

**Charles Kirk Clarke (1857 – 1924)
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Charles Clarke {in pencil} aged 8

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{Sketch of a man}

{facing page}

Sunday Jan 21st 1866

It was a very cold day to day. I went to the Methodist Church to day and I sat up stairs in the gallery with George Bristow. I wrote a letter to Georgy Cartwright. We sung this eavning. Mother and Father went over to Mrs Sheaperd to see George Sheaperd.

Monday Jan 22nd 1866.

It was a cold day to day. I went to school said my lessons. I took a letter and some papers over to Mrs Shepard's. Jennie went to Mr Tompsons to see if Mrs Derry would give her musice lessons. I went to the post office got the milk and the bread

Tuesday Jan 23rd 1866.

It was a very nice day to day. I went to school said my lessons we had good fun at playtime sliding. I went to singing school. Aunt Jane and Mrs Vancamp and Mother all have gone out to night. We have heard that Mr Ward our old singing master had a concert on Thursday and went crazy on Friday.

Wedensday Jan 24th 1866.

It was a very nice day to day. I went to school said my lessons we went at one o clock in the after noon. We went to Mr Shaws party to night I enjoyed my self very much there was about 30 there.

Thursday Jan 25th 1866.

It was a mild day to day. I went to school said my lessons. We went to singing school to night. Mr Charles Drury came down to day. I Got the milk.

~~Wednesday~~ **Friday Jan 26th 1866.**

It was a nice day. I went to school said my lessons. I went to the post office got the milk. I went a skating to night. Aunt Drury is a little better to day she got down stairs

Saturday Jan 27th 1866.

It was a nice day to day.

I went a good many erands to day. I went to singing school this afternoon and Jennie is to be the Fary Queen in the festfal of the rose after the singing school was out we went up to Mrs Allens to a party there was all our family there Aunt Jane and Jennie Cartwright and Lilly Cartwrights all went with us.

Sunday Jan 28th 1866.

I was a very nice day. Aunt Drury died at a quarter past five oclock in the morning. Dr Page and Mr Shaws I went to Mrs Dalbys and Mr Shaws and Mrs Allens and Mr Tompsons and Mrs Shepards I went to Mrs Shepards to stay all day.

Monday Jan 29th 1866.

It was a nice day to day. I went to the post office and got the milk. I painted the magic Giant to day. Miss Shepard came here to day and and Mrs Catneh and Mrs Drury and Mr William Drury and Mr Charles Drury and Mrs Ingels and Mrs Mainy and Mrs Allen the coffin came to day.

Tuesday Jan 30th 1866.

It was foggy and it snowed

Grandfather cut out the magicle Giant this morning I went to the post office ~~and~~ 4 times and I went to Mr Maws and to Mrs Mcgregers and to Mr Shepards and to Mrs Marshels this morning I painted a game this afternoon.

Wedensday Jan 31st 1866.

It was a nice day to day. I went a sleigh ride to day with Mr Lawerance 5 miles down to Mrs Connors. Aunt Drury funeral was to day.

Thursday Feb 1st 1866.

It was a nice day to day. I went to school said my lessons. I took my skates to school we have a little rink. Mrs Foster and Aunt Jane and Grandmother all went over to Aunt's old house.

Friday Feb 2st 1866

It was cold an it snowed heavily. I went to school said my lessons. I took my skates to school to day. We all went over to Mrs Sheppards to night. We played at at a game and you can play one 100 games with it I enjoyed my self very much.

Saturday Feb 3 1866

It was a cold day. I got the milk this morning. Grandfather put put the magicl giant to gether to day. Anny Drury and Mother and Mrs Foster and her baby all went down to Guelph. Jennie Drury took a fit this after noon.

Sunday Feb 4th 1866.

It was a cold day and it drifted. I went to church. Mr Tompson preached. James Drury came to dinner to day. Mr Cormack and Mrs Cormack came up to day.

Monday Feb 5th 1866

It was a fine day but cold. I went to school said my lessons. Miss Allen is here to day. I got a new neck tie to day. Jennie Cartwright went to school this after noon.

Tuesday Feb 6th 1866.

It was a nice day. Aunt Jane and Jennie Cartwright and Lilly Cartwright all went away this morning at ten o'clock. I went to school said my lessons. Willy Shaws cousins ~~were~~ came here to day. I went to singing school twis once at half past four o'clock this afternoon and at 7 o'clock at night.

Wedensday Feb 7th 1866.

