suddenly last night at San Francisco. Paid Fire Insurance Aug 4th

Aug 4th. Weather warm & very dry. had rain in Hamilton and Toronto but none here.

Aug 5th Sunday warm, no rain here since three weeks today. drove up to Wabasso Park and had lunch on the road up near Waterdown.

Aug 6th Picked Rasps & 16 bsks tomatoes at \$1.50. also picked 30 bsks apples at 50¢ also Williard plum crop only 7 bsks at \$1.00

Aug 7th. Picked a few Apples & cut a few Cabbages.

Aug 8th. Picked 29 bsks toms {tomatoes} worth \$1.00. also picked Shiro plum crop 14 bsks at \$1.00 {\$1.00}. had a nice Shower last night but too late to do the Blackberries any good.

Aug 9th. Picked a few apples Cabbages, and 2 crates Cauliflowers. for first fine and cool. Jack Clarke who has been working for us left for Oregon today. Picked 4 crates Rasps today was down town to the Ontario Firemans Celebration last night. which has been here for three days Aug 6th 7th & 8th they sure had some crowds and a wild time

Aug 10 Picked 100 bsks tomatoes sold at 75¢ north Finished Rasps had 2 crates picked a few plums & apples

Aug 11 nothing doing only working Hoeing etc. put horses out to pasture.

Aug 12 Sunday Fine had Stan Blair over for tea

Aug 13. Picked about 140 bsks tomatoes sold at 60¢ north

Aug 14th. Tomatoes 40¢ today sold as low as 25 in Toronto plums 75¢ for Abundance Cutting a few Cauliflowers at \$1.50 a dozen. picking from 5 to 7 crates Lawtons each day selling north at 20¢ very small, dried up

Aug 15 Tomatoes 35¢ north today. picked only about 80 bsks. sold as low as 12 cents in Toronto.

Aug 16 Tomatoes 30¢ today picked only 50 bsks.

Aug 17 Picked 132 tomatoes shipped north 30¢ 25 Abundance plums 60¢ 4 cauliflowers in orange crate \$200 {\$2.00} crate. cool but very dry.

Aug 18th. Picked 33 peppers for Ross Hart at 50¢ and 60 Abundance plums at 55¢. very warm & dry starting raining in the evening.

Aug 19 Sunday Rained nearly all last night fine & cool today. Dave McC arrived last night

Aug 20 Fine & warm, busy today picked 262 tomatoes shipped at 30¢ 51 plums at 60¢ a few Cabb, Caul, & peppers.

Aug 21 Only picked 32 plums for Ross Hart at 55¢ Rained nearly all day and very heavy wind blew a lot of fruit off.

Aug 22 Very cold this morning light frost they say shipped 329 bsks fruit & 4 crates berries

Aug 23rd. Very cold. only picked 44 bsks tomatoes today very cold. 28 Blue plums at 75¢ 7 crates Cauliflowers at \$200 {\$2.00}. Picked 3 bsks Red peppers on Aug 20 Sold at \$125 {\$1.25}, and 2 bsks today sold at \$1.50 shipped 13 bsks Clapps pears at 65¢. picked up 100 bsks Bartletts which blew off. put in Barn to try & ripen.

Aug 24 Picked 140 toms 35¢ 54 Burbank plums @ 70¢ 8 crates Cauliflowers \$2.00 also cut 10 crates Cabbages at \$125 {\$1.25} a crate. cut out of patch that was planted June 30th, 54 days after planting.

Aug 25. Got two loads of orange & lemon boxs. in Hamilton about 250 in all.

Aug 26. Sunday. Fine. had Mr & Mrs B. and C. McKay from Welland.

Aug 27. Had a big day picked 284 tomatoes at 35¢ 100 plums at 60¢ and 70¢ 5 peppers Green at 50¢ Red 125 {\$1.25} 14 bags Cabb 2 doz in each \$100 {\$1.00} doz 10 crates Cabb \$125 {\$1.25} 4 crates Cauliflowers \$200 {\$2.00} 3 crates Lawtons at 20¢ box. done at 9.30 p.m.

Aug 28th Raining this morning shipped 66 toms 23 pears Clapps at 60¢ 27 plums some Cabb. Caul & Peppers.

Aug 29th Fine & cool. only picked 152 toms, 40 plums, 24 peppers at 45¢. & Cabbages \$1.00 doz.

Aug 30. Very cool tomatoes not ripening. finished picking Clapps Favorite pears only had 50 bsks.

Aug 31st Warmer tomatoes better picked 258 bsks. at 35¢ 100 bsks plums at 50¢ & 60¢ mostly 60¢. Cabbages 125 {\$1.25} crate Cauliflower 8 crates \$2.00 4 Red peppers \$1.25. Finished Burbank plums & started Cabot.

