

James Cameron (1824 - 1912)
1890

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Mr James Cameron Island

1st Day of January 1890 New Years Day

south E Wind Fine Rained some John H {cut off}nd Leander Firing Killed a Big owl {cut off}nd sugar-Bird Stanley and I {cut off}etting Fire to parts of the Marsh Great Deal of shooting for N Y Raining and high Wind to night

2nd West Wind Raining high West Wind a Large White Gander Before the Door in the Rushes but he Flies Well went to the south side Finished the handle in the shovel letting the water run in places the water high cattle picking out But dont save Feed

3rd Allen's Birth Day Windy

4th Went to Harnettons Brought 3 Turkeys Got 4 Bushels of oats and 2 Bushels Before Fine E Wind Boat Leaks Bad John H and Stanley skinned the Young Bull

5th sunday Windy

{cut off}th Fine some Rain icicles on the Trees {cut off} Lewis and Martin here took home our {cut off}ot Gave him Tobbacco coaloil cakes Got a Basket

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Mr. James Cameron Island

7th of January 1890 W Wind Slippery walking Watered the cattle in their stables put in some Hay

8th Hugh Anns Birth Day 1866 Gave HughAnn 25 cents Watering the cattle as the Ground is slippery W Wind snowed some Drifted Blowed hard to night Lots of Ducks in the Back Bay Lots of owls in the Bush

9th Very Frosty Windy cutting stove Wood slippery walking Watering the cattle in the stables mice awful Plenty and Moles

10 " ice Took across here Frosty E W Windy Watering the cattle in stables melting snow for them a Good many air holes

11th E Wind Frosty Drifting hailing High high Wind slippery walking Watering the cattle melting snow a Bad night **J. A. McDonalds B Day 1815**

12th E Wind Fine Rained Big E Wind to night cows went to River got a Duck Mr James McDougall Buried

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Mr James Cameron Island

13th January 1890 3rd Unfortunate Day Fine W Wind {cut off}ervy very high Wind Blows a Hurricane the Roof of the cookhouse Fences Trees making everything Fly must be Big Damage Done Water Flying out of the airholes Takin Beef {cut off}ut of the Barrel and its Froze awful hard Froze to night wind got Down

14th Unfortunate Day W Wind Fine Leander shot an owl Fixing the Roof on the cookhouse Fixing and Picking up things that the storm worked Took the Boat up to the house took the Rest of the Beef out of the Barrel put it in the Milk house Grinding the axes

15th Taking some hay from the Bottom of the stack Treed the ice Bushed it some hard work to cross the crack Heard Mr James McDougall was Burried Sunday Heard Robert Carey Died

Mr James Cameron Island 16th of January 1890

W Wind snowed Fine Freezing Broke on the 4 Ton stack put a Ton in the Barn we thought we seen something like a Balloon up west going south

17th Fine and Frosty E W cutting Brush in the oak Field cutting some wood

18th E Wind Fine Frosty sawing stove wood

19th High E Wind

20th high High W Wind cutting Wood some Rain

21st St Agness Day Fine Day sawing a Beech that the wind put Down Rover got in the Trap Water Raising very high took the Bun up on the Bank

22nd Fine Frosty W Wind water high at the shore up around the 4 Marsh hay stacks the Weasel came around again cutting and Drawing Wood with the handsleights snowed some snow last night Fixed the scissors cows going to Brush

23rd Caught a Weasel

24th Fine Frosty cutting Wood Charlies Tupperts B Day

25th Robie Burns Birth Day Leander shot an owl Leander crossed to Hamiltons Brought Gordon his mits Windy West

James Cameron Island 26th January 1890 Sunday

Hugh Ann Livinia and John H went to Lewis the Indian's very fine {cut off}ay Danny Spink here Heard old Mr Robert Carey was taken up {cut off}ut of the Grave George Nicholson very Poorly Joseph Ducketts wife very poorly

27th Fine Frosty cutting Firewood sawed Down a {cut off}ery hard Dead Elm

28th W Wind Frosty {cut off}utting wood something wrong with one of the Turkeys

29th Thawing soft cutting Wood a Turkey Dead

30th E Wind cold Frosty a Mink on the Island cattle going to the Brush water Falling

31st Fine Rained Windy Hugh Ann went to Dundee got a Ride up from Lewis 2 children
stoptat Lewis all night Bought 10 yds of Ticking 1.70 2 cans of Baking Powder got 2 Dishes with
it 1 condition Powders 15 cents 3 Baking Pans 60 Quart Measure 15

EEI Fishers crossed with Horse and cutter

1st of February Hughann came John H went to Lewis's for the Things Hugh Ann Left Fine Day

2nd Candlemass Day sun shines the Bear and Raccoon sees their shadow Gordon here Lewis
here Leander went to Hamiltons for the Mail

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Mr James Cameron Island 3rd of Februa{cut off}

Raining W Wind cutting Wood

4th E Wind Hailing Drawing wood Ground slippery a Ball at Hopkins Point to night Raining to
night

5th Fine W Wind ice Gli{b} Making a Tick for a Feather Bed

6th Picking the owls Oscar Laflesh here Fishing EEIs Leander Fishing they got 12 Drawing
wood and sawing stove wood a Lot of EEI Fishers Below the Sturgeon Island up in the swamp all
Gli{b}

7th EW Oscar here Lots of EEI Fishers up From St Annicet the Simons Drawing Wood From
Alexis Island slippery

8th Gordon's Birth Day 1863 Began to snow Last night snowing to Day W Wind cattle slips its
so icy under the snow Lots of snow Birds

9th Lewis Lasores 3 children here Fine cold

10th E Wind cold Fine Drawing the Bottom of the East Mars{cut off} hay stack Drew some
wood John H commenced to make Handsleigh

11th cutting Brush EW Frosty cold Fine John H working at his sleigh

12th snowed very Fine W Wind Warm Stanley and I cutting Willows and Brush John H Finished his sleigh seen a Duck Broke on a Marsh hay stack ~~yesterday~~ to day

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Mr James Cameron Island Feb 13th

{cut off}ine Windy cutting Brush 2 Lambs {cut off} Day Drew some Wood with the Handsleighs Leander shot a Bird {cut off}omething like a Bluejay or Meat Bird

14th St Valentine's Day Raining {cut off}ot 2 Weasels Foxes Running on the ice sawing stove Wood 1 Lamb Dead Ducks {cut off}lying Down East

15th Windy Fine Freezing slippery

16th Leander to Hamiltons got Books {cut off}nd scales from Gordon Brought the shirts of Lewis children here had their horse Gave them stockings and mits Fine

17th E Wind turned stormy Drifting in the swamp cutting Brush a Dance to night at Hopkins Point Angus Mayville

18th James Hugh's Birth Day stormy E W Leander Killed a Fox Run after him and caught and Killed him I skinned him and stretched him had a Great Dream about a steamboat Frank Laplants Daughter Married yesterday the 17th not Married yet

19th Ash Wednesday Fine Leander crossed to Sumnerstown Bought of Nicholsons 2 lbs of soda 16 Tax 5 Drew some Marsh hay had EEs to day Angus McDonald very Poorly the merchant Hamiltons colt hurted Gordon Working at Charlie Craigs

20th Cold Windy cutting a Birch

21st Wind cold Blustery

Mr James Cameron Island 22nd Feb 1890

Fine Mr Joseph Vipond here up from his cord Wood shanty Martin Lewis here Drawing Wood
Gave him a Loa{cut off} of Hay as they have none Gave him a pair of sox for 1 of the Boys

Washingtons Birth Day 23rd Fine and some Rain

24th Went to Hamiltons for oats the assessor there John Roy Leander to the store Bought of
Angus McDonald 3 lbs of Tea 1 Dolla{cut off} matches 10 Tax 10 Bottle of Castor oil 10 paid this)
1 pair Boots for 1..20 and a pair for Stanley 1..15 thats 2..35 on credit 2 Lambs to Day the Big
spotted owl around EEI Fishers Below the sturgeon Island Broke on Ton stack of Marsh hay

St Matthias Day 25th E Wind Rain Alexander McDougall here about to trade for their mare EEI
Fishers spearing Before the Door 6 of them cutting stove wood

26th Raining E Wind Stanley not well sawing Wood made a side for the car

27th sent off 1 Dollar to the Witness sent 1 Dollar to Toronto New{cut off} sent 2 Dollars to A. E
Powt{cut off} Alexandria sent 3 papers to Mrs A McDonald Kintail Williamstown Bought 5 lb of
Rice 25