It was a nice day. I went to school said my lessons. I went up to Mr Pichers to night. I went skating with Willy Shaw. The Girls went to pratic for to sing in the church

Thursday Feb 8th 1866

It was a mild day. I went to school said my lessons I drew for the first time in the drawing book. I went to the singing school. Jennie and Emmy went to their music.

Friday Feb 9th 1866

It was a mild day and it snowed. I went to school said my lessons. I went to the post office and got the milk. I went down to the shop to night Grandfather gave me a pad lock to night

Saturday Feb 10th 1866

It was a nice day. I went over to play with Willy Shaw Mr Holms come down with a load of wheat and Me and Willy Shaw went down to see them unload it. I went to singing school. Grandfather Kent and Mothers Uncle Chadwick came up with him.

Sunday Feb 11th 1866

It was a mild day and it snowed. Father and Grandfather Kent and Mr Chadwick and Emie and Jennie and Floy ~~went~~ and I went to the methodist Church this morning. I read a story in the boys own magizine I got the milk.

M{ink blot}day Feb 12th 1866.

It was a nice day. I went to school said my lessons. I went to Mr Youmans and said my anouncement and he gave me two more tickets and I sold them. The Girls are going to sing to night.

Tuesday Feb 13 1866.

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons. Miss McKenisy mad a bonnet for Emmys doell. Bessy is sick to day. I went to singing school. We had pancakes to dinne Grandfather Kent sung to us to night.

Wedensday Feb 14 1866

~~It was a nice day.~~ It snowed hard to day. It is saint Valentine's day. I went to school said my lessons. George Bristow gave Bessis a very nice valentine to day I went to singing school and we came home seven o clock at night. George Shepard is much worse and they sent for Father to go over and stay with him.

Thursday Feb 15 1866

It was a cold windy day and drifted very much. Went to school said my lessons. Went to singing school we sung in Mr Biggirs hall we had the curtion up ready for the concert. The Girls went to go to sing at the church

Friday Feb 16th 1866

It was a cold day and drifted. I went to s-chool said my lessons. Mother mad some ~~wit~~ cranberrys tarts. Went to singing school at Mr Biggars Hall to sing at the concert ther was about about a hunderd aduince at the concer. It is my birthday to day.

Saturday Feb 17 1866.

It was a nice day to day. I painted a giant and some Baboons riding on dogs Father bogught me a four new paint brushes. I went to the post office got the milk. I kept my birth day till to day I went to Mr Wiggens show with Willy Shaw to night.

Sunday Feb 18th 1866

It was mild and snowd. I went to church Mr Edward Newan preached. Mr Shaw was here to day. I finished the story of Antony Wamouth I got the milk. I went to bed at seven o clock.

Monday Feb 19th 1866

It was a nice day. I went to school said my lessons I said my French. I went to post office. I went to Mr Shaws and got my tea there. The girls went to sing at church.

Tuesday Feb 20th 1866

It was a nice day. I went to school said my lessons I drew to day. I went to the post got the milk. Went to singing school.

Wednesday Feb 21st 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons I had a french lessons to day. I went to the post got the milk Father stayed up with George Shepard for he is worse. Floy went to Mrs Shaws

Thursday Feb 22nd 1866

It was a fine day and thawd I went to school said my lessons. We built a fort to day. I went to post office got the milk I went to singing school.

Friday 23rd 1866

It was a very slopy and rained. I went to school said my lessons. Mr Shaw is starting to sink a well. I went to post office got the milk. Mrs Hollis gave me some things for the art exhibiton. Mr Shepard come here to night Mr Frasers horse ran away to day

Saturday Feb 24th 1866.

It was a cold day. I went to Mr Shaws Mrs Shaw has gone down to Hamilton to day. I got washed in the tub to day. Willy Shaw and I went up to Mr Drurys sale we went up with Mr Buie Mr Tailor was auctiner ~~th~~ all the things were sold I had good fun in the hay Willy and I came home with Mr Shaw we came home in two or three munits

Sunday Feb 25th 1866

It was a cold day and it was stormy. I went over to Mrs Sheppards and I went to Mr Shaws. I went to church Mr Tompson preached Mr Charles Drury was here to day.

Monday Feb 26th 1866

It was a fine day. I went to school said my lessons. ~~Ft~~ Mrs Howlet of Pilkinton was buried to day. Mr William Drury went up to Luther to fech a load of hay.

Tuesday Feb 27th 1866

I went to school said my lessons. Mr Holms and Mrs and Harret and Mrs Foset and her baby Mrs Foset was sick and they had to fech the docter. I took some things to the exhibiting this Morning. We went to the exhibiting to night.

Wedensday Feb 28th 1866

It was a beautfil day. I went to school said my lessons. Mother and Annie and Bessie and Floy was at the exebiton this after noon.

