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Mr James Cameron Island, January 1st, 1872

Monday New Years Day Fine Soft Day Lashey came to Fish EEls had N Years with him went Down to this side of the Kit Kit to Look for a spot of EEls in the mud

2nd Lashey got a stick for to make a hand sleigh

3rd Allens Birth Day in the Bush had a very narrow escape of a Dead Limb of Elm coming Down on the Top of me had it Been and inch closer it would smash me in peices William in the Bush Stebbin David Baker and Peter Buchanan here Stebbins came for his stack took 2 Loads Mr Baker Gave the children 11 cents some sweetys

4th William here Got an Order to Get an Axe from AJ Baker Lashey here went to try to find the Place for EEls turned some Bushes to Francis Island

5th I went to AJ Bakers Flour 3..75 5 yds Calico 75 Thread 15 2 1/2 Tweed 60 4 lb 2 oz of Butter 85 1 Doz Herring 25 1/2 Bushel oats 20 lbs Pork at 5 Binding 5 cents Returned his Bottle Got my mits Mrs Rose left and Forgot them or Left them at George Renshaws George and I Down to Parishes Bought 1 Bar of Soap 1 Tailors Thimble William Lavellette over to mill came Down with him as he carries my things Down took Dinner at Williams Came home with me Heard R.W. Cameron was on the Front up at Mr Aries

6th a Holy Day Charlie and Payne came for their haystook the stack in the upper Feild squally and stormy Northern Light or Merry Dancers to night Axe --

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Mr James Cameron Island January 7th 1872

Sunday Cold Windy Frosty Blustering

8th Hugh Anns Birth Day Charlie and Payne came for their stack

9th Stebbins came for the Bottom of his stack Gave an order to William for 2 Dollars

10th AJ Baker commenced to Draw got a Letter from Capt A Cameron got a Paper from Charlie

11th Cut a Hickory Tree for axe handle William cut his Finger making a Wedge for his axe Williams Wife and Lewis here Drew some Wood Gave the Hicory to William to make me a Handle

12th Chopping wood George Williams Boy here high wind Last night Good Going on the ice Found Paynes Key of his Traces he lost

13th Richard Williams Boy here Gave him an order for 2 Dollars 3 3/4 measured this morning Moses Jesema in the Bush told me George Bosell was taken Prisoner to Day for striking Kenneth McDonald yesterday Quarreling about Horse Racing cutting Firewood William drawing his hay from Hamiltons sent a Letter to Captain A Cameron

14th Cold Fine Day

15th very cold and and Frosty East Wind went to the Bush Dr Gillis came acrofs From Frasers on the south side to see if I had any Black oak went up to the West End of the Island to see the Big Hickory he says its about 30 Feet Long

16th Helping Moses to Load he told me George Bosell had to pay 10 Dollars cut some Firewood Cold East Wind a Great Deal of Hay crofsing these Days

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Mr James Cameron Island Jany 17th 1872

William came to chop and Richard Mr Crippin and Mr Wright here for to see if I had hay for sale had a Drop of Good stuff Promised to come tommorrow a very fine Day

18th Mr Crippin 2 Men came Bashead for a Load had 1/2 Barrel of Herring for me 2..1/2 lbs of Tea and cheese and a Bottle Mr D Baker and P Buchanan and Galerneau here had 2 Team 2 Tons of Hay 20 Dollars Brought the children Papers sweetys Gave Gordon a Knife Lots of Papers Got an upsett on the ice Gave William a Dozen of Herring

19th Mr P Buchanan and Frank Mayville came took a Ton and the Pine 20 Feet 8 inches Long 19 1/2 and 20 inches wide Oak 16 Feet Long 11 inches Wide going to come for the others some time next Week had a Bottle Mr Stebbins came got 1/2 Ton on account of James Hopkins Fixing my Boat Mr Stebbins Got the D Barrelled Pistol Mr Crippin Came Gave me 12 1/2 Dollars 10 in Bills 2 1/2 in Gold Had a Bottle Brought apples and sweetmeats to the children he is to send me 1/4 of Beef at 5 cents and a syrup Barrel at 1 Dollar Promised him the stack and 1/2 of the West End of the Barn Gave William an order for 2 Dollars

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Mr James Cameron Island 19th Jany 1872

James Y Camerons Buildings Burnt this morning 10 head of cattle Burnt and a Great many other things about his Buildings Gave William an iron for his sleigh William had 5 1/2 cords to night

20th Stormy went to the Bush

21st St Agnefs Day a Fine Day

22nd old Bodway Died stormy

23rd William chopping sent an order to AJ Baker for Flour and ink Cutting the Hay in the East End of the Barn

24th Charles Tuppers Birth Day did not Get the Flour got the ink Got 1 1/2 Bushels of Potatoes took them From Hamiltons cellar AJ Baker to Cornwall for Flour Mr Crippins 2 sleighs came for Hay Bashea and Labuff Broke on the stack Gave Richard William some Hay for the Horse Pretty Frosty Morning sent Down his Hay Knife to cut the Mow sent a Letter to Mr Crippin for 45 lbs of Flour one of those Sacks

25th Labuff and Bashea here took 2 Loads Finished the East side commenced the southside of the West mow Cutting it in 2 Mr Crippin Came took me a Fresh Codfish about 3 lbs selling them at 8 cents a lb a Sack of Flour 49 lbs took his Dinner with him had a Dish of Oysters crackers and cheese I had a Good Feast of the Oysters Got a 100 Weight of Flour from AJ Baker William took it over Gave William some hay and Herrings

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Mr James Cameron Island Jany 26th 1872

Putting hay overhead on the Barn floor Cutting with the HayKnife On the West Mow John Hamilton and Mr Grimshaw here not very well to Day Mr Crippen men did not come to Day

27th William Lavellette here Mr Crippins Men came had 24 Bags of took 2 Good Loads of Hay Gave William an order on AJ Baker for 15/- 23 1/4 cut now thats 12 Dollars he got now Heard Antwine Bosell Moved Back to his old Place Heard old Nicolaw was very Poorly Seen a Fox on the ice Before the Door this Morning early the Grove Full of Blue jays this morning Piling the Rails that was around the stacks Cutting the Mow of Hay so to have it Ready for them when they come

Sunday 28th a very fine Day snowed a Little

29th Stormy cold West Wind cutting the Old Marsh hay stack Made a handle for the Hayfork of Ash not very well Roses old sheep not very smart pretty cold this Evening

30th Mr Crippins Men here took the Ice to Lancaster for a Load of Salt Left me a Qr of Beef Weighed it 62 lb turned Kind of Stormy Cut a Waterhole got no Water as it is Low

31st Races in Fort Covington on the ice. I went to Summerstown Bought of AJ Baker paid 1/3 Peck of Salt 12 1/2 Linsey 4 yds 9 3/- plaid shirting 1/10 1/2 5/7 1/2 Calico 3 yds 9 - 2/3 2 spols Thred 10) Matches Paid -5 Tobacco 4 plugs 17 paid) Left 50 cents with Isacc Blondeau for Livinia Boots got a Paper from Charlie seen Flanders there

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Mr James Cameron Island 1st of Feb 1872

William here got the Horse to go to AJ Bakers Bought of AJ Baker 1/2 Gal Kerosene oil 1/3 Pork 7 1/2 lb at 37 1/2 Pork 4 lb at 10 40 Barley 4 lb 28 Ginger 10 Scissors -/9 Wick -5 Starch 1/4 lb 51 yds Cotton 12 1/2 (Bottle of Gin Paid this Lead Pencil a Treat Paid this Left my Boots with Isacc Blondeau Left him 1 Dollar the 2 Pair to cost 6/3 I am to Get 1/3 Back from him the Races in F Covington to Day Angus and Dr Shaver and Earle crofsed to the Races Paid

Willim 3/- for 2 Bushels of Potatoes I got from him Jim Hopkins done Thrashing at Peter Spinks George Renshaw to Cornwall Talking to Murdy Grant about the Cow

2nd not very well Charlie Roses Wife and 2 Girls and Margaret Rose here Brought the yarn a Fine Day Drew 2 Loads of Wood with Williams horse Roses old sheep died this morning Livinia not very well Bad with Pains tonight Jim Hopkins Drawing Wood on the ice from Alexis Island

3rd William here turned very stormy this Evening East Wind cutting Firewood in the Bush cutting Stove Wood

4th Sunday Bismarck sick Livinia sick a Fine Day snowed a Little

5th the 2 Williams here Gave him an Order for 2 Dollars a Lamb to Day

6th a Lamb East Wind stormy snowing Grinding the axes

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Mr James Cameron Island Feby 7th 1872

Drew 2 Loads with Williams horse snow very Deep in the Bush the 2 Lambs Dead this morning Keeping the sheep in. Our own and Roses Making a shirt Finished it

8th Gordons Birth Day I crofsed to AJ Bakers Bought 1/2 lb Tea 25 Bottle of Castor oil 12 1/2 lb Salts 8 cent 1 Box of Blakeleys Worm Losenges 25 cents 20 in a Box 1 Ball of Candlewick 12 1/2 cents Went to George Renshaws for my mits came Down By Parishaws with Dan Munro and Henery Lavellette Bought Sundries 10 1/2 lb of candles -/4 1/4 lb crackers -/2 a Bar of scented Windsor soap -/2 took supper at Williams a Broom 28 cents Got 2 Papers from AJ Baker the snow very heavy to travel on the ice