Sept 1 Fine & warm picked 50 plums at 50¢ 15 doz Cabbages 90¢ for Hart.

Sept 2 Sunday Fine. Charlotte & Doris both sick again.

Sept 3. Busy today. raining but worked all day. 312 bsks tomatoes 35¢ 13 sacks Cabb 1.00 doz. 12 crates Cauliflowers

Sept 4th. picked all day again sold some toms at 30¢

Sept 5th. Very busy 460 toms 20 peppers 60 plums 10 dz Cabb. Sold mostly at Barrie
325 toms 14 peppers 17 plums to {Saso} & {Coneilla}.

Sept 6th. not much doing 100 toms 50 plums some Cabb & Cauliflowers

Sept 7. only 120 toms 50 plums today – picked 25 Red peppers 10 north at \$100 {\$1.00}.
14 Sold in Toronto at \$1.25

Sept 8th Sold Bartlett pears to Harvest Canning Co 1 7/8 in {inch} & upwards 4½ ct lb took
in 85 bushel today not very good this year.

Sept 9th Sunday cool Had Mr & Mrs B. & Dean & family in

Sept 10th. Had quite a few orders today 225 toms and over 100 plums some Cabb & Caul
& peppers

Sept 11 Hardly any orders today only 21 toms & 61 plums. guess will have to sell to Cannerns.
Picking pears

Sept 12 Finished Bartlett Pears only had 139 bushels No 1 Sold at 4½¢ lb. also Sold our
Tomatoes today to the Harvest Co'y at 45¢ a bushel. at farm. shipped one good load north
also sold Ross Hart a load 30 doz Cabb 75¢ 61 Green peppers 35¢ 2 crates Cauliflowers
\$2.00 {Side note} Shipped 15 bsks Red peppers to Toronto sold at \$150 {\$1.50} and
\$2.00 abskt.

Sept 13th Picking plums and few Tomatoes & Howell pears also picking Tomatoes for
Cannerns. weather very cold. am afraid of frost tonight

Sept 14 Very heavy white frost but did no damage here. picking Tomatoes for Cannerns

Sept 15th Cool yet. picking tomatoes 350 bus since Thursday morning. Sold Hart a load of
cabbages 60 doz Large at 75¢ 25 doz second growth @ 50¢ also picked 7 barrels Colvert
apples sold at \$3.00

Sept 16. Sunday Had Carman Bell & family for dinner and went to Ham. for tea very cold
coming home afraid it will freeze

Sept 17th. Heavy frost this morning. froze all the tomato vines and touched some of the
tomatoes. Picking all day for the factory 250 bus. and shipped 46 bsks.

Sept 18. warmer & showery very busy picked about 125 bus tomatoes 61 bsks toms 63 bskt pears 25 plums 50¢ 10 peppers 36½ doz. Cabb 75¢ doz 10 crates Cauliflowers \$200 {\$2.00}

Sept 19th. Finished picking plums Reini Claude – had {blank space} bsks. also finished cukes. vines frozen still picking tomatoes & pears and 25 Red peppers shipped to Toronto sold at \$1.75 bskt

Sept 20 Picked 50 bus Tomatoes for Cannery. shipped 80 bsks to Toronto to try. Sold at 25¢ & 30¢ and 77 bsks north. picked in the rain cold and showery nearly all day.

Sept 21 Showery picking tomatoes & peppers cut 12 crates Cauliflowers at \$2.00

Sept 22. Saturday very busy Sold Ross Hart 2 tons Cabbages at \$35.00 ton. averaged 88 cts a dozen they were extra large. also 40 bags Carrots at \$1.00 bag and 34 bsks pears 55¢ and picked 4 barrels Cranberry pippin apples at \$3 00 per barrels. the cannery drew 150 bus tomatoes picked yesterday

Sept 23rd. Fine & warm. Sunday, was down home for tea.

Sept 24th. Picking pears and 100 bsks tomatoes, 12 crates Cauliflowers 30 x 11 Red peppers sold at \$1.00 {\$1.00} 30 x 6 Red peppers sold at 50¢

Sept 25. Picking Sheldon pears 40 bsks at 60¢ also Tomatoes for cannery.

Sept 26th. not very many orders today. picked 7 barrels Cranberry pippin apples \$3.00 per barrels. Fine & mild.

Sept 27th. more orders today 50 bsks pears 51 Tomatoes 5 caul. 2 bags Cabb. also shipped some peppers and got 150 bus toms ready for cannery. Very warm.

