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Friday 8 February 1918

a cold morning when the frost is
on the windows. Our dancers came
at day light (V and Edith) went to bed.
V slept 3 hours. Will came bringing
Emma, at 11 O'clock. She went to work
till 3 p m. I received a letter from
Grace with scraps of Margarets graduation
dress, I got a bad cold. Will N came
over brought me some US stamps.

Ida Barney sent R two Family
Heralds. Tom & Harold Dignum
here waiting for their mail
from Ranous who drives the
shore this day. Harold received
his exemption paper. Harold
25 years old last May measures
5 feet 7 inches. Will Niles came over
again this p.m. Voltie cleaned
the dining room stove pipe
and V and Edith put it
up again

Saturday 9th February 1918

A nasty morning rain and snow
windows plastered with it and freezing
on. grows warmer 28 deg above.
zero, Rowing and quarling going
on all p.m. till I get sick

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of staying here. but I've no where
to go. Emma cleaned floors and
done Saturday work. I wrote a letter to Louise
Voltie and Will drawing hay feeding
Rachels hens card playing in evening
by Voltie, Will, Edith & Emma
Sunday 10th day of February 1918
Snowing fast and furious snow
continues to pile up every where
No quarreling this morning all same
in door. "Home home sweet home".
Very quiet and peaceful all
day. W^m & Voltie doing chores
28 deg above zero Maggie
Joslin Rattray got measles.
Measles at Morgans too. V fed
Rachels hens and brought over
the book I intend sending to
Belle. "The singer of The contrary"

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Monday 11 Feb 1918

A cloudy morning frost on
bed room window. Voltie and
W^m N butchered 3 hogs for market
Henry came from Dick's this p.m.
horse jaded and worn out and
got horse distemper and will give
it to our horses so V says. snow
blowing and drifting. no mail this
day. Will Niles drove over to feed Rs
hens

Tuesday 12 Feb 1918

A rainy slushy time. guess Henry
can't go home this day Rachel sick
with grippe or something got a sore
throat. a very nasty day but not
cold 28 deg above zero or more
Sat up late again last night
playing cards got a new game now
where each one plays for his or herself.
one advantage, a very quiet Game
no noise 12 oclock midnight
before every one settled Emma got
a cough

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Feb 1918 Wednesday 13

A cloudy morning froze a little
last night, no mail this day
most terrible roads every where
W^m & Voltie drew hay from stack
After dinner Henry made a break
for United States & home, Accompanied
by W^m N across the river; got as far
as the cedars when whiffletree broke
so H unhitched the poor sick colt
and returned back again W^m kept
straight on across the ice for home.
V was just starting for Geo Woodmans
but had to get H on the road again
V took whiffletree (new one) and
the horse and went down on the ice
by the cedars hitched up and piloted
H across the ice, colt fell down in
slush so V unhitched him from cutter
and drew the cutter himself while
H came behind leading the three
year old colt almost to weak
from hard driving and neglect and
a bad cough. I sent some things
to Irene don't suppose she will get
them: apples and a plate daily
W^m N mailed a letter for me to
[left margin]
Louise Dixon. Will came back
bringing me some Kraut Will went
to Jacks to stay all night R got grippe

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Thursday 14 Feb 1918

A cloudy nasty morning Emma
scratching around and cleaning every thing
Will N came from Jack's at noon.
while Voltie is gone to Geo Woodmans
for shingles, gone a long time, Didn't
go for shingles, ate dinner with Geo
and Inez. Will and V sawed and
drew home a tree from the lower
place for store wood. The shingles are
away up by Geo M^cDonald's. Voltie
gets phone from Elery to come and
doctor his engine Will Gillespie here
to get Voltie to Doctor his pump
Played cards awhile{} this evening
I partly wrote a letter go grace
Friday 15 February 1918

Awoke this morning to find the
rain beating against my bedroom
window, The flat covered with water
No traveling on ice or land by
walking or plowing Telephone out
of order line broken somewhere cant
get central. 3 hogs butchered ready
for market. cant get there. This is
Emma's is Birth day i.e. this day. How swiftly
the years roll around no mail
[left margin]

Voltie tried to go to Elaries got as far as cheese factory
and turned back Play cards again. V reading

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Saturday 16th Feb 1918

Froze last night. Wm & Voltie
drawing three loads of hay from stack
Emma made head cheese.