9th Drew a Load with Williams horse sent Gordon up in the Bush with the horse to William Bismarck not well

10th Gave William an order for 4 Dollars on AJ Baker cut a Waterhole yesterday as the Wigglers is in the other waterhole Drew and chopped a Load of Wood Drifting some 10

11th Sunday a Fine Day Preaching on the Front

12th Monday not very well A Fine Day the Valentine Ball at Summers's to night up in the Bush Cooking at the wood Young Henery Bosell Married to Day to Lalondes Daughter

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Mr James Cameron Island Feby 13th 1872

Made 4 Troughs of Soft Maple Crofsed over to Parishaws called at William Lavellets the 2 Boys went up with the Cutter with me Bought 1 Gallon of Mollasses 50 cents 2 cents worth of crackers Whiskey 12 1/2 cents Foggy Kind of Weather Rained some this evening the Indian in Dundee Gathering their Rent thought I seen Pat Passing Parishaws in a cutter But it was not him

14th very stormy Snowing St Valentines Day and Ash Wednesday I eat no meat to Day nor Good Friday 2 Days I Keep of Lent cleaned out the Barn of Marsh hay thats on the East mow

15 in the Bush cutting Wood for the house Gordon and I cut a Waterhole

16th in the Bush the snow Deep in the Bush cutting Firewood

17th a very fine Day cutting stove Wood not very well crofsed to AJ Baker seen John Hamilton and Charlie Rose here coming for the sheep Brought 3 Bags of Potatoes John Hamilton Charlie Rose took away the sheep a cake of cheese of 9 lb (Bought of AJ Baker 1/2 lb soda 1/2 lb Tea 1/2 lb Tobacco Box of Worm Candy Dan Angus and Duncan McDougall Down the Road Parted at Parishas a very fine night Frosty but calm

18th James Hugh's Birth Day Sunday a very Fine Warm sunny Day

19th Put the Boat in the Barn made some Troughfs cut 20 splits for Troughfs of ash in the Bush a very fine Day

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Mr James Cameron Island Feby 20th 1872

Cut 2 Waterholes the wigglers very Bad crofsed over to Summerstown Peter Grant Going to Mill I got a Ride over with him the New Mill in F Covington Commenced Grinding now had a

Treat at Summerstown Stopt at John McGreggors Seen Jim Hopkins there Drawing ice treated Peter and I twice Seen Oscar Laflesh there in at Mr Streeters Peter had a Basket of Eggs Went to see Mr Crippins Grocery store Bought 1 lb of Tea 80 cents Treated me in the Hotel and had a Lunch in the store he Promised me a Barrel for to hold syrup Price 1 Dollar also a 50 lb of Flour or a Sack to come for the Hay this Week Went to Mr Grange to see his Pots and stoves in at J Camerons took our Tea at Peters Brotherinlaws Mr Wright a Cameron Girl he has for Housekeeper stopt at Mr D Bakers and at Donald Suples Got a Ride Down from Kenneth McDonalds from the store to Parishaws Kenneth going to Barretts made a mistake in my mittens Kenneth took mine or I took his in Mistake a very fine night Water coming on the ice in some places

21st in the Bush Henery Lavellette here came home with the Barrel cutting hay in the Barn

22 22 William Henery here to Day Cutting Marsh stack

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Mr James Cameron Island Feby 22nd 1872

Washingtons Birth Day

23rd more Lambs to Day Went up with Lewis Henerys Boy on the Load of Wood to AJ Bakers Bought 2 1/4 yd of Cloth at 1 Dollar a yd 1/2 yds at 50 cents for Gordon 8 1/2 yds Cotton 12 1/2 cents 3 1/2 yds Buff 19 8 yds of Wincey 20 cents 1 yd Lining 20 cents Thread - /2 6..62 cents it comes to came Down to Kenneths got the Brush Hook got a Ride Down Mr Crippin went to Cornwall to Day Andrew told me Heard John Rankin was up yesterday and that he was going to Be Captain of the L Renaud this Spring

24th St Matthias Day Heard and seen crows to Day for the first I heard this Winter a Fine Day Lewis Henery Brought my Boots Down from Isacc Blondeaus I have 10 Ash Troughfs made in the Bush to Day East Wind some Lambs to Day Full Moon this Morning snow middling Deep in the Bush

25 Sunday a Kind of soft day Raining some

26th Lewis Henerys Boy Drawing came after me on horse Back to Raise his Mare she Laid Down in the Bush she would not Draw got her up she is all right came for another Load a very Frosty Day to Day

27th Helping Moses Loading in the Bush I have 19 Troughfs made in the Bush and 16 at the house thats 35 Finished now

28th crofsed to Summerstown Bought of AJ Baker 1/2 Gallon Mollasses 25 cents 2 lb Butter 40 cents A Bottle of Rye 20 cents Sundries - seen A McGregor got a Ride to F Covington with him in to see Mr Crippin Bought of Donald McRae 1/2 Doz spoons 20 cents Went up to see William McLeod he is very Poorly

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Mr James Cameron Island Feby 29th 1872

Chopping in the Bush a Cord of Basswood for Gordon to get an axe for himself a Fine Day But cold enough Heard McGreggor Mill was Burnt in Westville on the 27th the Day Before went to F Covington John Hamilton had a Bee on the 28th taking sawLogs to Cornwall seen a Traveller By the name of Weston a Glovemaker that was amongst those Burnt in Michigan Helped him along some Gave him my Direction A Great many crofsing to the mill on the ice a Frosty night

1st of March came in Cold St Davids Day the Festival of the Welsh Frosty Windy snowed a Little to night Cut some Marsh hay in the old stack 2 More Lamb Dead the Cat Died with a Bone in her neck made a Troughf

2nd Got a Ride over with Moses Jesima Brought AJ Baker Kettle home (Bought 100 lb of Flour 3..50 3 1/2 yds of Cloth for Gordon and Randolph 50 = 1..75 5 lb of Pork 50 1 Bunch of Black Bindings 5 needles Moses came Down with me for the Hay Got a Load I think a Ton Went to see if I could get Peters Pot John Hamilton for some wood

3rd Sunday a Fine Day

4th William Lavalette here Fine in the morning turned stormy snowing Blowing cold some

5th Very Cold Windy and Frosty

6th cold stormy

7th 2 Williams came to chop I drew 4 Loads with their Horse A Horse Passed the Door went up to Hopkins

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Mr James Cameron Island March 8th 1872

William chopping Gave him an order for 18/- Drew 2 Loads with his horse John Hamilton and Charles Rose here

9th William came with his cutter 1 Bushel of Potatoes 1/2 Gallon of Mollasses his wife Poorly to see the Doctor in Lancaster to Day Kind of Stormy the fore part of the Day East Wind Got 2 papers 1 from Dan and 1 from Charlie

Sunday 10th a very fine Day Rained in the Evening

11th William came I crofsed to P O Bought 1 plug of AJ Baker 5 cents Got a Ride acrofs from J Grants Team Going with saw Logs took over 2 Tennets of AJ Bakers to the Cooper Bought of Mr Crippin 1 lb Tea 1 1/2 for 40 cents other the cheap 130 cents Sent some sweetmeats to the children Gave me some nuts for them Paul Jo's house Burnt this morning Stopt at Donald Super had a Treat on Credit Got an Order from Mr Crippin to Get a Barrel at D McRae's But there was none Got a Ride acrofs from Hughy Grant and McQuaig {Cuaig} stopt at Summers's had a Treat not paid Met Jim Hopkins On the Road helped us with the Logs as we were near upsetting Heard Mr Kimball Departed a very fine man when out on the Lake a Fishing Got a Budget from Charlie Mr John Craig Drawing his Grain from Jacobs Island

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Mr James Cameron Island March 12th 1872

On this Day of the Month D M{c} Master first came to the Island East Wind Cold William Chopping the Big Beech its awful the crofsing there is those Days to Salmon River to Mill Seen a Rabbits Track on the Island the first I seen this Winter

13th I went to Summerstown took A Kenneth the Book the Queen's Travels Through Scotland went to Peter Grants to see if I was going to Get his Pot to make Sugar Bought of

AJ Baker 1/2 Dozen of White handled Knives 5/- Got 23 cents cash Comforter 60 cents crossed to Salmon River With a Smallman he has a Load of Flour from the Depot George Renshaw came along with us Got a Bottle from Tyo a Treat at D Suple 10 cents paid went to Mr Granges and to Matthews to Look at there cooking stoves George and I walked to Hopkins got a Ride from there to Renshaws stopt at Georges all night

14th seen 2 Foxes on the ice at Jacops Island Bought of AJ Baker Pork Butter Cotton 1 yd Thread matches Cups & saucers 1/2 Doz Plates Binding sundries Got a Ride Down from Moses Gave William an order for 18/- the cheese Factory Burnt in Bombay on the night of the 12th seen the fire 13th very warm day

15th Cold to Day in the Bush Looking at the Bottom of the Piles

16th Drew some Rondeaus and a Load of Wood

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Mr James Cameron Island March 17th 1872

St Patricks Day Sunday a Fine Day seen a Fox coming acrofs into the Bush snowed some tonight and Blowing

18th Alex Roy and Donald Roy here for Marsh hay the Roads was too Bad for them to take any William and Henery here took the shoe off the Horse Writing a Letter to Charlie Drifting some