Thursday F March 1st 1866.

It was a beautfil day. I went to school in the forenoon and Mother and Annie and Grandmother and Bessie and I went to the exhebiteng Mrs Lawernce come home to day

M Friday March 2nd 1866

It was a beawtfil day. I went to school said my lessons. It is Willy Shaws s birthday to day. I got my hair cut at the new barbers I went to singing school We sung at the exhibiton a man danced the highland fling and the sord dance in the kilt

Saturday March 3rd 1866

It was a beautfil day but cold. Willy Shaw came over to play I went to Mr Pichers. I went to the post office got the milk.

Sunday March 4th 1866.

It was a cold day. I went to the English church Mr Tommpson preached. I finished the young voyagaers it is a very nice story. Mr Simson was here.

~~Tuesday~~ Monday March 5th 1866.

It was a nice day. I went to school said my lessons we had god fun at reses. I got my boots mened to night. We went to the exhibiteng to night.

Tuesday March 6th 1866

It was a nice day. I went to school said my lessons. It was fair day we got our coppers. I went to singing school he showd us some red fire.

Wednesday March 7th 1866.

It was a very stormy day I went to school said my lessons. Mrs Hollis's piano was unpacked. I went to the post got the milk. Father was taken down the things at the drill shed.

Thursday March 7th 1866

It was a beautiful day but cold. I went to school said my lessons. I went to Mrs Shepard's to see if Father could go over there to night. Mrs Shaw came home to night and she brought Willy a Newfoundland dog and two carpet balls and she gave me a carpet ball.

Friday March 9th 1866.

It was a cold day I went to school in the fore noon. I went to post office got the milk. We went to the drill shed to practice for the night there was the Fergus and Salem and Elora scholars there we got the concert over very well the vision of angels was the pettist of them all.

Th Saturday March 10th 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to postoffice got the milk. I went over to Mrs Shaws. I went to Mr Hallies. Went over to Mr Shaws stayd all afternoon. Got washed in the tub

Sunday March 11th 1866

It was a snowy day. I went to the English church Mr Tompson preached. I went to the Methodist church at night. I read some stories in Betons Boys own book. George Shepard was a much worse.

Monday March 12 1866.

It was a mild day and thawd. I went to school said my lessons. It was ~~Tony~~ John Hollis's birthday to day. I went to the post office got the milk.

Tuesday March 13th 1866

It was a mild day. I went to school said my lessons. I went to the post office got the milk. Mr Ben Tailor was here to night I was down to the shop to night.

Wednesday March 14th 1866

It was anasty day and rained. I went to school said my lessons. George Sheppard died to day at 8 oclock this morning Mother went over to Mrs Sheppards. I went to post office got the milk.

Thursday March 15th 1866

It was a mild day and it snowd. I went to school said my lessons. I went to Mr Cristys and Mr Fenwicks. I went to the postoffice got the milk.

Friday March 16th 1866.

It was a beautfil day in the morning and it snowd in the afternoon. I went to school said my lessons. Father and Mr Shaw and Frank Mcfarlen and Washy Sheppard wen down with George. I went to the post office got the milk

Saturday March 17th 1866

I was a very cold day. I went to post office got the milk. I got washd myself in the tub. I was down in the store all day. Two men were nearly fighteng to day.

Sunday March 18th 1866

It was a cold day. We went to church and we had to come back because there was nobody to preach. Mr Shaw was here to day. I am reading the book d{ay} cruso.

~~Saturday~~ Monday March 19th 1866.

It was a nice day. I went to school said my lessons. Fathe and Mr Shaw went to Monteral to day. Washy Sheppard gave me 30 glass allies. I went to postoffice got the milk.

Tuesday March 20th 1866.

It was a cold day. I went to school said my lessons. It was willy Knowls birthday to day. Fred Beck was ~~buried~~ married to day. I went to postoffice three times got the milk.

Wedensday March 21st 1866.

It was a nice day. I went to school. It was Jennies birthday to day. Mr Stephens was here to day. I was sleighriding to night. I went to post got the milk.

Thursday 22nd 1866.

It was a mild day. I went to school said my lessons. Lissy M Noris was to school to day. I went to the post got the milk. Miss Chinek was here to day.

I went to play with Willy Shaw.

Friday March 23rd 1866

It was a mild day and snowd. I went to school said my lessons. I went to post office got the milk. I got Willy Shaws magnets to lend.