James Cameron Island Feb 28th 1890

E Wind Rained cutting stove wood the Nannie had her Lamb Ducks in the {cut off}ir-holes Lots
of Water on the ice

1st {cut off}f March St David's Day the Welshmans Day sawing wood Windy W Wind some
Grains of snow First crows came Ground slippery Brindle slipt and Lamed herself

2nd Leander HughAnn Livinia Went to Mrs McDougal's Barnhart and Lewis and 3 children here
John H went to Hamiltons for the Papers did not Get {cut off}ur Toronto paper a

3rd a Buggy went Down on the ice Meck and John McDougall here for the 2 cattle for the Mare
Leander went across with them tonight Windy cold slippery 2 Lambs to Day William Henery
Shadgate Cameron's Birth Day

4th Leander came with the Mare Drew a Load of wood 2 of Lewiss children here for Quilting
{cut off}rame sticks Leander and John H went to Lewis's for the Pig sawing wood and splitting
stove wood a cutter passed up the ice

5th Windy Leander went for flour & Meal 200 of Flour 5..20 oatmeal 60 lbs 1..80 {cut off}ander turned Back with the crack or Burst the 2 Girls went to Lewis's to Quilt Windy

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Mr James Cameron Island 6th of March

Fine cold wind Martin came with our Whippetree cut some Troughfs sawing stove wood John H Making wooden scates Ice Glib *{especially smooth and slippery}*

7th Cold Windy Leander to Dundee Bought of I Tyo 5 Gallons of oil 75 Axe 75 pipe 25 paid for a Pair of Boots I got in Nov 13th 1888 1..25 sold 4 Hides for Me sold his Fox skin 1..25 Lewis Boy an Girl here for Butter and sugar got it as they have visoters splitting troughfs People passing on the ice with sawdust for ice houses taking it From Lancaster to Salmon Riv{cut off}

8th Windy cold Fine Leander crossed for the Mail Bought of A McDonald Broom 20 spool 5 pencil 1 the crack Bad crossing to Hamiltons John and A McDougall came with the 2 Pots Gave them the Ram got 2 Books from J Hamilton Fine

9th Fine Donald Spink here

10th Drawing Wood got a Rat Making Troughfs

11th Fernandez came Lamb came to Day Leander Fernandez Went to McDougalls sale Rain sawing stove wood

12th on this Day of the Month D McMaster Senior First came to the Island Peter Buchanan passed here going to Lancaster for 2 Loads of sawdust and its awful Foggy Making Troughfs Raining

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Mr James Cameron Island 13th of March

Rain Foggy made some Troughs cutting stove wood a Team crossing sumners Road Lots of Ducks Flying

14th Stanley's Birth Day 1880 a Fine Day Fernandez went off cutting stove wood made some Troughs got a Rat

15th Blackbirds came Fine sent home Lewis's Pig Leander crossed Bought of A McDonald 5 Doz Herring 90 Boots for Tonia 90 cents Pepper 1/2 lb 15 cents 3/4 of an inch Bit 25 cents 2 Dollars & 5 cents Lewis 2 Boys here for smoothing irons Brought 32 new Troughs ash and soft-maple to the Bush Took some of the camp-Rigging to the Bush

16th Fine Gordon and Bismarck Lewis wife and 3 children here Got a Dollar from Gordon

17th St Patricks Day The Festival of the Irish A Dance at Hopkins Point to night Fine windy some Grains of snow Northern Lights to night cutting Brush for the Fence cutting wood at the sugar Bush crossing on summerstown Road with Horses

18th On this Day of the Month Vicky Departed 1887 Leander and John H went to Hamiltons for oats got 4 Bushels Gave Tom a Dollar thats 12 Bushels i Got thats 3..60 But got 3 Turkeys Making some Troughs Tapt 7 or 8 Trees not Running well Fixing a Hoop on the Genie Pot

Mr James Cameron Island 19th of March 1890

E Wind Fine Cool sap Dont Run Drawing Wood to the camp put the Dogs after a Rabbit and caught him seen a Lot of Wild Geese going west cutting Brush at the wet place went up around the Island seen the small owl in the Bush Teams crossing summerstown Road a Team Drawing From Alexis Island

20th First Day of Spring Fine W Wind Minkey calved Drew wood to the camp took all the Troughs to the Bush 50 of new ones Made 2 Beetles a Team or cutter crossing the summerstown Road simons Drawing from Alexis Island

21st 100 Trees Tapt to Day Windy

22nd Livinia (senior) Birth Day First Boiling in the Bush 35 pails water coming in the Fireplace a Horse and cutter crossed Summerstown Road and this Evening I think there was 2 Horses got in out from Hopkins Point Lots of Ducks Flying Gathered 15 this mornng and 20 to night

23rd Gordon here Brought my Mail a Letter from Phillip Charrone Longueil and the 2 Pictures came from Toronto ice opening in holes made 2 Gallons of syrup for the first First Laying of hens a nest of 5 Eggs

Mr James Cameron Island 24th of March 1890

{cut off}ine Cold sap not running ice opening very slow sawing Stove wood piling stove wood

25 Annunciation of Virgin-Mary Fine Cold E Wind Rained this Evening Boiled 7 Quarts of syrup gathered 2 pails this Evening heard Black Ducks for the first Got a Rat Think there is a Fox Left on the Island took the caff from Minkey

26th John Hamilton Cameron's B Day 1876 Jenny Calved Rained Hailed Fine Windy Gathered 53 Pails of sap not Boiling as the Fireplace is Full of water ice Jamming up in the Bay went to the Head of the Island got a Rat not very well

27th Wind ice a Jamming going Down cutting wood for sugaring cool north wind not running muck 65 Boiled to Day sugar tommorro Leander Lost 1 of the Traps a Rat Broke the chain some wild Geese Flying a Big Jam at Johnstons Lighthouse steamboat channel here not open only to the Little Island Big Jam at the Head of the Island got a Rat

28th E Wind turned Storming snowng Drifting Went to the Bush and strained what they Boiled yesterday something wrong with Brindle put her in 2 calves together

29th Intercalary Day snowing Kind of soft Brindle no Better putting snow out of the Frame

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Mr James Cameron Island 30th March 1890

Sunday Palm Brindle Dead Fine ice opening very slow 2 Indians at the Little Island

31st skinned the cow Children making sugar 60 lbs Lots of snow

1st of April, All Fools Day Fine Windy EEI Fishers at the Little Island Drew the Cow Down on the ice

2nd Fine Windy PJ Calved Lots of ice going Down Big cakes Made in the house 6 Quarts of syrup Boiling in the Bush 60 on the Fire to night to sugar tommorow Hen-Hawks came cutting ice close to shore so the cows will not Brake in Turkey commenced to Lay yesterday went up to the head of the Island Found a couple of clapboards of a Boat short a big pile of ice Jammed up at the Big stone at the Head of the Island Mice made a havock eating hay in the East Mow in the Barn

3rd Fine Day Lots of ice Going Down at sugar about 50 or 60 lbs to Day Leander Found a Broken Bun at the Little Island north-side Drawing Wood to camp Fan-Tailed Blackbirds came Pewits or Phebys came

Mr James Cameron Island 4th of April 1890 Good Friday

all Kinds of Weather to Day E Wind North Wind Raining snowed to night Marten and canares here Fishing EEls St Ambrose Day cleaning the Buckets and Troughfs sloppy time Froze some to night Drew a square peice out of the water cutting ice at the shore ice and Rubbish going Down

5th North Wind Cool Fine not running well 8 pails to Day sawed some Logs at the camp about 45 pails Boiled to Day not strained to night

6th Sunday Easter Sunday Oxley calved Gordon here Made 3 Gallons of syrup Windy

7th a Fine Day Maryann and Martin here got Butter Lent him the 1½ inch augur Boys in the sugar Bush Drew some Drags pushing ice from the shore commenced taking the Banking from the cookhouse

8th Boiling in the Bush made some sugar in the house Finishe the Banking in the cookhouse high E Wind changed to south West Began to snow and changed to East Began to Rain Made First Butter to Day about 10 lbs some shooting on south side

9th On this Day of the Month I was Married 1862 28 years Married to Day at the sugar Bush with Tonia Made over 30 lbs Windy Rain Lots of shooting to Day taking the Banking out of the Frame

10th Made 6 lb in the House taken Banking and Wood out of the Frame Windy high Last nigh some snow