A Sun bright day. Mrs OBrien (John)
and their little son Bernard here
this p. m. visiting. While John drives
to St Lawrence Corners, for things John
drove back across the ice after
dark didn't eat with us had had
supper at Maloneys. Mrs Hiram
Yastin and Bertie McDonald were
obliged to call here to warm for their
horse fell down on the ice by the concession
and Wm & Voltie went to their rescue, got
the horse up and the women in the house all
right. I sent a cake to Grace by by
Wm N I sent Grace a few postage
stamps In Evening V reading
Voltie reading Capt Warens Wards

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Sunday 17 Feb 1918

A bright frozen morning. V reading after breakfast Capt W's Wards Geo Woodman called here for his saw. Emma gone down to Geo Niles'. Edith out skating with Joe Murray till Sundown Emma came at bed time R made bean soup I thought I thought could eat it but couldn't my appetite poor Edith popped corn couldnt eat much of that.

Monday 18 Feb 1918

A cold cloudy day. Sun shone out once I wrote a letter to Bennie Watson. and quite fortunate in not sending by this day mail as I received a letter from Mr W T saying Bennie is at home not very well I also Received a letter from Maud. So I enclose Bennie's and Mauds letters to Mr Watson together with one I wrote to Mr Watson Also I receive a photo of Bernard Morgan's family with which I am much pleased Voltie drove to Elery's to fix his engine, came home to dinner; Then Wm and Voltie draw hay from the stack. Wm does like our cider; it keeps him wonderfully good natured

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Tuesday 19 Feb 1918.

A very nasty morning. Raining quite hard. ground slushy with melting snow. All the same Voltie, Samy, & Ed Maloney went too Samy brought his horse Johnson which they hitched up, with Duke. and drove up the ice to Kingston Voltie taking the pork to market for which he gets only 22 cts per lb. They came home quite early before dark. Voltie brought Pinet lemons Electric oil liver pills a tonic for me, rice, soda, coffee, cosmopolitan, ink, envelopes, letter paper, soap, lemons, rolled oats. I finished writing a letter Grace Cheever a good sociable letter The Cost pork previous to this Voltie received 25 cts per lb but this had been butchered nearly a week. waiting for good traveling good weather and a market day

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Wednesday 20 Feb 1918

A very windy day from N. W. men,
Wm N & V working in Shop Telephone man
here to dinner Emma and Edith cleaning
cabinet and pantry trying out fat pork
Samy here to get horse shod. Joe Murray here
awhile. V and W^m N cut 2 pine trees
for Clayton saw mill. freezing all day.

Thursday 21 Feb 1918.

A very good morning but cold frost on
windows Voltrie and W^m Start quite
early for Clayton with 2 pine logs to be sawed
for lumber. Geo N Jack N & Kehoe go to Clayton
after dinner. V & W^m came in time to chores
brought self flannel shirt 1.50 one made apron
9 yds gingham for aprons, me a thimble, gum,
suspenders, 6 spools silkatine, pins, tobacco,
matches, whiskey, 6 gallons Kerosine, snuffs gave W^m 5 dd
soap laundry

Friday. 22 February 1918

A very cold day Samy came from over the
river ate dinner here. V and W^m drew hay
from stack. We had about all we could do
to keep warm. A letter from Grace also
one from Belle

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Saturday 23rd Feb. 1918.

Four below freezing. Wind South
V doctoring a sick calf. V drove to Geo McDonalds
for a load of shingles. bringing
part of them the other part froze down.
came back before dinner. I wrote a
letter to Bernard Morgan. V & W^m
getting wood this p. m. Emma cooked
a big pot of beans. The first egg to day.
W^m went home. I sent my letter
to Bernard by W^m to mail from that
side. V & W^m drew two loads of
wood. Aunt R not very well
got grippe. First egg this winter
Sunday 24th February 1918.