Saturday March 24th 1866

It was a fine day. I went to Mr Shaws went to the post office got the milk went over to Mrs Sheppards. I went to play with Willy Shaw. Willy Shaw got his hair cut. The girls went out for a walk. Father and Mr Shaw came home and brought Maggy McLean with them. Father brought me an Indian cap and Mr Shaw brought me a birch bark canoe embroded with porpquiles.

Sunday March 25th 1866

It was a very cold day and drifted. I went to church Mr Tompson preached. I got the milk. Mr Sibly was here to day I am reading pilgrems progress now.

Monday March 26th 1866

It was a nice day but cold. I went to school said my lessons. I went to post office got the milk. I had my coungerin book down to night.

Tuesday March 27th 1866

It was a beautfil day I went to school said my lessons. I went to the post office got the milk. There was a runaway to night.

Wedensday March 28th 1866

It was a cold day and snowd I went to school said my lessons. I ween to post office got the milk. Bessy was over to Mrs Lawarence's. I got some goods down at the store

Thursday March 29th 1866

It was a beautful day but cold. I went to school said my lessons I left school I got too books before I left. The school holidays commencd to night. I went to postoffice got the milk. I went to the shop and over to Mr Shaw.

Friday March 30th 1866

It was a beautiful day. It is good Friday today. I went to post office got the milk. I made a feathered toy out of my counting book. I went down to the store and George Bristow cleaned his flute. We made some shadow scenes today. We stayed up till after ten o'clock at night looking at the eclipse of the moon.

Saturday March 31st 1866

It was a mild day and snowed. I went to post office got the milk. I went down to the store I got washed in the tub

Sunday April 1st 1866

It was a mild day. It is April fools day. I went to church Mr Tompson preached. It is Easter Sunday I got the milk.

Monday April 2nd 1866

It was a beautiful day. Father was drilling all today and I was with him. Grandmother was down at the shop Bessie was over to Mrs Lawrence's all afternoon I went to the post office got the milk.

Tuesday April 3rd 1866

It was a beautiful day. It is fair day. I went to see the riflemen drill they got their licknesses taken. I went to post office got the milk.

Wednesday April 4th 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to McGregors school said my lessons I like the grammar school very much. I got up at five o'clock this morning to see Father and the other riflemen go to Chatham.

Thursday April 5th 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons. I bought a new top today. I went to postoffice got the milk

Friday April 6th 1866

It was a mild day. I went to school said my lessons ~~got to~~. We got a letter from Father today. I went to the post got the milk.

Saturday April 7th 1866

It was a cold day. I went down to the store. I went to the post office got the milk. I sold two tops and bought a whistle with some of the money I went to play with Willy Shaw

Sunday April 8th 1866

It was a fine day. I went to church Mr Tompson preached. I got the milk. The girls went to the methodist church to night

Monday April 9th 1866.

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons. We got a letter from Father. I went to the post office got the milk went down to the watchmakers

Tuesday April 10th 1866.

It was a beautiful day I went to school said my lessons. I went to post office got the milk. We went to Mr Youmans singing school

Wednesday April 11th 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons. Maggie McLean came here to practice here with Jennie and Emmie. We went to Mr Youmans singing school. I went to post office got the milk.

Thursday April 12th 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons Went to singing school. I went to post office got the milk. I went to Mr H Lands and bought a new pair of shoes. I went over to Mr Shaws to sleep to go to Chatham with Mr Shaw to see Father.

Friday April 13th 1866

It was a beautiful day. We started to go to Chatham at four o'clock in the morning we went on the cars to Woodstock and we stayed there till 5 o'clock and then we got on the cars and went to Chatham and we took Father by surprise.

Saturday April 14th 1866

It was a beautiful day. I got up at six o'clock to see the rifle men drill I walked up to Chatham swamp. I was all over Chatham

Sunday April 15th 1866

It was a beautiful day I went to church it is a very nice church. I went a walk with Father and we saw a great many large fish and we saw the sturgeon come swooping round the corner of the river Willy Shaw and I took a walk as far as the market house we saw a man that weighed 400 pounds

Monday April 16th 1866.

It was a beautiful day. I got up at 6 o'clock in the morning to see the rifleman drill and went down to see the new schooner getting built. We started for to come home I bid Father good by and we started in the cars and we stopped at Woodstock and we saw a dwarf his name is fish we saw a crazy man on the streets.

Tuesday April 17th 1866

It was a beautiful day. We got at Mr Shaws at 2 o'clock in the morning I slept there all morning there and got breakfast there I went to school said my lessons. Kitty Cheasman and little Alfie her brother was here to night

Wednesday 18th 1866

A beautiful morning but rained in the afternoon. I went to school said my lessons. Went to singing school Grand father planted some flower seeds.

