

James Cameron (1824–1912)

1864

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1st of January 1864

Raining snowing Blowing wind changed Blew hard from the West Me Firing in the New Year
Great cracks

2nd Livinia Bad with Tooth ache

3rd Allens Birth Day

Sunday 4th Hansel Monday chopped and cutting poles for Rails

5th set my 3 Pills of Poison at the sturgeon Island Bushed the Road at the Head of the
Island ice Good Cutters crofing to Salmon River took Home a Load of Firewood {illegible}
went to Henerys Henery came to Fish EEls Antwine a Young son Monday night cutting Holes
with Henery got a Basket of EEls From him.

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Mr James Cameron Island January the 7th Henery here Fishing EEls Brought a Mefs of
Potatoes Gave me some more small EEls Gave him a peice of Pork & Dozen of herrings a
Very cold Day William Fishing 3 hens Froze the airholes shutting up Wonderful Quick

8th Drawing home Wood very windy weather

9th chopping Rails of Elm & Bafswood cut the Tops in cordwood put Down 3 Elms 1
Basswood 1 stump of maple piling the Brush as I go along Afternoon turned Stormy with
high Wind very high Vin Made my Vest on put a Back in it One of the sheep something
wrong with its Eye

10th Sunday Dan came Gave Gordon -/10 Lashey here

11th Dan Went off took the Upper Point Road A Dance at Allen Roys cutting Rails

12th Went to Mr Harpers he is to Give Andrew Summers 34 Dollars for me the Wood comes to £ 10..18..5 Bought of Harper 1/4 of Horse Shoe Nails -/4 1/2 A Treat for 4 -/7 1/2 Bought of Rolland McDonald 1 1/2 yds of Tape -/6 Bushing the Road at Summer's John Hamilton on the Boshure Horses run away Angus here the Horn Broke off the Cow Since I went off warm to Day this is the Old New Years Eve Windy from the West

13th chopping a Beech Tree Fired of 3 shotts

14th Lashey came him & I chopping

15th Lashey worked a 1/2 Day Went to Salmon River stormy some Drawing Wood to the house Christie came home

16th George Renshaw here for a Load of Cord Wood Chopping Rails me

Sunday 17th I went to Charlies took Dinner there got the Loan of a Book took up my Poison Lashey came

18th 1864

Lashey went to Fish Eels and for his spear got 30 I went to Mr Harpers he paid A Summers for Me 26 Dollars a Treat -/7 1/2 crofsted to Salmon River paid Mr Norman .7/6 all clear up to this Date Seen Bills Boy Bought of G A Streeter a pair of Lace Boots 8/9 a pair for myself 4 1/4 a Treat at Stoughtons with Walter Baker 1/6 Bought of P Buchannan Skelletons hoops 7/6 Came Down By Alexis Island Bills horse Dead Left my Boots to be Fixed

19th Stormy Lashey Fishing went for Tobacco to Harpers I sent an order for a Lamp Got it & Broke coming home Lashey stopt all night at Henerys

20th Breaking Roads chopping in the Bush Lashey skinning eels Fixing his Spear Getting all his clothes washed

21st St Agnes Day Went to Mr Harpers Bought of 1/2 lb Tea 2/- 2 lbs Sugar 1/3 Lamp 2/6 Treats 1/3 Went Down to Charlies with Grey took him up to Mr Harpers with Charlies the First time a horse out Charlie Staving Lashey Thrashing Wheat

22nd Lashey chopping Charlie & I Fanning 2 Bushels of Wheat Stormy some Took my Yarn to Mr Harpers on the 21st 10 lb Bag & All 9 of yarn 21 Skains For to Give to Mr Campbell to Weave

23rd Went Down with Charlie took the Mare Lashey chopping & Went to Fish EEIs in the evening I went with Gordon & his Mother to her Mothers Raining

24th Charlies Birth Day Lashey went to Bosells for his Traps and Razor

25th ~~Washingtons Birth Day~~ My Boy Went to the cold springs on the 24th Lashey to Fish EEIs got 27 Angus & Mr Harper here Looking at the cows Gave him a variety of Fish to take home Put the Marsh hay in the Barn ~~Lashey at~~

26 Lashey worked in the Afternoon Angus Jack & Jackson came took the cow salt hops Abe Lis Gordon and Livinia came

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Mr James Cameron Island January 27th 1864

I went as far as Mr Harpers with Lis & Abe Bought of Mr Harper 1/2 lb Candles -/4 1/2 Treat - /4 Mr Renshaw showing me the Bad piling & Bad Wood Lashey chopping all Day me chopping

28th Lashey chopping all Day me chopping very fine weather

29th Races in Salmon River Lashey went with his EEIs chopping till 8 or 9 o clock we will call it 1/2 Day as he is going for my Boots Drawing Wood a Mosquito on my Finger sucking as if it was the month of June The Pony Bet at the Races

30th Lashey came in afternoon Stormy

31st Sunday Stormy East Wind & snow

1st of February Lashey Thrashing oats I went to Mr Harpers Bought Whiskey 1/2 Gal & Treat 1/10 1/2 Tobacco for Lashey 1/2 lb 2/- Broom -/7 1/2 Matches -/4 Pipes -/1 Ink -/3 had the Mare up stormy weather Brought 2 Bottles to Mr Harper 1 for the Bottle he gave me for the oil the other Charlie & I Got

2nd Fanning 10 Bushels of Oats Drew a Load of Wood Lashey Fishing since 10,0 clock. got 1 Set his Traps at the Hay Island got 1 Rat

3rd Went to Salmon River Brought the saw home gave a Book to Abe to Buchannan 80 lb of Oats at 40 cents a bushel to my account to 12 Rats to Streeter 2..25 cents took 2 Bushels

of Wheat to Mill Bought of Congdon 1/2 Oz of camphor 7 cents hoarhound candy 3 cents got an almanack Bought of Mr Harper 1 Bottle of oil -/10 Treat -/7 1/2

4th chopping all Day Lauree came

5th Laura went to Salmon River Margaret henerys Girl here Lashey chopping all Day went Down for Charlie & his ashes took Down 2 Bags Charlie Gave Gordon a Bell Lashey getting Rats

6th Lashey went to Frapps I went with Charlie to A Summers got 2/3 cash seen young David he was very Low Bought of Mr Harper 1/2 lb Tea 2/- 2 Treats 1/3 got 3 papers from McDonald went home with Charlie

James Cameron Island February 7th 1864

Sunday 7th Grear here had a Bottle of Grog stopt all night Lashey at Phraps

8th Monday Gordons Birth Day a year old to Day Drawing Wood for the house Grear went off George Bosell Married to Day Putting Ashes in the Bags a Stormy Day snowing windy Blustering Day

9th Shrove Tuesday chopping some Lashey took Dinner Went to Salmon River

10th Lashey came at 10 o clock Began to thrash after Breakfast call it 1/2 Day at the Black Oats

11th a very cold Day Fanning 9 1/2 of Black Oats Chopping some Put the Dogs in the Barn a very cold Forenoon at 12 changed warm in the afternoon

12th Ash Wednesday Angus came talking about chopping Took us 3 nice peices of Meat Lashey chopping all day Me Drawing Wood to the house

13th Lashey chopping Went to Mr Harpers Bought 1/2 lb Tea 2/- 1/2 lb Tobacco 1/- snuff -/+ soap a Bar 1/3 Treat -/7 1/2 Stormy Weather Seen Angus Cameron Working at Harpers

14th Sunday Valentines Day alone stormy Day

15th Cold Day Lashey chopping 1/2 Day I commenced to Draw for the first Drawing

16th Lashey chopping all Day Dan Summers Laurie & Bob here Drawing Wood Stormy Time