Not very cold cloudy, wind South
and breezy. A dead calf at the barn
which makes two from seven this
winter. Unexpected visitors arrive
Will, Lena & Willie. Then Ray, Irene
and little Flora. Stella Niles then
Will Niles and Samy Woodman.
After a musicale from piano violin
and cornet played by Lena Willie &
Lena go home Will dont go
brother Will
[left margin]
Ray Irene and Flora
all go to Dick
Halliday. where they stay
all night.

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Monday 25 February 1918

A beautiful day, like Spring. after dinner Ray & Irene drive back from Dicks We get an opportunity to send Grace a few things by Ray. Will too goes home with them. I sorry to see Will go home. we were glad to see W^m N come a little while before sun set. Vand & Ola came over in cutter again across ice didnt stay long Van wants flour but got none

Tuesday 26 February 1918

Storm all night of wind and rain V and William N intended going to Clayton weather prevented. They work in Shop all day. A rather dirty morn Turns Colder. wind west, North west, and freezing. very slippery walking Emma fried cakes made war cake and done a general supply of baking cookies, cakes, bread, beans &c

27th Feb 1918 Wednesday

arose early V & W^m go to Clayton come back early before dinner. After dinner go to Maloneys for a load of Sand our mail consists of two big bundles of papers from Grace which all the family look at and study [left margin]

& bought from Clayton this day Feb 27th 5 yds bright calico for aprons. 3 yds blue 3 yds ping 8 yds dark for me a dress, coffee

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Thursday 28 Feb 1918

Cloudy morning but not stormy
freezing V. & W^m draw 4 loads
of Sand from Maloneys. George
Woodman drove in here bringing
his aunt Edith for a few hours
visit. Came for her at Evening
Emma got mumps or something
Rachel reading Leilla Roosevelt
sent Mary a daily Em gave her a crochet
yoke.

Friday 1st day of March 1918

Not a very pleasant day snow
falling V and W^m drawing hay
from stack. Emma not up yet
R reading. One load of sand.

Friday 1st March 1918

Cloudy snow falling. draw hay
again this day. no letters, 2 seed
catalogs. Bruce of Canada, Burpee of
Philadelphia Pen. M^cLeons Magazine
Standard and others trash! draw
hay from stack R reading
Em got mumps or something
~~sent 5 lbs butter to Grace by~~

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Saturday 2nd March 1918

A cloudy day. not very cold. Wm and Voltie drawing sand from Maloneys Emma helped wash dishes listened at telephone a while and went to bed mumps or something. R picking over beans. Edith washing a few things and trying to do Saturday work. She cleaned floors, washed ironed and cooked & washed dishes. Will went home I sent sent 5 lbs butter to Grace by paid post Will N carried it over. sent by him a letter to Belle.

Sunday 3rd March 1918.

A very fine day. No one here in the am Maurice and Edith Bates stopped here for a few minutes while returning from a visit to his mother over the river Will Niles here a while I posted & sent a letter to Belle by Will N.

Monday 7 March 1918

Freezing half cloud day Voltie drawing sand from Maloney's R picking over beans Emma got mumps and goes mumping around Edith up stairs 1/2 hour making beds or something [left margin]

V in pm drove to Elery's to grind 6 bags of hog feed 4 hogs to feed

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Tuesday 5 March 1918

A very good day Voltie drew
one load of sand from Maloneys

I write a long letter to Grace

Wednesday 6t March 194

A cold day frost on window

I wrote a letter to Grace inclosing
one to Robert which I was forced
Enough to send across to other side
by W^m N who skated across
Voltie in shop fixing old sleigh
which he broke drawing sand.

{Pansy came
here from the
horse races &
staid all night}

Thursday 7 March 1918

A cold frozen morning Samy ate
breakfast with us. He's gone
home now to do all his barn chores
Voltie choring and doing shop work
Samy went again to the horse
race

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Friday 8 March 1918

A very good morning sun clear
R washing dishes. Edith listening at
telephone and very much upset in
mind, because I am talking, which
disturbs her listening, and the prettiest
part is, she vehemently rebukes me
for disturbing her while listening
to the neighbors business. Voltie
choring and drwing manure
Frost on the North window this morning
Edith helps Voltie saw wood with cross
cut mail came Early again this
day. A letter from Irene, a letter rom
Charlotte. Will N drove in here accompanied
by Joe Woodman. capped and overcoated
for Winter, and uninvited they steered
for the cellar for cider after staying in cellar
a long time they came up as Voltie came in
from [*shop*]. Joe went home. W^m staid
but would Eat no dinner. He so full of
cider he can hold no dinner He brought
me the stampe I sent by him to get last
time he was here (Wednesday) Poor old Will
he looks bad since the races