19th East Wind snowing some turned very fine I crofsed to Post Office with the Letter and a Paper to Charlie Got Postage stamps Bought a Shovel 6/3 got 1/3 for Tom Summers Sundries 15 cents turned very stormy from the West very very stormy it must be a Touch of the Equinoxical Gales Peter Buchanan Went to Lancaster for Janet Pete Grant and George took over from Hopkins William McLeods Bull John Carey hiring 2 Indians to Chop this is the Last Day of Winter and a Stormy Day it is

20th This is the First Day of Spring very Cold and Stormy Reading the Canada Scotsman 4 of them and cold to night William Got 3..30 From AJ Baker cut 4 1/2 Cords

21st William and Henery here to Day told he got an Order for 4 1/2 yesterday putting the Marsh hay of the West mow to the East Mow

22nd Gave William an order Gave them an order for 18/- and Gave him an order for myself to Get 100 lb Flour 17/6 1/2 bus Salt 1/3 Gal Mollass 50 cents

23rd William Brought me those things from the store Gave William 1/2 Dozen of Herrings

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Mr James Cameron Island 24th March 1872

Palm Sunday Sunday Evening that Allen Camerons Child was taken acrofs and Left all night in the Presbyterian church on the Front which was I think a very Good idea

25th Lady Day Annunciation of Virgin Mary John Hamilton Charles Rose and Willie Rose here Donald Young Alek McDoneles wife Departed this Morning I crofsed to Summerstown the Funeral of Allen Camerons child to Day the Priests and Bishops and the Unitarian Preacher in Williamstown this week speaking to A McLachlan about a Load of Marsh hay to come tommorrow for it Bought of AJ Baker 1 lb Powder 4 3 lb shot 1/6 Box of Caps 10 cents seen the 2 Herricks at Summers's George and Ben soap 10 cents turned a Little soft this Evening Rookey taking Down his Potatoes to Peter Grants

26th soft to Day Raining some put the Marsh hay stack in the Barn Captain McLauchlin came for the hay Got 1/2 Ton Gave me 6/3 and is Going to Leave the rest with AJ Baker one of my Feet very sore on the sole there is a corn and I put it on a piece of ice and it pains me most awful sore Kind of Looks Like a thaw which is much needed Froze some to night Fixing my Powder and shot

27th The Funeral to Day

28th I crofsed William McLean came for a Load of Marsh hay Gave me 2 Dollars for what he got Got 6/3 from AJ Baker that Captain MLaughlin left for me crofsed {against currant?} to Mr MLeods for a Pot Got a Ride up From Donald Angus Bought Basket 12 / Pins 10 Treat 10 Paid John Summers what I owed him 2/6 Butter Tapt

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Mr James Cameron Island March 29th 1872

Good Friday I crofsed to Summerstown Got a Ride to Renshaws place seen George Semo coming and stopt for him in at Minklers to Ginger Bread 5 took a Letter over for AJ Baker to Duncan took 1 Back Paid 25 cents to Donald Suple that I owed him Got a veal Filled 10 cents Got sweetys from Mr David Baker for the children Papers and a Book and 2 Jews Harp for them crackers 5 cents Bought a Oil can for 50 cents from AJ Baker in to see Dunham Mills about the sugar Pot wanting 8 lbs of Sugar for the use of it it only holds 6 Pails a Passenger came acrofs with us Calvin Henery a Blacksmith water coming on the Salmon River a Fine Day Bought of AJ Baker 3 Quarts of Kerosene 37 1/2 cents

30th crofsed over Got a Ride from John Hamilton Got 2 Bags from him to Get Flour seen Mr Crippin Got 200 lbs of Flour at the Mill on his order 1/2 lb Tea 60 cents 30 cents Duncan money Got 15 Dollars American Money a Treat at Suples 15 cents took John Hamilton Horses and Load Home Tommy and I Helped them at Bills with a cow that could not Get up seen Mrs Hopkins she went to Hamiltons took my supper there Robert Jack and John came A Smallman took his Boiler and engine acrofs to Day Jim Hopkins helped them with the oxen where they Got off the Track on the ice

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Mr James Cameron Island March 31st 1872

Easter Sunday very stormy snowing Blowing East Wind set eggs to Day change in the Moon

April the 1st All Fools Day so called stormy snowing and Drifting all Day

2nd a Fine Day cut a new Waterhole seen a Large Flock of Wild Geese Flying very low Going West in the Evening Trapt a crow pulled the Tail out of him and let him Go Got a Muskrat that was running on the ice set 2 Traps for the Fox as he was Last night in the Barn yard Williams in the Sugar Bush Drawing Wood to the camp Great snow Banks with the Drifts of snow

3rd of April First Gathering of sap after being Tapt since Last Thursday no Gathering till to Day 2 Cranes and a Flock of Ducks Going West the cranes seems Bewildered or Lost Gordon and I to the Bush Gave them the Rigging for the Bush Chains hooks Trammels 2 Barrells to Day 2 pails Hammer

4th First Fire made in the Bush to Day Got the cloth strainer had 109 Trees tapt tapping more to Day Mr Crippin Came got 10 Dollars Cash settled all up Left me an order for 24..69 cents after settling all up which was Due me gave him a Load 1500 he said that what was in it to Day Got 1/2 Gallon 1 pint for our share of Mollasses 15 pails Gathered yesterday this made paid Henery 30 cents for Potatoes I Got

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Mr James Cameron Island April 5th 1872

5th Seen 2 Cranes on the 4th yesterday seen Robins and Blackbirds to Day Ducks plenty seen a Miller Flying Caterpillars on the snow crawling Heard one of the McRaes Below Dundee was Dead old Lashombe Departed yesterday Mr McRae to Be Buried in Cornwall Heard George Bosell sold his Horse Got the Load of Mr Spinks 2 Pots Henery William took them Down crofsed over with George Renshaw wrote a Letter for him concerning the steamer Adolphus in at Peter Grants about a cow took over the Hollow adze to Hamiltons for Charlie Rose Promised AJ Baker 1/2 Ton of Hay the ice opening Down to Flanagans Point George Renshaw taking some of his Potatoes from Hamiltons Jim Hopkins Drawing wood with the oxen Snow Birds Plenty Promised AJ Baker to go up tommorow for to Go to Couries

6th A Fortunate Day Not Very well John Hamilton took 2 Bags of Flour and 1 Barrel of Herring paid AJ Baker 4. 3/4 for the Herring or L1..3..9 went up with John Gave AJ Baker 25 Dollars American Money 22.50 cents its stand to our money to Look up a cow for me Got 1 From Charlie Rose he says Bought Ten yds Ticking 2..50 Thread 10 10 or 12 yd Cotton 15 Cents 1..80 1/2 lb Tob 20 Postage 3 Sundries 15 Gave him 1/2 Ton Hay the Nicholsons came down with me and Got it Made Sugar to Day for the first about 36 all soft it wont come out of the Moles took 30 soft Maples Troughfs from the House to the Bush Gordon all Day in the Bush Lent them 8 lbs of Flour 209 Trees Tapt now

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Mr James Cameron Island 7th of April 1872

Low Sunday not seeing any one crofsing Summers's Road But 1 man a Foot going over seen 3 Black Ducks for the First Black Ducks I seen a change in the Moon this Evening Thawing

East Wind Air Cold But Fine Williams acrofs with the Horse Gathered 55 pails to Day A Man crofsing a foot Summers's Road

8th Went up to the Bush Got Richard to Go over for the cow told him to Get a Rope from AJ Baker and charge it to me Got the Rop 36 cents Andrew and him came Down to Roses and Got the Cow Gave Richard 1 1/2 Dozen of Herrings for his Trouble for taking her home Lots of Water on the ice Gave them Boards for to make a camp in the Sugar Bush and covers for the Barrel put the Ewe and her nannie in the small stable and put the cow in the Horse Stable not well these Days a Fine Day East Wind seen 2 sleighs or cutters crofsing Summers's Road to Day Peveys or Pewits came every year Regular they make 2 nests in the Barn they hatch Twice a year in the {illegible} Boiling in the Bush

9th 10 years Married to Day in the Sugar Bush Made about 36 lbs to Day Thawing William and his wife Began to stop all night Lots of Water on the ice

10th Quit crofsing with the Horse came a Foot Richard Henery Lewis Henery gave us Back the 8 lb Flour made Mollasses to to Day about 3 Gallons in all Made the Fence for the Heifer and Bull

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Mr James Cameron Island 11th of April 1872

Frose hard Last night Windy some Wild Geese not very Plenty cutting and Piling wood in the cookhouse went up on the south side of the Island came Down through the sugar Bush Henery and Lewis came at Dark I went to the sugar Bush Sold William 3 Dozen of Herrings 75 cents

12th I crofsed at the Foot of Frances Island stopt at Williams Took John Hamiltons Bags to Roses stopt at Peter Grants Going up and coming Down to have his sale tomorrow Raining Bought of AJ Baker 1 lb Tea 50 1 lb shot 10 1 Broom 12 1/2 Match 5 Sundries 15 Tea Pot 25 ..../.. 17 1/2) called in at Roses coming Down stopt at Williams took over some tea for Williams Got some Papers from AJ Bakers Wife Henery and Richard Henery here all night the Fox (Barking on the Island) to night

13th a Fine Day high Wind Peter Grants Sale to Day Boiling in the Bush sugared to day

