

September

MONDAY 8

1873

This was a cool morning. Had a very busy forenoon taking out the piston expanding the springs to keep out the packing rings, took off the cover of the steam chest to see if the bores had injured the face of the slide valve and found none, and screwed the foundation frame down solid on its site, William & his wife was to leave Alameda to day for Chicago

The water in the Dam kept up pretty well today he ground coal in the morning, and sawed wood in the afternoon,

TUESDAY 9

WEDNESDAY 10

A very fine morning The Engine still continues and I intend starting for Galt to get up a man from there to examine the brasses and fill up with Babbit metal

I went down to Galt and got a man to come up with me,

FRIDAY 12

This is a fine morning

SATURDAY 13

This is a cold morning after the storm last night of rain and lightning

Cold morning there was frost last night also as well as on Sunday morning when the ground was quite white

George Worsley died this morning at 1 O'clock

The weather is changing to rain which will be much against the Central Exhibition Show, which begins tomorrow being the first day

A great deal of wheat coming in to the Mill

William & Party returned all safe from Detroit this afternoon

TUESDAY 16

The weather is chilly, yet it is likely to turn out a fine day. Cattle are pouring in very fast, and the various Entries exceed those of last years by - hundred,

A good deal of wheat came in to the Mill to day

WEDNESDAY 17

This is a fine morning

Preparing to attend Worsleys funeral at One O'clock

A part of the Governor of the Engine broke this afternoon, and I must start to Galt in the morning to get a new peice,

This morning I prepared to go down to Galt to get the piece of the steam Engine Governor replaced, but missed the train by a couple of minutes, and had to drive down, which took me 2 hours the roads were good and the weather fine after the light rain, got the piece made of wrought iron as they had no castings on hand and during the time I went up to Doon Hills,

I left Galt at 6 o'clock and got home about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8, and the darkness was helped by considerable lightning

FRIDAY 19

This morning looked wet from the great quantity of rain that had fallen through the night and early morning,

SATURDAY 20

This morning looked cloudy, and had the appearance of rain. Great Money panic in N York yesterday, with a great number of failures.

Dull morning with appearance of rain
 Mrs Touse left this morning at 7 past 7

This forenoon has been cold and raw

After dinner it rained for a considerable time
 and quite close and heavy at times

The news to day from N York are more of a
 moderate tone

The Banks here are using caution
 and decline to go beyond a certain limit

TUESDAY 23

This was a dry day, but chilly of any thing

A good deal of Barley comming in,

But the Price fell from \$1.5 to 85¢
 partly owing to the Panic in N York and
 also partly from the Grand Trunk refusing
 to carry any more freight East until the
 Change of Gauge is finished

But we have
 not begun to buy any yet

WEDNESDAY 24

This is a very fine morning clear & warm

The tidings from New York are more quiet
 but there is fears of more Houses not being able to hold
 out against the pressure

I was out at Mr Alexanders this afternoon, in returning
 saw signs of a change to rain, which may come during the night.

This is a very wet morning and every thing looks dreary, it will be a bad day for the Provincial Show at London.

FRIDAY 26

This is a fine morning
As the day advances it gets warmer
I was up at Stratford to day
at 3 o'clock the thermometer stood at 82°.

The Plasterers are getting near a close

Rained very heavy from 10 to 12 o'clock

SATURDAY 27

Very warm this morning I telegraphed to Galt to learn if George McCullough is at home, that I might be sure to see him if I went down, got answer, from home will be back on Monday quite warm to day also.

A strange case was tried to day before the Mayor from 2 men having been found in F.W. Stone's new house on his farm

September

MONDAY 29

1873

Heavy rain this morning and during the night.
It fair'd up about 9 o'clock.
It was very close and warm
in Church yesterday

Stone, Guthrie, Sturton, & Gow went down to Toronto
and got the matter in dispute about possession all but
to rights regarding the Farm sold to the Government.

TUESDAY 30

This is a fine dry morning,
it keeps fine, And throughout the day
The Grand Trunk Co are taking
west to Stratford a large number of Cars, for to
alter them into narrow gauge cars.

