

James Cameron (1824 - 1912)

1858

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Dec 24th 1857

Mr James Cameron Big Island Lake St Francis

Chopping Cord Wood Taking Home Wood Drew up the Big Canoe Christmas Eve

25th Christmas Day Charlie & Suse Here for Breakfast & Dinner Charlie took up the chairs James Hopkins & Buya here Looking for the old Man. John Frasers Daughter Born sometime about those Days

26th Angus crossed James Guin came with him *{ink smudge}* Chopping Looking around the Shore for Mr Hopkins got the Benefactor & the New York Times A ticket for John S Frasers N. Y Ball cleaning the chimney

St Stephens Day 27th Sunday got a Rat trying for EELs

28th Chopping Cord Wood

29th Chopping

30th Chopping

31st Last Day of the Old Year Angus crossed Thrashing oats 6 1/2 Granny & Angus at Nicholsons Crossed Early on New Years Morning

1st Day of January 1858 Snowing Good crossing in canoes

2nd Chopping Wood Nomination Day in Williamstown Angus crossed Drawing Drags

Sunday 3rd Allans Birth Day € high Wind Quin and I turned the Big Canoe could not cross the Wind Being too high

4th Chopping cut 3 Cords ~~5th~~ Town Meeting Day

5th Angus Came

6th Chopping The Ice took in the night

7th Chopping and taking home Wood

8th Went across to Francis Island Ice Good put out a few Bushes

9th Election Day in Williamstown Angus Went Voted for Donald Ban Sandfeld Chopping put up 6 cords, got a Goose

January the 10th, 1858

Mr James Cameron Big Island Lake St Francis

Preaching on the Front By Mr Watson, a year ago to Day Dan Went for the First time to Church, Went after a Gander on the Ice Did not Get him

Ellen to the Dancing school

11th Chopping

12th Chopping put the squirrel in a hole in the Beech Tree Mr Quin & I

13th Mr Campbell the Weaver here School Metting on the front Mrs Baker very Poorly had the Doctor

14th. Mary crossed to see. Mrs Baker stopt all Night.

15th Came home. Bad crossing at Sumners's

16th Raining Quinn crossed over to Bakers HughAnn Came Cannot cross at Sumners's

17th Sunday James Cameron & Francis & another Indian trying to get across Angus & Quinn & I went up to Hopkins with him then turned Back crossed over at McRae's Creek Going across to see Mrs Baker Tom the Horse. Broke in got him out got in again and drowned Charles & Suse here.

18th Charles here trying to skin Tom Went home

19th Charles & Suse here skinning the Horse

20th put out Poison down at the Hay Island

21st the Custom House officer of Lancaster seizing about this time at Bakers & Summers's, Tobacco & Boots

22nd hard Frost Angus at Williamstown

23 Chopping Ice Pretty Good

24th Sunday Went to Church to Williamstown with Walter Baker, D Sandy here took away his scates
Suse here

January 1858

Mr James Cameron

Monday the 25 of Chopping

26th the Ice Beginning to get Bad ~~27~~ Dan & Ellen crossed. Dan Went for Kennedy the Blacksmith
Foggy Weather put in the 2 geese to Fatten

27th Ice not safe

28th Cutting the Black Oak at the North Side

29th trying the Ice crossed Down near Captain Frasers Ellen came across

30th I crossed to Tom Kennedys Seen Angus Bethune at Bakers with a Summons from Young David,
put 3 Letters in the P.O got a Delaware Paper Francis Snider very Sick Seen McMartin the Pedlar
Ice open at Sumners crossing at Lancaster Angus to Finch

Sunday the 31st of January Freezing hard.

Monday the 1st of February Chopping crossed with Ellen to the Dancing. No Foxes Thrashing
Oats

2nd Stormy East Wind & snow & hail James Quinn crossed to the Post Office.

3rd Mr Quinn Sick Angus came home.

4th School Meeting Quinn crossed had a Row with Mr Bruce the Teacher (The Widow Burton child
departed on the 3rd) Got the Lend of Henerys Sleigh to take home the Flour, the school house Burnt
on the night of the meeting the 4th Christees here went out to see Francis. Watch the Dog went with
Christee

5th Quinn Went off Thrashing oats.

6th Crossed to get the Mare Shod took Down the Irons to McLean got the neck yoke. I got the 10
Dollars from A Sumners put a Letter in the office stopt at Semows coming home got astray crossing a
foot at Davids Seen Big at Cameron for the first time

Mr. James Cameron **Sunday the 7th of February 1858**

7th Mr Watson Preaching in Finch Lewis Bosell here.

8th Monday Sandy came gave him 10 Dollars him & I crossed to Baker's took over a Botle of Whiskey got a Paper From David Sumners, Granny & Ellen crossed Went to see Bovair. Catherine Grant the Widows Daughter very Poorly

9th Thrashing Oats Sandy Went Off Stormy East Wind Fanning Oats 15 Bushels

10th Blary had her calf. Bushing the Road up to Hamiltons Hamiltons a Bee. Good crossing to Salmon River. Got the constitutional from Donald S McDonald Suple of Title, Stormy Weather Wind From the West Killed the Grey Gander

11th Donald Suple had his Bee a Dance in A. Grants house Thrashing Oats Frosty Weather Frosty. Killed the {illegible}

12th Ellen came. Nicholsons here for the Ram took him home Thrashing the Great Ball at Lancaster in Celebration of St Valentines Day

13th Taking home Wood with Jess put Poison in the Mouse. Angus Crossed. Heard Old Mr Cattanach Departed this Life {illegible crossed out} the 2nd Concession. Fanning Oats 11 bushels, Got the new Horse got Lost on the Ice coming home Jo Snider Came part of the Road Home. Found at Frasers Point

14th Sunday St Valentines Day.

15th Thrashing Angus went to the Funeral John Cameron had his Bee Ellen crossed Drawing Wood Broke the Road to the Upper Point Lost the Clevis Bolt took home the Birch Runner

Ash Wednesday 1858

Mr James Cameron Big Island **17th February**

Angus went to see his Father out at Kin-Loch Garry

18th James Hugh's Birth Day William Lavelette had his Bee Angus MacKory here Old Mr William Chisholm in the Gore Departed this Life Dan Thrashing. Drawing Wood. Bossy had her calf

19th Drawing hay From Francis Island

20th Drawin hay Old Bosell came to Buy the Bottom of the Stack

21st Sunday Charlee & Suse here Hughann here Angus crossed to see Bovair

22nd Began to thrash the Wheat Fanned 5 Bushels of Oats Mr Pitts From Cornwall here took Dinner

23rd Thrashing & Fanning Wheat 5 1/2 Bushels Angus crossed for a Tongue for the sleigh to Bakers
Granny came Hughann crossed.

24th Went to Mill to Williamstown 5 1/2 of Wheat 6 of Buckwheat 3 of Corn Grist not Done to Day,, I
went to the Kit. Kit Island & to Charlies Suse came up Got 3 Mats From Charlie & the London Paper.
Dan Went to Bakers took home a Load of Wood. Got Musk From Charlie

25th Went for the Grist to Williamstown Cutting Firewood in the Bush The Lamb Dead Bought Dans
Muskrats at 4/ {p 13} for the Lot. Mrs Baker Poorly

26th Christee here Going Out to Keynon Left the Spear & Trunk & plate {Cats} Mr Charlebois here
Fishing EEls Suse here, Taking home Firewood Dan & I cut 4 holes for Eels got 1 Ice About 2 Feet
Thick Ellen came home Angus went to Lancaster David Sumners wanting my Double spring Trap Old
Mr Alexander Cameron here Came From {continued}

February 26th 1858

Mr James Cameron Lake St Frances

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Lancaster with Angus had a bottle full Stopt all night

27th Charlbois fishing got 4 eels from him Crossed with Mr Cameron went to to Kennedys the
Blacksmith with the Sleigh to fix, Mary to see Mr{s} Baker funeral of Duncan McLennans Child going
to Lancaster, Ellen Went to Lancaster to the Dancing school Bought Tea shoes seen the Eclipse on
the Moon on the southern Limb quite Plain Went at night to fish EEls got 4.