17th a Very Frosty Day I think the coldest we had yet the cows nose Bleeds to Day

18th James Hugh's Birth Day cut Down a Big Basswood Tree for rails in the swamp Drawing Wood in the afternoon

19th Lashey chopping me Fixing my coat Drew a Few Loads to the Bank

20th Drawing some I went to Mr Harpers Bought 1/2 Gal 1/3 1/2 lb Tob 1/- for Lashey 6 pipes -/3 got the cloth 7lb weight 8 1/4 got the Lend of the pot 2 Treat 1/3 Dan Summers Came

21st Sunday Mrs Morris here & Lis & Abe Lashey went to Morways

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Mr James Cameron Island Feby 22nd 1864

Dan Summers went to John Camerons to chop Me Drawing till 12 o clock Lashey Came I went to A Summers with my Ashes 4 1/2 Bushels to my Account A Treat at Davids -/7 1/2 went to Mr Harpers Grey started home

23rd Went to Dundee with the cloth Turned Back Bill Breaking his oxen Bought of Mr Harper 1 Barrel of Flour-£1..75 a treat -/7 1/2 a fine Day Drawing Wood to the Bank Lashey chopping

24th St Mathias Drawing Wood Crows came a Fine Day

25th Drawing Wood Lashey cut Down the Maple on the Pitt Point cows going to the Bush

25th helping Lashey to Split in the afternoon

27th Laurie went to Salmon River Tippoo Followed her Finished working at the Maple splitting it Lashey to Harpers 1 Quart of Whiskey -/7 1/2 salts -/6 Treat -/6 exchanging axes -/7 1/2

Sunday 28th Alone Lashey taking Medicine

29th Last Day of the Month Lashey Grinding his Axe. Went to Bosells for his Gun

1st March Kind of a Fine Day some snow & cloudy snow through the night. Making Troughs Lashey & I Horses out all night

2nd Lashey at the Trough him & I Finished them to Day 98 Troughs Laurie came Blustering to Day

3rd Drawing the Troughs to the Trees Drew some of the Maple From the Pitt Point Lashey Thrashing the Pease Straw over got a Peck out of it Lashey chopping the Oak on the Bank crust. Good Livinia Bad with the Tooth Acke

4th Lashey to Mr Harpers To 1 Quart of High Wines 1/3 1/2 lb Tobacco 1/- Tea 1/2 lb 2/- cattle going to the Bush

5th Heard Black Ducks coming the Maple. 12 cords Lashey & I

6th Sunday Dan Summers came Lashey to Bosells heard of Nicholas Farlanger Being Drowned and Donald McDougalls Daughter being Perished

7th Dan & Lashey to the store Harpers Bought eels crackers Tea & Whiskey Lashey Staving a Great fall of snow a Treat on my order

Mr James Cameron Island March 8th 1864

Lashey chopping 1/2 Day or 3/4 Me Piling the Beech Dan Summers & Lashey crofsed Lashey went to chop for Money water & snow on the Ice

9th Making the Soap Sawing Blocks for spoils

10th A Fortunate Day Livinia Went to Salmon River Me Making spoils The Boy a very good Boy Took in 2 Eggs

11th The Points a Getting Bad The Water Men here Them & I Measuring the Marshes 18 acres Damaged of the Marsh (Wood Land South side 20 acres)(North Side From West End 3 acres Wood Land) Ploughed Land in the oakfield and above that to the edge of the swamp allowing 21 Feet for a Cart Road on East side of the oak feild That stated Just now what amount of Lost Land in it Ploughed Land the Feild above the house not stated how much in Lost Land in it Just now There is an allowance to be made for the Lofs of the Bank and the East end Livinia & Lis came I went to Harpers Bought 1/2 Dozen of chairs 7/6 Tea 1..10 1/2 Matches 1/3 Tobacco 1/2 lb -/4 1/2 1/2 Whiskey -/7 1/2 Basket -/7 1/2 Saleratus -/10 1 lb sugar -/7 1/2 Treats 1/3 14..10 1/2) a chair for Gordon Nothing

12th This is the Date McMaster first came to the Island Laure & Lis here

13th Sunday Laurie & Lis crofsted a Quarrel at Lukes Dan Summers & Bill & Laurie

14th I went to Bills Bee Charlie went to the Harpers stopt all night

15th Renshaws Horses crofsted to Salmon River I came home Met Donald Summers on the ice seen 3 Wild Geese on the air hole cording some Beech

16th cording most Done Tippoo came From Charlies

17th St Patricks I went to Mr Harpers Brought of Rolland Calico 2 yds 5/- 2 yds 2/3 {illegible} Powder -/10 Gave an order to him on harper for 4.54 took home 2 of the chairs a Team crofsted

18th Went for the other 4 chairs got a Ride from John Hamilton Treats at Harpers Lots a crofswing seen P Buchannan. Keefe a Bought of Bolland for the ash {illegible} Remnant of Calico all clear now.

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Mr James Cameron Island March 19th 1864

19th Drawing Wood Piling some Wood ~~20 Sunday~~ Clarissa Bone to Be Married to Day

20th Sunday not married yet Blustering Palm Sunday snowed A cutter crofsted to Hopkins the hay all done on the East side of the Barn Feeding the hens no eggs yet

21st About or on these Days the equinoxial gales Sun crofswing the Line Spring time now

21st I went to Christees all away cutting Stove Wood

22nd Livinia's Birth Day, Drawing wood to the house

23rd Cutting Rails & poles for Fence Campbell came Told me about Young David Summers being buried yesterday Departed I suppose on the 20th Ellen Morris here Told us Emmanuel's child Died on the 7th Sap not running Freezing hard Good Going on the Ice

24th A Fortunate Day Maunday Thursday the Day before Good Friday Livinia & Ellen crofsted went for a Lamb the Boy & Me alone a Fine Day Great crofswing to and From Summer's Feeding Good Hay this sometime to the Cows Livinia came

25th Good Friday I went to Tom Kennedys with the chain Bought of Mr Harper 1 Quart & pint of Hi Wi /10 1/2 Broom) -/7 1/2 Sugar / Treat -/7 1/2 Paul Jo a Bad Fall of the sleigh on the ice cut his head Took home a pail of soft Maple sap. Made syrup of it this is the first new sugar this year Tapt 10 Trees with the augur Grears Boy here

26th Went to Salmon River Bought of P Buchanan 1lb shot 15 cent paid Bought of Baker 2 lb shot 25 cents 1 pair hinges & screws 10 cents a Gun Lock 2 Boxes of Caps 10 cents Gillis Buying a cow Got a peice of a Chain from Bill ice Getting Bad but crofsing Got some Balls from Bols Blackbirds came some Geese & Ducks Charlie here not very well

27th Easter Sunday Charlie went home Gave him some caps Buckshot cream Oats pease Tea Ice opened where I crofsed yesterday Wild Geese plenty salted eggs But no Fresh ones

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Mr James Cameron Island March 28th

East Monday Began to Tap Taped about 60 Trees Some more to Tap took home 11 pails but our Pots is too small for Boiling it ice opening very slow to Day shot a Squirrel caught an EEI

29th Easter Tuesday Gathering sap and Boiling in the house which is a very slow way made 2 1/2 Gallons of Mollasses

30th a change in the Moon took home 5 pails not running very well thats about 40 pails now if it was attended to there would be a Good Lot of sugar made ice only open to Francis Island on our road crofsing opens Better on the South Side went to head of the Island My canoe is there but full of Ice took some out of it took home a Load of Wood cutting the ice at the shore for fear the cattle will get in for they must go out to the far off Waterhole hailing and raining some East wind high this 3 Days now