14th Sunday in the Bush Sugared off the Moles full and 2 pans William and Henery in the Bush cold Windy

15th Richard Went acrofs for Potatoes the ice opened to night took over a Jar the moles full 1 Basin and the pudding dish full Randolph and I took out the Long Canoe out of the ice took the Boat out to the Long canoe out of the ice took the Boat out of the East End of the Barn

16th Making an oar Digging a peice of sod in Front of the old House set Fire to the marsh yesterday

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Mr James Cameron Island 17th of April 1872

Went to the Bush Gordon and I cutting some Wood for William a Great sap Day sugared the Moles full and 3 pans full Kind of soft took the tub to the Bush set fires on the Pitt Point Killed the First snake I seen and Burnt him in the fire the sheep started to the Bush got them turned Back Before they Got the taste of the sap ice not open on the south side of the Island yet a Fine Day

18th Our Duncans Birth Day putting out Fires heard the First Frogs singing set Fires in the upper Feild

19th Weighed the sugar 178 lbs owe them 3 lbs out the Weight about 60 lbs sugared off to Day Quirking about set Fires on the North side of the sugar Bush William and his Wife crofsed to night heard Funny Jim Purcell Departed some time about Monday Last Henery and Lewis Henerys Boy Boiled all night tonight in the Bush Sap Ran Well to Day Drawing some of the square sticks around the Garden Heard Pete Grant was working at Hamiltons Shed Training

20th a Fortunate Day in the Bush all Day Made about 5 Gallons of syrup for our share Sugared off about 45 lbs of sugar East Wind Dont run very well to Day the sap Great Fires in the Marshes Killing a Great many snakes to Day Gordon and Williams Boys Richard Henery and Lewy Bosell Freezing some to night a Great Deal of shooting now at Ducks and Muskrats

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Mr James Cameron Island April 21st 1872

Sunday Hugh Ann and Randolph went to the sugar Bush Livinia Got a Hen from Mrs William made 1 Gallon and a Quart to Day

22nd High Wind a Great Deal of ice Going Down

23rd St Georges Day Fired 4 Rounds this morning William Came to the sugar Bush made 3 Gallons of syrup Let out the Cow to Day for the first time since she came Cutting Brush setting Fires took the Rails of the West Stack Cold to Day high Wind Brought Livinia a straw Hat Cleaning around the crockery and Indian curriosity Place to Day snowed some this Evening stopt here to night William the Wife and George

24th Put Out the canoe and Put out the Boat took it from the Barn Fishing EEls Got 2 Lost 1 Hugh Ann Gordon and I Went up to the Cordwood Bay in the Boat William got the EEll spear Gave the Boy 3 Herrings A Fine Day took her Jars to the Bush a lot of ice Went Down On this Day of the month Granny Departed 1869

25th St Marks Day its Raining cold East Wind Fine went to AJ Bakers Settled up with him clear of all Dues and Demands up to this Date Brought him 9 Dollars in my Debt Bought 13 yds of Plaid at 35 cents 4 yds Cotton a 7 1/2 4 yds of cloth 2/6 per yd Thread H Eycee RRR castor oil Braces Tobacco Rake Lining Binding Got 1 Dollar Cash to 1 Muskrat 25 cents got a Tub Bought Bottles 7 cents Pitcher 1/3

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Mr James Cameron Island April 26th 1872

setting Fires on the Pitt Point shot a Rat set 27 Traps for the first I set this spring Fishing EEls at Christees Got 7 Lashey here fishing EEls Gave him some sugar for old Mrs Bosell Gave him a stave to make Paddles for himself Making Mollasses William Frosty nights high Wind to Day a Great Deal of shooting

27th high North Wind setting fires around the Banks shot a Duck a Great Distance of got up after a While and Flied away Letting spotty out to Feed in the Daytime Keeping in the Heifer and Bull and the sheep made 3 Gallons to Day of Mollasses Livinia not well all the children Bad with the Cold clearing away around the Door yard Great Fires in the Marshes now Froze Hard tonight

28th a Fortunate Day all the Children went to the Sturgeon Island a Great Lot of Geese and Ducks at the East end of the Island Found a Grose Egg on the North East end of our Island

29th Went to AJ Bakers took 13 lbs of sugar at 12 1/2 1 Muskrat 1/3 1/2 lb Tea 6 yds of Linsey 2 1/2 yds of Cotton Thread Tobacco 1 lb nails matches Called at John Hamiltons got some of the Earley Roses to Plant and some of the Goderich and a Bag of Long Johns Bought of J Grant 1/2 Bushel of Lime 10 cents AJ Baker Measuring and weighing his stock the 3 Viponds there Nicholsons Putting up their Barn on John Summers's Place I got another tub from AJ Baker to put the Lime in Y Camerons Daughter Poorly William Gathering sap for Vinegar But as I cant Furnish him with a Barrel he is Going to make Mollasses made 20 lbs of sugar By Boiling the Mollasses over

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Mr James Cameron Island April 30th 1872

Planted 14 hills of Potatoes near the Back Marsh Made 2 1/2 Gallons of Mollasses for the Last Paid William and settled with him all about the sugar took home the Pots and Barrells from the Camp shot a Rat East Wind Began to Dig the Garden Let out the Cows and sheep

1 of May St Phillips and St James Day Fixing the Garden Fence Digging in the Garden Gordon and I went to the Sturgeon Island Kitt Kit Island Gull Island Lizard Island Rofs's or Snake Island and from there to Charlies or Butternut Island East Wind Came home Commenced to Rain Wind changed to West Got some Fat Pine Mr Hills Light Lit up to night Shot a squirrel on the Old Chimney

2nd crofsed to Summerstown speaking to J Hamilton told me Allen McDonnell sold his Team of Horses Charlie Rose went to the Boat Yesterday Brought Mrs Spinks Pot home sold my Rat to Vipond only wanted to pay me 20 cents but that is no go got 25 Bought 2 Hats 20 cents 2 Plugs of Tob 9 cents 1 Box of matches 1 cent AJ Baker and his Going to I Y Camerons Daughters Funeral Wind high hard Rain got all wet coming home Got a Paper from Charlie the St Helens and a Propeller went Down for the first Began to Dig the Back Garden Finished Digging Dan McGreggor here about his Colts Gave him a canoe and Paddle Light up in all the Light houses tonight I thought I heard Thunder to Day very sore with my Feet not many Ticks yet some

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Mr James Cameron Island May 3rd 1872

Cold some this morning Fixing the sticks at the Door the Osprey went Down the Dominion went up went to the Upper Point and around the north side of the Island Planted the Back Garden with over 50 hills of Earley Roses and the Rest in Goderich Potatoes Found a straw Hat in the Water at the Pit Point set out some Fires Lots of Cakes of ice Going Down Horses Came Dan McGreggor and John Hamilton with the Bull Left the scow

4th Fixing the chairs Raining some seen the Horses salted them

5th set the Big Traps set Fire to the marsh in spots The L Renaud came up her First Trip

6th Got a Rat Shot a Duck did not Get him Got a Dog Fish. Gathered Some old staves of the Bottom a Fine Day John Hamilton and Young Jack here with the scow for hay Planted some Potatoes about 90 hills of Long Johns

7th Lots of ice Going Down Planting and Digging Planted 1 Row of Garnet Chilies 1 Row of Goderich on the west side of the chilies Looking for Ducks nest up in the Bay Got none New Moon to Day Fine Day wind South West Planted 5 Beds of Potato Onions and put in some squash amongst the Potatoes the Osprey and Indian went up

8 Lashey here got 3 or 4 staves Fishing to night Got 2 Sturgeon 1 Pickerel 4 Pike 5 Perch 3 succours Planted and Digging The Bay of Quinte Touring here

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Mr James Cameron Island May 9th 1872

Holy Thursday Ascension Day Taking the sods of the Peice Before the old House took up the step the Big Flat stone that Mary Laid as a step Before the Door Lashey Fishing Perch in the Bay wind Raising salted the Cows in the Mear the sugar Camp Lightning Thunder some Rain set Fires to some Brush Back of the Barn

10th shot a Duck Went to Gather some fat Pine Fixing the Gate Drew the Big Plank to the Apple Tree Planted some Potatoes at the sod at the old House and squashes Fishing to

night Got 3 EEls 1 Perch 1 Sturgeon Fish scarce to night Pine not very Good Steersman not much Better

11th Walter Baker Moved to the Front Raining to night

12th First Raft went Down Towed By the Bay of Quinte

13th not very well went to Christees for fat Pine Fishing to night Got a Good many wind raised some

14th went to Summerstown Brought a Rat 1/3 Bought of Vipond 1/2 lb Tea 25 1 Bot of Pain Killer 25 5 cents of cut Tob Box of Matches 1 cent 50 cents for Onions Postage and Paper 5 sent Ewing and Brothers 100 lb McGill street Montreal helping Andrew to Fill the Bags with Pease had a Treat at Summers Gave a Ride up to Mrs Hamilton Got 5 lb and 2 oz of Butter from John Hamilton took my Dinner at Isacc Blondeaus Got oil from D. McGreggor and salt for the colts

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Mr James Cameron Island May 15th 1872