Sunday the 28th Went to hamiltons, Dan to Mrs Bakers, The Last of February

March the 1st The three men came to fish Before Daylight another Gang came caught a good many
Asking Men for a Bee The First time we went the upper point road with a horse went with Ellen and
Charlebois Train as far as the soft Maple tree on Davids Island

2nd the Men went away I showed them the Place down at the Hay Island Frank Snider Came at night

3rd Frank Snider and I went to Thomas Munroe then over to Bakers got a Pint of Whisky, The Men Whom came to the Bee David Summers William Spink Rusell Walter Baker Frank Gardiner Donald McGregor James McDougall John Angus McLaughlin Donald McGill{is} Sandy Grant Cooper George & Lewis Bosell Moses Blondeow Thomas Munroe. Aiken Peter Tobin & Jos Man Tandry Roy the Dancing Master, 1 of {Tecors} boarders piling {illegible}

4th Drawing out on the Ice Dan & I Angus, went to Williamstown,

5th Friday the EEls fishers here took up 2 loads to the Islands

6th took 1 of corn & 5 of Ashes to A Bakers, Angus went to the Depot for Andrew summers for a Load got none.

March the 7th, 1858

Mr James Cameron Big Island Lake St Francis

7th Sunday.

8th Drawing to Davids Island Gave Ellen a ride up to Peters Andrew Baker went to Cornwall for the Doctor A great Day playing cards at Summerstown.

9th Drawing wood Dan went to the Dancing School Clarissa came home with them

10th Drawing wood

11th Drawing

12th the Sacrament in Williamstown for the first time in the Winter Drawing wood Went with Thomas Munroe to John Summers for the pig the Thrashing Mill at David

13th Took up a load of wood. at Hamiltons for John's sleigh. John and York here with the The Mill Thrashed.14 Bushels of Wheat Francis here got the Loan of my Coat at night Went home

14th Sunday Angus crossed Mr. Thomas-Davis-Fits Stephens here The Sniders & McMullin quarrelling at Davids

15th John & York Came Drew a load of fire wood to the house Tom & Clarissa & the Girls went of Duncan McLennan & Barrett here Done of the wheat 4 Bushels

16th Began the oats William Hamilton here York crossed Raining Angus & John Crossed to the store

17th St Patricks Andrew Summers a Bee a great day at secors house William Hamilton here the Mill went of Thrashed, of the oats 48 {50 written on top} Bushels Ducks Coming Thawing & Raining Hamiltons & the Mill Went off

18th Fanning {22} Bushels of Oats & ½ Bushel of Wheat what was under the Mill Dan Thrashing oats Angus went to Williamstown to see The house, Drawing Firewood to the house

19th Drawing wood Wild Geese came & Black Birds, Went to the Little Island south side Young Angus here for Ash to Make Whippetrees

1858

Mr James Cameron Big Island **March 20th**

First Day of Spring. Angus came and went to Lancaster Ice Getting Bad Drawing Alders & Chips Drew the Basswood to the End of the house Took the Wood of the Ice First Laying of the Hens Making the soaps Tapt 3 Trees Running Well Dan Making Troughs 52 Cords of Wood on Davids Island

Sunday the 21st Raining

22nd Angus Came Drawing Wood to the Bank. Crossing to Salmon River Yet Frank Gardiner wanting the new house

23 Ellen crossed for Granny then crossed to the Dancing School

24th Mary Crossed settled the A{cc}ompt at Andrew Sumners up to this Date The Last night of the dancing school a Ball. got a Ruster at Bakers Crossing yet

25th Ellen came Home, Gathering cotton found the fox Drawing Wood to the Bank Charlie & Suse here for sticks for Brooms

26th Drawing wood

27th Drawing to the Bank The Ice Opened Making Molasses

28th Sunday In the sugar Bush

29th drawing to the bank about 4 cords in the bush Put in the Hog

30th Angus Crossed & Francis got 4 EEIs Drawing wood *{ink blot}* from the end of the house

31st Finished Drawing just now 23 cords on the Bank now. A Row about the Dancing Boys to Lancaster John Cary & Sandy Grant. Fishing EEIs got 8 at the head of the Island 3 Indians wanting to Buy the White Bull Lent them my spear Good Sugar Weather Making Vinegar

1st of April, All Fools Day. Jo Snider here about the House Sniders got their Warning Angus got 6 EEIs Indians Fishing

2nd Angus & Ellen Crossed to Donald McLennans Good Friday Drawing Stones & Steaks set 4 Traps Indian got straw

1858

Mr. James Cameron Big Island **April the 3rd.**

Went over to Bakery to meet Ellen took Dinner at Secors seen Hughy Rankin & Angus the Ice clearing away. A talk of Jane McDougall being Married & {so} Charlie Here.

4th Ranald Angus here.

5th Angus & Dan crossed. Ranald here.

6th Andrew Sumners he{re} at the Timber. Ranald crossed with them

7th splitting Rails Angus & Dan crossed. hard frost sap Running

8th Thrashing Done Fanning 18½ Bushels. Young Angus here for house, got the Boston Paper. Swallows came.

9th Angus crossed to see Bruce at the LimeKiln with Cambell stopt at Donald Suple's all night found an Oar in the Bay and the Wheels.

10th Went to Lancaster with Corn 3¼ & eggs. Charles Tupper Went along with them took his corn. Bought the Decanters 6,,2 pails. 1 teapot & læ shot a duck with a Ball with the Long Gun a great distance off. Jack and I at the Upper Point.

Sunday the 11th of April, Mr. Watson Preaching on The Front. Ice going Down got 4 rats. Sap running yet.

12th Went to Bakers with 4 Bushels of ashes got 3 Spy. G. 3 Pitchers at Andrew Sumners 2/6 to Be-par'd. took over the Chain gathering stones

13 gathering stones.

14th I crossed to Bakers for bags got 3 Donald McGregor Came with me for Kennedys Canoe. Mary & Dan went to Lancaster took 3¼ of corn. Angus came got the Recommend From the Officer that was recruiting men crossed over to see Bruce got the Cloth{e} got the Loan of a copper From Sarah seen Pigeons.

1858

Mr. James Cameron Lake St. Francis **15th of April.**

First ploughing done, the ground very wet. Angus crossed got the Decant{ers} *{ink blot}* got the Fish from Francis. *{ink blot covering word}* fence on the Pitt Point.

16th Drawin stones

17 setting the Pitt Point on Fire and the Lower Marsh Fixing the Calf Pasture Fence. Lewis Bosell came with Hugh{a}na stopt all night. Angus went to Finch.

18th, Sunday Duncans Birth Day Lewis Bosell went home.

15th Monday crossed with HughAnn Left her Boots at Secors 2p to be paid,

20th Went to Salmon River took 16 Bushels of Oats to G. Streeter at 30 cents. John Angus boots 4p Allens 2/6 James Hugh 1/3. Bought the Tumblers 6 1/3 tray 1/10½ the Curtains Tin Kettle Duty. 1½ of Wheat to Mill Raining.

21st Ploughing a little. Dan & Ellen crossed with the pay for HughAnns Boots. Found a Ducks nest 9 eggs in it. Measuring the grain for Salmon River for

22nd Mill 3 of Wheat 6 of Oats to streeter. Bought 2 spoons 1/8, Tea 1/10½ Duty½ Tobacco Braces 1/3 Duty 2½. Spent a 1½ ^D at John Allens The first Trip for the Steamer Bouquet in to Salmon River. Bought my boots from Streeter 17/6 to cash 10 ½ to 1 of Due. Cut the Points at the mouth of Salmon River going and coming. Henery & Joseps sh{illegible} here for the timber for A Sumners helped them with the Horses shooting at Lo{ons} *{ink blot}* seen Lucke Bowen sold my Rats to Streeters my Mink & Black Squirrels the River very high.

23rd ploughing a Little. St. Georges Day. Merrie Engla{nd} {illegible - ink blot}geons Plenty high wind.

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Mr James Cameron Lake St. Francis **April 24**

Angus came home. Found a Ducks nest. Shot a Duc{k}. The Steamer St. Helene Went Down the LightLit in Johnstons Light house on the Island. Snowing hard. Lots of snow on the mountains.

Sunday 25th The Chieftain stopt at Davids Island took some Wood.

26th Mr Hills Light house lit. Andrew Summers here for the sticks Semow, Francis & Moses along with him Francis got the Pikepole. Granny Dan & Ellen crossed ploughing Tracking some of the things got the Turkey Eggs. Old Mr Peter Ferguson Departed this Life & old Mr Craig Departed.

27th Hiram came the Red Mare got a Bad Kick.

28th Christee came home Andrew Summers Bee high north wind spreading manure on the Pitt Point Crossed over with Hiram & the Big Box at Lewis Blondeo's house for Francis gave the Pikehole to A Summers. Came down to Bosells. the Boys came across with us. Old Bosell very sour, got the shot {ink blot}. From A Baker old Mr Craig buried.

29th Semo & Francis came, all went to Williamstown. Ellen & Jack stopt at home. came home Dan & I

30 Went to Charlies Dan Jack & I to see about the Hens Christee's wife here with the big platter to sell. Took home the spear & Trunk.