31st Last Day of the Month in the Bush Keeping the cows in and thats not an easy Job running some 10 lbs sugared hens not Laying yet

April the 1st East Wind not running very well in the Bush about 60 Pails now went to the Canoe at the head of the Island. seen a Rat cleaned out the red canoe

2nd Sugared of took home 5 pails I think it will make vinegar the Cows went to the Bush. Ducks not Plenty

3rd Sunday Ice opening Between this & Charlies in the evening

4th Gathering 20 Pails Sugard of 8 lb Made 1 1/2 pails of Sap Boiled out of 5 pails piling some of the Wood

5th Drawing Fence Rails Drawing Stones Got 15 pails of Sap to Day took home a Load of Chips First Laying of Hens ice going Down Cows Going to the Bush Bad with the Rheumatism

6th 12 lb in Big cake 1 lb in the Little one Shot a Rat Brought my canoe From the Head of Island Dutcher Passed here Firing the cannon For Nic Farlanger Robins came Gathered 9 pails to Day I got 7 pails of sap Killed a Snake cleaning around the {cellar?} taken up stones Fixing the Hops taking home chips

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Mr James Cameron Island April 8th 1864

Sap near Done Got 1 Pail took home chips Sugared of 12 in One 4 in another Frogs commenced

9th Made Molasses 1 1/2 Gal put out the 2 Rams seen a Boat crofing to Salmon River Towing a canoe after it Making a Door for up Stairs wind high East wind all the time this while now Setting Fires in the Trout Marsh ice in it yet set the Fires on the ice ~~Sunday~~ the 2 years to Day since we were married

Sunday the 10th snowing hard went for the cows to the Bush Found the Fox's hole in a Big Elm Bully killed one of the young ones took 1 home as it is Sunday. Leave it alone to Day Raining & hailing and sunshine

11th went to see if the Fox could Be Found Killed her in the Log got 4 young ones more thats 6 she had skinned the Fox their eyes is not open yet but they take milk East wind yet ice Going Down Loons came

12th 2 of the Frashers here Gave them my canoe wind high

13th Tapt 6 more Trees Snowing & Raining

14th came with the Canoe Gave them a Dish to Bail their Pont Putting out Manure Drawing stones cleaning around the Door took home 6 pails Snow & Sap Swallows came Bakers

Barge in to Salmon River Lashey here gave him a Bunch of Matches took his spear & 1 stick to Make his Paddle

15 Fixed the Hinges on the Door & chest set 8 Traps Lashey took his Gun & Traps away Gave him a pound of shot & caps he has got my horn and a peice of Trap chain Indians coming Down for the first spearing of EEls

16th Drawing stones putting them at the Bank Before the Door at the River drew some Basswood Logs to the Bank shot a Rat got him in the Morning

17th got 3 Rats Snowing a Good Lot Frost too ice

18th Our Duncans Birth Day First Eating of EEgs very sick take Limewater and milk Chopping out the Bottom of the Canoe Began the Fence at upper Feild very unwell Tom Scutters here crofsed with an Irishman

Mr James Cameron Island April the 19th 1864

First Ploughing Before the Door tore down the Cook House Shot a Duck ice going Down yet East Wind Great roaring of Loons a Great many Fishing eels Drew some stones to the Bank Fishing Lights out now for Spearing

20th ploughing Shot a Duck Emmanuel here

21st very {sick?} Charlie here Ellen & Lis came got 2 EEls from Charlie gave him 3 Rats shot a Duck 2 Lambs to night for the first

22nd Steamer went Down for the first a propeller First Lights in the Light House Took up my Traps ice in the Marsh yet snow in the Garden Henery & Boy here caught a Basswood canoe Henery Told me Mr Harper had Left Renshaws

23rd St Georges Day Fixing the Fence a Boat went Down Raining very sick

24th Sunday 2 Lambs 1 Dead 1 of the old sheep Went with Gordon to the Little Island the Sturgeon Island south side) a Fine Day Great Shooting on the Dundee side very sick took some nitre which made me feel Better its cold the sap runs a Little yet ice Going down

25th St Mearst Day Ploughed some commenced to R{illegible}a Barge came up sailing into Salmon River water commenced to {Build?}

26th piling some of the Wood that fell Down set 3 Traps got a cat fish

27th Got a Rat Went to Renshaws Bought of Powell for the first time 1 B of oil 1 lb Tea 1/2 of each) 4 pins {illegible} 6 sheets of paper 1/2 lb candles took home the pot the cham{illegible} all night at Renshaws the St Helen went Down our Nannie a Lamb and She wont Look at it

28th A Fortunate Day finished piling the Basswood Traveller Sir John Campbell 2 Propellers went Down The Traveller came up the Bouquet in to Salmon River for the first time Snow Last night and to Day some got {illegible} Ploughing Down on Barley place wet yet took of some stone ploughing {illegible} above the house Ranger went up St Helen {illegible} & I to Dundee Bought 1 1/2 Potatoes 1 ewe {last line illegible}

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Mr James Cameron Island 1st May

{illegible} Raining some Blowing hard first trip{illegible} to Day Ottawa went up First Trip {illegible} the Salaberry in to Salmon River

2nd {illegible} first and few of the Red ones I got at B{illegible} {illegible} the {illegible} crew here got the augur stopping in to {illegible} as they have no shanty on their raft Lent them the {illegible} of our Dishes Tea Candles soap salt Wood

3rd {illegible} a Little Gave them 1 1/2 Doz of Herring some Potatoes {illegible} went off Gave me 6/3 they owe me 3/9 yet {illegible} to pay me cleaning out the old House {illegible} the 2 Rams Big Ram 6 lbs on the {illegible} got a Rat Ploughed a Little

5th Ploughed {illegible} Day Holy Thursday

6th Planting our own {illegible} some nigger toes 2 or 3 other Kinds I got in {illegible} Potatoes onions Fixed the square peices of timber {illegible} of the House seen a Rabbit on the Island {illegible} High with so much rain Raining some {illegible} Ticks commencing me not very well {illegible} make shot a Duck did not Get him Henery {illegible} here Gave him some Bark wanting a p{eice?} a Large Raft at the Little Island the Boquet at {illegible} down on the peice that was ploughed {illegible} Horses out to Grass since it is {illegible} being in to Summerstown with D {illegible} {illegible} McDonald here at the Wood Bought {illegible}

Mr James Cameron Island May the 9th 1864

Working at the Fence Charlie here Fishing EEls Brought up 2 Kinds of Melons cucumbers
Sage Fixing the Canoe Back of the Barn something rong with the Kingston as she is Letting
of Steam going up at the Pitt Point a Fine Day

10th a Fine Morning But it commenced to Rain cleaning the shore cut the Plum trees on the
Bank Drew the Basswood tree away took home some wood Kept in the Heifer that takes the
cows home {illegible} Washing some of the Bedcloths Drew the canoe from the Barn to the
River the Osprey went Down Rafts going Down Lots of {ice?} Going Down

11th Ploughing cold Day but fine for working East Wind it takes the Magnet 12 minutes from
here till she is out of sight of the Butternut Island Boats a Going in Plenty it takes the
Champion 14 minutes to do what the Magnet done {illegible}

12th the Osprey went up Me to Mr Renshaws Bought 1/2 lb Tea 1/10 1/2 Pint of H Wines -/9 1
lb candles -/10 took {illegible} Gave Alexander Hamilton his sail the Rain commenced
through the night Heavy Thunder & Lightning for the First we had this spring the Black
sheep had her Lamb a Race From the a Little puffer

13 Change in the Moon Ground very wet George Renshaw Measuring the Wood Gave him an
oar Huron Went Down Drew him Down Wood & 9 Troughs Drew some stones Livinia not
Well {illegible} Ploughing some very wet Drew some Rails