October

WEDNESDAY 1

FRIDAY 3

~~Fine~~ ^{fair} morning, but of any thing raw and chilly

We are busy taking out the Machinery of the old Carding Mill, to put it in repair for Sawing wood and planing boards for other repairs &c

This is our Fast day in our Church

The Grand Trunk men began to shift the rails, as soon as the last car ~~past~~ down at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 4

SATURDAY 4

This is a wet morning, and it rained heavy through the night, at 10 a.m. raining very heavy and afraid it will hurt my sale of Plants at the Market at 11 o'clock. It rained on to about 12 o'clock which prevented the Ladies from turning out to buy, so I postponed the sale till Thursday at same place and hour.

This is a cold raw morning,
 Yesterday morning also looked very threatening to
 rain and deterred many from coming in to
 Church to attend the Communion,

To day the wind is cold from the N East
 and afternoon it turned to N West blowing
 fresh and cold

Judge Galt passed through this
 afternoon on his way from Walkerton. I had a long
 chat with him while waiting on the train, about old
 times of about 35 years ago

Col Tho Saunders the
 Clerk of the Peace met with a serious accident this morning
 in coming to his Office, was run into while driving in his
 Buggy by a runaway team, his head was scalped & skull fractured

TUESDAY 7

fine clear moon light in coming from Church

WEDNESDAY 8

Very fine morning Mrs A and I went
 down to Galt at noon, left home at
 5 minutes to 1 and got to Galt at $\frac{1}{4}$ past 3,
 left there at 6.30, and got to W Saingtons
 at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 and got home at 11 p m,
 The roads were fine

October

THURSDAY 9

1873

FRIDAY 10

SATURDAY 11

Rather a coldish day this, Col Sanders died
this morning at 6 o'clock

This is quite a cold raw morning, and looks like either rain, or snow, have only one of men working, to day lagging the plank of platform for the circular saw, Gibson & Whitterson at the gearing which is near finished

I attended the funeral of Rev Saunders at 2 o'clock it was large, the weather was quite cold & the wind against us going up to the Cemetery, a Quilphite named Simons at the Bank of Commerce fell down stairs & broke his neck and died at once, on Saturday night last,

Dobie got on the last stone on the top of the Gable of the School-house this afternoon

TUESDAY 14

This is a pery fine mild morning, and likely to be a warm day,

Thomas Lennox, plasterer was born in Stranraer Argshire, was from 60 to 65 years of age, after having finished my work on the, He went to plaster a house for John Murphy Woolwich road, and fell down a stair & broke his spine on Friday evening the 3rd and was brought to the Catholic Hospital on Tuesday the 7th, & after suffering a great deal, he died on

WEDNESDAY 15

This is another pery fine morning, Miss McCrean, one of our Elders daughters, is to be married this forenoon in St Andrews Church by the Rev^d Dr Hoogy to Mr

I went out to the sale of Cattle at F. W. Stone's

Thos Lennox died about 9 o'clock this morning

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THURSDAY 16

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This is another fine morning, we are now getting the machinery of the Carding Mill very near ready, we are now fixing the long drum over head ~~the~~ coupling of which was loose and of the truth, Alex Glass built up the areas of the Basement windows of the new Barracks to day to keep the water from getting into them, I attended the funeral of our old Plasterer, Thomas Lennox this afternoon, and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery,

FRIDAY 17

This is a coldish morning, and are trying to get all the outdoor work done in case that snow should fall. The new Barracks are now finished, and getting the rooms scrubbed out.

Find some difficulty in getting headroom for the stairs to the Infant gallery in our new school house at the Church.

SATURDAY 18

This is a wet morning, and still continues to rain, intend to pay off as many of the labourers to night as I can. I have been getting a new pump put into the Kitchen for soft water and the pipes that were burst in the Bathroom repaired,

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Terrific Gas Explosion.
A House Blown to Pieces.