Thursday April 19th 1866

A beautiful day but rained in the ~~afternoon~~ evening. I went to school said my lessons. The crocuses the daisies the violets and the mezerian tree ~~w~~ are out. Mrs Drury was down.

Friday April 20th 1866

It was a beautiful day but rained at night. George Bristows Mother was here to day. I went to post office I went to school said my lessons. Mr Bristow George's Father slept here we sung

Saturday April 21st 1866

It was a beautiful day I went to post office got the milke. Went to singing ~~ing~~ school. got washed in the tub. I got a swing. Willy Shaw was here to day

Sunday April 22nd 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to church. I got the milk. Grandfather and I went out for a walk. The two cats were fighting

Monday April 23rd 1866

It was a beautiful day but cold. I went to school in the forenoon and said my lessons. I went to Mr Youmans singing school at three o'clock in the afternoon. We had our concert we had a big turnout

Tuesday April 24th 1866

It was a beautiful day but cold. I went to school said my lessons. I went to postoffice got the milk.

Wednesday April 25th 1866

It was a beautiful day but cold. I went to school said my lessons. Grandfather was in the garden. I went to postoffice got the milk. Mr B Taylor was here to tea

Thursday April 26th 1866

It was a beautiful day but cold in the morning I went to school said my lessons. I went to the post office got the milk. Mr B Taylor was here to tea and was here to night.

Friday April 27th 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons. Mr Taylor was here in the afternoon and got tea here. George Bristow and Mother planted some broad beans and some peas and onions there was a runaway it was Mr David Findalys horse he was not hurt but the gig was broken.

Saturday April 28th 1866

It was a beautiful day but cold in the afternoon and windy at night. I was working in the garden and we had a fire out on the commons burning up all the rubbish out of the garden. I was down in the ~~g~~ shop waiting on people I went to the postoffice got the milk.

Sunday April 29th 1866.

It was a beautiful day but windy. I went to church Mr Tompson preached I went to get the milk Mr William Drury was down

Monday April 30th 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons. There was a glow round the sun this afternoon. I went to post office got the milk. I went down to the store.

Tuesday May 1st 1866

It was a beautiful day but snowed in the afternoon. I went to school said my lessons. It is fair day it was not a very large fair. I went to the post office got the milk I was down to the store Mrs Shaw was here to night.

Wednesday April May 2nd 1866

It was a cold day and snowed. I went to school said my lessons. Father came home from Chatham to day. I went to postoffice got the milk. I went over to Mrs Shaws

Wednesday Thursday May 3rd 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons. Mr Stephens son came here to night. I went to postoffice got the milk.

Friday May 4th 1866.

It was a beautiful day I went to school said my lessons. I went to the postoffice got the milk. I was playing with Willy Shaw

Saturday May 5th 1866.

It was a beautiful day. Willie Shaw and Hennie Shaw and Fannie Shaw and Emmie and Jennie and Miss Sheppard and Washy Sheppard and Willy Knowls all went fishing to Mr Gilberts farm and caught a few small fish. I went to postoffice got the milk. Willie Shaw was over here to night.

Sunday May 6th 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to church Mr Tompson preached. Mr William Drury was here. We all went a walk over to Mr William Drurys and got a lot of flowers and we got tea there

Monday May 7th 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons. I went to post office got the milk. Willy Shaw went to the grammar school for the first time. I went to the post office got the milk. I went to Mr Fenwicks to get Fathers new suit of cloths

Tuesday May 8th 1866

It was a beautiful morning but rained in the afternoon. Father went to Chatham again at four o'clock in the morning. I went to school said my lessons. Mr Hallys Horse ran away. I went to Mr Fenwicks. We planted patos.

Wednesday May 9th 1866.

It was a beautiful day I went to school said my lessons. We sowed beets parsnip carrots and vegetable oyster. I went to post office got the milk.

Wed Thursday May 10th 1866.

It was a beautiful day I went to school said my lessons. I went to postoffice got the milk. Willy Faskin planted a few patatos today. We had some of the firs ruebury to day.

Friday May 11th 1866.

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons. Fannie Newmam was Married to Mr Hays. I went to post office got the milk. I planted a row of onions

Saturday May 12th 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to post office got the milk. There was a runaway to day and it tore Mr Sumars varanda doum. I was playing with Willy Shaw.

Sunday May 13th 1866.

It was a rainy day. I went to church Mr Tompson preached. The cow calvd. I got the milk. I went over to Mrs Allens.

Monday May 14th 1866.