14th crofsed with the Pilots 6 of them got 3/9 a Man of the Raft stopt here John S{illegible}
Charlie here

Whit Sunday First commencement of Mosquitos Rain

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Mr James Cameron Island May the 16th 1864

Charlie and I Looking for the Line did not get it the Man of the Raft here Livinia at the
Garden Thunder Lightning Rain Whit

17th Sowed the near 3 Bushels of small Pease the Raft {illegible} Gone Gave me 5/-

18th A Fortunate Day Went to Renshaws Bought 1/2 lb Tea 1/- 2 1/2 Bushels of Potatoes at
1/5 per 1 Quart H W 1 1/2 Bushel of Wheat 7/6 came home Sowed the Wheat plowed a Ridge
of the Big Pease Put in the Sheep

19th Sowed the Barley 3 Bushels put 2 Sowed Both Kinds very {thin?} Ploughed a Ridge of the Big Pease very Wet at the Pond Planted Potatoes we got at Renshaws Molly Milked by some

20th Sowed {illegible} of Barley or a Little more crofsed the River From Williamsburgh Gave some of them their Breakfast {illegible} Bread for the Rest of them Gave me 6/{illegible} next q. Ploughed a Ridge at the Point the 2 Mifs Harpers Sandy Hamilton & i {illegible} the Kingston chasing the Alexander commenced R{illegible} to night

21st ploughed a Ridge Sheared the rest of the Sheep 4 of them Let the Pet Lamb out with the rest of them and they have a Bad night {illegible} 4 Men here for the raft stopt all night changing canoe to go up their raft Paid for {illegible} the Drain 3/9 & for their trouble {illegible} come to 6/3 a Fine Day

Trinity Sunday 23rd Fixing Fence

24th Queens Birth Day Firing in the Morning {illegible} Black sheep Dead on the Pitt Point {illegible}

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Mr James Cameron Island May 25th 1864

Ploughing some Drew some Rails to the {illegible} Brush at the apple Trees Drawing some stuff up from the shore Raining Fixing the Fence at the {illegible} He and Charlie G{illegible} east Wind the Long John {illegible} The Bouquet & the Proppeller a Race Towing

26th Corpus Christie a Raining See the Horse on the Head of the Island I dont Know when he came on {illegible} very Foggy weather to Day ploughed the Garden Finished ploughing for the Wheat Ground Bosells came crofsed to Christes or Frashers

27th Ploughing {illegible} to Fish

28th Ploughing sowed a pail of Barley {illegible}

29th Sunday Royal Oak Day Tom Caught 8 Perch for the {illegible} Set out the Line Charlie came up Bill & Abe {illegible} Family here Raining

30th Charlie & I to Salmon River took 7 Rats at 28 cents Fox Skin 7/6 a pair of Boots 3/{illegible} Gordon 3/9 Bought of Minkler 1 1/2 yds {illegible} 1/2 lb Ginger -/7 1/2 Bought of

Norman 3 yds {illegible} at 3/6 per yd 10/6 Paid 1 of Castor oil paid before {illegible} Baker for Potatoes & Boxes Bought Hooks {illegible} Pocket Book Buckshot took Dinner at {illegible} Got a Treats for me & for Gordon from the old {illegible} Bob Wife 1 for me 1 for Gordon Got a Present of {illegible} Gordon of a Tin pail from Elizabeth for {illegible} to him {illegible} Charlie went {illegible} harrowed the 1/2 of it

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Mr James Cameron Island June 1st 1864

R{illegible} went to Fish Perch for the first time this year got a Good many Tom & I Baiting the Line Rafts in abundance & Boats 2 Went to Look for the 2 lambs found them took them home the younger one Died. Working in the garden Cucumbers Beans onions Beets Got a Ling or Bastard or {illegible} whats the name dont know but one of them {illegible} in the evening got an eel Raining East Wind took Medicine I Ploughed a Ridge above the House Fishing Perch got Raining Blowing Set a Hen to Hatch under the B{illegible} Went to the Sturgeon Island got 7 Ducks of set it on Fire Trowling got none

4th of June George the 3rds Birth Day Renshaws Barge came for the Wood set the heaps in the Upper Feild a Fire

Sunday the 5th Dan Went off Mr Powell & {illegible} the Captain for Milk

6th High Wind {illegible} the Potatoes Planted corn & Pumpkins & squashes before the House Door Planted 3 seeds of squashes between the {illegible} the Garden & 1 Grain of Bean Just Like a Pea Weeding the cucumbers & Melons James Hopkins came after dinner to Let us Know Bills child to be Buried tommorrow Gave him the old Tin Lantern set Fire to the Brush in the {illegible}

7th got Ready to Go but the Wind is so very high {illegible} Fixing the fences Hoeing set Fire to the heap of Brush at the Big {illegible}ler 1 of the Hens of the Hatching no chickens Looking for Nick Farlinger Northen Light{rest of line illegible}

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Mr James Cameron Island June the 8th

Sowed 4 Bushels of Oats Tom came {illegible} Fishing Tom & I got 12 Perch EELs The Barge John {illegible} off setting Fires to Brush Killed about 9 {illegible}

9th Our Marys Birth Day cleaning Potatoes commenced to Rain High wind {illegible} cold some This Scotch Moon is always very indifferent from any other Moon the Moon that comes in on Saturday is called a Scotch Moon) Some a Trowling these Days got a Strap From Tom for the Razor

10th Hoeing Finished the First cutting up the Weeds on what I planted First

11th Tom & I went to Renshaws heard of Mr Harper being Married to Lidia Ann Hamilton this Week on Bought of Renshaws 1/2 lb Tea 1/6 spent 15 cents {illegible} Bottle 19 Peters B Wife's a young {illegible} this Week Bought of Mr Hopkins {illegible} 1/2 lb candles {illegible}pipes -/3 Tobacco plug {illegible} Stopt at Mr Powells all night {illegible} George Morris came home on the 9th)

12th {illegible} George Bill Abe Ellen their Mother came Down James Grant & A Hamilton here) Tom Staving

13th Hoeing Planted the corn

14th Went to B{illegible} McDonells Tom & I Tom got the chair at Tom Kennedys Bought of {illegible} 7 yds shirting {rest of entry too dark to read}

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Mr James Cameron Island June the 15th 1864

Came from Williamstown Charlie & I a Fortunate Day

16th Went to Renshaws Bought Barley 1 1/2 at M{illegible} P{illegible} Potatoes 1 1/2 at 35 cents 2/2 a Bar of Soap -/6 came home

17th Sowed 7 1/2 of Barley next the Wheat

18th The M{illegible} the Battle of Waterloo Fought Planted 2 Bushels of Potatoes & Pumkins amongst them got 2 Sturgeon {illegible line above} Drawing sticks out of the Bush for the Fence Fixing the Fence on the Pitt Point

19th Sunday Tom Went off Fishing Perch Gordon to the L{ine?}

20th Longest Day in the Year Washing the Wool Moved the stove in the Old House hoeing some {illegible} setting Fires for the Mosquitoes in stumps for the c{illegible} Old Jo Ruso Departed

21st First Day of Summer Angus & Thomas Munroe here Looking at B{illegible} Went to Salmon River Bought of Robert Morris 2 1/2 Bushels Buckwheat at the {illegible} Price now Bought a Pig 5/- {illegible} in Salmon River Yesterday Lost My Knife

22nd Our Dan's Birth Day Sowing the Buckwheat Sowed the {illegible} Potatoes I took about 1 1/2 pails to sow that {illegible} the peice Bet{illegible} the Barley & the oats near 1/2 Bushel of Dirt out of