Mr James Cameron Island 11th of April 1890

Fine sawing stove wood in the Bush not running well 2 Indians fishing EEls ice going Down
Taking water out of the Milkhouse

12th in the Bush Boiled 45 pails to Day Trimmed the apple tree before the Door cleaning the
ice out of the summer Hog Pen A Great Lot of shooting to Day made at the House 6 lb of sugar
Tonia at Butternut sap The Pet Goose very cross a very warm Fine Day John McLaughlin Buried
to Day

13th Gordon Willie Rose and Tommy Rose here Leander to Hamiltons John and Leander to
Charlies Island Martin came with the auger Made 2½ Gallons of syrup

14th Narcisse and Phillip came Bought a 1 lb of Butter 25 took some of the Basins home made
a Quart of syrup Martin and Mary-ann here for 3 Quarts of syrup had 4 yds of Calico 40 got a
Broom 10 Rained some

15th Grenada First commencing to Run Fine Windy North West taking Banking from West
End setting Fires Breaking Dung Balls in the Field sap run 3 pails pulling Tax out of Boards
about 300 a Fine Gave nails to Fishermen and Hammer

16th Narcisse went to Lancaster Windy Leander Made a Paddle Taking Tax out of Boards
sap run a Little Indians in the Bush 4 of Them cleared away

Mr James Cameron Island 17th of April 1890

Narcisse to Lancaster for George and Dick got a lb of Butter 25 taking Rigging of sugar-Bush
home Made a 1/2 Gallon of syrup to Day this is the Last as the cows and sheep is going in the
Bush and the trees Dont run well Made a Board for the Gate a Raft went Down in tow of the
{blank space} Lighthouse Lit up to night Leander went to Alexis Island Lewis Bosell Moved to
Summerstown Run away from Lancaster Rained some cool

18th Uncle Duncan's Birth Day Windy cold a Few Grains of Snow Frost Last night

19th Fine Froze some Last Tapt a Few Trees running awful well Gathered 17 pails to Day
took 2 pots to the Bush and a Barrell to the Bush Leander tried to cross turned Back Wind too

high Narcisse got 7 lbs of Butter Phillip and George to Summerstown Paul Gray Fishing EEs at the Pitt Point Oliver Monica Lost 7 sheep something they eat must be Poison Getting Pike in the Marsh

20th Fine Mr Kelly at the Fishermens John H and the Girls went to Lewiss

21st Rained a Little Fine Boiled 35 pails Fishermen to the store sent for 1/2 lb Tea 20

22nd Fine Made syrup of what was Boiled yesterday 2½ Gallons setting Fires Ploughed some sod a Tug came up this Morning and a Tug went Down with a Barge in Tow Leander Found his Trap Sunday and a Rat in it spreading Manure Charlie Rose house Burnt on the 19th

Mr James Cameron Island 23 of April 1890

St George's Day The Festival of the English W Wind Rained Fine Leander crossed with Butter 14¾ lbs to A McDonald Bought 3 lb of Tea 1 soap 10 pipes 4 Cinnamon 4 spools 20½ lb spice Mory Calved Fixing Garden Fence Took the Barrels from the Bush set the Leech at the north Banking but its Froze the Garnet went Down Fishermen First Trip to Lancaster with Fish Leander took the Goose to Hamiltons and took him Back Lewis the Indian Taking a scow Load of Hay Phillip to a lb of Butter 25 Got Due Bill of 82 cents from Angus Leander shot a Duck

24th Minkey Dead skinned her First Ploughing in the Potato Feild Boiled 8 Pails of sap Took home the Pots setting Fires Lots of Boats going to Day Martin and Maryann here for Milk put the Pig in his Pen Put a crotch at the Fireplace some chunks of ice going Down E Wind

25th St Marks Fine E Wind Froze Last night setting Fires Ploughing

26th Fine E W Fixing the Fence at the Door and Fire-Place working at the soap Taking the Banking from the north side of the house set Fire above the Brush Fence a Boat went up this Morning Looked like the *{following written over the top of an illegible word}* cultivator First Trip

27th Windy

Mr James Cameron Island 28th of April 1890

Fine Livinia John H Ionia went to Lewis Leander to Summerstown Bought of J Sunners 5 lbs of Putty 25 Bought of Angus Thread 5 *{left side of page cut off}* Herring Barrel 10 Brought couple of sucours to Hamiltons Bought Bread for Fishermen Fixing a scaffold to shingle Mr Jo Genie here all night came to Fix the Buoys

*{cut off}*9th Mr Genie went off Left 95 cents Ploughing *{cut off}*ine Taking the Potatoes out of the cellar 20 Bushels narcisse to Butter 25 The steamer *{cut off}*alexandria went Down on her First Trip

30th Windy Cloudy Fine taking *{cut off}*p stones took all out of Bush cutting Potatoes for seed Heard Mr Ward was to be Married to Day to Miss Hill Telegraph operator Phillip and George to Lancaster with Fish Put out their Big Boat

1st Day of May St Phillip and St James Day Fine Robideau and Martin for Baits Ploughing the 2 Potatoe Peices Drew some wood salted the cattle

2nd a Raft went Down cutting Brush Painting the Boat Fixing Fence Planted seed cabbage and Beets Making soap narcisse to Butter 25 Fine

3rd Windy Rain Putting manure on Potato Piece Below emptied the Leech and Filled it splitting and old oak Log

4th Windy Rained

5th Leander went for Gordons Boat cutting seeds

6th Fixing the calves Pasture Fence Phillip to Butter 25 Windy

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Mr James Cameron Island 7th of May

Windy Leander to Dundee 2 hides 10 Rats 5 Mink Bought 150 Weigh{t} of Flour 20 lbs of Felt 40 3 Bottles of Medicine 75 Boots Fixed 60 putting out manure put calves in the stable cut my Hair cutting Potato seeds Robideaux here with Fish to Narcisse

8th E W Fine went to Hamiltons Bough{t} Gordons Boat 3 Dollars for it Gordon and Mr McPherson shingling paid Tom Jack 1 Dollar Got 2 Bushels of oats all clear now got the Lone

of the harrow Brought Quart of onions to Mrs Hamilton got sallad seed Paid stanley 10 cents
Planted 25 Rows of Potatoes got a Letter from Williamstown At the soap

9th Planted the rest of the piece of Potatoes took 9 Bushels of seeds Rained some Narcisse
and George came Wind high Stanley sick Hugh Ann sick Fisherman to 2 Bottles of oil 10
rained hard to night

10th Leander crossed for the Mail did not Get the Glengarrian fine E and West wind Fixing
around heard Purcell sent word to McDougalls to Leave heard Duncans Chisholms Barn was
Burnt

Mr James Cameron Island 11th of May 1890

Rogation Sunday the Lafleshe's here {ink blot} Dan Spinks here Fine John H and the 2 Girls
went up to corn Island The officer of Fishing Club at the Fishermens /seised on Robideau nets at
Christees Island heard Geordie annans Father got his Leg Broke

12th cross ploughing the sod Hewing a Pine Log the Cataline went down a Raft went Down
some Mosquitoes Leander Spearing at night got EEIs and succours and sunfish

13th Raining Commenced shingling the south side of the Frame split a couple of Long Rails
Alexandra went Down cutting Fat pine stumps Phillip digging his Potato peice Rained to night

14th Harrowing the sod Planted 22 Rows of Potatoes shingling sout side put on Felt Dick and
Narcisse to Lancaster Mr Kelly at the Fishermans going to see Robideau Phillip to Butter 25
Bohemian Late this morning with the Fog, Rain

15th Asension Day Fine Leander to Summesets Bought of A MDonald 6 lbs of shingle nails 30
Boots 1..25 Calico 3½ yds 35 overalls stuff 2¾ 55 7 lb of Fine salt 2 papers squashes 10 Boot
Laces shingling splitting a peice of the oak Log planting the Garden Cucumbers 5 Beds of
onions Robideaux Left Lewis's Island commenced the Hay on the sticks John H Drawng of
stones Phillip planting Potatoes gave him seed

Mr James Cameron Island 16th of May 1890

sised what shingles we had not Finished shingling yet Leander & John to Alexis Island for a Plank Windy Planting onions in the Garden Planted Potatoes at the Peice at the gate

17th very high wind south East in the Morning changed to south West and Blew a Gale a Big White Birch out of the Roots at the Bank at the upper part of the south side Rain some Thunder a Few Grains of Hail put manure at the cherries for Potatoes Found a peice of Trace chain under the stones Narcisse Planted his Potatoes Gave him seed Phillip paid his Rent and a 25 cents on what he owed stanley and I around the Island water high Made some Beds in the Tobacco place onions and Beets got 1 Tick