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons. they had a Huste{?}'s meeting in the school I got a pair of new boots. I went to school said my lessons.

Tuesday May 15th 1866.

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons. We got a letter from Father. I went to post office got the milk.

Wednesday May 16th 1866.

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons. I went to the post office got the milk. Mr Sturtridge went to England. I went to Mr Stafsords and Mr Leaches and to Mr Shaws

Thursday May 17th 1866.

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons. I went to postoffice got ~~the m~~. The Rifle company come home and they had a bonfire and the cannon went off.

Friday May 18th 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons we had a half holiday in the after noon Mr Crowlys boy was drownd. The rifle men were drilling to day

Saturday May 19th 1866

It was a beautiful day I went to postoffice. I went with Willy Shaw up to Mr Shaws park lot. I made a lot of fire crackers. I was firing of my cannon off.

Sunday May 20th 1866

I was a beautiful morning but rained in the afternoon I went to church Mr Newman preached. I went a walk with Father.

Monday May 21st 1866

It was a beautiful day but rather cold in the morning. I went down to the store went to the post office.

Tuesday May 22nd 1866

It was a dull day. The tuner tuned our paino to day. I went to school said my lessons. Mary An Holms and Mr Holmes was down to day.

Wednesday May 23rd 1866.

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons and Eddy Day struck me with a big stone and cut my lip so bad that I had to come home and have a rag with cold water on it. I went to Mr Derrys concert

Thursday May 24th 1866

It was a beautiful day. It is Queens birthday. I had to go to Dr Mckinions with my lip and he gave me some glycerine to put on ~~my~~ it. I set off my fire crackers and cannon off George Bristow went up home. I went to the bonfire.

Friday May 25th 1866

It was a beautiful day. I did not go to school because I got up so late. Mr Yarrow died yesterday.

Saturday May 26th 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to Mrs Reynolds to fish all day and caught a lot of trout. Mr Yarrows funeral was today. I got washed in the tub

Sunday May 27th 1866

It rained all day. I went to the Methodist church. We had the fish for breakfast.

Monday May 28th 1866

It was a rainy day I went to school and we had an examination and I passed. I was down to see the rifle men drill

Tuesday May 29th 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons Mr Drury planted some potatoes and kidney beans in the garden.

Wednesday May 30th 1866

It was a rainy day. I went to school said my lessons. I was down in the ~~eh~~ shop went to the postoffice We are learning to play chess

Thursday May 31st 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons. Father got a telegraph to be ready to go away at a moments warning. I went to post office

Friday June 11st 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons. They was house cleaning to day. I went to post office. There was a fight between the Fenians and regulars.

Saturday June 2nd 1866 x.

It was a beautiful day. The rifle men had to go to Guelph to be ready to go right away I went to Guelph and had good fun I got dinner at O {N}iels Mr Allen gave me dinner. The Rifle company had to go to Sarinor.

Sunday June 3rd 1866

It was a beautiful morning but rained in the after noon I went to church Mr Tomposons preached. Ther is a great excitment here to day Mr Shaw printed an extra.

Monday June 4th 1866

It was a rainy day. I went to school said my lessons I went to the post office and to Mr Godfrey's and to Mr Tompsons. There was an other extra out to day that the Fenians were coming to Guelph.

Tuesday ~~May~~ June 5th 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons. It is fair day to day Mr Allen was in the store to day

Wedensday June 6th 1866

It was a beautiful forenoon but rained in the after noon. I went to school said my lessons. The six of the Queens own rifles were buried in Toronto these which were killed in at fort erie.

Thursday June 5th 1866

It was a beautiful day I went to school said my lessons there was a very few there. I was playing with Willy Shaw.

Friday June 8th 1866

It was a beautiful day I went to school said my lessons. I had an orange to day I went to post office.

Saturday June 9th 1866

It was a beautiful day. I got washed in the tub. I was up to Mr Shaws park lot all day we had jolly fun burning up logs and I killed a snake

Sunday June 10th 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to church Mr Newman preached. I went down to Mr Carders with Willy Gaskin and got my tea there. I went to the Methodist church Mrs Sheppards brother preached

Monday June 11th 1866.

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons. I went to the post office.

Tuesday 12th 1866.

A fine day but a shower in the morning. I went to school said my lessons. Mother planted some squash. I went to post office.

Wednesday June 13th 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons. I went to post office Cathren Lawrence was over here

Thursday June 14th 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons. All the girls and the two Shaws were to Mrs Duffs to tea. I went to post office

Friday June 15th 1866.