Went to Fort Covington and Dundee Bought of Mr Crippin 1 lb Tea I Pair of scissors 1..50 in Money Got sweetys and nuts for the children got a Lemon for Livinia had a Glass of Cider Bought of Mr Grange 1 strainer 40 1 Tin Mug 5 cents Brought 2 Sheep Pelts to Mr Streeter got 2 Dollars American Money Took Dinner at Donald Suples Brought Mr Baker a Sturgeon Bought of Mr Baker 5 Tin Pans 1 Dollar 1 1/2 Bushel of Potatoes 50 cents thread and saltseller -/9 Got a Box of salt From him sent a Present of a Pudding Dish to Livinia and Raisins and sweetys and Papers to the children a Treat at Suples and at Tyos with Mr Phillips Tyo Putty a story higher on his house Mr Smallmans steamer near Finished Lanched yesterday something Tottlish Bought of Mr Smallman 5 lb crackers Called at Laflesh's Down on Mavilles old Place Came home some cold to night Got a Line and 2 Ears of corn from Laflesh took supper there

16th Planting and digging at the old house all chilies Planted to Day windy from the North to Day Cold and Fine

17th Oiling and Taking Ticks of the Colts Making the house Between the milkhouse and the house Mosquitos commencing taking the Banking From the house the Steamer Royal commenced running Mr Smallmans Steamer Fired 2 Rounds at her Putting manure on the

Top Potatoe Ground Found a Large Long Canoe and it Loaded with old slabs and peices of Boards it must Belong to Paul Jo

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Mr James Cameron Island May 18th 1872

Working at the store but crofsed to G Renshaws took over Mrs Hamiltons Plate and Cloth I got From her with the Butter my onions came on the steamer L Renaud Paid 10 cents Freight for 2 Quarts Brought a Cooler over for James Grant to the Ashery sent 2 papers to Charlie a Cornwall Freeholder and the Star Bought of Mr Vipond 1 Coarse Comb 10 cents paid Postage 4 cents on the papers went over with George Renshaw took Down John Hamiltons Plough for George heard Mrs Harper was on her Last the Royal taking over Freight the Renaud left for Dundee Captain Rankin crofsed on her made another trip for a Load of sheep to Summerstown with a scow the new Boat Manitoba expected up to night Mr Craig taking his Cattle to Francis Island a Fortunate Day

19th Oscar Laflesh and Lis and 3 children and Mrs Morris came Before Day Light Raining this evening oiling the Colts in the stable and taking ticks of them Traded Paddles with Oscar

20th Taking some of the Rubbish out of the Milkhouse and Fixing the Banking at the East End Planted 4 Beds of Top Onions Digging the Garden caught the sheep

21st sheared the sheep Fixed the Ram Lambs went to the Sturgeon Island took the Canoe from the Bay where Dan McGreggor Left it a Fine Day sun hot the William Touring here

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Mr James Cameron Island May 22nd 1872

The Manitoba took Henery on Board at the Foot Went around the Island set Fire to the North West side of the marsh of Francis Island got 2 Big staries and 2 small ones Fishing at the Little Island North side Brought home a Load of chips cleaning out the Milkhouse cutting stakes for the Fence

23rd Looking for the sheep went up to the head of the Island seen Donald MGreggor oiling the colts and Taking ticks of them we went Down to Rosses Island very Foggy Cleared of he

did not Like the Pasture on Rofs's Island Left his salt I crofsed to the P.O. Got a Paper from Charlie Bought of Mr Vipond 15 Bunches of Matches 1 File Pipe had a treat with Murdy Grant he told me he was Going to Go to California heard his Cousin was Killed on the RailRoad out at A Camerons Donald McGreggor told me he Lost his Grey horse Mrs Harper Poorly yet not expected to stand it Long cutting some Brush Down on the hill at the apple Trees on the Lower Point Gordon Randolph and I Found a Ducks nest with 10 eggs in it

24th Queen Victoria's Birth Day Mrs Harper Departed the John A McDonald aground Last night at the Little Island Fired a Good many volleys this Morning Looking for the sheep Found them one of the sheep in the Barn came home herself to die Raining some to night the Manitoba into Dundee with her colours up turning some of the sugar Troughfs

25th cutting Brush in the Wet Place Below the house cut Down a Butternut on the Pitt Point made 6 Rails out of it cut Down some Choke Cherries for Rails

26th Sunday Mrs Harper Buried to Day a Fine Day went to Fish to night

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Mr James Cameron Island May 27th 1872

Weighing the Wool and Putting Thomases in Bags Donald MGreggor here for the colts taking them up to Clarks Island Mr Balisle here went to Lancaster Got a hooker from him Fixing the Fence on the Pitt Point the other Sheep Died Drew her to the Back Marsh

28th Fixing the Fence

29th Royal Oak Day Rob Summers came home very Poorly cutting Brush Back of the house

30th Went Home with Thomas's share of the Wool Gave him a Dollar for the skins Gave me 20 cents Back went up to Mr McGreggors Got 3 Bags of Potatoes Took Dinner Drew the Potatoes for me to the River William McLeod's Building going up the Frame of it to Day Got my Boots from Isacc Blondeau did not charge me for them AJ Baker at Hogansburgh a Talk of Colborn Grant being married Last Sunday to Wrights Daughter at Fort Covington the Enterprize aground Right opposite Donald MGreggors up about hopkins Corpus Christie to Day a Fine Day went to night to Fish Got 15 8 EEls 4 suckers 3 Perch

31st White Washing the house and the apple Trees

1st of June Filled 9 Bags with ashes Fixing up the Petition Putting some of the Rubbish out of the cook house Heavy shower of Hailstones Hon John Sandfield McDonald Departed

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Mr James Cameron Island June the 2nd 1872

Sunday Livinia Gordon and Bismarck went up to Salmon River to see Lis A Fine Day Rained some Tom Kennedy and Rookey here wanting Pasture for their sheep Gordon close to the Royal Spotty Calved to Day a Heifer calf

3rd Gordon and I to Rofs Island to see if we could find some fat Pine Stumps got some got 4 staves Large ones and 2 small ones Killed some Black snakes Trowled some to Day for the First But Got no Bites high East Wind went to Charlies Island the (Butternut) Julia Mayville and Galerneau here Sunday Looking for Balick they say he has Left her shot some of those Fan Tailed Black Birds a Great many on the water to Day splitting up Fat Pine Planted citrons and Watermelons to Day Potatoes coming up some Gordon Broke the hoe Piled up the Big staves 44 Good ones 70 odd ones of small ones John Sanford McDonald Buried to Day

4th Began to Heap up manure at the East End of the Barn Dug this Peice put 90 odd hills of Beans sowed some scarlet Hatfeild Ruta Bagas seeds commenced

5th howing the Weeds in the Potatoes Fishing alone got 10 peices of Fish EEls succours Perch Lost a Sturgeon

6th Brought my ashes to the River caught 7 Planks Lots of Rubbish going Down to Day Washed the Wool Fire Flies commenced to show or Lightning Bugs Cut some Brush at the Lower Point

7th Looking for the Ram Found him Dead up at the East side of the Big Hicory Elm nuts Falling Pigeons Plenty

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Mr James Cameron Island June 8th 1872

Whitewashed the Cook house Fixing the Tools up Dug some at the River cleared away stones to not hurt the Bottom of the Boats or canoes a Great many Propeller Boats a Touring up to Day Raining Foggy some a Great time for Grass Growing

9th Sunday Marys Birth Day Gordon and Randolph and I went around Na howta's Island

10th Brushing made a Fence at the West End of the Barn Mr Crippin and Mr Paddock here Trowling Brought nuts and sweetmeats to the children Left his Tea

11th cutting some Brush hoeing some

12th Our heifer calved (Robert Summers Departed

13th Brushing

14th WEnt with 5 Bags of ashes 8 Bushels to Jimmy Grant Did not hear of Robs Death till I seen the Funeral Folks there stopt in the ashery Jim Hopkins and I till the Funeral was over to 1 Pint of Whiskey Bought of Vipond 1 Dollars worth of Tin Basins 1 Tin mug Butter Tub 1 Doz Eggs for her to hatch Heard the Kingston was Burnt

15th Cutting Weeds Brush Windy set the Hen to hatch

16th caught the Raft 2 men came and told me to take care of it till Thursday I took the sail and Rope of the Raft to the house and pully Block very very Warm Day sleeping made the stroke on this Day the ever memorable Battle of Waterloo Began

17th Began to Wean Bismarck not to say very Bad Went with 6 1/2 Bushel of ashes Bought of Vipond 2 small Tin mugs 1 Dipper 3 yds of Linen for Gordon thread 1/4 lb Tob

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Mr James Cameron Island June 18th 1872

Gordon Livinia and I went to the Kit Kit Trowling Found a Paddle hoeing some Fired 2 shot at a Loon

19th Went to Fort Covington Bought of Mr Crippin 1 sack of Flour 1 Bar of soap 1/2 lb Tea took 2 Tennets of Butter to the Storehouse for him sent some sweetys to the children sold 15 Bottles to John Tyo Bought 1/2 lb Tea 1 plug of Tobacco 2 Glasses 8 cents Cash sold Rob Baker 15 lb Rags at 3 cents a lb Bought 2 Bowls 12 cents 2 hats 30 Ribbon 21 lb salt Fine 1 1/2

cents a lb 2 Treats at Suples took Dinner at Donald Suples Sandy Brown There Gave Lis children some cents the Barge Shamrock in to Fort Covington very heavy thunder Lightning Raining Broke my Oar