23rd harrowing Finished the B Wheat Strawberries Ripe some now

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Mr James Cameron Island June the 24th 1864

Trowling still Fishing Baited the Line very warm those Days Found a Broken Sash on the Water

25th A Fortunate Day Cutting Weeds out of the Potatoes Thunder Very Little Rain here and very much wanted Found 2 oak staves no Fish on the Line

26th Picking Strawberries Gordon Livinia & I

27th 7 sleepers Pat to Charlies cleaning the Weeds of the Potatoes Put the Plough through the Potatoes Pat & Charlie here Left me a Pit Bottle swimming Lashey here going to set his Line tomorrow

29th Went to Williamstown in the Raft Charlie Brought 12 lb of Wool a cake of {illegible} Ellen her little Girl sick with the Whooping Cough Cattanade child Buried to Day a very warm day at George McDonalds a Treat 20 cents piling the Wood {illegible} 1/2 pint from Pat to take home Charlies Bottle {illegible} me a Newspaper stopt all night in the old House Buckwheat up 3 Days ago took Back the cloth & Wool

30th Last Day of June Fishing Rafts Going in abundance took {illegible} Load of Wood hoeing the few hills of Corn

1st of July Went to MrRenshaws Bought Tea 1/2 lb 2/- 1/2 lb 2/6 Flour 233 lb £1..15..0 Basket
1/3 pails 1/3 Soap 2/- soap -/7 1/2 chimney Lamp -/6 alspice -/4 High Wines Gallon 6/-
Emmanuel there {illegible}

2nd Raining Blowing East Wind {illegible} Martin Picking Strawberries {illegible}

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Mr James Cameron Island July 4th

Hoeing Potatoes Before the Door found some {illegible} but very small found Gordons
coppers on a {illegible}

5th Hoeing Potatoes cleaning Beans in the Garden

6th {illegible} Grant here Looking at the colt heard John Dougal McGillis Being Dead Buried
on Sunday Last Heard they Found Farlanger on Saturday the 2nd

7th Fishing on the Ru{illegible} got 3 eels {illegible} 1 Perch Trouble getting it. Lost My spoon

8th Went to Salmon River with a Dollars worth of Flour to Mrs Morris for Pay for the Pig

9th Went to Bosells for Mag got an eel B{illegible} & Martin here all night got 2 Pickeral
Charlie here Grinding his scythe

10th Sunday Jim Hopkins {illegible} Paul McDonald here gave me 6 {illegible} aground above
the Light House Bound a Raft aground {illegible} the Bar Rained heavy to night the
s{illegible}

11th Went to Salmon River {illegible} Betsy Bowen Brought her home here {illegible} Fixed
her Boots Bought of Norman King {illegible} crackers 1/2 lb Bought of Bub Baker lb shot
{illegible} crews paid A {illegible} here Clowes & Angus {illegible} for sand got none Angus
at Dutchers

12th I went to {illegible} Mr Harper Bought of Renshaw 1 Gal W 3/- {illegible} 1/2 Tea 1/6 1
{illegible} Jar took Tea there {illegible} his Bag

Mr James Cameron Island July 13 1864

Hoeing Potatoes Fixing the Room Door Charlie came up with his ashes at Mr Harpers a good spell 2 Treats & sweetys 1/02 well used went over to Renshaws with the Jar stoptallnight

14th came home William Spink & George Renshaw here

15th Went with Charlie to Salmon River to get {illegible} Bought of {illegible} Streeter a Pair of Boots £4 1/4 Left my old Boots Mrs Bowen here for Berries Charlie & I Fishing Betsy Hoeing the Potatoes Black Birds swarming St Swithen's Day if it Rains to Day it Rains for 40 Days But no Rain thanks to his Glorious Majesty for that

11th Hoeing the Potatoes for the first Hoeing Finished

17th John Angus came Lashey & Henery here gave me a channel cat an EEL the Body snatcher & Muly & Mr Stickler called for Matches Gave me some crackers Jim Hopkins & Family Picking Berries me Picking Berries

18th Began to Mow for the first time I crofsted with John Angus Christee here Lis Abe Mary Jane Lukes Boy here Picking Berries a hen to hatch Grinding scythes

19th Mowing

20th Put in 1 1/2 Loads of Hay for the first Began to rain storm of Thunder & Lightning Spencer after Berries Mayberries Ripe plenty and cucumbers Fixing the cart & Harnefs

21st Gordon very sick Mowing the Grove Livinia Making Preserves

22nd Jacops wife here Bought a Basket from her Gave her Loaf {illegible} soap Kept in the heifer

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Mr James Cameron Island July the 22nd

Rakin some Hay Making coils mowing some

23rd at the Hay

24th Sunday Jacop here got 3 EELs for {illegible} Gave him 2 others & 2 peices of Hicory for handles

25th St James Day mowing Pitt 1 Load south West 1/2 a load Good hay in the Bottom something Eating the eggs Berries Plenty Livinia & Gordon after Berries set some traps for Mice

26th Dog Days Begin now Raining Fishing got 5 Fish Loaded my Gun

27 Mowing shooting Blackbirds

28th Went to Renshaws Bought scythe stones H Wines 1/2 Gal 1/- Tea 1/2 lb 1/6 11 lb Ham at 8 1/2 1/9 1/2 Bought of Mr Harper 1/2 worth of sweetys. Seen Donald Cameron at Mr Harpers Mr {illegible} & Smallman here all night I stopt at Renshaws all night Raining and High Wind

29th came home Smallman gave Gordon 10 cents Tried the new scythe Raining East Wind

30th put in some

31st Sunday Found some Lumber 3 peices Livinia & I Tom Scutters here promised him a puppy Betsy crofsted to Toms

August 1st Hunting commences putting in hay & Mowing Down at the Apple Tree in the Evening Went for Mrs Christee Livinia sick

2nd of August the Hurefs Mary Born 1 oclock in the Morning Gave Mrs Christee for to Give her the Rest again sent her home Smallman & 2 Men here sailes by name Spence {illegible}HolingBack. stopt in the Rain got 40 cents on Greenback

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Mr James Cameron Island August 3rd 1864

3 Men here for Mr Jones's Raft of {illegible} this Cameron that was Killed in California was his uncle he Lives on the Ottawa Gave them cucumbers Got 6/10 1/2 from men for their Grub

5th Mr Halton & Howard slept in the Barn Fixed the clock for nothing

6th Charlie here Brought me 3 eels for salt Fixing my fat Pine Thunder & Lightning Gave Charlie the Book the Murder of Corrigan

7th Tom Scuthers here Lent him my Gun for a week on 6 Dollars cash Lost my Pipe I think it was stole

8th Monday crofsted 5 Indians got Abe Down Heavy Rain

9th Mowing Long Berries Ripe

10th Left the Augur for what {illegible} me young chickens 11 of them choke cherries Ripe

12th George Semo here & got a Load shot I crofsted to Mr Harpers Got 11 or 12 long P{illegible} on it & 1 lb candles /10 a Treat paid on the Girl 2 Gal Whiskey took Powell some Cucumbers Bought of Renshaw 1/2 lb Tea 7 b{illegible} cut the Barley very smoky time

13th George Morris gave me an EEl. put in the Barley 6 coils of it gave me an{illegible} put in the Barley 6 coils of it something in Georges eye & something in my eye to. Christie here Mary Bone here Rondwels 2 Girls Maggy Henry & Sandy

14th Lis George came here Picking Long Black Berries Gave George an gave me for{Renshaw?} preaching on the Front {rest of line illegible}