18th Gordon and Bismarck here got a Pipe from Gordon Narcisse paid his Rent 3 Dollars got oil 5 Bismarck 25 cents to his mother and sissy & Hugh Ann Hugh Ann and Jonia to Lewis's John H and Leander and Dick to Ross's Island Phillip got a Loaf of Bread Fine E Wind

19th Plouging the Back Garden and the cherry Trees taking out stones John Nine came for sand Gave me his scow Boat Fine set a Turkey to Hatch John H got a Ling-Fish on his Line

Mr James Cameron Island 20th of May 1890

E Wind North Wind and West Wind Raining hard Lots of Puddels of water John H got a Pike on his Line George got Tea shutting the hens in as they are scratching the Garden put 2 Long Rails on the Garden Fence Fixed a Gaff for John H

21st The Sand- Boat anchored at the Fishermens I went Down to see them his name {cut off}s Captain Charron told me he would {cut off}ome in June for sand Lewis the Indian here for Potatoes got 3 Baskets from him took Dinner him and Mary-Ann water very high a Good Deal of water in the cellar with the Rain

22nd Fixing the Fence in the upper Field and cutting on the Pitt Point Painting the Boat took the mast out of the scow and some Boards very Fine E Wind Fixing the Tobacco Fence Broke the Whippetree yesterday Leander crossed yesterday 1 Quart of Paint oil 25 Brought onions to Mrs Hamilton Gave Lewis onion seed 40

23rd Fixing the scythe Place Fence set a hen to hatch with Duck Eggs and Turkey eggs Got Duck eggs From Tassie Fraser Leander there Bought 2 Bunches of shingles at McArthur's Mill 1 Dollar second Quality good shingles The sand Boat went off East Wind West W E Wind and W Wind Lewis children home with smoothing irons

Mr James Cameron Island 24th of May 1890

Queen Victoria's Birth Day a Fine Day E Wind Fixing Logs at the Potatoes Drew the Mast up the Mare Lost a shoe Painting the Boat Black Drew the sleighs of the Grass Narcisse Paid for 9 lbs of Butter 1..80 Bought a lb 20 Leander got a Line 17 cents Marten and canares here

25th Pentecoste Whit Sunday

26th Finished shingling south side harrowed Potatoes Lewis and Mary Ann and Misses Lewis here Brought 50 of Provender for Potatoes Cotton Gave Lewis more seed Potatoes Chickens some out some Rain Plough Bean Place

27th Putting the saddle on the Roof Leander to summerstown Bought of A MDonald Quart of Paint oil 25 Fine salt coarse salt {blank space} Plaining Boards put a Beam up in the Frame Hugh Ann Livinia and John H Went for a Table to Jo Lemays if he wants it he can have it any time very Fine Rained some

28th took Boards of the Roof Fixed the saddle on the Roof digging stones at the Fireplace 2 Men here from Cornwall to Buy the Glue and the Eggs of the sturgeon paid 5 for Glue and 5 for the eggs Drew some stones to the Bank to Protect it Dick went off Plum trees in Blossom

Mr James Cameron Island 29 of May1890

Royal Oak Day or oak apple Day Traces Sheared the Sheep Lewis here for the Plough and Painting the Boat John H got a sturgeon Lewis here for the Plough and Traces

30th Digging the Peice for the Beans Washing the Wool Potatoes coming up Lost my Knife Found it narcisse working at the shanty

31st Fine Day Leander to Hamiltons got Grain Potatoes Went to the Head of the Island salted the cattle Put out the skiff Trees Blossoming Picking the Wool a Good many tows went to Day
R Robideau s{ern}ning with George

1st of June Rowena Victoria B Day 1878 Glorious 1st of June Martin and Mary-Ann Lewis here
Fine Livinia John H and Stanley over to the south side Duke of Cannought in Niagara to Day

2nd at Pitt Point Fence the Mare out for the First time Planted Potatoes in the Back Garden at
the Cherry Trees Harrowed Back Place for the Beans thought there was Frost this morning
Picking Wool

3rd Fine Windy East Stanley and I cutting stick for the Fence Potatoes coming up well
putting manure on Tobacco place Fixing Fence at calves stable Leander seaming with George
Spartan went Down 2 Men {re} at the shanty from Valley Field after Glue of sturgeon

Mr James Cameron Island 4th of June 1890

old George the 3rd Birth Day E W Rain 2 Frenchman from Valley-Field after the spawn and Glue
of the sturgeon did not get it the Men came From Cornwall cam Leander seaming with George
to Butter 25 the Corcican went Down John H got a sturgeon and Lost a Big one some smoky or
Foggy Blossom on the Brod Brim apple Tree at Lower Point

5th Corpus Christie Foggy Raining hard Thunder and Lightning E W Fine John H Bought
Phillips Bun 2 Dollars Election in Lancaster Martin told us their Horse was stole Saturday night
Gave Martin some Turkey eggs to hatch Fixing the Gate and the cabbage seed place Bunty had
her Kittens to Day

6th Planted Beans

7th Leander crossed with the Fishermen windy Bought Tea 3 lb 1. Fishermen for Boards Girls
and John H went to Lewis they were off

8th HughAnn went to St Regis on the Princess very windy

9th Aunt Mary's Birth Day 1813 John H went to Hamiltons for Hugh Ann got Dans Letter from
London Weeding Potatoes Windy and Fine

10th Fine Lewis Martin for Potatoes got 2½ paid 1..25 at Potatoes Girls went to Lewis Rain to night

Mr James Cameron Island 11th of June 1890

St Barnabas Day Put the calves in their Pasture at the Fence Fixing it at Potatoes Tommy Rose and 2 other here the Man from Cornwall after his Glue a new Boat went up the Gatinea Stanley and J Fishing Perch got a Lot a Fine Day Fixing a Bedstead up stairs High E Wind to night

12th Raining E Wind Bun's Bleu up in the Marsh last night The sand man here Charron going for cord wood to salmon River Wetyas Christee here 5 Boats of them went Down to Look for Francis they were told that an Indian was Found but it was a false Report Stanley and J Fishing got 5 Transplanted Cabbage

13th E Wind Raining John H got a Lunge Fixing East Logs at the Wharf

14th Went to head of the Island E W Mam Charron came George Brought 200 or 250 Tobacco Plants from Montreal 20 cents a 100 Leander went to Hamiltons for the Papers Transplanted the Tobacco Dug the Ground water high Randolph came to night

15th Gordon and 2 of the Lalonds here Sandy Dougall John S Summers Frankey Laplante here Randolph and Leander went Trowing Lightning Bugs

16 The Memorable Battle of Waterloo Randolph went Trowing at the Potatoes cleaning them Gordon and J Summers here Trowing

Mr James Cameron Island 17th June 1890

Randolph Leander Hugh Ann went to Dundee Election There Leander Bought a suit 6 Dollars Cotton 35 yds 13 calico Flour 100 Wt Randolph a satchel 2 plugs of Tobacco sold a Tennnet of But{cut off} 29 lbs sold 28 lbs of Tallow Got 5 cents from Gordon for Tobacco Got 50 for skins

Drawing stones to the Wharf Heavy Thunder and Lightning and Windy Randolph and Leander went to Lancaster Leander went to A Frashers to see Fernandez Turkey got out her chickens

18th Fine Windy Hoeing Down at the sod Fixed a Hoop on a Barrel the 2 Girls went to Lewis

19th Randolph to Summerstow{cut off} Weeding the Garden

20th Randolph went off Leander Hugh Ann Livinia went to Lancaster with him Brought the wool to the carding Mill. Frasher smallman and another man here to Buy Cattle More chickens hatched John H and I Fishing Perch putting stones on the wharf

21st First Day of Summer very warm John H Jonia and I to the Kit Kit Leander and Dick to Summerstown

22nd Uncle Dan's Birth Day Hugh Ann and Livinia Went to Williamstown Gordon and Bismarck here Leander to Hamiltons the Girls seen a Deer when coming Back

23rd Put the plough through Potatoes George Annan and Miss Spinks here young Ducks

24th John the Baptiste Day Mr T{u}thin here and {illegible} Bascan Gave a Trowling Rig to Leander {illegible}ht a Lunge hoeing Beans heavy Thunder {illegible}tning

Mr James Cameron Island 25th of June 1890

Stanley and I Fishing Perch got 39 at the Beans Windy Took a Lo{ad of wood} From the Bay Berries getting Ripe