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Saturday 9 March 1918

Another miserable cold day
thickening for a storm V got
mumps Samy came down and
done chores in p.m. Voltie stands
out and helps do chores V & Edith
Saw wood with cross cut saw
V splits it and Edith draws it in
on sled. Beginning to Snow.

Sunday 10 March 1918

Snows all night roads filled
again. No one here only Samy
staid all night and after doing
chores here goes home to his own.
then comes back stays all day
and all night. The day is
occupied by reading by Each
member of the family have to keep stuffing
the wood in stove to keep warm

Monday 11 March

20 above zero this morning. Samy
after doing his own chores an part
of V's drove across the river to get
W.N. V is fixing harness Samy

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came brining W^m N. who
thinks he too is coming down with mumps
if he is I think this family is having their
or our share of mumps. Then came
Dilavan bring over two men who
are trying to buy horses. Hookimer and
a Collins Van staid here awhile they
went to Flynn's bought none I sent a
letter to Irene by Dilavan. all the Eggs
our hens have laid this winter is 19
The weather is cold. Frost on Every
window tho' the wind is South.

Tuesday 12th March 1918

Cloudy and raining some this morning
W^m N went for a load of hay this
morning before breakfast. Grace
phoned from Watertown this morning,
for V or someone to meet Reginald
at Rosiere tomorrow. Samy is going
to meet Reginald at Rosiere. clouds clear
away sun come out brightly and thaws
all day

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Wednesday 13 March 1918

Samy went this morning for Reginald. Came back early before 11 a.m. accompanied by Reginald whom we were well pleased to have him iwth us. Clouds in pm and it looks like a Storm Will N drawing hay. he got mumps but will stay out all day working in shop. Our mail is Farm & Dairy Canadian Countryman Advocate Farmer and a letter from Grace also one from Bennie Watson

Thursday 14 March 1918

not very cold , but cloudy. W^m N and V working in shop. Ellery want to get his old buzz saw fixed Sent [...] 25 cts to [Sigton's] for Cosmopolitan ~~to~~baeo-1lb baking powder parowax, 20 cts [left margin]

Eggs

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6 Wednesday

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2 R's

F 4 Fr

Sat 4 Th

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5 Sun

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3 Monday
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9 Tuesday
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7 Wed
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5 Thursday
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9 Friday
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9 Saturday
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4 Sunday
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10 Mon
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10 Tue
104
7 Wednes
111
8 Thursday
119
11 Friday
130 Eggs
13 Saturday

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11 Sunday

154 This Ends March for Eggs

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Friday 15 March 1918

not much mail this day only Standard and Farm and Dairy. V & W^m N worked in shop in Evening Edith Emma visit and Reginald visit George Niles family.

Saturday 16th March 1918

Partly cloudy sun shine sometimes W^m N & Voltie working in shop on old sleigh; finished it Emma done Saturday work and fixed a mess of cakes. Will drew hay from stack in p.m. After dinner Reginald went boat riding on the ice with Samy Woodman. The ice is good and freezing Wind West Rachel reads nearly all day. Edith popps corn in Evening while Reginald & Emma plays cards. I send a letter to Grace by W^m N to mail over there when he goes home this Eve Tobacco, 80 parowax, 20 cts, 1 lb baking powder, 20 [left margin]

- 154 March eggs
- 17 first April Monday
- 1 171
- 12 Tuesday
- 2 183
- 14 Wed
- 3 197
- 14 Thur
- 4 211 Eggs

12 F
5 223 eggs
20 Sat
6 243
20 Sunday
7 269
6 Monday morning when Reginald brought in 6 Eggs from a new nest of 7 more
this 7th of April
8 269
17 Tues
9 286
17 Wed
10 303
16 Thursday
11 319
16 Friday
12 335
13 Sat
13 348
14 Sun
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433 Thurs

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453 F

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29 Sun

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22 Mon

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{[Re-Read 76 - '84]}

Sunday 17 March 1918

A very fine day Emma made ice cream Voltie and I Heard that Mabel Morgan has gone to New York to be a nurse in hospital she went the first day of March, 1918.