1st of May Dan went to Williamstown. I went as far as Barretts with him on Alex Grants new Road. Came back stopt at Francis Island Old Bosell set his line ploughing a Little Jack & I got a Kat.

2nd Bovair & Pete here. Semo here & his 2 Boys wanting a canoe gave him the Little one. {10th} *{ink smudged along bottom}* Charlie came up for the {horse} to go to Williamstown took {illegible}.

Mr James Cameron Lake St Francis

May 3 1858.

Ploughing Jack & I Fixing the Gate and the Fence Ellen got 3 perch Charlie Here from Williamstown.
Had a Hooker

4 Tuesday. Ploughing .

5th Lambs Angus Came From Williamstown After Bossy

6th Donald Suppel Charlie Rose & Pete Bovair here with the scow had hard work with her, Got Her home that night

7th Ellen & I crossed to Bakers Gave 2 Kats to A. I. Baker Left Jack at Home seen Morning Pedlar Dunlop & McMartin Ploughing a Little came Down to Semows to see the Boy Left my Boots with secor to stretch Bigger 1/2 lb Tea 1 lb shot Sent of a Letter to E. C. Cooper 85 Wall Street new york Jersey City with 1 Dollar Enclosed paid the Postage Had a Round or 2 From Davy

8th Ploughing Broke the Point Sowed 2½ of Pease James Stuch & Dan Came Bargaind for 3 Dollars a Month Dan Went off took the Mop George Bosell going out with Dan. got a Letter & sent one Back Old Bovair Came went to Lancaster for Lines for his hooks him and Pete Had Bakers Canoe took 1 Bundle of straw to their shanty at the Head of the Island

9th Sunday Mr Ferguson Preached on the Front John Cameron got his Girl christened. Ellen to Church the Boys & I went up to see Bovairs shanty Thunder & Lightening Ellen stopt at Bakers all night

10th Ellen came home Francis & Henerys Girl came with her Bovair crossed took home my Boots from Secors Bovair set his Line Francis here with his hog Christee here Ploughed the Garden Ploughing Back of the Barn Cut Jacks Trousers More Chickens 7 of them

11th Ploughing sowing Pease some Finished them about 3 Bushel

May the 121th 1858

Mr James Cameron Big Island

Small pigs 5 of them More Lambs

12th planting the Garden with 3 kinds of Potatoes Bovair got a sturgeon for the first Bovair crossed over came Back high wind had a small smather got Last going to his shanty Brought 2 needles over at Bakers. shelling corn for the hog Sniders Moved to Lewis Blondeau

13th Bovair here for his Breakfast him & Pete Got 2 sturgeon Ploughing Back of the Barn The Collar Hurting the Mare Henery, George & Francis & Wife here Holy Thursday;

Friday the 14th Finished sowing the Pease about 4½ Bushels sowed altogether.

15th Ploughing a Little set the stake for the Line Bovair crossed seen Angus at the Front sent a Letter home Ellen at the Garden 1 Bed of Onions planted the Mare sore with the Collar hurting her

16th Bovair Came had the Ploug Point not the right kind Chickey with him Battence going to be married or was married on the 6th of May Francis here some Beans Thomas Davis Fits Stephens here caught a Lamb after the Little Pigs trying to get them home

17th Monday Killed the Hog Tom got a sturgeon From Bovair Lewis & George Bosell here William Hamilton & Sandy here got a sturgeon From Bovair got 3½ of Wheat & 2 of Oats some Beans & pumpkins seed

18th Moses Blondeaus Raphael at A Grants Ellen there Lewis Bosell here for her Went with Bovair to the Line {Raking} Fanning the Wheat {illegible}osling the Line at the River

19th A Summers here for sticks a Fight after the Raphael {at} {Darndys} Mrs Spinks Wife Daughter paid Bravos 1/4 to Andrew {Got the Chain illegible} *{bottom part of page smudged}*

1858

Mr James Cameron Big Island Lake St Francis **May the 20th**

HughAnn came Lewis & George put Her across Went to Bakers Old Bovair & Pete and I Bought of A Sumners Salts H Wins^¼ Saleratus² Nutmeg^½ Needles 1½ paid Heard of Mr Spinks Wife. *{writing above the line illegible}* Came home seen *{left side of page damaged so not all words legible}* Sniders. Walters talking about his Colt no points Went to Charlies about going to Williamstown Jack & I Hooker to Charlie f a peice of Pork La Perch & Tom Cotters here to see Bravo for sturgeon The Indians in St Regis getting their Water money

* Saleratus - chalk-like powder used as a chemical leavener - precursor to baking soda

Friday Morning the 21st Charlie Here Raining all Day

22nd Charlie & Jack Went off took the Pork and Wheat & Basket Ellen & HughAnn crossed with Bovair took a Paddle to {illegible} Tin Basin & Salt to Bovair Clucky Back with Bovair young Goslins 6 or 7 Trimming the Hickory {T}rees Let out the Horses to Grass

23rd Charlie came Heard of Duncans Wife A Baker & A McInnis here for sturgeon {f}rom Bovair Russell A Calve

24th Queens Birth Day {T}rying the Black Mare to Work alone Jim Hopkins here planted Nigger Toes or Cow Horns as some call them Christee here {L}ent him 1/4 of a Dollar to Buy sturgeon from Bovair to 1 Basket From Christee paid Bovair across with Clucky Moved his shanty for the 3rd time {T}he Arabian went up Full Steam Ploughing & Harrowing the Potato Ground at the End of the House put

25 planting Potatoes Bouvair crossed Bought Tax of A Summers 6^D 3^D to Be paid Nicholsons here with Bovair for the Canoe to take the sto{illegible}ing {to} the Island as they said Chickens {illegible}

26th Fixing the Red Canoe Christee here with 1/3 paid {illegible} Bouquet Aground out before the Doo{?} {illegible}ter Boards at Christees Began to plough some {?}llen & Ellen Came & Henerys Girl Bovair Crossed no Candles

1858

Mr James Cameron Big Island **May the 27th**

Henerys Girl went Home. I went to Nicholsons for the Canoe John & George Came Home with it 2 Men Here of a Barge for Sturgeon Sold one of Bovairs to them 1/3

28th Ellen & the Bovairs went to Salmon River Sent a Letter to E. C. Cooper & Co 85 Wall Street N.Y. P, P, Got Jimmys Pants {"Tea" written below} & Cotton Ploughed the peice of Corn Below the Butternut Tree, Began Before the Door to Plough put in the sheep, Let The Horses out at night, Mosquitoes getting Bad, The Ground pretty Hard to plough

29th Ploughing Before the Door Put out the Calves to their Pasture. Turkey Chickens now Bovair Crossed

30th Went to Christees Jimmy & I Got the Boards at na Howta's Island Thomas Monroe here Mary Yon? & Duncan & Danny Charlie Rose & Annie Jo Snider & Clu{illegible}y Rob Summers & George Bosell here Henerys 4 children and Semos 2 Boys Butchered the Sturgeon for Thomas

31st I crossed to Bakers for the P Point 2/6 Ln Black 6^D 3 p A Treat From David Took the Crackers home Bought of A Summers 2 yds of Cotton 1/6 1 Cap 1/3 Comb 6^D Buttons Thread 1^D (3/4 4.4. Tases 6 ? 9^D 4-4) Planted Corn Before the Door Sent David Summers his 2 Bushels of Oats with Bovair Seen A McRory on the Front Andrew J Baker away on the Bouquet By Mistake Gave Jimmy's Coat to Bosells to Fix to make small {A}rewettra for Milk

1st June 1858

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Bovair sowed about a Bushel of Wheat for the first Wheat sowed Planting Beans & Pumpkins at the Butternut Tree more Wheat in Corn Ground Blow the Butternut Tree Put Poles to the Hops Sowed about 2 of Oats Back of the Barn Cut the Ears of the Lambs

~~2 Jun~~ **2nd of June** Plough{ed} at the Lower Point Bosell home with the Coat 7½ Price) went to Fish Perch

3rd Ploughing Lower Point for Semows Potatoes sowed 2 of oats Behind the Barn put Out the Line Got the Hogs from Bovair 22 Semows Wife here about the Ground shelled the corn

4th {ink blot} of June Went to Salmon River Bought of Hogle 1 Gimlet 3^D ¼ of Powder 6 Copp{as?} ½ lb 4½ Bought of J Cameron & Co ½ lb Tea 9^D 1 Line 7½ ½ lb Tobacco 7½ Bought of B. Baker 2½ yds @ 1/6 per yd. 3/9 ½ Gallon Whiskey 1/3 Elastic 2^D yd Fuse ½ yd 1^D½ 5 pens pipes & candles 3^D Handkerchief 6^D Bought George 3 Dishes 1/3^D Semow here Planting Potatoes & Pumpkins Henerys Girl here all night Jimmy Staving

