

- 15 Not so frosty but raw. Our astern pump refused to work. Pa said it was ice. we poured hot water into it and on the outside side and even burnt paper around the pipe, still no water. Murdy took an 1/8 of the back wall out of the furnace and found a big hole in the middle drum. He put a tin patch on it then put Portland cement on it, and snatched up the wall. now we have a roaring fire and no smoke.
- 16 Dull and like rain. furnace smoking again. Got the cistern in order. I think it was ice for I poured hot water down the pipe on the outside and I could hear like ice cracking.
- 17 Still soft. At Willis's currants 25<sup>¢</sup> Lemons 25<sup>¢</sup> 50  
 nutmeg 10 Cinnamon 8 Orange 10<sup>¢</sup> Lemon 10<sup>¢</sup> Citron 13 30  
 2 lb paid lard 45<sup>¢</sup> ginger 10<sup>¢</sup> molasses 1/2 gall 25<sup>¢</sup> 80
- 18 Fine day. Birdie made some fruit-cakes, one there was no room in the oven for, so she put it in a basin and put it in a pot and steamed it four hours, then put it into the oven for 1/2 an hour and it came out fine. 70 lb raisins 12
- 19 Soft day. Murdy went off with Supper for wife and baby here to supper Candy 20
- 20 Very bright day sun shine all day. Pa went early for call, had to buy a sack 65<sup>¢</sup>. Murdy not home 5:20 P.M. Pa got 25<sup>¢</sup> for hauled out. Murdy got home a 6 P.M. was in Montreal. Got a racoon but 1860.
- 21 Soft day light snow then rain. not many in church. None from here but Thredie. The Public school closed on Friday, 19th

- 21 And Bella gave me a handkerchief case of green satin lined with white satin quilted with red silk thread, on the outside lip there is a bunch of wild roses printed. In all it is a fine present.
- 22 Mrs Alice McPherson, formerly of Black River, was buried this morning. Nominations of dew & drizzling. Dull & drizzling water going into cistern.
- 23 I have Rheumatism in my left leg from hip to knee 701 gull cod oil 20<sup>¢</sup>
- 24 Lizzie here gave presents to Pa. a silk neck bow to Birdie a silk blue with heavy white thread lengthwise neck ribbon, to myself a white china salad saucer. 70 Candy 20<sup>¢</sup> Apples 15 35
- 25 ~~25~~ Fine day dull not any sunshine. Birdie went to Montreal to get her glasses fixed left by mail.
- 26 Dull day. snowing a little all day. Lizzie called to ask us to go to dinner on New Year. The children's social was last night and financially it was a success 38 dollars. Gave Murdy 25 to get the ring, where the reins go through, of the saddle of Jimm harness. 70 Apples at McCorrums 35. mopped 35
- 27 Expect Birdie. Lilly Shaw & Mary called.
- 28 Murdy went to Lancaster last night. no Bird. Fine day, good roads.
- 29 Morning fine day. Blustering the ladies for the concert came in evening. Birdie got home at 9 P.M. got a ride with D.R.
- 30 Very nice day. Major. 23 bush oats. wheat 2 bags buckwheat 22
- 31 6 P.M. Birdie left for Lancaster for Tarquhar. I got home tonight. Well I was at the concert it was very satisfactory. A large orderly crowd.

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