(From the Rond Eau News of Oct. 16)
 Last evening we had an opportunity of witnessing the most extraordinary phenomenon that has ever occurred in this section of the country. For the past few days Mr. H. Truax, proprietor of the old Vester House, on the Gravel Road between Blenheim and Chatham, had had some men engaged in boring for water, a few feet from the hotel. Yesterday, about four o'clock, when they had reached a depth of ninety feet, they suddenly came to water, and in such quantities that in five minutes a stream of mingled water and gas the size of the ten inch hole was rushing a hundred feet into the air, making a loud rumbling noise like a train of cars. Water was pouring over the building and into the ditches along the road. Stones, thrown high into the air, were falling all around, and every minute the stream seemed to gain volume and force. This had lasted about an hour when the gas by some means, caught fire, exploding with a report like the discharge of a cannon, filling all parts of the house with flames, tearing it to pieces, and setting fire to the fragments. Quite a number of people were in the building at the time, three of whom were badly burned—Mrs. Truax, James Drake, and a man named Lewis Roc. The flames and water were now rising about seventy feet, with a sound as of a hurricane. When we visited the scene, an hour later, the column of fire was unabated, and as cloud after cloud of flame rose high into the air, lightning up the darkness, and casting a sickly, ghostly glare on the faces of the hundreds of people who had gathered from all parts of the country, the spectacle was really grand, and one not likely to be forgotten by those who witnessed it. The hole from which the fire and water escaped was by this time worn to about two feet in diameter, and the tremendous subterranean force seemed now to be irresistible. Streams of water and sand were running in all directions, flooding the ruins. The cause of the explosion is unknown, but it is supposed to have been caused by a fire in the kitchen, about 40 feet distant. At a late hour in the night the flames remained unabated, though they are likely to cease soon.
 The loss falls heavily on Mr. Truax, who had just refitted the hotel at considerable expense.
 We learn that all those injured are likely to recover, although suffering severely.

17

This is a to get all that snow now finished out

ning, and are trying to done in case

The new Barracks are of the rooms scrubbed

Find some for the stairs new school

getting head room gallery in our church

Y 18

This is a to rain, labourers to a new pump and the repaired,

and still continues as many of the

I have been getting Kitchen for soft water burst in the Bathroom

This is a cold raw morning, and looks as if it were going to turn into rain or snow. The wind is N West as the day advances it becomes colder and a few flakes of snow are falling.

Mr Taylor our beer runner in the Distillery is loading his furniture and intends to leave with his family for Belleville by the night Express at 3 a.m.

About 1/2 past 4 the wind became much stronger & turned to the N East with thick sleet & snow and was near blowing down the rafters of the New St Andrews School.

TUESDAY 21

School

This is a wet slushy morning, and raining a good deal, in many parts the snow and hail are laying in the sheltered places & showers of it coming on, still, very little outdoor work done to day, I have turned the main @ rum in the Carding Mill this afternoon.

WEDNESDAY 22

This is a dry morning but damp and rainy like not at all settled looking, and it feels cold and disagreeable,

October

THURSDAY 23

1873

This is a wet disagreeable morning
and continues to all appearance all day
as the day advances no outdoor work
can be done

FRIDAY 24

Fine dry morning
Meeting of Directors of Wellington
Mutual insurance Co today at 11 o'clock

SATURDAY 25

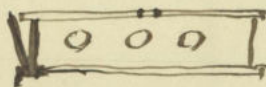
This is a dry morning ~~but~~ coldish

Of any thing a wet morning, and rather bad weather for Armstrong shingling the roof of St. Andrew's school house. And also for Goldie finishing his dam they are laying the top bed of heavy stones for the timbers to be bolted to.

I examined the stove in the hot air chamber in the church, and got the Brick work partly taken down to admit of an examination.

TUESDAY 28

This is a very disagreeable morning drizzling snow falling, as the day advances the weather no better, they are still continuing at the shingling even in the slushy weather. Had to put on an old drep to go into the hot air room and found the crack on the top of the stove much wider than before and the inner end plate $\frac{1}{2}$ inch open at the top and order Chase to make screws to draw it together again,



The roads are getting very muddy again.

WEDNESDAY 29

This is the first really wintry looking morning of the season, the snow has fallen during the night about $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch deep, the wind feels cold from the West. The men on the school roof had to quit as the mortar froze before the shingle was laid.

This is a cold blustering day, the ground had a frozen crust on it this morning
It looks like more snow

It looks serious for those having large quantities of turnips to take up some has not begun yet,
Signed mortgage to A. B. Stewart to day.
Interest begins 1 May 1874.

Masons put in one solid stone under pillars of Arches for gallery for Organ.

FRIDAY 31

Was cold blustering, and occasionally sleet and drizzling. mixed rain & snow and very little outdoor work can be done.