5th Ploughing on the Lower Point Jimmy sick Henerys Girl crossed with Bovair Dan came Bovair went off Left his Line Plate Bowl Tumbler Planting Potatoes & Beans Before the Door Fanning Wheat

6th Sunday Went to Charlies Tom Davis Came got 2 Sturgeons one on Bovairs Line

7th Ploughing Dan Went off with Charlie in the Canoe took the Barrel of Crackers & Plants Thomas gave me a Hair Line gave me 11^D after the 1/4 I gave to Bovair Tom Fixing his Hooks

List of Books By James Cameron

Goldsmiths Animated Nature in 5 Vol Byrons Works 3 vol Against the Fears of Death or Christian Consolation The Fulfillings of the Scriptures "The History of England History of Scotland History of the

United States I Dictionaries 4-2 in English 1 in Gaelic 1 in French Parley's Universal History Charles 12th of Sweden, Shipwrecks & Disasters at sea Bonnapart Oraculun, {diarist wrote "Lent" above Oraculun} Book {diarist wrote Lent above Book} of Fate The Pirates {diarist wrote "notes" above Pirates} Book. the Indian Bo{illegible} Letter Book, Book of {diarist wrote the word "fixing" above of} of 1000 songs. Burns Poems. 7 Champions of Ch{illegible} Testaments, Alfred 1 vol. 3 cooking Books. Lord Brougham Popular Geography scholl Geography & Atlas Mathematicks Geometry T Grammars {diarist wrote "2 or 3" above Grammars} Latin French & English Note Books {one written above Books} 5 Cyphering Books Copy Plates The Hospital Book Water Cure Mrs Parlingtons Carpet Bag of Fun Tales of a Granfather (Life of Robert Bruce Peter B has got this) got it)

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Lake St Francis

Mr James Cameron

June the 7th a New Boat goin Down the name {author leaves a blank space},, High wind Killed a Sturgeon

Tuesday the 8th McDonald & Wife here shearing the sheep for Captain Fraser Point Lorcet sheared our sheep Rankin here sowed Wheat Before the Door Planted corn Tom set his Line with the Buoy to it Charles Tuppes here from Williamstown took 2 Bags & the Tennet Jimmys Boots stopt all night

9th Marys Birth Day Plough{ing} *{black marks covering words on lower left of page}* Looking for Toms Line. Tom went off to {illegible} another, went to Semos to come to {Plant} Potatoes Semo on the Boshure

Combined 9th

Francis **June the 9th 1858**

Mr James Cameron Sir John Island Lake St

Rankin here gave me a minnow hook *{page folded over on left side}* {E}llen got the lime from Roses 7½ Paid *{obscured by fold}*sok the Cabbage {2^D to Ellen written above line} Plants to Mrs. Baker {R}obert Summers Susan M Bean Julia & Dan {S}ummers here for Sturgeon got a small one for nothing Great many Indians Down on the water

10th heavy Rain the McDougalls going with their horses to Ross Island. Fishing down at the Little Island. Tom Hair Line broke.

11th Ploughing Back of the Garden. A. Cameron went down on the Montreal Captain. George Bosell here all night. Drawing up the water logs. Cutting thistles. Lost the Sturgeon out of the Pen. Reading a Letter for William Lavelette about a Horse.

12th Broke the screw of the Plough Point. Lewis Bosell here for George. Ellen & I crossed, ½ to Ellen. Seen Henery's Boat, all Oak Bovair & Barb Came Back

Sunday the 13th of June Charlie & Suse here. Francis here. Found a drowned Man Suse & Francis went to St. Regis

Turn Over

{Curls penned across the page} {different diarist}

Never venture never win I have between us there is no sin

Mlle Marguerite Lemancouse My directive is I C B I L St Fs P O C M

Big I L St F 15 of Dec 1857 yours appeared to me in the n York Herald as something on astrology I want you to tell me of Future Events as I know the past myself also you state that you will send a Day{ing} type of the one I shall marry as I live in Canada I will pay the postage of the Letters {illegible} you and you will please do the same to me as they will be much surer in reaching us both. I also send you a Lock of my hair & 25 cents When I see how this turns out I will try to get others to send to try their Luck my Direction is I C B I L st F summer{ior} P O PW

{James resumes writing}

James Cameron. B.T.L. St f **June 14th 1858**

The Indians Down about the Drowned Man Gave them 2/6 on Acc of Rent Semow Planted the Rest of the Potatoes 11 Bushels in all I went to Nicholsons for a Bolt for the Point of the Plough got 2 the Ind{ians} stole. a Dish and a Paddle gave 9 lbs of Flo{ur} to Semos to Be Returned. {ink blot}

15th Ploughing Back of Garden Finished it. very wet. Lewis Bosell here stopt all night

16th Christee here got Tobacco Ploughing A Race the Montreal & the Boston the Boston ahead as far as I could see;

17th Sowed Wheat 1 Bushel, Ploughing McInnis here with the Mare & Colt. set a fire Out for Ashes

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Mr S Baker Dr To James Cameron

June 10th Lent A I. Baker 2 " 7½ **1st of July** lent A I. Baker 3/9 £ 0. 6 " 4½

June 10th to 1 muskrat 1/2 **January 17th** to 1/3 to A I. Baker {illegible} Cords 0-2-3 {text ink blotting/scratched out - Looks like May the 7th rest illegible} 0-0-10 {illegible} Ashes 4 Bus 2/6 1/3/? Oats 2/7½ 5/½ **3rd August** 40 to 2 /12 Ashes 2/{?} 2-1 **November 5th** to 2 bushles 1 peck {diarist writes vertically within line} 5 5 2 40{=} 5 2 1-5

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Potatoes

12 Dollars

2 {illegible ink blot} Neapay

Charlie 3 Dollars

{illegible} Gun

4 Bushels to Henery for cutting the Pease

Jacop a Day {noth}ing Paid 2/6

Hiram a month 1/2 6 Dollars

Corn & Potatoes

semo Paid

Henery {?} Potatoes {more figuring illegible} James Cameron 7/6

{a second vertical list}

Thrashed

4 of Pease

Henery got 1½ sold to Lashey

11½ Thrashed {?}

51 of oats {?}

6 l thrashed

15 l? Thrashed Wheat

3½ l thrashed

Mr James Cameron Big Island Lake St Fra{ncis} {obscured}

The Steamer America Went Down Began sowing the other Peice of Oats Behind the Garden hoeing

19th Went to Salmon River with Wheat & Corn Bovair with sturgeon sowed the rest of the Oa{ts}
{some words or parts thereof illegible along right edge} Bought of I. Cameron & Co 4 yds shirting 2/2 1 lb
tea {illegible} 1 Thimble 1^D, Bought of Johnson 1 Thimble 1^D. Got 1 Dish from Grange 8 Cents, Bought
of B. Baker 1 Jackkife 1/2 1 lb sugar 6^D 2 candles 3^D 2 yds of Cloth 3/~ 1/2 yd Cotton 3^D Butt{on} Thred
4^D Matches 1 paper 3^D S{weet}ys 1^D 1 Quart Whisky Dan 2/6. Cash swapt hats Gave 7½ to Boot
Gave Helen 7{illegible} Patrick Glackan or Lankin & Charlie here Had a R{illegible}

20th Sunday Accession of Queen Victoria Pat & Cha{illegible} here Pat Gave me a 1/3 for sturgeon

21st Bought 2 from Bosell for the 1/3 and it stood in the H{illegible} Pat took Breakfast Walter. Frank &
John Ca{me} here with their Entire Horses Pilots here from the Gateau 5 of them Ellen crossed
{illegible} Plants, & A Loaf of Bread to Cluckey Cau{ght} Pike & Perch trowing

22nd Our Dans Birth Day Ploughing for Buckwheat Oats Hoeing Potatoes Making the Fire & the
Fences Frances Dog came here Bosells here with Jimmys Pants paid th{illegible} for them 1/2 cash
gave them my Pants to {illegible}

23rd Hoeing Beans Potatoes pulling Cotton Cutting {illegible} Painted the stearn of the Big canoe
Rob Jack & W{illegible} Hamilton here for sturgeon

24th set the Big El{illegible} fire Harrowing sowed Hay seed Lost my Knife up at the Fire Cleaning
the corn at the upper End of the {illegible} Put the calve out of the barn. Banshee & Montr{illegible} a
race

25th Ellen crossed with Bravo to the store{illegible} Bosells here with my trousers told them {illegible}
stand in the hay 2/- Sowed Oats in {illegible} Place of Buckwheat.