26th Very Windy from the north cool and {illegible} hot Mrs Charron here at the ~~Beans~~ Beans put a handle in and old hoe 2 Fine 3 masted schooners went Down Towed young Turkees Dying

27th Hoeing the Beans Martin here Fine put ashes in the manure pile Fixed a Bed in the Frame up stairs

28th Went to Hamiltons Heard of Mr John Craigs Death Leander Bought of A MDonald 1 pair of shoes 1..25 starch 10 6 yds of 1..8 paid 1..80 what we owed him got a Box From J Hamilton Tom Jack Making a stable in concession Hugh Ann went to St Regis

29th St P St Paul Fine the Mare had her Colt

30th Cutting sticks for a Jumper Hugh Ann came verry verry warm hoed Tobacco cutting the Weeds

1st of July Dominion Day picnicks all over Began the Jumper Warm some Berries Took the Mare and colt to the Barn

2nd Rained some Working at the other runner of the Jumper the mare Drew it Down Hoeing the Potatoes the Boheminian Late to Day going up Livinia Working at the churn at Potatoe Bugs

Mr James Cameron Island 3 July 1890

Fine Rained Windy at the Potatoes at the Jumper piled some Manure Mowed a Road at the centenial Leander crossed to A McDonald paid for the shoes 1..25 Bought a Broom 20 Bought at Nicholsons Mollasses 12½ Bought of John Summers 1 lb of sulpher 10 Rainbow to night

4th American Independonce Windy Foggy Rained afternoon Fine at the Jumper put out some Tobacco and Turnips

5th Our Uncle Johns B Day 1803 Fine Windy at the Jumper potato Bugs some plenty on Lower Peice Lots of Pic Nics Garnet and Gatineau up with Pic Nic Hoeing Potatoes EEI Flies commencing

6th John Angus and Jo the Baker here Tom Jack Gordon and Dan Spink here Leander and Hugh Ann went to McDougalls Heard Caseau was hung or Lynched Rained some

7th Finished the Jumper Fine Rained Windy tearing Down the Big shed hoeing the Beans put Paris Green on the Lower Potatoes

8th Went to head of the Island Windy Heavy Lightning and Thunder Rain Mowed Thistles on the hill Young Turkey hatching or Laying

9th {ink blot} Windy Fine mowed a Little Back of the Barn cut some sticks for a stable Taking off Potatoe Bugs Kind of cold Weeding the Garden

Mr James Cameron Island 10th of July 1890

Windy Fine cool Mowing around for a Road Leander and John H Drew some sticks John H Broke the Round Whetstone Harnessed the Mare Potato Bugs Bad Rasberries get Ripe

11th Fine Warm Leander and Hugh Ann to Dundee Bought 100 of Flour 2.60 on credit 50 lbs of Cornmeal 60 5 of Ca{mb}rick 35 40 yds of Cotton 2..80 1½ Doz Buttons 15 1½ yd of Drilling 15 Gallon of Vinegar 25 3 plates 25 1½ Baking Powder 25 2 Jars 25 2 scyths 1.20 stone 10 7-65... To Cash 3.. 4..65.. 5 Tubs 1.. 6 yds Calico 40 9 yds 54 putting Paris Green on the Potatoes John H Mowing made some cocks of hay

12th of July the Battle of the Boyne Orangemans Day very Fine and Warm Mowing in the Grove cut a Road Down to the shanty on the hill Made some coils Mr Benwa came up with George Mr Tuthill and Mr Marshall here yesterday paid me the Dollar and Treated me to a Glass of ale

13th Fine John Angus and his Wife and George and Fred here Hugh Ann went to Bill Craigs

14th First putting in of Hay Fine Warm cutting Down on the Hill the churn got wrong Feeding the calves hay some Rasberries English cherries turning Birds Bad at them Fixing the clock got it to strike

Mr James Cameron Island 15th of July 1890

Mowing Down Behind the shanty Mowing in the Grove very warm 3 Men here in the Grove From Lancaster after Fish from Fishermen Got the Loan of Lewis churn Thunder and Lightning and Rain this morning (St Swithens' Day)

16th Fine Mowing Livinia and Hugh Ann went to Dundee Bought a crock churn 1 Dollar 7 yds of Lustre Thread Twist Buttons Lining 5 lbs of Rice Benwa went off home English Cherries Ripe some cleaning the Tobacco Boheminian a Pic Nic at Hamiltons making cocks Down on the hill Behind the shanty Hens Rooting the Potatoes

17th Raining Eat new Potatoes cut some hay at the cherries made a churn - Dasher Leander and Dick crossed to Summerstown Angus MDonald in Alexandria at a Nigger Show Jonia not well Made Preserves of the English Cherries The John A aground with a Raft Below the Lighthouse

18th Fine at hay Put in some Hay Mowing The man that Buys the Glue at the Fishermens for the Tubs and seives Rained hard to night Hoed some Tobacco

Mr James Cameron Island 19th of July 1890

Fernandez Birth Day 1874 Mowing Rained some high North Wind Went to the Head of the Island Pic Nic or Pleasure Trip on the Boheminian Cold to Day

20th Fine Mrs Charron here

21st Went home with Lewis churn cutting hay Leander crossed to Summerstown Bought of A MDonald 2 Whet Stones 20 3 spools of Threat 15 Tea 3 lbs 1 Dollar 2 Rakes 30 cents Made 60 Coils of hay Feeding the calves hay as their Pasture is Bare

22nd Hugh Ann went to Lancaster for the yarn 15 lb of yarn 2..16 putting in hay Mowing a Fine Day the Hens Playing the Devil with the Potatoes Hoeing the Tobacco eat cucumbers John H Line Broke taking it up Oscar Laflesh at the Fishermens

23rd Fine very hot Mowing at the Grape Vine picking Berries 1½ Gallons mowed at the seine Made 76 to Day of coils about 90 made now

24th Putting hay Mowing commenced to Rain gathered some hay Lewis Girl for a Boat made Rake teeth the cat McGinty got a hook in his mouth I cut it out our Boat stole to night

Mr James Cameron Island July 25th 1890

St James Day Leander Hughann Livinia went to the south side to Look to Look for it but did not find it Rain some Mowing some Picking Beans sawed stove Wood Stanley not well Shows in Cornwall

26th Fine some Windy Martin came home with the Bun the Girls came for smoothing irons at hay Mowing Below the old Garden Picked some Berries Heard Bidy Lee Broke her arm Falling out of a cherry Tree

27th Fine Day Bismarck here Left his watch to get Fixed in Fort Covington Donald John McDougall here 3 of Lewis's Children here

28th cutting and coiling hay very warm Stanley not well John H Bought a Wire Line from the Fishermen 90 cents

29th Very very warm put in about 100 coils to Day Jacobs Boy and Wife and John Dominick here for salt

30th Fine Windy Hugh Ann Leander went to Dundee took Tennesse of Butter Bought 200 of Flour 35.25 1/2 Doz Glass Tumblers 30 a Keg 50 Braid 10 Wind high to night Mowing Hugh Ann and John Went to sleep at the shanty Thunder Rain Trimmed the ash Tree Down at the Wet place

31st Windy Rain Thunder Lightning Mowing Down at Grave Mowing at the sythe oak Tree sharpened the cross cut saw

Mr James Cameron Island 1st of August 1890

Lammas Day Fine very warm Mowing on the Lower Point

2nd Minnie's B Day 1864 Putting in hay very Fine Warm made 23 coils Louise Narcisse's Girl came and child Leander crossed to Summerstown taking Buds of Tobacco Bought Boots 2.25 or shoes pipes & sox paid a 1.25 on the shoes

3rd Livinia and Hugh Ann to Dundee Rain Wind Fine

4th Mowing at East End of the Island very warm High Wind Heavy Thunder and chain Lightning

5th {word crossed out} Fine Finished the Lower Point commenced Back of the Barn Let the calves to the Big High High Wind Heavy Thunder Lightning Rained Took the Top seed of the Tobacco

6th Randolph's B Day 1867 Fine Rained Windy Mowing Back of the Barn Got a Large Channel-cat-Fish for Berries our Potatoes Large and Good

7th Fine Mowing coiling Began a stack put about 25 coils in it salted the sheep John nine taken sand out of the River or Lake Got 50 from him not taken any from shore Turning hay a Fortunate Day Long Black Berries Turning some