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Mr James Cameron Island August the 15th 1864

went to Renshaws Bought 1 Gal of Whiskey 2 Barrel 2/3 paid John Gray 10/- for 2 sticks of timber 1 Bottle of Ink Treat 1 Bag of salt 2/6 Charlie and me to Williamstown took 1 of oak 1 Pine a handle

16th came home Got a sword in Williamstown

17th George crofsted Tom Fixing his canoe Gave Charlie some salt Mowing some George north with the Hunters

18th Thrashing the Barley 4 1/2 Bushels of this peice above the house Tom Fixed the sives

19th Began the pease Tom to Frashers Tom Scutters took home my Gun

20th cut the Wheat Scutters & his wife here Betsy & George to Salmon River put in a Load of Pease Tom came for his Gaffs

21st Tom went off George and Betsy came 2 lbs shot

22nd George went home Raining put in 2 small Loads of Wheat eggs plenty put out a short peice of Line

23 cutting Pease Sandy Semo came in the evening

24th {illegible} cutting the pease put in a Load of Pease Sandy Semo Mowing

25th caught 4 peices of Timber belonging to Boyd & Roach all the pease in and tame hay
Went to Renshaws Sandy & I took over a Man got -/4 1/2 a stormy night stopt all night at
Renshaws Seen Neil Mathieson on the St Lawrence Young Angus got the Loan of the Brush
Hook

1864

Mr James Cameron Island Aug 26th

Bought of Renshaw Tea 2/6 Gal W 1/6 5/- Herrings 5/- oil -/10 got the Loan of the Pot got
some Lead the Men here for sticks Gave Livina 12/6 Donald MDonnell here Looking for
Timber Gave Betsy 5/- First money she got of her Wages Gave George Semo an order on
Renshaws 5/- Lent him a Bag

27th Tom Cutters here Melting Led took the tar out of the Pot Fixed the Leech Barrel

28th Sunday Raining Got 2/6 From Calvins Men for Bread and sleeping in the barn

29th commenced to mow Marsh hay Mowing Oats mowed some of the Barley Betsy Picking
Hazelnuts Tom Clarisa and the {Skeddadler?} crofsed

30th mowing oats marsh hay

31st put in some Oats a Loaf of Bread to a Man -/7 1/2

1st of September 3 Loads of Marsh hay in the east side shot a Duck Making the soap

2nd at the Marsh Finished cutting start Black oats

3rd Cut the Last of the Barley put in the Last of the Black oats Betsy crofsed home Dans
Birth Day

4th Sunday {illegible} East Wind Rain got 2 squirrels in the Trap

5th cut some oats and Marsh Hay

6th Went to Salmon River cut some 5 lbs Wool got {illegible} and money to charge 7 cents for the cloth paid Norman the {illegible} -/4 a Treat paid this Bought of Robert {illegible} Wines Gimlet 1/2 lb powder 2 lb shot {illegible} on the 15th paid for castor oil George {illegible} Mrs Morris's to spin Lash took his

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7th Charlie went home Gave him a Dozen of Herring put in 2 Loads of Barley Black {illegible} Bad

8th cut the Rest of the White Oats

9th thrashed the Barley 2 Bushels a Great Deal of Hog Grafs in it for Provender

10th Finished the Oats but Raking them 2 small loads on the east side Gordon Lost I was sure he was Drowned as we searched so much for him Found him on the Grafs at the corner of the Potatoes asleep Lashey here shot 2 very Fat Ducks of what call the coot kind since they have no tail

11th Sunday a Quiet Day not one Moving about on the water a Steamer on the Back Channel a Blowing all the Morning

12th Angus & James McBain here Looking at the Cows Drawing the old house over to the Barn

13th Lashey here Hewing Sticks around the stack

14th Betsy came Angus came for the cows Dan McDougall and Charlie Rose here {illegible} Dutcher Johny Rose Finished Front Marsh Before the Door

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Mr James Cameron Island Sept 15th 1864

Putting in Hay all oats & Barley in mow took up 2 Bushles of Potatoes making a stack of the straw at the Back of the all Barley straw in the Bottom 30 coils of Marsh Hay then Floor of Barley straw on the Top of that

16th the Kingston went Down with soldiers

17th Lots of Rafts Going down I went to Renshaws with Spinkers Dog Mr Renshaw {illegible} to 1 Bag of Potatoes 1 Bag of Barley 70 lbs 1/2 lb Tea oil -/10 1 Quart of H Wine Saleratus 1 lb -/7 1/2

18th Sunday Johny {illegible} here gave him 1 of the Puppies James Grant here & a H{illegible} Grapes Plenty

19th Betsy Gathering Grapes Mowing the Marsh Hay

20th Went home with Betsy at Christie commenced Husking the corn

21st Finished Mowing the Buckwheat Below the house Lashey here {illegible}

22nd The Equinoxial Gales on or about this {illegible} the Buckwheat before the Barn

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1864 Mr James Cameron Island Sept 23rd

Betsy Bone & Clarisa here from Toms very early about 10 o clock took Breakfast here an old Man Fishing Name Lewis Dishaw taking Grapes & cranberries Put in a Few cocks of Hay on the stack put in a load of Buckwheat

24th Took in about 9 Bushels of Potatoes in the cellar

25th Sunday all alone

26th cutting the Buckwheat in the upper Feild Rory Cameron & Johny Rofs here Looking for sand Gave me a Hooker wanting a 1000 Bushels of sand

27th Finished the Buckwheat went to Gather some sand put up 50 Bushels and Hard Work at that High Wind

29th Drawing sticks around the Heap of sand taking home Firewood took in the Pumpkins about 60 of them took in some cucumbers for seed Great Towing of Boats the Traveller Geldersleeve Hope Ottawa all Towing

29th Michaelmas Day Raining East Wind & West Took in 3 Bushels of Potatoes Taking in Butternuts shells all my corn very near a Bushel Fixing the Harnefs some

30th Raising sand before the Door 50 Bushels crofsted to Renshaws stopt till

Sunday 1st of Oct at Renshaws Killed a sheep

2nd came home Bought of Renshaw 10 lb Biscuits at 2/6 1/2 lb Tea 0/2 6 lb Pork at -/7 1/2 3/9 Raining Tom Cotters here

3 Fortunate Day took up 3 bushel of Potatoes Went Down for Charlie took up all cucumbers onions melons Tomatoes

4th Charlie & I to Renshaws to 2 Bushels of Barley 7/6 paid Mr Harper 65 cents for 5 lbs pork & lb candles Bought a fine comb 10 cents Bought at {illegible} 1 Quart of Whiskey -/9 came home {illegible} Potatoes seen a {illegible}

Mr James Cameron Island October 5th 1864

Charlie & I to Salmon River 1 1/2 of Wheat Last years Wheat & 1 Bushel of Corn 100 lb of Barley to P Buchannan to my account the Boys Horses & harnefs & Wagon seized yesterday heard Clarifsa Bone went on a Boat Paid Betsy 1 Dollar Bought of G Streeter 1 pair for Livinia 7/6 1 pair for Gordon 5/- 2 awls 5 cents Bought of Norman 3 1/2 yds of shirting at 30 cents 5/3 and 1 spool paid 2/3 for the cloth 7 yds 1/4 sent it Down with A Smallman & Dutcher to Hopkins Got a Treat From Mr Phillips near Laports Island A Treat From A Stickler took Dinner at Mrs Morris's Wild Geese came Rafts a Going Down took in Dozen Eggs Rainy weather

6th Doing not much cleaning my Gun Looking at the sand

7th a Fortunate Day Blowing hard West Wind Thrashing the Beans & Fanning them with the Wind took in 5 Bushels of Potatoes I have in 20 Bushels now whatever water very Low with West Wind the F Exhibition in Malone this time and very Bad time they have