We are about finishing stock taking in the Mill
Chase finished the Iron work of stove in the Church

The ground is covered with snow this morning. But as the day advanced it melted away. and the shingling went on

Worked all afternoon fixing stove in Church building up the Brickwork

Frosty morning This a Provincial Holiday
for general Thanksgiving for bountiful crops

The day turned out very fine, There was
service in the forenoon in our Kirk

Attended the funeral of Mr Robert Rae,
Grocery Merchant aged 36.

Sir John A. McDonald Government resigned
to day

FRIDAY 7

Fine morning, ice on the dam
the day turned out mild,

The appointment of the New Ministry
at Ottawa was confirmed by his Excellency

SATURDAY 8

Of any thing a wet drizzling morning
but mild The Monetary affairs in the
States are not at all mending, but
on the contrary, a great number of
Cotton Mills, Iron Works, Locomotive
Works &c are being stoppt, and a great
many thousand men are out of work,

TUESDAY 11

This was an ordinary winter morning very little snow on the ground, but very unsettled; I went up to Goldie's Dam this forenoon & found them putting in the last of the struts to support the apron, which overhangs the wall, and is about to be covered with plank

Began to snow hard this evening and blew very cold

WEDNESDAY 12

There was a considerable lot of snow on the ground this morning

I went down to Hesperia and thence to P. Adington to see Walter who is confined to bed & has been very ill but is of any thing mending now.

FRIDAY 14

This was a very cold morning for this time of the year. at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 the glass stood at 30° and continued cold all day.

Peter Idington here & got Gutherie's opinion in Worsley's Will which did not amount to much. He also got a list of all the Mortgages with dates &c.

Boys are skating on the Dam which is of any thing too soon.

SATURDAY 15

It was not quite so cold this morning, the snow still laying on the ground.

The day begins to look fine, which was only for a little while, & then got dull.

November

MONDAY 17

1873

This is a dull morning, the glass 2 or 3 degrees above freezing, Church meeting to day at 2 pm.

TUESDAY 18

This is a fine moderate day
The men are putting on the Galvanized iron on the Deck roof of St Andrews school house Organ Gallery
Mrs Worsley & Maggie Logan left by the 1 o'clock train for Hamilton.
Hagenbotham left for Quebec at 1/2 past 5 this afternoon. Mr Massie goes also as far as Montreal
Mr Morris of the Ontario Bank as far as Brockville

John Allan started for Enotsville about the noon &c

WEDNESDAY 19

This is a cold, clear morning
Putting on a piece of sheet-copper on Mash tun to day where a hole had broken through, light frost just now and a light flurry of snow falling,

This is a fine winter morning, & I think of going to Toronto

I took the early train for Toronto to get the large steam Pipe conducting the steam into the lower still altered at Booths

I got it begun to at once,

The City is somewhat dull, although the weather is unfavourable yet they were building at the New Custom House setting heavy corner stones &c and building brick work also, and in other places in Town also

got home at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8, p.m.

FRIDAY 21

This is a moderate morning and of any thing and likely to be a thaw

Heavy loss likely to be sustained if no thaw comes as the Erie Canal is frozen up and hundreds of loaded boats froze up, they will extend over 8 miles in length,

Began to Mash 80 Bushels to day, after standing a considerable time

SATURDAY 22

This is another fine winter morning

Goldie is finishing the top of his dam with gravel, brought round from the bottom of the river behind the Dam.

A fall of snow of about 3 inches fell during the night, and may assist the sleighing to day.
Our teams are off to Enotsville to haul out a quantity of square Elm timber on to the road

Had a discussion in the Bank of Commerce with Mr Kemp the Inspector about increase of line of discount —
Higinbotham came home from Quebec about 7 p.m. the train being 8 hours late

The teams did not get home till late & had to leave a log on the road

TUESDAY 25

There has been another fall of snow during the night, and it froze hard also,
We began to run beer in the distillery to day

The sleighing is much improved

The water wheel of the Mill is getting out of order, the inside lining getting loose

WEDNESDAY 26

FRIDAY 28

This was a very moderate morning, there had been a light fall of snow, I went down to Galt by the early train to arrange about getting up 2 men from Goldie McCullough & Co to fit up a rolling screen for clearing the Pease in the Steam Mill. One man is likely to come on Monday. I saw a good many new improvements, in stove cutters, shingle machines, Bolt screwing Machines &c. The saw making works, have begun to work and are cutting out plates,