Sept 28. Warm & Showery picking 150 bus tomatoes some bsks pears toms. & peppers –

Sept 29th. Called Harvester Canning Co'y on phone to enquire why they did not come for Tomatoes and they refused them. say they are filled up. Have 161 bus picked. got up at 430 this morning put 27 bus. into baskets. sent to Toronto other 134 bus in field yet tonight, also packed 5 bbls Cranberry apples. picked 25 bsks tomatoes & 50 bsks pears and drew two loads stumps from Thomas's got home at 745 pm for supper. P.S. Sold in Toronto at 20¢

Sept 30th. Sunday. Fine & cool home all day. The Sept 30th. Baseball winners for the season were. Bay city in the M. O. League. Hamilton in last place Baltimore won for the 5 year in succession in the International. Both New York Teams in the National & American win again this year. Hamilton won Intermediate Lacrosse Championship Saturday beat. Ottawa in finals.

Oct 1st. Shipped some peppers to Toronto also a few Toms & pears north. also a few Cauliflowers. price of them way down got \$1.10 a crate today. Sold 134 bus Tomatoes to Hislops Canning Factory at Freeman for 30¢ bus the ones the Harvest Coy turned us down with.

Oct 2nd Picked Cranberry pippin apples till noon had a few orders north. started team on fall ploughing yesterday. weather fine & warm

Oct 3rd only two small orders today. but picked 100 bus Tomatoes for Hislop Canning Factory only getting 30¢ a bus. put in boxes for Cannors total. 1767 bus toms.

Oct 4th. Had a few orders Caul. etc .. picked 100 bsks peppers put in Shed.

Oct 5th. Very cold had quite a few orders 68 pears Caul. & Cabbages.

Oct 6 Heavy frost this morning, Finished picking Toms on Oct 3 also picked peppers.

Oct 7 Sunday. Away all day had dinner in Ham. and supper at Frank McMillan's upon the mountain

Oct 8 Heavy frost this morning picking Baldwin apples. and cut Cabb. Caul. and a few pears for north.

Oct 9th Picked 2 bbls {barrels} Kieffer and 45 bsks today. finished picking Baldwin apples. warmer today.

Oct 10th. Shipped 40 Kieffer pears north at 45¢ and 30 Sheldon pears to Toronto Sold. at. 60¢ started picking Spy apples.

Oct 11 Picked 30 bsks Kieffers at 40¢. fine & warm picking Spy apples crop very light

Oct 12. no orders at all today picked Spy Apples all day very foggy most of day Bot 500 berry crates at 20¢ & 15000 boxes at 5 85 from Dalton for Cash on delivery next week.

Oct 13th. Picking & packing apples. fine & warm was down town looks like rain tonight.
Harry Glover & Vern Kerns & wife leave in the morning for St. Petersburg Florida.

Oct 14th. Raining today. (Sunday) Shipped Ord 30 bbls apples (20 Spys \$4 00 10 others \$3 00)

Oct 15th. Shipped 65 pears 8 crates Caul. 9 sacks Cabbages up north. and some peppers to Toronto.

Oct 16th. Picking apples all day no orders. have 75 bbls to sell yet dont seem to be any sale for them. New York Americans win the World's Series winning 4 games out of 6 -

Oct 17 Finished picking apples this morning. getting a load ready for market first time

Oct 18th. Market for first time Cauliflowers \$1.00 doz Cabbages 60¢ & 75¢ doz Peppers 50¢ bskt small pumpkins \$1 00 doz Carrots 75¢ bushel. got home early & shipped 60 bskts Kieffer pears 14 crates Cauliflowers.

Oct 19. Finished picking Kieffer pears. have a big crop - have about 500 bskts in barn yet. getting cool tonight

Oct 20th. Packing apples 58 bbls for T. S Tremouth Sold at \$2 50 per bbl. seems to be hard to sell this year

Oct 21st Sunday cool & cloudy Charlottes 3rd Birthday Had Ormie Bush & wife over for a few minutes

Oct 22nd Getting a load ready for market and packing apples -

Oct 23rd. Got home from market at noon. finished packing apples. 54 bbls for Geo Kemp Sundridge at \$2 50 bbl. had 170 barrels apples all together. started getting load of carrots ready for Hamilton Sold Stevens & Solomon 200 bus at 60¢ bushel.

Oct 24th. Went to Hamilton with 60 bus carrots raining nearly all day

Oct 25 cold & cloudy. digging potatoes in the morning started unloading car of 1st manure after noon.

Oct 26th Started unloading 2nd Car manure. weather Fine & cool.

Oct 27th. Finished 2nd car of manure. spreading on ground for strawberries next Spring.

Oct 28th. Cool & cloudy a few light showers. motored into Hamilton to see Dean Boniface & family who left this am. at nine oclock for Calif.