20th First Day of Summer a very very warm Day the Raftmen came Gave me 3 Dollars Gordon Randolph and I went Trowling to the squaw Island Found some Fat Pine Got 2 staves in the Bottom hoeing a Little Killed the Black Hen as she crows most awful Fat Fixing oars the heifer a Little ugly to milk Grubs playing the Devil in the Garden and Potatoes

21st Friday Fishing Down to Rankins mill to see Boards Got the Loan of my Boat to go Down a Picnic on the Manitoba from Salmon River Gordon and I Down on the Little Sturgeon Island shoal seen a very Large Maskinonge

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Mr James Cameron Island June 23rd 1872

Sunday a Fine Day 4 People in a Boat here from the south side its Mr Murchison that comes once every summer and his Boy and some other Boys with him sold him a canoe to come for it next Sunday heard from them Big John McRae in Williamstown was Dead

24th St John the Baptist Day Found a Canoe Great Shooting the Boat Manitoba a Pleasure Trip to Day Fishing on the shoals for EEls John Parisha Got the Loan of my Boat to Go Down for his Boards came as far as here with 1/2 of them had to Leave the rest on an Island Got some Bread Butter and Sugar Matches Gave me 4/- Cash went Back after the Rest of his Boards and took them home

25th John Parisha came home with my Boat told me about Viponds being taken Prisoner for Buying the stolen Boat and finding it in John Hamiltons Barn Began the to make the Fence for the Calfs Pasture old Logs Pretty Heavy the Battle of Bannock Burn

26th Oscar Laflesh Drowned i at the calf Pasture Fence

27th Went to Williamstown and its an awful warm Day a Raft Leaving Lancaster James Hugh in Cornwall heard Ellen McGreggor Died up at John Craigs to Day or yesterday

28th a Propeller a ground at the Floating Light the Manitoba and the Bay of Quinte taking her off

29th Came from Williamstown Bought of Ellen 9 yds calico Tobacco Soda Tea took Minna home with me and she is sick as usual St Peters Day

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Mr James Cameron Island June 30th 1872

Murchison and McDonald Came for the canoe Gave me a Dollar Jim Hopkins G Grant and Mr Leslie here Mr Leslie Looking for old Indian curiosities such as crockery Flints stone axes of which I Gave him Quite an assortment Gave me 2 nubs for his Cows horns Gave him a Peice of Ash for oars it was him who told us that Oscar was Drowned

1st of July Dominion Day Found Deadmans Bones The Royal after a Party to Lancaster to take to Dundee Quite a number on Board at the Calve Paster Fence Rained a Little But I think there was heavy Rain elsewhere Livinia Got sick through the night cleaned out the Boat and canoes

2nd Crossed to Summerstown Bought Viponds 1/2 lb Electric Oil 25 1 Bale of Candle wick 8 Pipe 15 Bought of Mrs Summers 1 Pint Whiskey 15 Sundries Nutmegs 5 cloves 10 Heard 1 of McLauchlins Girls in the Meadow Bay was Dead Allen McDonald on the Boshure Began working on the Roads Found a cent at the ashery Livinia very unwell Got a Letter and 2 Papers from Charlie to Fishing Line 8 cents Got Gordons Boots But did not Pay for the mending of them to Day

3rd I Forgot to write some of the Days what I was Doing

4 American Independence

5th our Johns B Day

6th {blank}

7th Dan Summers and Charles Rockhill here

8th John Hamilton took away his Bull

9th at George Renshaws Grinding his axe Jim Hopkins on the Royal Bought of Vipond Flour paid Gordons Boots 1/3 Got 4 Papers from Jim Hopkins Took some Herring Butter Tea sugar milk to Lis

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Mr James Cameron Island {illegible} 1872

{first two line too dark to decipherl} Charley by name {illegible} to Salmon River Bought of C{illegible} Bought of Baker 2 hats 30 cents

{illegible} Day Firing 20 rounds

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13th Fishing Down at Rofs Island

15th cutting around the Barn {illegible}

17 - 19th Jim Hopkins {illegible} Bill got a Book from her to Read {illegible} them Heavy Rain {illegible} Wool to F Covington sold to Mathews {illegible} Carded Gave 28 cents Bought 1/2 lb Tea Tobacco {illegible} Baker 2 {illegible} of Flour 3 yds Calico 1/10 1/2 Thread {illegible} from V Buchanan a Treat at Island {illegible} Treat at Suples Bought a Bottle 5 cents {illegible} 30 cents for the Hens 2 of them that {illegible} took Down a pint of Gin and {illegible} Mr Baker to the Fa{illegible} and Georges Jim McIlvain {illegible} Tried the Potatoes {illegible}

21st a Fine Day Sunday {illegible} Stable and the Barn {illegible} to Hamiltons {rest of page too dark to decipher}

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Mr James Cameron Island {illegible} 1872

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Below the Kitt Kit Island John {illegible}

here picking Berries very {illegible} Windy for a While Lashey was here {illegible} Lines John MGreggor {illegible} 10 cents a Peice for {illegible} Waiting for Lashey did not come

28 {illegible} Raining hard all Day

30th {illegible} Lines Went to Summerstown {illegible} Flour Tobacco Got a Letter and papers {illegible} Charlie heard there is a R {illegible} Lashey

30th Jo Lehmans {illegible} staves Fishing at night tried the {illegible}

1st of August or Lammas Day {rest of page too dark to decipher}

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Mr James Cameron Island {illegible} 1872

{first line illegible} put in 2 Loads this Morning Began to Rain they went off with the {illegible} and Roses Dan the Day {illegible} Fine awful warm to day 27 Loads in now made 14 cocks of hay cutting the weeds round the Potatoes taking up Some of the new Potatoes they are good and Large very warm

18th Sunday Raining some Lashey here Choke Cherries good

19th the Barber {illegible} was came to mow with them put in all the hay in the upper Field Mowing the Marsh I went to Viponds Bought Boots 3 Tob Salt {illegible} RR Relief 4 hooks Borax Bismarcks Birth Day Worked James Grants Mare

20th Finished Stack of Marsh hay and part of another

21st Finished the 2 stacks Cutting in the Back Marsh they went off Leaving me what was to the Back Marsh About 70 cocks for {illegible} I cocked it all before the Rain

22 {illegible} Thunder and Great Lightning the {rest of entry illegible}

23rd went to Viponds to Exchange {illegible} Boots Bought Tob took some nails from the {illegible} pork Treated me {illegible}

24th Put in over 50 cocks {illegible} the stable Loft Lined the Jumper

25 Sunday Lavinia and I to the head of the Island to Salt the horses Long Black Berries Ripe cap Berries or Scotch Berries

26th Shot 7 Ducks Mowing some Fixed the North End Gable of the stable 18 ft {illegible} cut the calve Pasture Cows came in in took {illegible} Bushels of Potato Onions salted {rest of page illegible}

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Mr James Cameron Island 29 Aug 1872

Took Dinner at Suples seen Mr Mulverhill and the Barber treated me Bought of Rob Baker Tobacco Matches Pipes Got 2 Butter Tennets from Robert 30 lb Weightone helped Mr Baker to crofs his horses a Devil of a Bother to catch them Christee here stopt all night

30th very windy seen 2 Draws Lashed together coming Down went out Gordon and I and stopt them Christee made a {illegible} 2 Men came Dubal and Rousseau to look after the Raft

31st Raftmen Making Paddles Christee went off

1st of September Sunday the men tried to go but the wind was too high had to turn Back put myself and Gordons name on our Paddles salting the horses

2nd Drawing Wood out of the swamp

3rd D McMasters Birth Day Raftmen went off Took in the Top onions about 2 Bushels

4th cutting Down trees in the Bush took in apples

5th 5th John Angus Birth Day I went to Viponds Bought 1 pair of Boots 1..65 1/2 lb Tea 1 Doz Buttons (2 lb shot 1/2 lb Tob on Credit) caps matches at John Hamiltons got the scythe heard Henerys Louise was Kicked of the Boat for stealing The Manitoba came for the Raft got 5 Dollars from them

6th Dog Days End Went to Mr Viponds Bought 2 1/2 yds cloth at 80 cents 8 yds Cotton 12 1/2 short 7/6 Thread 3 lb Powder paper paid all this called at Roses took Dinner there Got the adze

7th Fixing the Bed up Stairs

8th Sunday Preaching on the Front Raining

9th at Hay

10 I made an oar at Hay

11th made 6 cocks in the stack James Grant here Looking at {illegible} Fair commenced in Fort Covington {illegible} Grant here with his horse took the {last line illegible}

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Mr James Cameron Island Sept 13th 1872

Last Day of the Fair in F Covington to Day Went to P.O. Bought of V & B On Credit 100 lb of Flour 3.50 1/2 yd of Cloth 40 1 lb Tea 65 1/2 Bushel of Salt 25 4 Papers from AJ Baker sent 2 to Charlie Postage 4 cents paid Matches paid Got a Paper from Charlie a Barge Loading Ashes at J Grant Ashery A Treat from Mrs Summers 90 cents with Norman shot 2 Ducks up in the Cord Wood Bay did not Get them

15th Sunday Rob Kennedy and 4 of Jim McDougalls Boys here wanting to see if I had any Gun Flints Gave them a handfull of them Grapes turning