26th Angus Jack {illegible} From Williamstown Allen went with them Ellen{illegible}

Mr James Cameron Big Island **June the 2{7} 18{58}**

Sunday the 27th Bravo here for flour 3½ lb Got salt Francis here Semow here Charlie here Sent 4
B of Oats with Charlie to Williamstown John & Jim Nicholsons here.

28th Semow & his crew here at the Potatoes Bovair Raising his Line Stephen Tyo here & Peter Baker
Ellen Came home to 3^D from Semow for Butter putting the Calves on the Pitt Point taking home Ashes
Put in the Little Pigs cleaning out the Barn Gave Semow a Little Pig Going to Work in the Hay for a
Day or so Jimmy stuck crossed with Semow A strange Man Going about in a Little Boat The Horses
hurted the Dog.

29th St Pete & St Pauls Day Charlie come from Williamst{own} Brought 1 Box of Matches and the 2 Bags Back Smallman here Fishing. Jack and I went roun{d} the Island Hoeing some rain E & West Wind took home some Ashes

30th E & W Wind A Ra{illegible} Out Before the Door The Last Day of June The Coteau Pilots here stopt all night had Breakfast Tom here for Ellen to g{illegible} the Banshee Passed the Sallabarey at the Pitt Point.

1st of July the Pilots Went off Tom & Ellen went off Andrew Cameron 2nd Con {?} A Bel{l} Raising a Barn a Dance to Be gott Hicory the Pilots, at the Corn Hoeing Mr McDougal here Left his Bo{se} & Bag Bosells took it Over

July 2nd Went to Bakers with Ashes Jack and I pu{t} {illegible} to my accompt Bought a pair of Shoes {for} {3/?/2} from McLeods Man Tom came with Ellen home the Jar to Be returned the Red{illegible} Horse Drowned at Bakers Wharf. Took Innis {bottom of page missing}

Mr James Cameron B T L St F **July 3rd 185{8}**

Went to Fort Covington or French Mills holding American Independence the Fashion Went to Beauharnois with about 80 couple at 2 Dollars a Peice took 1 Bushel of Wheat 1 Bushel of Buckwheat 1/2 Bushell of Corn Bout 1½ lbs of Tea Or 3½ lbs. 1/B. 2 pc " 2/6 " Soda 4^D Crackers 1^D 2 lbs sugar 1/2 Knife 1/2 Whiskey 7½ Bottle to be returned 1 Glass of Soda 3 cents Stopt at Lukes had Dinner Stopt at Moviles seen to 2 plugs of Tobacco 3^D Took Old D Cameron up the Ro{illegible} Mrs Laplante in Salmon River and secon{d} seen Rankin Suse supposed to Be Drowned Ellen Hughann Jack and I went Down to Charlie's after Dark no one there But Ponto Came Back

Sunday the 4th of July American Independence A Great Storm of Wind and Rain John Cary Walter Baker Sandy Grant A I. Baker & Sarah and Amdea Laplante George Bosell & Lewis. Moses Blondeau after Being Down with John Rankin.

5 of July

Our Johns Birth Day. the Americans Keeping it for the 4th of July Charlie here took Dinner Jack and I Looking for stic{k} in the Bush for the Cart Francis here got 1 Trace of Corn Got the Barrel from him 2/6, Semow here at his Potatoes

6th Bosells taking up their Lines Lewis here Ellen & HughAnn Crossed working at the cart Howing the corn at the upper End of the House

7th Found an oak stick, Frances wife found one Charlie here at the Ashes Arrawettra here going to Christees.

8th Charlie & I at the Potatoes

9th Finished the Potatoes at the End of the House

Mr James Cameron **10th {July}**

HughAnn went off Charlie went off Arrewetra here Granny came Bought and EEI from Henerys Girl 3½^D Cash Raining Very Hard Save your Life here Old Lablaw & Boy Thunder & Lightling Sacrament in Lancaster those Days

11 Sunday Raining very hard high Wind.

12th Orangemans Day Raining Making Trenches to let the Water Run of the Wheat & Oats

13th Lablaw's Boy went with Francis to the Raft Lablaw went off. Left his axe Francis here about the Oak Grey & Son in Law here got sticks for Padd{le} got Milk 4½^D cash gave Jack 1/2 penney {E}llen on impudence took 4 Cash Began the other car for the Cart

14th Dan Came took Henerys Dog. Went to Williamstown Charlie and Dan & I took 4½ Bushels of Wheat 4? 4 Bushels of Oats 1/2 Bushel of Salt the Jars Stone Churn & Knife Basket Stopt at the Lancaster Bridge gave Dan 2^D for crackers 4^D to Charlie for pint of Whiskey the River very high going to Williamstown

15 Coming home stopt at John McPherso{ns} Rapids to Fish Smoke & Read seen Greer took Angus McGilles across the Ri{ver} stopt at Charlies seen Francis at his corn Left 3 Bags with the Wheat in to be Returned Seen Johns Letter concerning the ____.

16th Semow at his Potatoes Granny crossed with Semow Ellen & Jack to Bosells to get his cloths made Sent the Broad Axe to Nicholsons with {Semow} Shows in cornwall

July the 17th 18{58}

Mr. James Cameron on B.T.L St Fra{nces}

The Shows in Lancaster - Cleaning up Stairs Black birds Beginning to Flock A {K}aft out Before the Door Very Sick heard the music from Lancaster. Making soap

Sunday the 18th Christee here Walter & Sarah Baker here Charlie here

19th Went to Salmon River Charlie & I Bought 1 scythe 4p 2 rakes^{D9} 1/6 1 pair of shoes 6/3 1 lb of Tea 1/3 1/10½ 22/1½ Tobacco 3^D Powder 1/2 lb 1p Shot /4 Starch /6 Candles /3^D Whiskey 7½ 1/2 lb crackers 14) to 6 yds of shirting @ 10^D per yd 5/- Thread & Buton 1 lb sugar 6) Angus Moses Allen McInnis Andrew Sum{mer} here Old Angus Grant for the Mare I got 2 EEIs From Henery at the Upper Point Bosells a Bee cutting Francis Island

20th sent Word with Henery to George Semo Cutting Hay at Christees Island D Baker's Men Working at the cart Put the Bell on Russel.

21st George Semow Came at 2, o'clock Fixing the cart Grinding scyths Henery got the Gaff hook. Found an oak stave

22nd Mowing the Grove Raining

23rd Went for chips cut a Hicory took ho{me} the Bark Raining

24th Arrewetra here wi{th} Grannys Basket ? Mowing Back of the Garden {J}enny Lind & Passport a Race

25th St James Day. Went to Charlie's Tucked against the East Wind Took Dennis there had a Round & Sugar Mr Thomas Davis Fits Stevens here George Went Over Christees here George Bosell here & McIntosh took {C}har{illegible} the 12th From Charlies, Left the Hospital A Man Drowned Buried on Thomas Isl{and} All the Little Pigs Dead 12 of them

Mr James Cameron Big Island **Ju{ly?}**

Semow here to Mow, Got a Basket from Francis Wife. Made 6 coils of hay Tom Fishing Gave Semow a Stave to make a Paddle for {turning} Semow wanting George to pay for the Canoe

27th Mowing Tom here.

28th Tom Went off Mrs Gray Jacop and His Family here Gave Jacop Padde to make Gave Grays Son in Law Axe handles and paddles got a Paddle From Mrs Gray Got a Sturgeon From Lashey at the Upper Poi{nt} The Mare had her Colt on the (27th) Tried McInnis's Mare to Work Tried our own

29th Mowing some after chips Went to Cachintoga Isla{nd}

{written between the lines} The Colt Dead

30th Mowing

31st Mowing & gathering Making Coils Francis children here.

1st of August or Lammas Day. Charles here *{written above the line}* Shoes 7/6 got the Loan of my short Gun. Shot a Mink. George Went to Williamstown for the horse Andrew & David Summers here Lewis Bosell here Christees here George & Jim Nichols here A Great Hurra about Paget Sound.

2nd Au{g} Semow came across with George got 1/3 {in} Williamstown Fixing the cart Mo{illegible} Thistles in the Evening

3rd Went to Bakers 2½ of Ashes to my accompt 2/1 1 scythe stone /4^D got Walters Mare & Collar got the Lottery Letter from A Summers by Paying 1 Postage and giving a Recipt got the scow Fro{m} Mrs Summers got 1 Coarse Comb from Andrew Summers 1 Quiat of Wh{iskey} 1½ Returned the Jar to A Summers Got A. Summers Johns son to come across with the scow Ellen Crossed gave her 4 {illegible} {Pick} in the first Hay

4th George Sick, Ellen ca{me} {illegible}th here from Chatuaguay

5 putting in & Mowing {illegible} Handle in the Fork Allen came

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the 6th 1858

Mr James Cameron Big Island, Augst

Angus & Jack Went off Putting in Hay

7th Putting in Hay Mowing

8th Sunday Preaching on the Front By Mr Ferguson. Ellen & George crossed a very warm Day. the Squire very low at Careys.