Monday 18 March 1918

A fine day not cold but thawing all day. [Steward] Murry goes across to D[]ville for Sow dust Samy starts to drive across for coal fourr poor ice and turned back Voltie went across with Sammy and went to Corners for 18 gallons of Kerosine which he left over on that side but brought home in a bag a pair of new overalls a frock coffee mixed mustard gum 10 soap \$100 2 silkateen white 10 cts baking powder parowax 20 cts and tobaco 80. Stewart Murphy came home all night. Wall & Reginold drew hay Stewart came across but one horse broke through the ice [left margin] forgot to say two new milk pails and two small agate pans.

April 23

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19 tues

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19 wed

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16 Fri

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18 sat

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23 sun

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Tuesday 19 March 1918

A very fine day sun clear and bright Voltie and Reginald went across this morning for Kerosine 18 gal. Emma walked over to Rachels to feed her hens Jack N drove in here for ice tongs accompanied by Miss Goodfriend our teacher who boards at Jacks. He is driving to School with her (Nelly Goodfriend) Voltie & Reginald came home to dinner, bringing the 18 gal of Kerosine and the agate pans The snow and ice falling rapidly Tomato soup for dinner fried pork and potatoes bread, honey & butter & Played cards till ½ past past 10 pm

Wednesday 20 March 1918

Another fine day Reginald gone over to feed R's hens V phoned to George Woodman to borrow ½ doz sap buck buckets cant get any. Stanley going to tap both sugar bushes. Phoned to William H Woodman. He sold a dozen new ones to V. by phone. Samy brought them up and after dinner V & Reg tapped the trees

[left margin]

Voltie drove to Ellerys to get grinding done for hog feed, in morning only one bag, bataries give out

April 29 614

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Fri	23
	704
Sat	19
	723
Sun	24
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{[Re-Read 76 - '84]}

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Thursday 21 March 1918

A soft hazy day. V & Reg & W^m
drove to the Smith place for the
skiff and motor to put them in
the boat house here by [*cossimon*]
Then W^m drove over to R's place
with her so she could look
after things and feed her old hens
Then back to dinner all OK
After dinner W^m and Reg
draw gravel from below lower
ice hour.

March 22nd Friday 1918

another fine day. Voltie and REg
over back on the place picking
up wood for Rachel. she is going
to move home tomorrow or Monday
Samy came down to see what
is the time of day. V said blue birds
Robins and Crows all out to day
I write and send a letter to
Grace Ice is getting rotten and
full of holes

May 1918

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27 Mon

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22 Tues

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23 Wed

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20 Thur

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23 Mon

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25 Tues

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22 Wed

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Saturday 12 March 1918

Froze last night river all open
above J Nile's. Rachel moved home
this morning. V gave her 6 gals of Kerosine
& pork V. & W^m drawing hay. Nelly Goodfriend
came here visiting this pm weather cool.
but clear, didn't stay to supper
but went back to her boarding place
Jack Nile's for they are going this Eve
to George Niles asking our Kids
to go too but they not going they
dont want to V and Will went to Ellerys
to grind pig feed. Rachels cow got a new
calf

Sunday 24 March 1918

A beautiful day Wind very light
soft & South Samy and Joe made
us a call. They didnt stay long
Joe went home first Samy staid
to read a story in the new magazine
The cosmopolitan. No one
here after Samy went home

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Monday 25 March 1918

Another beautiful morning
frosty this morning which is
a sign of a good sap day another
calf at the barn which makes 5 new
red and white calves. Reginald went
to Kingston with Geo and Joes
Niles ate dinner at his grandad
Gaskins and at villiage before
her went over only in Kingston
one hour and half. V sent by
him for rice, and fruitatives
The sap runs well this day
nearly two pails full I write
and send a letter to Bennie Wat
No letters this day; ony our three
farm papers which come regularly
Ever Monday Emma washing
lines full of clothes but didn't finish

Tuesday 26 March 1918

A light snow on ground this morn
and still continued to snow a little
men drawing hay I & Reg and Will
Voltie threshing beans weather grown
warmer. After dinner Voltie Will N
and Reginald went to Rachels to saw &
[left margin]

split wood Enough to last her
store a day or two. by noon snow
all disapeared that fell last night & this
morning. work goes slow as usual.