8th East Wind & Rain Water High a Great many Boats a Going to Day Looking at my traps Fixing the Dutch Collar chopping Stove Wood Bad Weather for the Buckwheat

9th Sunday snow on the Mountains a Few Grains of Snow Falling

10th our Hugh Anns Birth Day. at the Buckwheat commenced to Rain some hail Drawing Drags Maryann Henery {illegible} Married to Day Beech nuts Plenty Hicory nuts & oak nuts falling Black Birds Plenty Wood Ducks plenty Lightning to night

11th Drew up the Elm stick Mr Hill crofsted to Frasher's Drew ash Log for Rails Brok the Whippletrees & harnefs took up 5 Bushels of Potatoes thats 25 in the cellar now

Mary Ann Bosell Married on the 10th

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Mr James Cameron Island Oct 12th 1864

Shot a Wood Duck seen a Great Many Wild Geese for the first I seen though they came some time ago took in three Loads of Buckwheat though it is Raining thrashed a Floor got it salted 2 2 Dozen of Eggs for a Beginning of this pail chopping Stove Wood

13th Went to Renshaw Bought 1 Bottle oil 1/2 lb Tea 1/10 1/2 Brought a Bag of Seeds got another Bag in place of my own Lewis Blondea there

14th Came home heard John McGillis Blacksmith came home high Wind Gathering the Buckwheat in the upper Feild Raining

15 thrashing 2 Bushels of B Wheat Raining

Sunday 16th Donald McDonald and 1 of Kenneths boys here Raining

17th Thrashing some Tom Davis came Raining Set my Traps for the first setting set 9 of them in the Front Marsh

18th Took in 7 Bushels of Potatoes to Day got 1 Foot of a Rat

19th Mr Luke Bowen and Betsy here on Frashers Little Island all night with the Wind had his Jar and Made Tom Davis staving Luke gave the Gordon 3 cents had Lots of Provision Gave 7 Pumkins 6 Bunches of Matches some seed cucumbers a Dog Tom Gave some Butternuts Tom sleeping all Day Lent Luke my Long Gun took up 1 1/2 Bushel of Potatoes Fanning 1 and a peck of Buckwheat cleaned out the sheep place got a Rat for the First Left my Canoe at the head of the Island took home the pails From the sand on the North Side Took up 10

Bushels of sand before the Door 33 1/2 Bushels in the cellar now Thats 70 Bushels Before the Door of sand

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Mr James Cameron Island Oct the 20th

Tom went off Gathering the Buckwheat took up 1 Bushel of Potatoes thats 34 1/2 in the cellar now set my Big Trap for Mink got 2 Rats Gave Tom an awl cucumbers for seed 2 Bear paws Potatoes for seed Left his Things here Killed 6 of the Rusters Besides what the Hawks takes away

21st a Fortunate Day put in 5 loads of B Wheat Got 3 Rats The Dogs Made a Destruction on the Mice if they Killed 1 they Killed over 200

22nd A Fortunate Day Put in 2 small Loads of Buckwheat Solomon Falkener and Mr Hill & son here EEI Fishers in the Mud now commenced Wild Geese plenty Henery Bosell on the Batter at Harpers a Battle in Sniders House Between hime and Semo Seizing their Things of or For the Game Laws

23rd Sunday I went to Semos Got some of his Raising of Tobacco and a Dog got the Loan of his spear Semos Brother there went to Henerys took Dinner there Gave me 4 plugs of his Raising of Tobacco Henery Going to Cornwall tomorrow to see a Lawyer Rafts a Going Down in abundance a Propeller with 2 pipe & 3 Masts went Down caught an EEL with Semos spear Raining some

24th Our Hugh's Birth Day Got 2 Rats east Wind Filled 5 Bags of Ashes {illegible} Bill here had a Bottle Left some papers and a Bottle

25th My Birth Day Charlie here went to A Summers with 6 1/2 of Ashes a Treat at Mr Harpers -/6 Got /7 1/2 from Rolland on the Ashes got a Due Bill on the Rest took 1 1/2 of Nuts for Charlie to Renshaws got 1 Gallon of oil 3/- got a Knife from Mr Powell Seen Sullivan on the Front & Maxim here

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Mr James Cameron Island Oct the 26th 1864

Maxim Lesot here shot 2 Wild Geese Charlie went home took in 3 1/2 of Potatoes

27 at the Potatoes 5 Bushels in Charlie came up a Breeze of East Wind

28th a Great East Wind & Rain the Alexandra Burnt about this Time Trying to take the pine sticks out of the marsh

29th Went to Salmon River brought 4 of Buckwheat 1 corn for Charlie Nuts onions got my Boot pegged got my yarn from the Old Woman had a snack at Minklers Got my cloth at Mr Hopkins took supper there Charlie and I Heard of P Buchannans Hoops being Lost By a Boat Running in to her Got a Hooker from Luke of Gin White Frost & Ice to night

30th Charlie Went home Mrs Morris and Abe here got some Pumkins Grapes nuts cucumbers for seed Maxim Lesot came at night

31st Holy Eve or Halloween took in 7 Bushels of Potatoes to Day A Summers & Antwine Bosell here for sand got a Rat Huron went up Maxim here at night about 50 Bushels of Potatoes in now cracking nuts

1st of November All Saints Day Maxim here Gave me 25 cents shinplaster got a Rat Got an EEI took in 1 1/2 of Potatoes painting oars and Paddles ice last night Maxim Boy Killed a snake him and Bully

2nd went off stole a stick of Timber from the shore Drawing Drags the Mare sick Tom Davis came with the canoe Gave me a watch key

3rd on this day of the Month Granda Departed crofsted with Tom Trying to Find Mr Harper yesterday Seen Angus went to Renshaws Killed a sheep went to Semos him sick Bought of Rolland 13 cents of Thread stopt at Renshaws all night

The Harvest Month of Death

Mr James Cameron Island Nov the 4th 1864

High East Wind Me at Renshaws all Day Mr Harpers Boat went off with the Wind the Protection came up yesterday

5 Guy Fawkes Day a Fortunate Day Just a year to Day since we came to Live in this house came home from Renshaws a Barrel of Pork left off the salaberry for David Summers Broke her Stern Line came home got a Rat in my Big Trap hard Frost to night

6th Sunday Lewis Blondeau here Gave him a Paddle & sash 1/2 Bushel of Potatoes Found Mr Harpers Boat the Blacksnake Flat Bottom Bob & Morway here Fishing EEIs Huron went Down Got an EEI

7th Our Ellens Birth Day Mrs James Hopkins wife in Williamstown Taking up Potatoes 10 Bushels about 2 Bushels Froze put in the old House

8th Went to tell Mr Harper about his Boat Bought of Mr Harper 15 lb of Pork at -/7 1/2 9/3 1/2 1 Canister of Powder 1/3 2 Treats paid crofsed with Robert MDonell to Renshaws then came Back seen Thomas Summers an David at Renshaws Fixing the Boat with George Mrs Munroe & Mrs Hopkins crofsed Gave Powell a Paddle got a small Bottle & a Whipstock in my canoe came Home the Grecian & St Helen stopt at Renshaws took Wood

9th Henerys Boys taking up sand I took up 10 Bushels more on the North Side taking a stick of pine up with Gray Raining Killed a snake this Must be the Frog Days as they Make a Great Deal of Noise the Frogs Talking very sick at night

10th not well very high Wind Trees a Falling the Front of the shed Blew Down

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Mr James Cameron Island Nov'r the 11th 1864