9th Mowing & Putting in Shot 2 Ducks Bosells here About the Pease George crossed for Cap & Shot /11^D Paid

10th Mowing the thistles Drawing up the 10 Peices of Timber. Put them Behind the Barn Making coils

11th Charles here to Dinner {Raining} I caught a Pike & Perch Begin to Mow the Oak Field in the Swamp George & I The Horses getting Bad.

12th put in a Load {of} hay Turning the hay Went to Semows got A pig From Semow

13th Went to Salmon River George & I Bought J. Cameron 1 lb Tea 1/10½ Cash 1 Paper Tobacco Bought of Winkler 1 Bunch of hair Pins 4^D Bought of Congdon 1 oz of acid 1/3^D Bought of Baker 1 Quart Whiskey 7½ 2 lb sugar 1 p 2 combs /8{?} sweets 2^D yeast /4^D crackers /1^D 1/2 lb Candles /6 1 Handkerchief /6 for George) stopt a While at the Custom House. Led George over withe the Doctor to the Squires Came Home alone Left his Gun with Whitney The Squire Poorly

14th put in 2 Loads of Hay Cutting in the Swamp Ellen & George crossed Old Lablaw here got his axe had his Fiddle Ellen going to Kirk with Bakers George Broke a Paddle

15th the Shan{g}hall Died Raining at night East Wind Grays Son in Law took the Axe handles got milk Allen & George & I for Long B Berries

16 Went to Bosells for Ellen

Mr James Cameron **16th August 1858**

Went to the Kit Kit Island for EEls Went to Charlies fer Charlie not at Home Got 2 Eels at the Kit Kit Bosells Began the Pease 4 of them Went to the Upper Po{illegible} Traded Knives with Henery got 2 EEls to Boot Got 4 Minnow Hooks from Henery Found one of the sheep dead

17th Bosells here at the Pease Mowing Put in 5 Loads of Pease Charlie here. Bosells Bad with the Measels

18th Began the Stack of Pease put 3 Loads in it. {written above line} - Squire Cameron Departed put another Load in the Barn up on the sticks put 3 Loads in the East end of the Barn Bosells Finished the Pea{se} Some rain Henery & Boy here fixed the Paddl{e} High Wind Rafts going {D}own

19th Put in the Last of the Pease 14 Loads Making coils in the bak feild Fixing the Fence the Horses bad shot at Luck

20th Took one Load out of the Oak field Turning put one Load in the East End of the Barn

21st Dan came. Mowing some Down at the Pond {O?ens} put more thistles on the {illegible} Found a Nest in the Weeds Got 2 EEIs From the Indians got a Paddle From Jacop

Sunday the 22nd Raining high Wind New Corn

23rd Crossed with Dan. Gave Ellen 6 pence Took home the Apples From Suples. Bought of A. Summers 1/2 lb Powder - & 1/2 lb Shot Plate paid Thrashing Pease

24th Thrashing Put in a Load of Hay Fanning.

25th put up the Hogs Semow Began to thrash him & Bo{y} Went to Salmon River Bought of D Cam{illegible} Combs 5^D Cloth 2/6 Tea 1/10½ Matches 6 penc{e} Bought 1 lb of tea 1/3 & 1/2) 1/11½ 1/2 lb for George Bought Blonde 1/8 Whiskey 1/3 Tar 1/6 Rosin 8

Mr James Cameron **August 25th 1858**

Bought Lead Pencil 5^D 1 lb Shot /6 Thread 3^D sweety 1/2

26th of August Went to the Kit Kit for EEIs Went to Charlies got 4 C{illegible} & A Hooker Ellen crossed gave her 1/3 for EeEs at Henerys Got 5 Shooting at the Black Birds.

27th Semow Fanning the Pease 25 Bushels Semow 2½ of Pease Semow Went home. Raining some

28th Bosells here for the pay of Cutting the Pease got 5 Bushels George Crossed at 11 o clock

29th Sunday Walter Baker Charlie Mose Rob Summers Moses Isacc Blondea & Lewis Bosell all here up From the Long - Black Berries Allen got hurted in the Forehead

30th Granny Came. George here Sick with the Measles got Vinegar & a Bottle The Indian Charles Cook & his son-in Law here got Potatoes, Paddle Stuff some tobacco & Milk.

31st Ellen came from the Raffle, only 6 days gone. *{written above line}* Allen McDonell Dance (Giving out Jobs on the Road on the 30th) Drawing 6 hips put in 2 Loads of Hay out of the swamp The Black Birds very Bad.

Wednesday 1st of September

The Indians making an oar & 2 paddles got 1/2 Bushell of Potatoes to Get EEIs for them got a stick for to round the Edge of There Canoe for making the oar Lent them the Gimlet

2nd Moses Blondeau & Julia & Sarah Baker here Fixing the Red Canoe

3rd McLean the Blacksmith here Got 6 Square peices 1 Elm 2 pines, 3 Hemlocks. Went to Munroes for shingles Raining

4th Ellen Granny & Allan Charlie all went to Lancaster 6 Dozen of Eggs got Sugar gave Charlie 2 pence got 4 EEIs & 1 Pickerell from the Indians got the Gimlet from them cutting some of the oats Back of the B{page corner cut off}

5th 1858

Mr James Cameron **September the 5th Sunday** high Wind,

6th Nicholsons here for the Big Canoe to go to Salmon River had the news of John Duncan being in Jail. Put the Hogs in the Pen Before the Door. Henery here to Dinner shot a Duck a Saw Beak

7th Jacop here Arrewetra here Jacop wanting to Make Brooms Allen Roy here got the Loan of the Canoe to go to Salmon River took Dinner

8th Henery & Boy here took Dinner & Supper Wind High Francis Came home some things stole at Francis house & at Frasers Henery sued for the Road Work gathering Oats Black Cherries Ripe

9th George Came Put in a Load of Oats Cut 5 sheaves of Wheat got Sick and Went home Jim Nichols{on} home with the Canoe put in another Load of Oats. Bought 3 Basket of the Indians.

10th Friday McInnes took away his horses Christee here got the Loan of the Spear & Jack got a Cupfull of salt Brought a Knife here that they took in mistake from Williamstown Allen & I a Fishing Raining tonight

11th Cutting Oats The Indians Left their Fat {Fine} here

12th Sunday Preaching on the Front Caty & Dan came From Williamstown Sent the 2½ Dollars with them.

13th Began to Reap the Wheat Francis here Went to Francis Got 12 lbs of Pork on accounts of What he owed m{e} Ellen & Dan Went to Frashers & Sandy Came Charlie here Got some EElls From Charlie

14th Put in 2 Loads of Oats Francis Semo here for an Order the Black Birds Bad

the 14th 1858

Mr James Cameron September

Went to Salmon River Sandy & I Bought of David Baker 1 lb candles 1p Quart H Wines 1/3 1/2 lb Powder 1p 2 lb Shot 1p 1 Bunch Cotton yarn 7/6 I owe 2/6 on the Cotton yarn yet 1 pipe 1/2 Bought of Dan Cameron 1 lb Tea 1/10 1/2 1 paper of Pins /4 1/2^D pence 1/2 lb Tobacco 7 1/2^D Made a Bargain with Old Mr Buchanan for the Oak stick Mr Luke to take it up 86 lb of Pease 5 york shilling a Bushel took Back the Pease Seen John Ferguson & Peggy in Fort Covington Stopt at Lukes coming home Gave Grindell Streeter 5p in Cash towards what I owed him

15th Binding wheat put in 13 stooks of Wheat for the First.

16th Raining all the Indians here from the Kit Kit Got 2 axe helves & 2 Paddles Gave Gray 1/2 Bushel of Potatoes Bought From Gray's Son an Umbrella 2/6 Birds Bad.

17th Dan Sandy & Caty Went off put them to Peters Bs Door The St Lawrence aground above the Light House the Whitby Propeller tried her Broke the Line & Left the Charlevoix came Down. Hitched to her and towed her up to Cornwall Firing at the Blackbirds Spreading the Sheaves

18th Raising Potatoes to take to Williamstown Cut Broom sticks.