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Wednesday 27 March 1918

A very fine day froze some last night. Will Niles walked across the ice this morning. Emma done more washing, sap don't run this day.

Thursday 28 March 1918

A fine morning. Guess sap will run this day. Emma up at 4 o'clock baking bread. Just arose from breakfast. Joe came for something, stepped in and said "good morning" and went out immediately north & a cow down. Samy here to help lift her up, ate dinner. Reginald helping his uncle nearly all day. I begin a letter to Muriel my dear granddaughter.

Friday 29 March 1918

A fine spring morning, scarcely a bit of snow to be seen, froze just a little. Sap running merrily. I sent a letter to Nellie Brooks, finished and mailed letter to Muriel. Drew hay from stack, Pass Rachels and carry milk for her. The sick cow had a calf
The calf dead.

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Saturday 30th March 1918

April eggs

Another fine day. A sap day, snow
all gone as far as I can see
except in our dooryard a few
little scattering spots another calf
at our barn. ~~One lamb yesterday~~
~~and two this day living~~
one lamb this day. Our first
one this spring.

Sunday 31 March 1918

Easter Sunday. Madeline and
Myrabelle came over to Easter. Voltie invited
Joe and Samy to dinner.

They came to be sure. Emma fried
and boiled about 4 dozen eggs
& "sugared off" a very fine day
had ice cream. Got milk cow
up all night at the barn. 2 more lambs.

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Monday 1st April 1918

A very fine day. Em picked up the clothes to wash but didn't wash. I write and send a letter to Grace. Emma cleaned floors and churned. Voltie making whiffletrees getting ready for spring work, not much sap trees drying up. Raining nearly all night.

Tuesday 2 March 1918

A very fine day, sap dont run this day. Voltie in shop nearly all day making whiffletrees and repairing Dick Hallidays old cultivator. Emma churned. Joe Woodman ate dinner and supper because he is visiting Voltie in shop. Sunsets clear look like spring, milking 8 cows now.

Wednesday 3rd April

A fine day froze again last night and sap runs right merrily this day. Reg empties the sap buckets of rain water. Joe ate dinner again

Continued 3rd April

Dick Hallidays have a dance this evening. Riginald & our two going. Reginald been chopping the old buggy free from ice. going over to Dicks in it to the first dance after Easter. I send to Buckbees for seeds 3rd of April 1918.

Johnny get your gun, get your gun, got your gun

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Thursday 4 April 1918

A very pleasant day, but after the dance at Dick Halliday's. Emma gone to bed. Reginald abed too. Edith up working away, getting dinner, washing, feeding lambs. One old ewe had 4 lambs last night after. Voltie with lantern went searching for them all over the farm at last found them down in the old barn & drove them home and put them in the sheep pen. Joe Woodman here to dinner. We have 26 lbs of butter now ready for market. Joe Woodman here to supper.

Friday 5 April 1918

A very fine morning. Voltie up in night feeding lambs. Brought in another one this morning. Three now in the veranda to feed with bottle. the Wind South river all open. Two letters one from Belle, one from Grace. Emma received a letter from Will N. After dinner Edith went to Jim Morgans visiting going to stay all night. V had trouble trying to plow colts tried to get away because the lines broke broke plow and hurt kit colt. Emma made cookies & sugar. Reginald gathered the sap 3 pails full.

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Saturday 6th April 1918

Another fine day. Voltie after choring nearly all forenoon comenced plowing again this p.m. He plows between here and the road. Reginald brought in two pails full of sap. I wrote a letter to Maud and Bert. Emma worked the butter and made it into 8 prints which makes 34 lbs now ready for market. Edith came home this p.m. accompanied by Madeline and Myrabelle. Emma cleaned all the floors and done Saturdays general house work.