SATURDAY 29

There is more snow this morning again, so that we have very fine sleighing now,

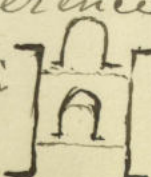
Snowing this morning, and thick and foggy weather, We drew off the water of the race to day for the purpose of repairing the Water Wheel

TUESDAY 2

Thawing fast and began to rain very wet and slushy under feet to day, all in a pulp to day and the good sleighing going fast

Rained fast in coming from the Praga meeting at Le Davidsons

WEDNESDAY 3

Rainey wet morning and thawing very fast This is our Fair Day, yet I went up to Berlin thence to Waterloo Billings, to see the Coppersmiths at Randalls Distillery as to the cause of the loss sustained in the Column Still, But found no experienced hands there, & their own still is in bad order. They are fitting up their new Column Still which is nine (9) feet in circumference, and 7 double chambers of 3 feet high each, very high up in  the Roof.

It has rained heavy all day & to night also.

Blowing hard this morning, and the wind was very high all night, and cannot remember of ever, hearing the wind so loud and strong as it was during last night, a good many roofs are blown off, fences down, 20 feet of the roof of the gas works, the ^{iron} smoke stack of John McCreas, Tannery, down & all in pieces. The water in Smiths Creek rose so rapidly and overflowed the banks and carried away the dam at Heamburg.

Had a meeting Insurance Directors to day.

Have got the water wheel nearly finished
James Downie, our Distillers Barn roof was stripped off,
William went to Hamilton this morning

FRIDAY 5

The roads were quite dry this morning, and hard frozen, a very great change from what it was yesterday and the day before.

The papers teems with the destruction of Property for many miles, from Kingston all the way to London & Chatham. There was not the least thing disturbed about my Property,

We did not get the wheel finished yet, the flume along side the Steam Mill had to be close lined with inch boards on both sides & filleted at the bottom edge,

SATURDAY 6

Hard frost this morning, began to raise the outer end of the water wheel, and got a 12 feet board 12 inches broad planed down to $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch, and put 3 pieces of it under the head block, which will keep the wheel free from rubbing on the Bottom.

The Steam Engine is going but we cannot pump any water to the Grand Trunk on account of all the water being out of the Flume, and the Company would not go to the expense of putting in pipes to the Well.

We shut down the ^{lower} gates and raised the head gates and filled the race & tried the Pumps but found the pipes were frozen & would not work to our satisfaction.

This is a mild morning, and misty and looks like rain & we are now fitting on the steam pipes on the top of the Boiler to thaw the Grand Trunk pipe

But previous to starting the steam on, we tested the pumps again with the wheel & got them to work and throw a copious stream,

Making a proof trial with the Column still to day again,

2 men came up from Galt at noon to day but say they will not begin to work until tomorrow morning

Wet and misty all day and fine rain. The last train from Toronto was not in till after 10 o'clock owing to the thick fog that they could not see the signals,

TUESDAY 9

This is a wet morning, the rain is fine and close, the men from Galt began to work this morning

It was wet weather part of the fore and afternoon. Mr Shearson was here from Chicago

WEDNESDAY 10

This is a frosty morning, the sky quite dull, the ground hard, this is Fat Cattle Show day -

Dark dull morning, and continued so most of the day. with fine rain, Peter Sadington came up to day, Quarter Sessions are sitting just now, Keying on a new mitre wheel on the angular upright haft that drives the Elevators and conveyors

Peter Sadington here this afternoon, & leaves for Stratford at 6 o'clock

FRIDAY 12

This is another changeable morning light coating of snow falling on soft ground, at 10 o'clock began to rain, John went down to Galt this morning to look after Bolting cloth for New Reels &c and returned at 12 o'clock

It began to snow pretty steady in the afternoon and continued on and at 9 o'clock came on heavy.