19th Arrewetra here with 1 Broom. I went to Charl{ie} took Dinner there got some caps from him Allen McInnis & Isacc Blondeau here about the Squirrel hunt took home Charlies shir{t} Looking at Flags of All nations on Handkerchief)

Monday the 20th The Squirrel hunt I & John Carey & Duncan Grant here shooting at them my Powder too coarse Ellen Crossed to t{he} Dance The Lower End Won Bakers Sale

Mr James Stuck or L{u}ock Dr L {illegible}

To	1 pair of Blue Pants Thread Buttons Lining &c Making	0"	2 {illegible}
To	Cap Shirt Buttons Thread Coat Comb HandKerchiefs		4 {illegible}
To	2 yds Stuf Trousers Cards Lining Buttons Thread		6 "
	Making of Pants to Bosells 1p Vest 7½		{illegible}
T	1 HandKerchief 10 ^D Cash 2 ^D		{illegible}
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		16	{illegible}

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{12.6 18.9

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July the 18th J Cameron Dr to D Baker 1858

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To	6 yds of shirting 10 & 5p 1 lb sugar 6 ^D Button 3 {Thred} 2 ^D	0	6
14th of Sept	To 2/6 on Cotton yard - Paid this		2

23.9

12.6

11.3

George Semow Derushie Dr

To James Cameron

To Canoe 10p 1 pair Shoes 7/6	£ 0"17"6
To Comb /4 HandKerchief /6 ½ lb Tea 1/3	0"2"1
To Cash 1/3 1 lb Shot /6 1 Box Caps /5	0"2"2"
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	1"1"9

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A Man in the Wilderness asked of Me how many red Berries their Grew in the sea. I gave him an answer
as quick as I could As many red herrings as Grew in the Wood

{Writing sideways at bottom of page} Pails Gonge Mr James Con{illegible}y Lake at {illegible}ia

Mr James Cameron Big Island **Sept the 21st 1858**

{J}acop here swapt hickory for Paddle Bought {illegible} Brooms 1 Basket put in 5 stooks of Wheat Before the Rain Thunder & Lighting the Birds very Bad

22nd Granny came John Nicholson put her across Gave me some Caps Gave John a hen Chicken Ellen came from the Squirel Dance.

23rd put in some Wheat

24th Mowing some Wheat Went to Nicholsons for John to Reap John came across with me took his Rifle

25th Raping John & I Christee home with the spear & Jack Grinding his axe I crossed with Ellen to go to the Sacrament in Williamstown. Stopt at Francis Bought Pork of Them

26th George & Mat here Charlie here all night going to Salmon River Gave 7½ to Charlie for Whiskey George Semow here got a 1/3 for his Wages

27th putting in Wheat John Nicholson came cutting Oats him & I Walter Baker & John Carey took away their Horses Ellen & Caty came from Williamstown George Nicholson here sent 1 Dollar on acc.g of the Cotton Yarn 1/2 Dollar to come yet

28th Caty Reaping John & I. Finished the oats Behind the Garden Tried Jess to the Cart Went well put in some of the Oats & Whe{at} Bill here Tom Davis came

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29th putting in Caty Reaping Began to Rain

30th Tom & *{remainder of line missing}* Granny John Went off *{remainder of line missing}* Angus came Allen *{remainder of line missing}* Went off

Mr James Cameron **30th of Sept 1858**

Bought the Stove of Walter Baker took out 2 Bags of Potatoes 3 Brooms 4 Axe handles. Wheel Allen & Mrs Kimb(?) Got 1/3 cash Treat at Davids & Quart at A Sum{mers} Got the Loan of a Bottle From A Summers Went Down to the New House got the Key at Peters Came home

1st of October the Barge at the Lower end of the Island Bill & John Came Went to Salmon River Bought of G Streeter 1 pair of Boots 4 Dollars paid 2/6 on them Gave him 1 Dollar on the old accompt all clear for that Bought Allen's Boots 6/3 paid for them I owe him 3½ Dollars on m{ine} yet Bought of Baker 1 lb shot 6^p 1 Thimbl{e} 1½

2nd Cutting the Last Oats Green Broke the scythe Mowing the Hay in the Back marsh Brought home the Load Broken slates From Bovairs Shanty

3rd Leurs hence Bosell her{e}

4th Semow at the Potatoes George Nich{olson} cutting hay Marsh Before the Door. Put in some Wheat. Cutting & Binding the Corn stalks took up a Load of Pumkins 83 Semow Raised 17½ of Potatoes Caty Reaping

5th George mowing the Back Marsh stopt all night

6th George Went home Ellen & Caty we{nt} to Williamstown called for Charl{ie} *{part of page torn off on left side}* Semow Done of the Potatoes 56 Bushels altogether took them up in the Cano{e}

7th put in 2 Loads of Wheat Bega{n} to Rain. Ther{illegible} Going up E{ast} Wind

Mr James Cameron Big Island **Oct the 7th** {illegible}

Taking the Rest of the Pumkins up Ellen HughAnn James Hugh Came

8th Taking the Potatoes up From the River

9th Thrashing Pease 2 Bushel Gave Francis Gi{v}{illegible} 7½^p for Pork

10th Preaching on the Front Ellen & HughAnn crossed to hamiltons James Hugh & I to the head of the Island Big Bi{illegible} here for a Chain and Coat to go to Williamsto{wn} Ellen came

11th Court in Williamstown Sandy came. Squirrel hunt in Lancaster Taking in Wheat & oats Drawing chunks of Boards

12th Nicholsons here making their Stack of Marsh hay took home my Coat Thrashing Pease

13th Went to Salmon River stopt at Luk(es) the Fair Day in Dundee Bought of Louis Christe(e) 1 Axe handle 2^D Bought of James Camero 1 lb tea 1/6 1 Box of hair Pins 3 seen Mrs Hopk{ins} and James a treat From Luks Wife to be Paid talking to Luke about the stick a Dog Fight in Dundee

14th Windy Set a Traps for the First Time Semo & George here to thrash Pease

15th Angus came James Hugh went {off} took 1 Bushel Pease 3 Bushels Potatoes Apples & Nuts 1 axe handle Semow Done Thrashing

16th Fanning 19½ Bushels Ellen crossed George Nich{ol}son here Wild Geese came Ducks Begin to Flock in the channel Sandy Went to Williamstown with 19 Bushels Potatoes 12 or 15 Pumkins 2 Chest{illegible} 1 Band Box Gave him 3 Traps to Get Fixed Gave him my Watch I went to Andrew Summers to see if there was a Letter from Mr Luke. The Steamer Caroline sunk on the 14th)

17th Sunday all alone Ellen & me

18th Shot a Du{illegible} Charlie came fixing my Traps

19th the Games in William{stown} went to Salmon River with Charlie.

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Mr James Cameron Big Island Lake St Joseph {remainder illegible}

{B}ought of Baker 2 Box Cap 16 cents 1/2 lb Powder {illegible} lb Shot 1p 1 Quart Whiskey 1½ Bought {off page} & I & J Cameron 1 lb Tea 1/3 1 box of Matches {off page} I owe 5 {Six} pence to the Said Firm {Char}lie Bought his Boots stopt all night

{20}th Charlie went home Drawing Drags at the Lower {P}oint Francis crossing from Christees

{21}st Banking the House Christee here on {off page} 20th Brought a Basket of PumKins got a {co}uple Loads of Powder 1 Load shot Lent {off page} Traps to him the Water Falling very Lo{w} {off page} the Marsh took home a Load of Chips

{2}nd Came for the Cows got my shirts from Williamst{own} {A}ll alone now

23rd Semow & Lewis Blondeau setti{ng} lines stopt all night high East Wind

24th Wen{t} {off page} took the Red Canoe me putting the stick {off page} of the Marsh as the Water was high {off page}gh's Birth Day

25th My Birth Day {off page} 2 Rats. Banking some

26th Christee home with {off page}y Traps {outlined in a box - Jack}

27th Charlie here for Salt {off page}hy McDonell Fisherman here for the sheep {off page}enrey & Semows Boy home with the Canoe The {off page}opeller. Indians Went up

28th Chopping some

{2}9th Drawing Drags

30th Went to Charlies {words off page on both edges} Morning tied the geese & TurKies G" & "{off page} {Ch}arlie came went to Williamstown 1 Bushel of Pease {off page} Bushel of Nuts took 3 Basins took Back the Chi{off page on both edges} the Canoe at David Ross's

31st Holy Eve {left side words covered with black to the bottom of page} home stopt at Greers stopt at the Lancaster {illegible}dge Charlie to Frasers 9^D came home took Dinner Cha{off page} {illegible}ouse Killed a snake Charlie