8th Finished the stack Mr Genie came

9th Mr Genie Fishing Mowing Rained some 4 of the Line Boats went Down to Day with American soldiers

Mr James Cameron Island 10th of August 1890

Mr Genie went off

11th Mowing and Making coils Leander to Hamiltons for yeast John Nine came no Boards

12th Fine Boheminian went up Mowing Mr Genie came going to cornwall with wool to his Daughters Left me a Treat E Wind

13th Boheminian Went Down Fishermens Wife Daughter and 2 children went off Began a stack put 119 coils in it to Day not Finished yet Lewis children here for Butter and Bread the Gatinea went up and Down to Day Hugh Ann went to Dundee the small owl Dead Trimmed some apple trees

14th Fine cutting hay put more hay in the stack Phillip came John Nine here Told us he Found Francis over Below Frasers Last Week

15th Mowing finished Below the house Hugh Ann came From Dundee Bought of John Tyo Pork 32 Glass 25 1 Gallon of Vinegar 40 Powders 20 Calico 35 Found out about our Boat

16th Leander and I went to Look for the boat and found it hid in the Marsh at Murdock MDonalds took our Lunch on Buchann Island Fine made 60 coils not Raked Bought of J Summers Matches 12

17th Rain Windy Lewis Boys here

Mr James Cameron Island 18th August 1890

Fine Mowing in the upper Field Raking Made some coils

19th Cold Bismarck's B Day 1870 put in 50 coils stuffed the East End of the Barn put 2 Loads on the Barn Floor commenced to Rain and cold high East Wind Sharrons Barge sailed up cut some in upper Feild Fishermens seine all Broke got Fast in Logs

20th Mowing above the Lane Turning hay Took up {7}½ Rows of Potatoes from the East Peice Let in the Mare to eat Below the house Fine

21st E Wind changed to South Wind very high with Rain Mowing in the Upper Field about 22 minutes to 1 This Morning heard a rumbling noise like, an Earthquake sounded West going

22nd Mowing in the Brush in the upper Field sawing Quilting Frame 4 of them Taking Buds of Tobacco Windy

23rd Fine Began to Rain high E Wind cold Put some hay on the Barn Floor Drew a Bun of Wood Those Indian Thieves is around Trowling camped at the head of the Island

24th Raining Windy

25th Mowing in upper Feild Fine the cows in upper Feild Fine the cows milked to Day By those campers John H and Livinia to Plum Island

Mr James Cameron Island Aug 26 1890

Mowing in upper Field Leander to Summerstown Bought of A MD 1 lb of soda 10 Bread for Fishermen sugar and Tobacco Made 70 coils of hay chicken Hawks around Lots of shooting on the south side

27th Raining Thunder Fine Went to head of the Island John Angus McLaughlin and A Frasher here Wanting John H Brought me a Lot of Paper and a Fine Large apple Fixing chains on the Bow of the Boats Heard J Dunlop was poorly

28th Finished cutting the upper Field Began the Back Feild or the oakfield to cut taking up the onions taken in the coloured Beans cutting some Brush Rained some to Day

29th Putting more hay on the Barn Floor The 2 creamers Boys here Charlie and Bill John Tyo sent By them for a Tennent of Butter gave it to them to take to him Began to Rain made coils of hay in the upper Field cutting in the oak Field and set some Brush heaps on Fire Thunder to night one very very clap of Thunder

30th Cutting in the oakfield John H Drawing Wood Lucias came George took Leander 3 lb of shot 21 cents paid

31st Rain Fine Men from Francis Island for Hay

Mr James Cameron Island Sept 1st 1890

Mowing Back Marsh Hunting Began Leander and John H to Plum Island shot 2 Ducks Drew the sticks and Bun up from the River Ploughed a Row of Potatoes on the hill Fine

2nd Fine E and West Wind Began a stack at the Back Door of the Barn Half Fine hay and the Rest Marsh hay Mowing in the Back marsh John Nine here Working at Quilts second one that on Lots of shooting some Drops of Rain The Algerian went Down with her colours up Perhaps the Prince is on

3rd D McMasters Birth Day 1846 Captain Sharron here John Nine here Finished the Barn Floor with hay put a Top on Fine hay of Marsh hay Fine E W Mowed some a Few coils in the upper Feild in the Brush Leander shot a Duck Took the apples of the Big Tree 3 Bushels Lewis here Taking scantling from Lancaster Picking of the Hops cut 2 stalks of Tobacco

4th Fine Went to Dundee Leander and Hugh Ann Bought of J Tyo 100 of Flour 2.70 cornmeal 75 100 of Provender 1.30 nails 10 lbs 30 Boots 1.25 Pills 15 spectacles 15 Lock 25 seen Mr Genie

Mr James Cameron Island Sept 5th 1890

John Angus Birth Day 1850 Mowing in Back Marsh making coils Genie here and a French crew

6th Foggy Fine Leander to Summerstown Bought of Mr Ward sack of salt 80 5 spools of Thread 25 Mowed 3 coils in the Front Marsh for the First John 9 Left his Boat till he would come to pay me Lucius Found a Drowned man near or at Ball Island all Disfigured

7th Gordon and Bismarck here Willie craig Willy Rose and Tommy here a Fine Day Heard Mrs Andrew Cameron Died about a month ago

8th Began a stack of Marsh hay and about 20 coils out of the upper Feild in it all the hay in the oakfield in it 120 coils and the Rain Began and we did not Finish it Rained hard high Wind Picking Beans John Bought a Pair of oars sun day

9th cut some sticks for the stable Drew some of them Narcisse Gave word to Day about the Drowned man

Mr James Cameron Island September 10th 1890

Fine E Wind Finished Marsh hay stack put Tops on 2 other stacks all the hay thats cut in the Back Marsh now is in Mr Dr Smart and his sister Charlotte here Lucias went off Pulled the Tops of the Potatoes in the Lower Feild Pulling beans Cows in the Lower Feild

11th Began the Lower Potatoes about 18 or 20 Bushels Began to Rain E Wind Leander shot 3 Ducks some Rot on the Potatoes

12th E Wind Raining

13th Windy West W sorting the Potatoes and drying them at the Door Made a heap of them taking the Rotton ones out took 4 sticks of Basswood down from the head of the Island on the water John H making a sturgeon Pen Fine Black Cherries Ripe Trimmed some young appletrees at the Lower Point

14th Holy Cross Fine Leander for the Mail to Hamiltons the Girls and Stanley to Lewis's

15th Fine E W Went to the Depot at Lancaster with the stove oven paid 1..50 to Mrs Gillis paid Qubeck 50 cents to take the oven up and Down seen Frank Laplante and Gordon Drawing stones Seen Angus Cameron Took in 16 Bushels of Potatoes in cellar

Mr James Cameron Island Sept 16th 1890

Raining E Wind Thunder taking the Roof of the stable shelling Beans chopping stove Wood took what apples was on the sweet Tree off as they are not Gaining nothing Lots of Burnt Horse Tooth corn going down the River must be there was storehouse or a steamer or Boat Burnt John H got an Eel on his Line Water very high no Ducks Lots of Flocks of Plovers going West they are awful high

17th Began the Potatoes at the Door Ploughed 16 Rows to Day the heap 20 or 25 Bushels not much rot Narcisse to Montreal took the cars did not get the oven at Beans E Wind Peeling apples Stringing them

18th at the Potatoes about half Done very warm and Fine Potato Bugs Plenty Lots of Boats going to Day West Wind cut some Tobacco

19th at the Potatoes Fine Fishermen took the oven from Lancaster Rained tonight Began another heap 3 heaps now

20th at Potatoes took home some Wood some Butternuts on the hill Tree Falling only 3 Trees with a Few nuts on Windy cut some Tobacco

21st John H went for the Papers to Hamiltons Leander and the Girls went to Ball Island to see the drowned Man

Mr James Cameron Island 22 Sept 1890

sun crosses the Line Equinoxical Gales now put all heaps of Potatoes in the cellar cut all the Tobacco

23rd Windy all the Potatoes up about 125 Bushels in now Drew some Wood Leander crossed to A McDonalds 10 Dozen of Eggs 1..50 Bought 3¼ lb Tea 1.. 5 pair of Boots 5..50 on credit pipes 3 Lewis Family came home from Waterville picking hops Peggy McLean Buried to Day picked a Pail of cranberries making Tomato catsup

24th Fine Began the stable at the East End of the Barn 20 by 16 Put up 2 Rounds to Day shelling some Beans took in some Grapes Frost Last night in Low Places Hawks Plenty