A beautiful day I went to school said my lessons. Mrs ~~Vaugh~~Vaughan and Mrs Drury was here to tea and Emmie Drury.

Saturday June 16th 1866

It was a showery day. I was down in the store all day selling things. I got a letter from George Cockburn Bristow this morning

Sunday June 17th 1866

It was a showery day. I went to church Mr Newman preached. I finished reading the young yogers to day

Monday June 18th 1866

It is a very rainy day. I went to school said my lessons and got very wet. I was down in the store at night

Tuesday June 19th 1866

It was a rainy day. I went to school said my lessons. I went to postoffice We had onions to tea.

Wedensday June 20th 1866

It was a beaitful day. I went to school said my lessons. Mrs Hollises holidays begin to day

Thursday June 21st 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons I went to the post office. Mrs Hollis gave Jennie and Floy a prize and Emmie got an s {amalach}.

Friday June 22nd 1866

A beaitful day. I went to school said my lessons. ~~we had an examanation to day and I passed and we got six weeks holiday~~ Mrs McKinnon was here to day

Saturday June 23rd 1866

A beaitful day but a small shower Mr Smart is here to day Mr Archle was here to day.

Sunday June 24th 1866

It was a beaitful day. ~~I went to school said my lessons.~~ The strawberries are ripe to day Mr and Mrs Shaw was over to see the garden I went to church.

Monday June 25th 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons. Mrs Lawrence was over to day. George Bristow is coming home.

Tuesday June 26th 1866

A beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons. Mr and Mrs Holmes was down here

Wednesday June 27th 1866

It was a beautiful day. George Bristow came home. The girls went up to Mrs Holmes

Thursday June 28th 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to school said my lessons. To morrow is the examination and we got a half holiday. I was learning my lessons very hard

Friday June 29th 1866

It was a beautiful day. Our examination was to day there was some people there I passed and we got six weeks holiday

Saturday June 30th 1866

A beautiful day. I was playing with Willy Shaw all day. I went to the post office

Sunday July 1st 1866

It was a beautiful day. I went to church Mr Tompson preached.

Monday July 2nd 1866

A beautiful day. I was playing with Willy Shaw all day. The girls came home and brought a lot of sasesperilla and a lot of winter greens.

Tuesday July 3rd 1866

It was a beautiful day. It is Emmies birthday to day and it is fair day. Mr Vancamp is up. We had tea under the center e tree.

Wednesday July 4th 1866

A beautiful day but had a slight shower in the morning. George packed some butter today. Mr Vancamp went away today.

Thursday July 5th 1866

A beautiful morning but we had a thunder shower in the afternoon. Father wrote a letter to me telling me to go down to Point Edward. I went down as far as Guelph on the stage and was stopping at Mr Cormacks till tomorrow morning and in the afternoon the Elora Rifles came marching through Guelph and I missed my trip down to Point Edward.

Friday July 6th 1866

A beautiful day. Mother was preserving strawberries. Mr Foot was here to see the garden. I fired off father's revolver.

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No	1	Revolution in the reign of Charles I	Bene
No	2	Canada	Bene Writing needs improvement
No	3	Harvest Time	Bene Writing improved and very neat
No	4	Nicholas Nickleby	Bene
No	5	Mary Queen of Scots (the wicked)	Bene

No	6	Knowledge is Power	Bene
No	7	Politeness	Bene
No	8	A Canadian Winter	Writing improved, Bene
No	9	A Trip to Iowa	Valde Bene
No	10	Procrastination	Valde Bene
No	11	Obedience to Parents	Fair
No	12	Queen Elizabeth (The Good)	Bene
No	13	Revolution 1688 (Janes)	Bene
No	14	Constitution of Sparta & Athens	not full enough
No	15	English Literature of first 1/2 of 19th century	Bene
No	16	Charles II	Valde Bene
No	17	Necessity is the Mother of Invention	Bene
No	18	A Stitch in Time saves Nine	Bene
No	19	The Magna Charta	Fair

No	20	Evil Examples are like Pestilential Diseases	Dot your i's
No	21	Hindostan	Bene
No	22	Negro Slavery Composition	Bene Writing might be more careful
No	23	Christopher Columbus	Mind stops & Punctuation
No	24	The Tower of London	Bene
No	25	Description of a farm	Mind stops Writing not good enough
No	26	Mahomet	Bene
No	27	Benefits of Commerce	Composition good
No	28	Letter to W K Shortt	Bene
No	29	Barnaby's Ridge	Bene
No	30	Mechanics of Liquids	"W. K. S."
No	31	George III	Bene
No	32	Acoustics	"W. K. S."
No	33	Synopsis of Eng. His. before the Norman Conquest	Bene

No	34	Spanish Armada	Valde Bene
No	35	Economy	WKS
No	36	Crimean War	Bene

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Maps Drawn by CK Clarke

No	1	Map of Ontario	
No	2	Map of Newfoundland	
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			Marks

No	3	Map of United States	10
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Xenophon.