16th at the Potatoes

17th got the Potatoes at the soap made a Paddle shot some Ducks

18th at the soap the soap dont make very well made another Paddle

19th Went to the Kit Kit Island shot a Duck took home a Load of Wood Blue Jays came 2 Men crofsed over to Charlies Island I thought it was Jim Hopkins they fired shots there

20th Raining Fixing the sticks at the Manure heap went to the Pitt Point cut a swarth of Marsh hay Eat some Butternuts yesterday at the Kit Kit the only ones I saw this year

21st at the Potatoes 46 Bushels in now a Great many Rotting of them Found the hens nest with 4 Eggs in it went to the Sturgeon Island Caught a Pickerel no Ducks the Manitoba went Down with a Raft Fixing the Birch Log at the shore Raising it out of the Water the Water is very Low

22nd First Day of Autumn the Equinoxical Gales will commence now Windy to Day but Fine Bismarck not well I think he is Bad with worms

23rd Piling up manure in the yard a Fine Day tonight there was Great Rolls of Thunder and Lightning all continually with stopping the Thunder the same the thunder much {cut off}

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Mr James Cameron Island Sept 24th 1872

very unwell this morning at the Potatoes {illegible} 3 People passed close in a Boat 2 men and a Woman and a Dog and tommorow the Boat Passed up this morning with i think one of the Salemeaus in it

25 Went around the Island Found a Bottle the Renaud Began turning Back from Cornwall the same Day and stopping all night at Lancaster went to the head of the Island took home a Load of Wood heavy Rain and wind got all wet Pairing apples at night

26th Cleaning the stove pipes cleaned the onions yesterday 5 Bushels of Potatoe onions and 1 1/2 or 2 of Top Onions Drawing wood With the Horse the first time I put harnefs on him Drew 3 Jags of Marsh hay took the Birch Log up on the Bank the Boy Towed Down a Raft

27th Gathering Grapes and Cranberries the Manitoba Went Down with a Raft. Gordon and Hugh Ann at the Grapes and cranberries a Good Deal of shooting evenly some the Mice very Plenty now

28th Went with the wool to Mrs Rose Bought (6 Windows of Glass 18 cents 1 lb of putty 7 cents on credit) 1/2 lb of Cut Tobacco paid matches paid Mrs Summers 10 cents for a Treat I had on the 14th Mr Spinks and I Fishing Perch at G Renshaws for a 15 Gallon cask for Mrs Summers Moved on the Front hunting Kenneth McDonald poorly A Fine Day Henery Bosell Getting Timber afloat

Sunday 29 St Michael or Michallmas East Wind Rain F. one{illegible} S West

30th Fixing Glafs in the Windows High West wind Gordon and I went out for a Pine stick took it to the Sturgeon Island

1st of October Mowing colouring yarn Broke of {illegible} scythe Made ~~17~~ 18 cocks in Back in the {illegible} marsh

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Mr James Cameron Island Oct 2nd 1872

Drew in the Marsh hay Drew some Wood went for a Peice of Pine 12 Foot Long the wind too high from the North and had to go to Na houtas Island and Left it there some Rain high North Wind Drew the Boards from the Sugar Bush Drew up the Long Pine Log at the River Manitoba went up a Propeller Towing a Schooner Magnet went Down Renaud went up and Down

3rd Went to Na houtas Island for the stick south West Wind some Rain First setting of Traps 6 in the Front Marsh Took up the Last of the Potatoes about 60 Bushel of Good Measure of Good Potatoes But there is a Great many Rotten ones Left out

4th Got 2 Rats and 1 Foot First time Gordon skinned a Rat Fixing my Traps set six in the Back Marsh Fixing Traps at night Piling up Wood

5th Went down to the Sturgeon Island for the stick I left there Gordon and I took it home Taking up manure put some on the Rol{ink blot} Ground very heavy Thunder and sharp Lightning not much rain here got a Rat First Frost this morning East Wind turned to West Renaud went up a Great Deal of Towing Ducks not plenty seen no Wild Geese yet

6th a very Fine Day some wind and calm The Osprey and Manitoba coming up the Manitoba turned at the Light house and took a Large square sail Barge in tow that stopt the Race with the Osprey very heavy Lightning and Thunder to night and Rain 2 men passed up in a Bun came from Rofs Island Got a Rat took Salts

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Mr James Cameron Island October 7th 1872

Raining all Day the water Raising Fixing Traps Got a Rat put Blary in the stable to night Manitoba went Down no Tow Letting the Water out of the Barnyard

8th Went to Summertown seen George Renshaw at Hamiltons putting out Manure Bought of Vipond & Bro 1/2 H T 5 cent 1 Box Matches 20 on Credit 85 cents 2 Darning Needles 2 cents paid Got my Boot Fixed 5 cents Gordon not well Putting up Manure

9th Went to Williamstown Brought 1/2 Barrel of Pickled cucumbers & cranberries to Ellen and Doctor Shaver Apples Onions heard the Williamstown Mills were Burnt about 2 Weeks ago Angus in Cornwall the Rain Raised the River at Williamstown and in the Lake

10th Hugh Anns Birth Day took Dinner at Ellens

11th in Williamstown

12th First ice Came From Williamstown Got From Ellen Tea Tobacco soap Bottle of Whiskey soda sweetys Rice Got a Peice of Pork Got the Peice of Pork from Mary Tea shot From Allen Met Bill Morrison & Mr Woods near the Lighthouse stopt on the squaw Island Bill and Mr Woods called coming up south Wind to Day The L Renaud went Down towing something Like a Raft acrofs into the channill From the South side near Rankins Bay hard Frost and ice Last night set some Traps

13th Raining Done a Great Deal of Rubbish coming Down these Days

14th Went up to head of the Island for a Basswood saw log some rain & snow fell for the first Rain Fine Began Banking the West end of the house Fired at a Loon and struck him Bad

15th chopping fire wood in the Bush Made a Fence around the East marsh hay stack cutting the Brush there a Great Deal of shooting to Day high Wind and Raining {cut off} straining the cider seen a Big Fire to night

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Mr James Cameron Island Oct 1872

Plaining Boards Working at the Manure Raining Plastering the stable

17th Went to the Kit Kit Rofses and Clarke Island shot some Ducks did not Get them South East Wind and Rain Working at the manure A Raft went Down

18th St Luke Day Drawing Wood shot an Horned Owl that was after Hopper the Blue Ruster a new Boat went Down the steamer Advance

19th at the manure

20th Sunday

21st at the Manure

22nd Maxim here stopt all night Left a Duck the Indian Peter made an axe handle and 1 for himself went to the Little Island North side for a saw Log a small one

23rd Little Livinias Birth Day cut a Hicory Tree the Indians came would Give me 6 handles out of it But I split it myself and did not Give it to them shot a Duck did not Get him

24th our Hugh's Birth Day Went to Vipond Bought 3 Quarts of Kerosene oil 2 lb shot chimney for Lamp 1/2 lb Tobacco seen one of the Greaves Boys from Pensylvania at Thomas Munroes him taking up his Potatoes told me one of Donald Roys Girls Died in Montreal and taking up to Be Buried yesterday on the Front

25th My Birth Day went to Dundee got copperas from Suple in John McGreggors Tavern Right on the Line On na houtas Island all night

26th stormy East Wind

Sunday 27th Writing a Letter to Charlie

28th high wind

29th Went to Roses seen Annabella there put my Letter in the P.O. and 2 papers to Charlie got them from AJ Baker 1/4 lb Ginger

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Mr James Cameron Island Oct 30th 1872

high Wind chopping and clearing on the Lower Point Luke Bowen and Lis came luke had a hooker with him Brought my Musket home and Brought his EEl spear home Gave him a stick of hicory Grants men came for their Timber Gave me the Big pay for saving them 1 1/2 Dollars

31st This is Holy Eve I went to Hamiltons and Down to Hugh M Gillis's for the Boy to Bring to D Suple he would not come Got 100 lb of Flour from Peter Buchannan treated me in Tyos had a Treat at John McGreggors seen Luke Paid Donald Suple 35 cents Found a cat on the Road stopt at Bills all night Bought of Bourdon 4 yds of Flannel at 25 cents a yd

1st of November all Saints Day came home Luke spearing EEls Raining

2nd all Souls Day Trying for EEls got none Tearing Down the East shed pilling the Rails Lots of Ducks and Wild Geese a Great many shooting a Good Deal of Towing

3rd On this Day of the Month Granda Departed in the year 1857 high wind East the Corsican went up this morning

4th Began the East shed Fixing the Manure in a Pile at the East End of the Barn

5th Guy Fawks Day Got 2 Ducks Maxim here Piling manure

6th Maxim went off

7th Helens Birth Day Making a Fence around the heap of Manure

8th caught the horse Drawing wood From the Lower Point cold high Wind covered the Radishes

9th Prince of Wales Birth Day Drawing Wood cutting and piling shot an owl

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Mr James Cameron Island Nov 10 1872

Went around the island Hugh Ann Allan and George Grant came had a Bottle got some caps from George old Donald Munroe poorly

11th Martinmas piling Wood Fine the East shed the Mayhues up to Fix {illegible} Brought me some Tamrack nott jobs {illegible} a pain a Good many Wild Geese a Fine Day wind high from the East

12th Raining Split some Rails Tried for EEls got none

13th Began taken the manure out of the sheep shed tore the shed down Banking inside the shed at the North side of the house took up the parsnips Broke the Lamp chimney snowed on the Mountain Last night white Frost and ice Wild Geese plenty