1st of November {illegible} Lasky here swapt 10 Traps for his G{off page} {illegible}cis Island

2nd Banking house

3rd Chopping {illegible}

5th Went to Secors got {illegible}

Mr James Cameron Big Island **Nov 5th 1858**

Charlie here Killing the Hogs John McGillis Ellen & Caty Semows Boys taking up the Line Jim Nicholson home with the chain got the Sicle & Paddle

6th Went off with the Pork high Wind

7th Charlie went off Hunters at Charlies gave him a peice of Pork

8th Chopping

9th Went for Semow & Went to Bosell's for Charlies Pants

10th Went to Bakers with 2 Bushels 1 peck of Ashes $7\frac{1}{2}$ per Bushel $1/7$ Hamiltons had a Ploughing Bee Tom Kennedy A letter from his Father I took the colt from the Mare

11th Chopping

12th Went Down with Charlies pants Met him coming up with his ashes turned Back gave me some Buck Shot & Leds Went with him to Bakers. Bought of A Summers Powder 6^D Pipes $1\frac{1}{2}$ 1 sheet paper & 2 pens 1^D which comes to $8\frac{1}{2}$ paid this Had a Treat at Davids $7\frac{1}{2}$ Paid Archy Grant & Walter settling about there Wood Witness me. Took home the Big Canoe in McInnis hous for the first time 2 Frenchmen here Fishing EEIs stopt all night

13th Fishing EEIs in the forenoon and showed them the Places Snowing and raining

14th Went off got 1/2 Doz Cap from them Gave them a hicory {for axe helve}

15th St Batte niece here with a note from Charlton concerning going to mill Stole my Lines Feeding the Cattle Shot a Black Duck the Hawk Killing the hens

16th Thrashing Wheat cleaning the Big Pipes

17th Thrashing

18th Fanning $1\frac{1}{2}$ of Wheat Plucking Ducks

19th Chopping

20th Dan came Put fire out at the Lower Point Gildersleeve runing here now Andrew Summers got his goods

Mr James Cameron Sir John's Island St Francis. **Nov 21st 1858**

Semow & Henery here taking up their Line 12 years to Day since Donald McMaster Departed this Life got 4 hooks from Semow to get 3 yet

22nd Dan & Killed the Sheep Dan Went off took file scales Wool EEIs Apples

23rd Snowing taking home Wood

24th Made candles for the first A Race Between the Ranger & the Whitby the men that had the Pine came Brought my Plain Spearing Eels in the Mud got 2

25th The men went off

{written between the lines} mowing some Light house

26th Mr hill here about the sheep

27th Mr Key, Peter & Solomon here for the Sheep All Day Running for them got 3/9 from Key

28th Big Bill here Christee here got a Br{illegible}

29th Charlie here Grinding his axe no Light in hills Light house I went to Baker Bought of A I Ba{off page - maybe Baker} 1/2 Quire of Paper 4½ 1 Plug Tobacco 7½ Poison 1/3 1 pipe 1/2 soap 4^D 2/7½ paid this Captain Fraser Lost got Charlies 4 coppers Bought of A Summers 1^D hoar hound Candy Got candle Wick & Bottle milk 1 Plug of Tobacco at Nickolsons

30 St Andrews Day a Raffle at Lancaster Set My Traps in the Upper Point

1st of December Drawing Hay & Wood

2nd Went Down to Charles took up his Bea{ns} 1/2 Bushel and his Dog

3rd Went to Bakers 1/2 Bushel Pease & the Beans Bought at Baker 1 Quart Syrup 11½ Got 1/3 & 6 Gave Back 2½^D Bought of A Summers 1 Quart Whiskey 7½ 1 lb Sugar 6½^D 1^D worth sweetys 1 plug Tobacco 2^D sent of a Letter 6^D paid Came home Fishing Eels got 2

4th Charlie went ~~hem~~ East Wind Drawing Wood Began to Sno{w}

5th Stormy

6 Chopping

7th Chopping the Little Bu{edge of page torn off} {illegible}swelled The Hawk & Owl playing the Devil on the {edge of page torn off}

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Mr James Cameron Lake St Francis **December 8th 1858**

9th Thrashing Wheat

10th Thrashing & Fanning 1½ Bushel of Wheat

11th Drawing Drags Windy Weather setting Fire in the Marsh Behind the Barn set 4 Traps

12th Sunday a Fine Day

13th Went around the Island Shot a Duck did not Get him cutting hurl{s}

14th Drawing Drags a very fine Day Wild Geese come again

15th Went across Bought of A Summers 1 Quart Syrup 1/4 lb Ginger 2^D 2 oz salts 4^D pipes 1^D Hoar hound Candy 5^D Granny at McInnis's house The Measles Bad on the Front Plastering McInniss house

16th chopping stove Wood, Around Looking at canoes

17th not very Well cleaning the Big Pipes pretty cold cutting Drags Fixing the Pistol This Evening the Ice has a Notion to take But That Wind is {*writing changes*} Beginning which hinders it From taking

18th Freezing Pretty Keen taking considerable in the North East End of the Island Drawing a Few Drags Ducks plenty Flying about a Cold night The Cattle Hearty and Smart

19th Frosty and cold E Wind Flurries of snow 1 hen Froze by stopping out of her house.

20th A very Fine Day Drew some Drags Tried the Colt with a Rope to lead to the Water Thinking of crossing Left it till tommorow The Full moon came in Fine.

21st East Wind The White owl came to visit again set a Trap for him at the Lower End Began to snow. Its a Blowing Hells Gates Through a Ministers Wig Drifting & Snowing. chopping. Put the Calves in the Barn

22nd Went to the Upper point to turn my Canoe took home a couple of Drags North Wind the Ice not taking much except the Bays

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Mr James Cameron Sir John's Island Lake St Francis

23rd Of any time this Fall the Ice had not such a notion as this Morning as the Anchor Ice partly Jam'ed between here and Christees I went to the Upper Point to Fix my Canoe Drew home a Drag Fixed the Canoe at the Lower Point Fixed and Drew the Big Canoe & Red Canoe the Boat and the other Canoe all in a Block on the Stocks. Before the Door. 3 & Boat Before the Door & 1 at the Upper Point and 1 at the Lower Point making in all 5 Canoes & 1 Boat Freezing hard ice not taken yet and its night 1 hen Froze

24th The Ice taken Between us and Christees {*written between the lines*} Count Day in Williamstown. But the Air hole is Before the Door Took in the afternoon. Between us and Francis Isla{nd} crows Flying about

25 Christmas Day all alone crossed the Ice in the afternoon met henery & Jim Nicholson on North side of Francis Island Went to Henerys no Christmas came Home ice not very Good Jim HopKins crossed at Davids Heard of Lewis Bosell got his Foot Hurted Shot at a Gull and Killed her as I supposed put out my Canoe and She Began to Flutter and Went off

26th Sunday Charlie came up I went to meet him Henery Lashy and Jim Nicholson came to Fish EEIs

27th Charles went to the Store for me 1 Quart of Whiskey 7½ Bushing the Road on the Ice. Snowing & Thawing Some of The Ice Thin at the Little Island

28th Charlie went home Gave him a)

29th Charlie went to Lancaster Came up here to Tell me about the Baker had Molasses & Bakers Bread Bushing the Road to Hamiltons

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Mr James Cameron Sir John's Island **Dec**

East Wind The Coldest night this Winter As yet. Set 2 Traps for the Mink at the Upper Point

30th Charlie here a Cold Day and night Potatoes Froze some

31st Charlie Went off The Last Day of the Old Year Went to Lancaster Got 5 Loaves 2p Firing the Old Year away Went Down to meet Charlie Making Candles The Owl Flying around The Ball in Williamstown to night.

1st Day January 1859 Charles here Nicholsons taking away their Stack of hay got the Loan of a Rope Charlie Went home

2nd Sunday All Alone went to the head of the Island

3rd Allens Birth Day Council in Williamstown I went to Bakers Bought of A Summers 1^D worth of sweetys got a Paper From Davy Andrew Baker got the Molases out of the Barrell 5 went Across 2 of Nicholsons & 3 Bosells to hunt Rats got the Coat at Bakers pipes {*written above line*} - almanack 4? Went the Upper Point Road Came Back by Francis Island in at Nich{off page} at Semows Dan henon Departed in Williamstown the Road not Bushed at Summer's's but good crossing

4th at home cutting Wood Set out poison 3 Bates for the Fox the Water commencing to Rise on the ice

5th Drawing Drags Angus Came had a Basket of varieties took Back a Broom & BasKet of & history of England for Ellen Horse Rug & an Almanack a Roman paper Writing the Song the California Boys EEI Fishers Down on the Ice

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