SATURDAY 13

This was a fine morning, but a little fog indicating a thaw, about the middle of the day it became soft, Had meeting of the Directors of the Wellington Mutual with the view of a General Meeting for the Election of New Ones. But the late Act requires such Elections to take place within 2 months after the 1st of Jan'y in each year, therefore we had to pass a By-law postponing it till the 1st Tuesday in Feb'y next,

Sandy Glass started this afternoon

TUESDAY 16

Thick fog this morning also, it thawed a good deal during the middle of the day, but the sleighing is good yet, We got in the New Smith machine from the Station this forenoon, it only arrived last night there,

Have got up all the framing conveyors & up into the Steam Mill

WEDNESDAY 17

This is a very fine clear morning, the frost by the glass is 14° above zero

The men have got pretty well advanced with the new Reel

Fine clear morning, and no thaw

*Rev. Mr. Bain of Scarborough started home this morning
at 8.10 a.m. (sharp,)*

FRIDAY 19

SATURDAY 20

This is a fine clear morning, the frost about 18° above zero

A considerable quantity of wheat coming in, at \$1.12 to 1.14 for Spring, to \$1.20 to \$1.22 for fall

TUESDAY 23

Fine morning, Thermometer at 7 a.m. 10° above zero weather clear and bright

in with wheat, at \$1.13 for Spring to \$1.20 for fall, Alex Glass ret^d this morning from Bellville

I attended funeral of ^{9th} Frasers, son 4² years old named Charles Edward

Have got in the enlarged drum for the Smutt Machine this afternoon. The Galt-Millwright Tho^s McDougald, & Olin Smith says that Eureka has an excellent separator but it is not such a good scourer as the Trimmer Machine

Bazaar for the Benefit of N.M.C. Association began to day

A great many in teams in the market to day

WEDNESDAY 24

This is a very fine morning and the display of Butcher meat in the stalls is very splendid

The Smutt Machine was started this afternoon and so far seems to clean the wheat both fast and very well

J. C. Ekisholm is missing in N York

Mr Hamilton & Sons of Toronto Engine Works has failed, and several hundred men thrown out of employment

This is a fine moderate morning, and the little snow that fell last night will help the sleighing a little. Both the Mill & Distillery are working to day,

FRIDAY 26

This was another moderate morning, glass at 7 a.m. about 30° , about 2 o'clock it began to snow, it was soft and wet. I went to attend the Funeral of old Mrs. Hugh McDonald, aged 88 years 9 months, who came to Guelph in 1833. Mr. Romain has returned from New York, and have given up all hopes of finding the body of Mr. J. C. Leisholm, his son-in-law,

SATURDAY 27

Ordinary winter morning

The Galt millwrights got through with their work and left at noon

This was a blustering morning, snowing & blowing, and it blew very hard throughout the night

Nomination day, John Harris & Robt. Melvin proposed for Mayor, Jack Chadwick for Reeve also Howard,

snow falling most of the afternoon

Got a Keg of butter to night from Headden, containing 107 lbs of butter for the men's use at

TUESDAY 30

This morning is more calm, but somewhat harder frost

A great many teams in with wheat also a good many sleighs in with Hogs for sale, and the price is getting up, the highest to about \$6,30

Have been making bins in the Mill for the taling and chicken feed to fall into

Maekinzie and the Excise officer Campbell have been busy these two days past in taking stock in the Mill

WEDNESDAY 31

This has been a very fine winter day and the Market was pretty throng, with wheat wood and pork

The beer pump in the distillery broke out at the upper branch

They have begun to take stock in the distillery, and they are sure to finish it to night

Thursday 1st January 1874

This is a very fine mild morning. And as the day advances it proves finer still it is quite a thaw and ground wet under foot, all the works are standing as usual on a New Years day and we have a great many callers or visitors.

This is another mild morning and the roads dusky and wet. And a good many teams in with wheat.

Vincent began to day to finish of some 800 or 900 gallons of ginger wine that he had prepared the ingredients for.

Proclamation is published of the Dissolution of the Dominion Parliament.

Quite a thaw this morning and a thick fog. As the day advances it becomes much milder and the water running swift in the gutters and all over the streets.

This has been a very mild winter, I may say since the beginning of Dec^r and have had none like it for several years.

Vincent still at the wine.

The Writs for a new Election of Members for the Dominion Parliament are out to day.

Had a telegram from Fred Adams that he will leave N York this evening at 8.