25th put 1 round on to Day Windy cutting and Drawing sticks cut some handspikes Girls gathering Grapes John H got a sturgeon

26th at the stable 5 Rounds on now Rain Drew some sticks put in all the Tobacco a Few stalks out yet some on the Big cellar and Back Garden

27th Foggy Raining E Wind changed to West chopping and sawing stove-Wood hung up some Bunches of Tobacco Mr John Dunlop Departed on Friday 26th Mr Leslie Departed on the

Mr James Cameron Island Sept 28th1890

Fine the Girls to Lewis's Leander to Ross Island

29th St Michael Michealmas Went to Hamiltons John H and I at their Potatoes Fine Got about 10 Bushels of apples Leander and Hugh Ann to Dundee with Butter Bought Flour Boots Burners 2 Butter Tubs chimneys Boots Mustard Velvet selling the corn that got Burnt it Belonged to Smallmans Brother

30th Fine John H went to help Hamiltons at their Potatoes Leander and I at the stable Drew some sticks Peeling Apples {Apples has large blot over the word}

1st of October Fine very warm Ionia Birth Day 1883 Leander and I working at the stable John H at Hamiltons

2nd very fine and warm put in the Beams in the stable Mrs Craig and Miss C Smart here Heard Kenneths 2 Boys came home

3rd In the Morning Mr Genie came at the stable

4th Windy at the stable John came from Hamiltons Mr. Genie came from Cornwall John H had 4½ Bushels of apple

5th Mr Genie went off the Girls to Francis Island and Mr Craigs John H went for the Papers Wild Geese came

Mr James Cameron Island 6th of Oct1890

Windy Cool Mowing in Front Marsh 100 coils E Wind

7th E W Raining Cool put pins on the Top Logs of the stable went to the head of the Island chinking some

8th W Wind Cloudy Fine cut an ash Pole for the Roof of the stable underpinning the Bottom of the stable Banking the upper stable west side Narcisse to Montreal Phillip and George to Summerstown Races in Williamstown and Games

9th Games in Williamstown Fine Putting the Roof on the old stable John S Summer here Bought a sturgeon from the Fishermen 30 cents told us of Mr William McLean's Loss By Fire Mrs Summers had an operation on her Eyes she can see some now

10th Hugh Ann McMasters Birth Day 1844 Fine Fixing around the Stable Leander shot a Duck Drew some Wood not well in Bed

11th Leander not well Stanley not well Fine John H went for the papers Mr Hume here Leander went Down with him to Charlies Island

12th Fine Hicory nuts Falling Mr James Stuart Married on the 11th.

Mr James Cameron Island 13th of Oct 1890

Fine E Wind Putting Manure on the Meadow Leander came got 75 cent from Mr Hume Began Making the Grape Wine Rained tonight New Moon this Evening

14th E Wind Raining Boys started for Boards turned Back with the Rain cutting stove Wood some Duck a Good deal of shooting on the south side salted the cows the Alexandra went Down Late

15th Rained Last night Windy West Fixing around places Narcisse to Lancaster Mr Dunlop told him there was 2 Packages at the Depot for me Boheminian commenced going Down at night Fixed the stall in the stable

16th Fine E W Drawing sleepers for the stable Leander for Boards 28 Boards 2..40 Got a Letter From Dan concerning the Packages Began a cheese Plastering 2 Men at the Shanty Demo and Quebecu Hunters at Ross Island

17th Working at the stable Raining hard Steam-yacht came Galbraith owner

Mr James Cameron Island Oct 18th 1890

George Went to Lancaster for 4 hunters Took the 2 Packages from Mr Dunlop 3 coats 4 pair of Pants 1 vest 2 Waistlets 5 Ties 1 Knife 1 Case of Razors Marked every Day of the Week except Friday the Friday Razor was not in about 8 Boots 2 pair of Rubbers 1 pair of Boots one Package opened a Little at the end

19th Windy went to the shanty Mr Genie came Left us a Bag of apples he went to Cornwall E Wind high the steam Yacht here went off

20th Putting the Floor in the stable Windy E Wind a Great Deal of shooting vessels Towed Down

21st E Wind Very Fine at the Floor at the stable Mr Genie and his man came Boys went to spear to night Mr Humes here treated me at the shore

22nd Fine E W a Great Deal of shooting Leander went to hunt Lewis 4 children here for Butter with Hume's Man for Butter 1 Dol 4 lbs working at the Floor of the stable Gordon and Bismarck here to night

Mr James Cameron Island 23rd of Oct 1890

Livinia's Birth Day {large ink blot} 1868 Hugh Ann and Livinia to MDougalls Fine E Wind one of the Conovers came to hunt Nailing the Floor of the Stable John Hand Stanley Drawing Drags Gordon and Bismarck to go away to Day to the South Woods

24th Our Hugh's B Day Raining E W Killed the sheep a very Fat one the Hunters went off Fixing some in the stable

25th St Crispins Day all Shomakers Day My Birth Day 1825 cutting and salted the Mutton Leander for Boards Fine E Wind 1 Dollar for 14 Boards the old Turkey Dead John H making a Floor in the calve place A McDonald sent me a Package of Fine cut Tobacco sent 6 Dollars to A McDonald for Bismarcks account Forgot the Receipt Mr Humes here for a Lunch at the Head of the Island Rows about hunting Grounds shoals Blinds Randolph came to night

Mr James Cameron Island 26th Oct 1890

Randolph here Donald John MDougall Alex Fraser here Fine E Wind

27th Randolph and John Horosse{?} to McDougalls to pick apples put the Gable end Boards on the Alexandra went Down to day and her Day is Tuesday to go Down

28th chinking sawing the Door Fine W. Wind.

29th Fine E W Rain som Dick Shoro went off working at the stables took Down the old calve Place at the East end of the stable Banking old stable Leander shot a Duck a Great Lot of shooting to Day all over John H at McDougalls Hume's for Butter 4 pounds 1 Dollar

30th Fine W Wind Leander went to McDougalls to Pick apples Windy Lots of shooting Banking the stable peeling Pumpkins Last night got 3 Bags of apples at McDougall

31st Holy Eve putting in Marsh hay in the new stable Loft Banking the East side of the shed Keeping the Hallow Een cracking nuts

Mr James Cameron Island 1st of Nov 1890

All Saints Day Fernandez came 4 hunters came got Johns Boat sent for a Pan of Bread 25 Fixing hay and Fence around the stacks Fernandez shot 2 ducks

2nd Fernandez went off Windy George Bad with the Toothache Rained

3rd on this Day of the month Granda Departed 1857 Drawing wood snow on the Mountains Lots of shooting

4th Windy Fine some Grains of snow Frost John H to Alexis Isla John Hs Boat Leaks Huters got the Boat Leander and Hugh Ann Dundee Tennet of Butter 18 lbs To 100 of Flour 2.70 Provender 200 £2.80 3 lb Tea 1 High Wines 1 Gallon 3.20 sugar 20 lbs £1.20 Lamp chimney Flour 20 RRR 25 Rubbers 30 Lampwicks - John H at the Floor Finished

5th Very high West Wind D McMaster to Be Married to Day so I heard a Fortunate Day Guy Fawks Day Gun Powder Plot Hunters went of 2 stopt Found their Bag of Cartridges Got Potatoes 25 oil 5 Butter 50 sent 3 Dollar 1 Dollar for the Boat and 2 for the shanty

Mr James Cameron Island Nov 6th 1890

Banking West side of the House

7th Helens Birth Day Banking the North side E Wind High Wind to night and Rain 2 of the Hunters went of to Day to come next Week

8th Windy West Leander at the Kit Kit Island got 3 Ducks Stanley and I cutting stove Wood John H Plastering John H went for the Papers took a Bag of apples strained the Wine yesterday put the sugar in it

9th Rained Wind Lewis and Mary Ann here for salt soda Jacop Simon here stopt all night as the Wind Rose high Prince of Wales B Day

10th took in the Beets Drew some Wood Fixed the canoe in the calves Place Keeping the Mare in Leander got 3 Ducks

11th Fine Fishermen went off Forgot their Watch Turned Back Mr Humes here Leander Fixing a Blind Fixing around the Barn

Mr James Cameron Island 12th of Nov1890

This is about Martinmass Fine W Wind Banking in the cookhouse Mr Humes here Gave Leander a Dollar for Fixing the Blinds Mr Grant and Lewis Bosell here wanting John H to work for him Fixing the shanty There is 2 of those Planets Getting very close together I think it will make some kind of a storm not much shooting to Day

