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James Cameron [illegible] March 8th

Seen McDougall going down to Johnsons Light and coming Back Lot of Crossing on the Road to Lancaster Some Men about 3 of them Cutting and Drawing Wood for the Sugar Bush Seen a Fire about ½ past 10 o'Clock at night Down the way of Captain Mackays and Seen a Fire at Large [illegible] West Ice Opening and a Spot Opened at Frances Island Livinia not well Jim Jacks 2 Dogs came here Seen them in the Bush Fine Day Froze some Last night took some Cranberries from the Bush 9th Cutting Logs for the Sugar Bush 10th Snowing hard 11th a Fine Day Ice going Some Drawing Wood to the house 12th On this Day of the Month Dell & Master came to the Island E Wind Snowing went to the Pitts Point to see how the Ice was in the Channel 13th Made 8 Troughs chopping Stove Wood a Big Jam before the Door and it moved away a Piece took 13 Troughs to the Bush 14th Stanleys Birth Day 1880 Fasting the Cow to put it out tommorrow Drew it down to the Lower Point Froze very hard tonight Ice going Lower Cutting Hay on the West shore 15th a Fine Day in Lots of Ice going down E Wind Commenced to Rain Landed at the Foot of Hamilton Island at the Middle Tree got 50 lb of Flour and 2 Bushels of Oats John Barron of Crane Randolph to the Store Got 3 Gallons [illegible] Molasses with which makes us clear Bright Eyes of Sons of Ward Jim Jack and Jim had some Words here at the Queen was Injured at By one Button Lear got some Bear Buttons from Mr Hamilton Island Jim Hopkins was going away Monday coming 20th John Hamilton Drove to the Lower End of the Island with our Horses

1882

James Cameron [illegible] March 16th

East Wind Fine got a small Canoe going Down amongst the Ice set some Traps as I seen a Mink Track Made some Troughs Wind changed South West 17th St Patricks Day the Festival of the Irish high East Wind Fine Cold Ice going Down Broke the Crowbar working at the Ice at Shore Drew the Small Canoe from the Lower Point cutting some Firewood 18th got a Mink at the Lower Point high E Wind Ice going Down not Moving from Shore Much Cold but Fine Cutting Hay in the Mow 19th Fine Thawing 20th Spring Commences West Wind Found a Basswood Canoe Taking the Boxes of Irons out of the Cookhouse took 3 Sap Barrels to the River to Soak them took 2 Pots and chains and 8 Troughs up to the Sugar Camps wheater we will make Sugar or not 21st E Wind Fine Turned Stormy from the South East Morning Found a Bear up in the Bay turned Bottom side up Randolph and I around the Island Ice Breaking Side of Shore and Jamming a Canoe Down below the East End of the Island in a Jam of Ice But its too Stormy to where she is the waves smashed the Sturgeon Pen 22nd Livinia Birth Day Senior E Wind cold Freezing some Fine went Down to the Jam at the East End of the Island and got the Canoe out of it Put some Pins in the Bows of 3 Canoes Sealed my Axes Scraped the Face of it Sharpening the Axes 23 Chopping 24th Fine Day 25th Annunciation of Virgin Mary Lenny Cow Calved 26th Fine 27th E Wind Rain High South Wind Randolph and I crossed to Hamilton John McDougall 1876 in the Basswood Canoe Slept at Hamiltons all night Jim and Lord Thrashing at Robert Jacks 28th Got 100 Wt of Flour from Hamiltons Got a Letter from Buds Wife Letters to Day to Charlie Burds Fine Ice going Down