Monday 5th Jan'y 1874

Yesterday was a very mild day and quite a glow of heat was felt when we went to church and the water running in the gutters & the streets quite stopy, in the afternoon it began to blow and increased to a gale, and began to rain & continued till about 5 o'clock about 6 then began to snow, then sleet, & the wind blowing hard from the N. West

This morning the ground is hard and freezing, 25° The water in the river is about a foot deep over the dam, Great excitement in Town at the Election of Mayor and Reeves & Councillors Mr. Frederick Adams, arrived this afternoon
More Cattle came in this evening,

Tuesday 6th

There is a great change this morning hard frosts 20° at 7 o'clock a little snow had fallen between 8 & 9 o'clock a shower of snow came on & once more covered the ground with white

Ordered from 25 to 30 pigs with next load of cattle to weigh from 75 lbs to 150 a \$5 per 100 lbs live weight

Wednesday 7th

The snow still laying but the softness of the day will pack it as it was very loose before, and it is now thawing, with light rain about 3 o'clock it began to rain heavier and continued on till late, This was a Fair day but not much done

Thursday 8th

The snow is being covered with a coat of frozen ice, and it is very slippery, the icy rain still falling and covering posts, trees Telegraph wires &c,

Friday 9th

A little frost this morning but as the day advanced it became milder, and appeared as if there was to be a general thaw,

But in the afternoon it began to snow & increased as night came on

The Telegraph wires appear to be broken down for hundreds of miles round by the weight of ice can neither send a message to Montreal or N York to day

1874
Jan'y 10th

This is a mild morning just 1 or 2 degrees below freezing at 7 o'clock, saying that fell last night, wheat has begun to come early this morning, The snow still

11th Sunday

This was a very fine day

Monday 12th.

This was quite a mild morning and a large market

Tuesday 13th

This was a very cold morning at 7 o'clock the thermometer stood below zero, and became mild as the day advanced in the afternoon it began to snow and continued till 9 o'clock

Wednesday 14th

This is a fine clear morning, and all the snow that fell last night is only about 2 inches deep.

Thursday

Friday

Saturday
Cold this morning at 7 o'clock it stood at zero

Monday 19th Jan^y

Wet morning, heavy rain fell during the early morning, and this morning a fine rain is falling, & showers of sleet through the afternoon and the streets quite slushy with the thaw but at evening it began to freeze. Henry left this morning for Hamilton with a sleigh load of whiskey.

Tuesday 20th

This is a colder morning at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 7, the glass stood at 5° above zero & quite different from the mild weather of yesterday & towards the afternoon it was blowing and freezing quite cold, we started the new stove in the Rectifying room this afternoon.

Wednesday 21st

There had fallen a considerable coating of snow through the night, but this morning was quite mild, with a strong sign of a thaw - it came on ^{to be} very mild as the day advanced, and very slushy in the afternoon, I have been engaged to day cutting up 6 pigs for the House Mr. wife Miss Grants & Mrs. Higginbotham went down to Fishers Mills - got in to day all the staves for the new still into the shop to get them dressed.

Thursday 22^d

This is a dark wet morning so that I thought the Clocks had got wrong at 7 it was raining heavy and very slippery, the snow is washing away very fast, and begin to have fears about getting in enough of firewood. It rained in the afternoon also.

Friday 23^d

It must have rained through the night as the water in the river is very high, at the Mill race head gates the water was half way up on the inch beam across the race inside of the rack or grating, and we had to hoist one of the bottom flood gates as the water was coming in to the lower floor of the Mill.

Saturday 24th

This has been a very cold stormy day with frequent showers of snow, and freezing all the time, which begins to show a falling in the river, Maggie & Mary went up to Anna this evening John returned from London this afternoon. Hon Samuel Mills died to day aged 67.

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Monday 26th July. 1874.

This is a cold morning & like yesterday about 10° above zero, the snow that fell on Saturday helps to make fair sleighing,

Began on Saturday to dress the staves for the new chamber still, 24 feet long.

Have had all the old rectifiers in the distillery down of their places putting on new bottom hoops & others where required.

Also agreed for a Brush Machine for the smelt machine, went out to look at a drove of pigs this evening.

Tuesday morning 27th

This is quite a mild morning glass at 36° at 1/2 past 10 it began to rain & continued for some time & then sleet copiously.

Wednesday 28th

This was a mild morning and quite soft, but by 10 o'clock the wind veered round to the North and then it began to freeze, and became very cold. I cut up 2 more pigs this afternoon about 150 lbs each.