Two boys are born to Darius and Parysatis the elder Artaxerxes, the younger Cyrus. Now when Darius fell sick and saw his end was coming he wished his two sons to be with him. The elder was present at the time but he sent for Cyrus from the province over which he had made him governor. And he made him general over all the troops which meet in the plain of the Castolus. Cyrus therefore went up taking Tissaphernes as his friend. And he went up taking three hundred heavy armed Greeks and Xenias a Parrhasian their commander. And when Darius was dead and Artaxerxes had settled the kingdom Tissaphernes accuses Cyrus of plotting against his brother. And he is persuaded and apprehends Cyrus as if to kill him. But his mother begs him off, and sends him back to his government. And he having incurred danger and having been dishonored, consults how he will be no longer in the power of his brother & if he is able he will reign instead of this man. But Parysatis his mother favored Cyrus loving him better than the reigning Artaxerxes. And whoever of those came to him from the king he sent away disposing them so as to be friendly rather to him than to the king. And those barbarians that were about him he had regard that they might be fit to fight and be well disposed towards him. But his Greek force he collected as secretly as possible in order that he might take the king unprepared. In this way he made a levy. Whatever garrisons he had in towns he commanded their leaders each to get Peloponnesian men as many as they could and the best as Tissaphernes was plotting against the towns. For the Ionian cities belonged to Tissaphernes having been given to him by the king. But at this time all had gone over to Cyrus but Miletus. But Tissaphernes having already perceived that they were meditating all these things in Miletus (viz) to revolt so Cyrus slew some of them and banished others. Cyrus having harbored the

fugitives and having collected an army besieged Miletus by land and by sea and tried to restore those banished. And this was another pretext for him to assemble an army. And sending to the king he claimed that the cities should be given to him, he being his brother, rather than to Tissaphernes should rule over them. And his mother agreed with him in these things. Wherefore the king did not perceive the plot against himself but thought that he was spending money upon troops as being at war with Tissaphernes, so that he was nothing troubled since they were at war. For indeed Cyrus used to remit to the king the actual tribute from the cities which Tissaphernes had possessed And there was another army being collected for him in the Chersonesus opposite Abydos in this manner. Clearchus a Lacaedaemonian was an exile. With this man Cyrus having fallen in with was both struck with admiration for him and gives him ten thousand darics And he having taken the gold collected an army with this money and rallying forth from the Chersonesus warred with the Thracians who live above the Hellespont and assisted the Greeks wherefore the Hellespontic towns contributed money for him for the subsistence of his soldiers. And thus this again was an army being secretly supported for him. Aristippus too the Thessalian, was his guest friend and he being pressed by the opposite party at home comes to Cyrus and begs from him as many as two thousand mercenaries and three months pay as that so he would overcome the opposing party. But Cyrus gives him as many as four thousand and six months pay and entreated him not to end the war against his adversaries before he shall have consulted him. And thus again the corps in Thessaly was being secretly supported for him Proxenus the Boeotian also who was his guest friend he ordered to procure as many men as he could & to join him as he wished to undertake an expedition against the Pisidians for that the Pisidians gave him trouble on his own ground. And he ordered Sophraenetus the Stymphalian and Socrates the Achaean, these also being his guest friends to come having procured as many men as possible for that he was going to make war upon Tissaphernes with the Milesian exiles. And this they did.

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But when he had already determined to march up he made it a pretext indeed that he wished to banish the Pisidians wholly out of the country and he collects the Graecian and Barbarian troops as if against these. ~~taking his~~ and he summons Clearchus to come to him taking his forces as many as he had. And he commands Aristippus to send the army which he had to him making peace with those at home. And he commands Xenia the Arcadian who commanded the mercenary troops in the towns for him, to take as many as he could except sufficient to garison the citadels

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Snap goes the bacca box

Up goes the lid
In pops the finger
And draws out a quid

{Handwritten alphabet in small letters}

A little mouse ran up the stairs
To hear Miss Blodget say her prayers
Here I stand before Miss Blodget
She's going to hit me & I'll dodge it

{Handwritten alphabet in capital letters}

{Sketch of a box}

{Sh}

{Sketch of a boot} {Sketch of a bee}

dont bodder me

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{Sketch of a face with hat and beard}

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