Wind high water Raising some got the pine stick out of the Marsh Raising 10 or more of Sand at the Front of the house working at the sticks took up the Last of the Potatoes 11/2 Bushels as I think it is time the 2 Turtles alive in the Barrel at the River yet they are there since June set 2 Traps in the Barn for Mice got 2 mice in them

12th Andrew Summers here Promised to put up 150 Bushels of Sand Good Measure which I will do as I got that number of Bushels already at 3 cents a Bushel thats 4.50 endorsed on the note told me to bring a Jar on the Bargain and he would give some Stimuation crofsed got a 1/2 Gallon at Harpers from Andrew came home Old Halloween On this Day of the Month old John Summers Departed cracking nuts

13th Sunday 4 Men Fishing EEIs before the Door

14th Sawed 3 Logs 1 Log 14 Feet the other 2 12 Feet a peice Breadth 14 inches thick Bouquet in to Salmon River Steamers a Going and Towing put in the Horses for the First night shot a saw Beak at the Lower end of the Island

15th Shot a Duck Charlie came up Drew up another stick sawed 3 of sticks Drew them up 2 Men for Potatoes got 1/3 from them snowing hard

16th Charlie and I to Renshaws took 4 Bushels of Potatoes took up 3 Boards to Hamiltons for Mr Harper got 1/3 cash from Lewis Blondeau for Paddle got the Potatoes 1/2 lb Tea 14 lb of Flour saleratus wick Charlie sold his Turnips Got the Butternuts from Charlie Gave him some salt caps

17th Charlie went home Bill Nicholson here for scantling got 7 Gave me 2/6 chopping stove Wood

18th Banking the House took up 10 Bushels more of sand before the Door Francis son in Law here all night covered the sand {illegible}

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Mr James Cameron Island November the 19th 1864

On this Day of the Month old Mr Hamilton Departed in 1857 put 2 Boards over the Windows Drew some wood

20th A Fortunate Day Bub & Maxims Boy here Mrs Christee & Mary and 2 Girls got 1 Bushel of Potatoes

21st On this Day of the Month Donald McMaster Died in 1846 I went to spear eels got 60 Blistered my Hands a Fine Day

22nd cleaning eels in the old house snowing & Raining

23rd On this Day of the Month old Mr Morris Departed 2 years ago Thrashing B Wheat Feeding the cattle some a Great Many Boats a Going to Day a Propeller went Down Gildersleeve Magnet the Salaberry into Salmon River the Last Trip for the Salaberry the Wales Propeller went up with a tow 2 more Boats went up Rousseauss Barge Laying at the Lighthouse waiting to go into Lancaster A Great many of the channel or Fall Ducks out Before the Door put in Gray

24th Jimmy Grant took away his horse Lashey here for some old Wood for Bosells Fanning 2 Bushels of Wheat

25th St Catherines Day a Sore hand or wrist Drew some wood in the old canoe Boat a Going Like Mad

26th I went to Spear EEIs Got 16 Yelling to Charlie to come Let the Horses out My wrist very sore I cannot spear with it

27th Sunday Raining East Wind 1st Sunday in Advent Boats a Going yet

28th Drawing Wood

29th Plastering

30th St Andrews Day Plastering Charlie & Henery Semo here Went with them to Renshaws Bought 1/3 Tea cash 1/2 Gal Whiskey 30 cents paid this with D{illegible} on Rolland 2 papers of Pepper -/8 a Good sail came home a Dinner at David Summers to night Whitbys up Mr Stickler here for timber water Raising some

1st Drew the 2 sticks Little up Drew some wood at Lawrence went up a Barge two Boat went Down in the night Let the Rams fighting put in the small Ram {illegible} on the Garden planted a Cherry {bottom line illegible}

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Mr James Cameron Island December

Grinding the Axes Raining

4th Sunday Lights up yet

5th The Brantford went up a Bargain in Tow and a poor Tower she is cleaning up the old House Fixing irons & Tools and boards that scattered about Turning the Bed Fixed the Petition Took up my short peices of Line 8 hooks on Found where there was a Bee's nest on a Tree that fell Down but they got wet and all spoiled. Ducks Plenty and Wild Geese snowing some

6th Thrashing 1 1/2 of Buckwheat no Boats went the River to Day Mr Hill has no Light to night I suppose since no Boats went to Day Cherry Island and McGee's is Lite to night Salmon River open yet

7th Raining Fixing Handles in Forks plaining strips to go on the cracks of the Gable end of the House Cherry Island Light up yet

8th Went around the Island Freezing cold Windy night Last night and to Day water Fell some snowing Put in the Sheep cutting stove Wood Horses in

9 Light on Cherry Island 2 Men in a Boat passed the head of Charlies Island

10th East Wind Water Raising Hauling up the canoes took one of the Logs up a peice cold night Johnstons Light Done Feeding the cattle

11th Sunday snowing and Blowing Freezing Bad time

12th Thrashing the Last of the B Wheat very cold Hens Freezing Finished the Buckwheat

13th A change in the Moon & a change in the Weather Fanning the B Wheat Three Bushels Hens a Dying with the cold a Good Large peice of ice made in the Bay But I think it will all go away went to the Head of the Island took the stone Boat to Break the Road all Well Good Fires and Warm

14th Drawing the canoes cut Down a plum tree Stormy some

Mr James Cameron Island Dec the 15th 1864

Fixing the canoes Drawing Wood some cold Ducks & wild Geese Plenty Hawks and owls Flying about

16th Went to to Renshaws with their Jar went to Mr Harpers Bought (Butter 2 prints 1/2 lb of saleratus and a Wick for Lamp paid all this 1/3) credit 1 Cap 10/- 19 lb Pork 11/10 1/2 Hogs Lard 8 lbs at 9D 6/- 50 lb Flour 7/6 1 lb Tea 3/9 Broom -/7 1/2 Treat -/7 1/2 Dan Summers on the Front a very fine Day came home

17th a Fine Day turned soft Drawing Drags Broke the Chain ice Breaking up Before the Door Ducks up to the shore Wind Raising at night

18 Sunday 3 Men Passed up in a Boat Before the Door McNairn Hopkins

19th Thrashing the Big Pease Fanning 3 Bushels

20th Thrashing the small Pease Thrashed 3 Bushels cold Windy Time

21st This is about or tommorrow is the First Day of Winter and a Stormy Day and night it is
The Bull and the heifer a Wicked Fight My Canoe in a Bad Way Drew some Drags

22nd the ice taken

23rd Very Frosty & cold ice taken all over Went to the head of the Island

24th Went to Mr Harpers called at Hamiltons caught a Duck Left it at Hamiltons got
Christmas a Hooker of Brandy John very Poorly but getting Better Bought of Mr Harper 8
yds of Cotton 10/- 2 yds Calico at /10 1/8 Wick -/3 & 3 1/2 pints of oil -/10 Quart of H Wines
1/6 1/2 lb Candles -/5 - 14/8) (Bought & Paid for Treats & sweetys)

25th Christmas Day a Fine Day Jim Hopkins George Morris & Lukes Boy here came Down on
the Ice

26th Fine I went to spear EEl's got 44 turning soft

27th Working at the pine stick got it Raised

28th Raining cutting the ice around the other pine got it to stir some a New Moon Kind of
Soft the ice getting Bad

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Mr James Cameron Island Dec 29

Our Angus Birth Day Drawing Wood snowing ice all opened out Down the Channel

30th ice going Down and Jamming got the Shortest of the Pine stick up on skids on the ice
thrashed a Floor of Oats 1/2 Bushel

31st Last Day of the Year Butting the Logs back of the Barn Making a Rack for the sleigh ice
all clear Feeding the Cattle all extra Freezing hard to night Health Peace and Plenty But no
Whiskey Broke on the stack Back of the Barn cattle all hearty

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