14th Raining Eclipse

15th cutting stove Wood

16th I went to Summerstown seen Rod Cameron taking up stones on Hamiltons Island for the Lighthouse he Told me old Donald Munroe Departed on the 11th Bought of Vipond 2 Bushels of oats 70 cents 8 yds of Cotton 14..1..12 1/2 lb cut Tob 20 a spool 3 2 hanks of Black Thread 5 James Grant and John Hamilton Thomas Munroe came with the ark for the Horses the Wind was too high had to Leave them and take my Boat and go home I Harnefsed the horse to the sleigh and took Down the Bag of Oats put the horses in the stable Feeding the with Timothy

17th Sunday Wind high went to look at the scow

18th Howard McDonald Died Began to make a hen House and took a Bad pain in my Back its the Backache i can hardly stir with it Fed the Horses some Oats feeding and salt they have not the disorder other horses has put the Hens in their house to night the calves stopt away to night snowing tonight Windy

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Mr James Cameron Island Nov 19 1872

Stormy snowing and Blowing put in the Cattle tonight for the first time Boats going up Royal out of Dundee Bad with my Back

20 James Grant here for the Horses Told me Kenneth McDonald and a Friend of mine was a streed to Day Being ailing this Long time with the Cancer in his Breast Fixed the old Wood saw as we Broke the other one

21st On this Day of the Month Donald McMaster Departed in 46 Bad with my Back very high Wind 6 Boats Passed to Day

22nd a Fine Morning calm turned to snow East Wind Picton went up working at the shed

23rd on this Day of the month David Morris Departed in 62 Magnet went up Working at Shed snowing America went up

24th Sunday Gordon Found a Decoy Duck

25th covering the shed high high Wind Broke a Big Lim of the Hicory at the West end of the house

26th Went to Salmon River to Bills for Lis she was at Bombay ice in Salmon River the Royal Broke it this morning came home went to Viponds cotton Shirting calico Tobacco castor oil Powder Linsey Thread Tea Got 2 Bags of apples From John Hamilton John Treated in Davids Seen Jim Hopkins Treated me in Davids high East Wind and Foggy coming home

27th Went to Write a Letter for George Renshaw Went to Viponds took Back the 2 Chimney Lamps as they dont fit Bought Four salt 1/2 Bus starch 2 Bottles Downs Elixer 1 lb nails 10 1/2 of Tallow at 9 cents 5..1 Got a Treat from Tom Kennedy Got 5 papers form AJ Baker yesterday seen the Royal on legs {illegible} crofsed to Dundee

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Mr James Cameron Island Nov 28th 1872

Froze hard Last night nailing Board on the shed took home the Oak stick East Wind the cat taken away By the Owl to night

29th Drew the Oak up on the Water Logs snowing Blowing went Fixed the Onions in the cellar and Filled the Big Vinegar Jar of 6 Gallons Full in the cellar a Little Propeller went Down and she went Down yesterday with 2 Jolly Boats Behind her

30th St Andrews Day high Wind Drifting Blowing a Steamer went Down Keeping in the sheep for the first time sawing stove Wood Lots of Wild Geese

1st of December Sunday Fine Day

2nd Fixing the Oak stick took it out of the ice on the shore Went for Mrs Rose went to Parishas Got 3 Quarts of Whiskey 75 cents Treat 2 Glasses 10 cents Granny Rose took home partly the yard East Wind Left our Boat at the upper end of the Island

3rd Very Bad with my Back

4th Raising the Troughfs cold some

5th Mrs Rose making a Pair of mittens for me

6th St Nicholas Day festival for the Germans I crofsed to Roses took my Dinner got a Basket of Pork had a Treat Bought of Parisha 1 Gallon of Whiskey 1 Dollar 1 Pint 12 1/2 cents Bought of Vipond & Brothers Pork 24 lb Pork 6 lb Tea Tob Tob Broom Soap 4..21 cents Got a Letter From Charlie Seen the steamer Allison Lying at Summers Wharf They were surveying the channel with her

7th chopping and sawing Wood East south turned to West Fine for a while piling the staves Down at the River there is 40 Good ones there

Sunday 8th Killed a Rooster Raining snowing Windy some

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Mr James Cameron Island Dec 9th 1872

Snowing cold piling some 27 staves at the Oak Tree chopping stove Wood

10th the Baby Born about 1 or 2 o clock Leander a Fine Day Frosty Cut my Leg with saw Blowing some

11th cold Frosty chopping stove wood Went to the Pitt Point

12th Freezing hard ice Took to Christees Island Just for a Little while then Opened out again turned windy and soft all Broke up

13th a Fine Morning Calm got the Boat out Gordon and I to the head of the Island so as to take Granny Rose acrofs to Hamiltons Island came Down and Got Mrs Rose Ready so we put her acrofs to Hamiltons Island Just had time to come Back as the wind Raised high from the West Mrs Rose got a Tumble as she was going up the hill at Hamiltons Island Gave her an order on Viponds for 2 Dollars Gave her a Book of sermons a Gimlet some envelopes

14th a Fine Day But Windy some Full moon a change of high south Wind Set a Trap for a Muskrat on the Pitt Point shot an Owl shot a squirrel scrubbed the House Hugh Ann and I not much snow on the Ground

Sunday 15th a Fortunate Day Gordon Got a Muskrat we set for him yesterday Fine high Wind

16th Baking sawing Wood

17th Went to the Pitt Point took 2 iron Bolts home that I Found in a paddle of a Steamboat

18th Putting up Boards at the End of the House Fixing up Fat Pine in a heap

19th a Fortunate Day Baking

20th a Fortunate Day Livinia got up Drifting snowing Blowing Windy to night ice making some

21st First Day of Winter ice Making and took acrofs at the Light House and this Evening Between us and Francis Island Went to Pitt Point to see the ice not Taking at Hamiltons

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Mr James Cameron Island Dec 22nd 1872

A Fortunate Day Sunday change in the Moon this Evening cold Windy Frosty a Great many air holes around here a very Large one opposite the House Ice took to night or about Daylight

23rd I crofsed to Hamiltons Put some small Bushes on my Road stopt at Hamiltons took Dinner Got 2 or 3 hookers of Whiskey Got 2 Pipes from John turned Stormy and cold

24th Frosty and cold cutting stove Wood

25th Christmas Day very Frosty this Morning and Last night 4 men at the Foot of the Island Fishing EEls

26th very Frosty Cutting stove Wood and its Enough to Do to attend to the Fires

27th Seen a Team crofsing Summerss Road I think they are Bushing the Road St John the Evangelist Day XX very Frosty

28th seen a Fox around the airhole Frosty Began the Marsh Hay stack its awful what the cattle eats this Frosty cold Weathre chopping Stove Wood

29th our Angus's Birth Day seen the Fox this morning he has Been around the Barn since we have no Dog a Team or Cutter crofsing to Summerstown Gordon and I went Down around the Lower Point Frosty Last night shut up this air holle Before the Door a Great Deal a very Fine Day to Day no wind Sun is hot

30th a Fine Day I crofsed stopt at John Hamiltons Got 45 cents Cash from John took Dinner there Bought of Vipond 42 lb of Pork Heads and Feet at 4 cents a lb 1.68 1 lb Tea 1 Gall oil 1/2 lb Tob 20 cents seen George Bosell Left 2 Dollars to my account that George left for me (Darning needle and sweetys paid this) 2 Treats at Summers Got a Ride Down with John Hamilton stopt all night at Hamiltons the First Time I ever stopt over night Got a Treat from John MGreggor

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Mr James Cameron Island Dec 31st 1872

Took Breakfast at Hamiltons Stormy Cold East Wind Left my Pork at Hamiltons Fine in the afternoon Shooting to Night out of the 2 Guns

1st of January 1873 Firing this morning Jim Hopkins Charlie Hopkins Bill Morris George Morris Pars Bowen old Mrs Morris Mrs Macilvan and Sarah Betsy and 2 children stopt for Dinner Gave Bill a Bible and English newspaper sent Mrs Hopkins Book home Got 5 cartriges from Jim

2nd I crofsed to Hamiltons William Lavelette there with 4 axes to Grind Got Isacc Blondeau to Fix my Boots 15 cents Got New Years from Isacc Heard Sandy Ward Departed yesterday

James McKenna here for a Load of his hay Fine turned cold and then stormy then Raining to night George Renshaw came from Town went Down yesterday

3rd Allen's Birth Day a Fine Day Sun hot Thawing Chopping Stove Wood

4 chopping stove Wood stormy this morning turned Kind warm some Windy from the West changed to night to East

Sunday 5 cold some Froze last night Blustering to Day snowing Drifing East Wind

6th Began to Make a hand Sleigh seen a Fish hawk or an Eagle after a Duck in the airhole and after hovering around for a Long time he plunged after her and Got her and Tore her on the ice

7th Working at the sleigh

8th Hugh Ann's Birth Day 7 years old to Day James McKenna came for a Load of his hay Had a Bottle with him his Bobs came a part I Gave him a Trace chain and we Fixed it Finished the handsleigh

9th a very Fine Morning got Ready to go acrofs it turned very stormy went as Far as Hamiltons took the sleigh could hardly make out coming home could not see 16 feet Before me very Frosty to night

10th cold Frosty Nor West Wind Drifting Quit milking Spotty this week

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