13th Fine Windy Fixing a Door on the Loft of the stable Fixing the sheep Place a Good Deal of shooting to Day hurted the Back of my hand

14th To Day Burchall is to be Hung a Fine Day

15th Fixing around the stable John Nine here for his Boat Gave 2 Dollars and is to pay the Rest next summer Drew some Wood

16th some Wind John H went for the Papers Letter from Gordon

17th Leander crossed Bought of A MDonald 1 Pair of Boots 3 Hinges 20 Thread 5 sent me a Plug of Tob- 10 a Present John H got 2 EEI in the mud Putting Manure around the apple Trees Rained Windy snowed to night

Mr James Cameron Island 18th of Nov 1890

Fine W W Fixing the hinges on the Door snow all gone 2 men hunting Before the Door Salting the Eggs Alexandria went Down wrote a Letter to night to send to Gordon and Bismarck Parishville St Lawrence County New York Mr John Youngs Camp

19th W W Rained Hailed and Fine Ploughed a peice of sod Leander Found a Barrel some Broke cleared the stable of Boards and Rubbish took over the Tools put some Boards in the Barn Bottling the Wine about 26 or 28 Gallons 2 Five Gallons Jars 1 Keg about 11½ Gallons some 1 Gallon Jars and the rest in Bottles The Grenada Late coming out of Dundee about 10 oclock Put the Mare and colt in the new stable water Raising Boheminian went Down some say the Last Trip

20th Froze hard Last night put in the cows to night Pennance and Des Hotel shooting Windy took Fish Box up on Land setting Fires in the Marshes south side a Good many Boats Going to Day a 3 Masted Propel{ler} went up put Preserves out of the milkhouse wine honey vinegar

Mr James Cameron Island 21st of Nov 1890

On this Day of the Month D MMaster Departed 1846 Drew some wood some Hunters came to the Head of the Island one of them is Woods got Hay and Milk Gave 25 cents a Great many Boats went to Day Pemance shooting

22nd W Wind Fine Frost Killed the pig very squally some snow Woods got the Boat on hire to pay 50 cents a Day took Back the Boat paid John H set a net

23rd Fine a Lancaster Yacht at Charlies Island Windy

24th Cutting the Pork 260 salted it put it in the Frame cellar Drew in some Marsh hay in the 2 stable Lofts a Pike in the net hunters in the Back-Bay Making a Blind Filled the Ticks with Hay 14 lbs of Lard

25th Drawing wood Lewis and Mary-ann here got 2 Knives to Butcher got Milk Butter 25 Gave him 2 sticks for Helves a Tow went Down a Tow went up Leander to Hamiltons got our Mail they got a Letter from Gordon St Catherine

Mr James Cameron Island 26th of Nov 1890

sawing stove Wood Fine an Eclipse some steamers went Down Leander and John H went to Charlies Island The Hunters at the upper Point snowed a Little Last night Hunters went of to Cornwall Freezing to night

27th Went around the Island Stanley and I Found a Decoy West Wind Fine John H and Leander spearing EEIs in the Mud got 10 John H took up one of Phillips Lines sawing Wood Leander put some shingles on the south side of the Roof

28th Fine Banking the inside of the Frame set Fire at the Back Marsh

29th St Andrews Eve Leander and John H for EEIs got 2 some Windy Leander crossed Brought 6 Turkeys to Hamiltons got 1½ Bushels of Barley Brought 2 Tubs of Butter to Mr Wards 61 lbs of Turkeys 5 cent a lb £ 3-5 Butter {blank space} Flour 225 lbs of Flour {blank space} pipe 15 The Princess Louise at Summerstown Wharf for all Winter

Died on the 24th (Sandy) A B Mac Run over By a Buggy - Donald

Mr James Cameron Island 30th of Nov 1890

St Andrew's Day The Festival of the Scotch Windy Rained cold no Lights in the Lighthouses to night Lewes the Indian crossed from Lancaster sailed home

1st of December Windy cold Freezing hard to night very Frosty Drew some Wood Burning the Front Marsh

2nd Windy very Frosty cold put all the Heifers in to night The Bull out sawing Stove Wood set a Trap for mink A Few Ducks

3rd E Wind Snowing Drifting Windy Cold Frosty Stormy an apogee on the Moon and Venus in Conjunction with the sun The Eagle took the Head of a Duck on the ice

4th W Wind Drifting White Owl and Eagle Making a Havoc on Wounded Ducks all the cattle in Broke on a small Marsh hay stack The colt Finds the snow strange

5th snowing E W Drew some Drags from the Wet Place cut some Brush and putting it on the Fence Drew up John H's Boat

Mr James Cameron Island 6th Dec 1890

St Nicholas Day the Festival of the Germans on this Day of the Month Allen was Buried 1877 cold E W windy cutting stove Wood Took in a New Water-Barrel

7th Fine Lewis the Indian here Brought me my 2 axe handles Gave him Salt Brought home my 2 Butcher-Knives Gave him a stick of Hicory to make axe handles

8th cut a soft maple at the Wet Place Drew some Limbs Broke on a stack Fine hay a Lot of marsh hay on the Top of it Windy Cold

9th Blustering wind a Lot of Frost on the Trees Drew some Wood

10th Leander's Birth Day 1872 snowing Blowing W Wind John H and I in the Bush cut a Dead maple Stanley and I cutting Brush in the oak-Field John H got 5 Fish in the net 3 Pike and 2 Ling-Fish put out the Boat to the Lower point

11th Fine Warm W Wind Cutting and Drawing Wood some Boats on the Water to Day some shooting

12th chopping Stovewood Cold Frosty Windy the Big White owl Flying around an Eclipse of the sun Fixing the shafts of the sleigh Made 14 Plugs of Tobacco

Mr James Cameron Island 13th Dec 1890

Very Frosty Wind West cutting stove Wood Keeping the colt From the Mare now and again not making ice much using the Hay on the East Mow for the Mare and colt

14th E Wind Turned to West Windy

15th Fine Leander crossed to Summerstown Bought of A MDonald 3 lbs of Tea 1 Dollar 3 lbs of nails 15 spool of Thread at Wards 5 Got the 2 Weeks Mail a Letter From Gordon & Bismarck John H got a Pike in the net Drew some Wood

16th E Wind Frosty Windy Leander got an owl in a Trap set for him at the Lower Point took in some Tobacco from the Barn Did not use Pipe or Tobacco to Day

17th E Wind some cold Fixing the Whippetrees put a set in one end of the crosscut saw Went to the head of the Island

18th sawing Stove Wood Fixing a stall in the stable for the colt Drew 2 Loads of Wood with the sleigh West Wind not cold

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Cold Frosty North West Wind and south wind Making some ice got a Rat The ice is Making to night as its Frosty

20th Ice Taken across here this Morning a Great many air holes Last Day of Fall the owl went off But we got him again sawing stove Wood Drew 2 Loads Water raising very high some Ducks in the air-hole Before the Door

21st First Day of Winter St Thomas Day Shortest Day East Wind Fine Wind changed to West commenced to Rain Rained hard to night got 2 Rats

22nd sawing Stove Wood Fine ice all moving going Down Jamming Windy West Jammed out above the Bay all Down to that made some Plugs of Tobacco 14 plugs

23rd ice Going Down Jamming windy Last night Kind of warm to Day all Day Blizzards of snow splitting stove Wood Blocks Taking the Marsh hay of one of the Fine hay stacks

24th Frosty N Wind West ice making some a Lot of the old ice in places ice took through the night

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Christmas Day West Wind Frosty Ice Taking on the West end of the Island this morning Took Pills cold to Day but Fine

26th E Wind Kind of stormy Frosty snowing cutting stove wood Broke on the Fine hay stack John H chopping a Dead Basswood St Stephens Day

27th St John the Evangelist Day north Wind snowed some Went to Bush the ice Road at Hamiltons got Christmas and some apples Left a Letter at Hamiltons for Gordon & Bismarck to put in the P Office

28th Holy Innocents Day cold Windy a Jew got in the ice crossing at Summersto{wn}

29th Our Angus's Birth Day Fine Leander shot a Duck at the sturgeon Island got an EEI Drew 2 Loads of Wood Frosty night

30th crossed to Hamiltons E Wind Frosty Leander went to Angus MDonald Bought an ax{e} {blank space} on credit salts 10 castor oil 20

31st very cold and Frosty E Wind cutting stovewood Went up to the Bush put a Handle in the new axe Cold and Frosty windy

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