Oct 29th. Shipped a few orders north. got a load ready for market. and pulled carrots rest of time

Oct 30th went to market. rained all morning. got home at noon. Carrots 75¢ bushel
Cabbages 50 to 75¢ doz Cauliflowers 75 to \$1 00 doz Peppers 50¢ Kieffer pears 40¢

Oct 31st Went to Hamilton with 50 doz Cabbages for Solomon & Stevens at 60¢ doz.
weather getting cold.

Nov 1st. Very cold this a.m. went to market. ground frozen and covered white with snow.
have some carrots out yet.

Nov 2 Frosty this morning went to Hamilton with 55 bus Carrots 60¢ bushel. Fine & milder
this afternoon.

Oct 3rd Fine & milder today went to market again it was very slow got home at 4.30
Finished getting carrots in had almost 500 bushels have 250 bus in barn yet.

Nov 4th Sunday. mild. with a drizzling rain all day was home all day & had no visitors.

Nov 5 warm & showery all day took a load of Cabbages Cauliflowers & Carrots to Stevens
& Solomon got another load ready for market.

Nov 6. Showery yet went to market home at noon. Bot 250 - 11 qt bsks, at 3¢ Carrots
selling at 75 bush {bushel} Small Cabbages 50¢ bush Cauliflowers 75¢ bush Peppers 40
and 50¢ Kieffer pears 30¢ to 40¢ started unloading third Car of manure afternoon.

Nov 7th Unloading manure showery yet. got another load ready for market. Cauliflowers &
Cabbages all cut now. turning very cold tonight & showery -

Nov 8th at Market today cold with snow squalls all day. got 75 orange crates at 7¢ to 10¢
each.

Nov 9th unloading 4th car of manure. weather cold & cloudy

Nov 10th Finished Car of manure we 34 tons 400 lbs. Fine & milder have a bad cold.

Nov 11th Sunday. Armistice Day war ended 5 years ago today. cool & cloudy. have a bad cold stayed in bed all day.

Nov 12th. Thanksgiving Day had Grandpa Mac & Grandpa & Grandma Bonniface for dinner. weather was fine. Hamilton Road Race run this morning. Won by Frank Zuna. who was winner last year too. also the Hamilton Tigers beat Toronto Argos. Saturday at Rugby. & won the championship –

Nov 13th. started unloading 5th car manure 36½ tons. broke spring on truck.

Nov 14th Finished car of manure and got load ready for market.

Nov 15th. Went to market with a few peppers and Kieffer pears sold at 30¢ bskt & 75 & 100 bushel. got new Spring on truck spring & time cost \$18.43. mild damp & cloudy. Got another load of crates & berry boxes in.

Nov 16th. Shipped 40 bsks more Kieffers to Toronto last sold at 40¢ & 45¢. Drew two loads of Stumps for Smith. weather Damp & cloudy a few light showers.

Nov 17th Drew three more stumps. weather cooler

Nov 18th Sunday. Cool & cloudy went up to city & Saw Lillie's sister in the hospital and went down to mothers for tea.

Nov 19th. Drew 240 bus carrots into Stevens & Solomon today last load had 90 bushels on. made a big load.

Nov 20. at market today weather fine & mild. had Kieffer pears. were very slow sold some as low as 20¢ bskt. and 50¢ to \$1.00 bushel. gathered up 92 orange crates cost about \$1 00 doz on average. must have about 400 now on hand

Nov 21 Unloaded car of manure and covered Johns strawberry patch. weather mild.

Nov 22 shipped 66 bskt pears to Toronto. men cleaning up hotbeds.

Nov 23rd Started unloading another car of manure got four loads off stopped by rain and rained all the rest of the day

Nov 24 Finished car of manure it was not weighed and had us billed at 40 tons could not have had 20 tons on it.

Nov 25th. Sunday fine. was at Hamilton for tea.

Nov 26. showery all morning went to Hamilton got 128 orange crates.

Nov 27th two cars manure on the road since last Thursday & Friday. getting ready to go to Calif. only delayed waiting for the manure.

Nov 28. went to Hamilton in the morning got 4 teeeth filled two cars manure in started after dinner have word another one shipped

Nov 29 Fine & mild fininshed the 2 cars manure. makes 9 in now this fall and one more coming yet.

Nov 30th. made arrangements about tickets for Calif. we leave monday evening have \$300 in American money and \$750 in Travellers Cheques. the last car of manure in (10th). Raining all morning. started after noon to unload it.

Dec 1st. Finished unloading manure & getting truck laid up. for winter.

Dec 2nd. Sunday. last day home expect to leave tomorrow for California for the winter

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