Sunday morning 7 April 1918

Sun dont shine very clearly this morning, all have a great visiting time. Excepting V and myself, they are all assemble in the kitchen to boil sap. Madaline & Myrabelle go home at 5 p.m.

Monday 8 April 1918

A cloudy drizzly day. V didn't plow but he and Reginald drew hay from stack this a.m. Then mended harness the rest of the day. I sent a letter to Grace also one to Bert and Maud and received letters from John and from June Kendrie also a sun from farm & dairy when I know the years suscription has not expired for I sent a dollar the 25 of June 1917. Voltie went after dark and carried milk to Rachel. We ate supper after come back.

Tuesday 9 April 1918

Froze last night. frost on all the windows this morning. V working shop all day. I wrote a long letter to John this day. Reg choring and boiling sap; all 3 making a racket all day. nothing very substantial done all day boil a little sap on the stove. Emma bakes bread. Sap dont run to day to chilly. Reginald talks to his ma over the phone. 41 lbs butter.

Wednesday 10 April 1918

Wind N.E. blowing a stiff breeze "shgaring off" off. I write a letter to farm and dairy and put it in mail box & also one to John. V and Reginald draw hay. V works on harness. Lillie Goodfriend surprised us by walking in after school to make us a visit which she did by staying all night and to breakfast. Emma put up a good lunch for tea. They played games till 11 O'clock no mail this day for any one. No crossing from Kingston since Saturday. Froze quite hard last night.

Thursday 11 April 1918

Another frozen morning. Reginald and Voltie drawing hay. 3 loads from the stack. Emma and Ed getting dinner. Turnip for dinner. Jack Niles phoned her is going to Kingston tomorrow morning. Starts at six O'clock a.m. and says Reginald can go with him. Reginald packs his suit case. Couldn't pack all his things in his, so borrowed Ediths. V went to bed quite early. Weather threatens a storm. 47 lbs butter.

Friday 12 April 1918

I called early this morning to Emma who answered me after a time or two which disturbed Voltie and he arose after a while. Not going to Kingston this day everything covered with snow 1/2 foot any way every tree shrub and fence. It looks more like winter than it did a month ago. Snow still continuing continues to fall fast and furious all day. Reginald rings up George Niles. Geo says he dont know when he is going away. But Reg has his suit cases all packed ready for Kingston and home. V and Reg gathered the sap in milk cans.

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Saturday 13 April 1918

A fine day snow all disappeared
by 3 pm. Joe phoned this morning
saying he is going to villiage and
Reginald can go with him, So after
breakfast Reginald again dresses and rearranges
his suit cases, and Voltie goes with
him to Samys carrying the heaviest
suit case. V sends by Joe for a few
things, groceries. Well the home is lonesome
without Reggie but such is life.

53 lbs butter for market. Samy ate
dinner with us. Joe & Samy got a sick
cow. can't stand up sun sets clear.

Sunday 14 April 1918

A clear chilly morning. V milked
the cows this morning. Edith didn't
get up till breakfast was ready
then went to carry milk and
honey to Rachel a tug went
down this morning towards Clayton
We were alone all day
till just at sunset our girls
discovered a man in a skiff rowing
in here. It was Wellie

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Monday 15 April

A very fine day. Wellie arose early and went to Aunt Rachels to breakfast came back and cut Voltie's hair. He thought to go home after dinner. A big body of ice came floating down and now he, like Reginald is marooned on this island. Joe came and Samy bringing our groceries coffee, rolled oats, tea, yeast cakes paid telephone bill and after taking out a dollar beside the above from a ten dollar bill brought back \$2,20 cts. Voltie plowed a little and Wellie made an axe handle. Edith went to R's after dark with milk for Rachel.

Received a letter from Nellie Brooks.

Tuesday 16 April 1918

A very warm day for the season. Wellie went home this morning or across the river in our skiff. Voltie plows, after doing all the chores beside going to Niles for milk, Emma done a good job of cleaning up things in front veranda but only cleared things without cleaning, carried honey up stairs, sorted the papers and magazines, turned the lambs out door.

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Wednesday 17 Apr 1918

Warm and cloudy. looks like rain. Emma churned soon after breakfast butter not long in churning; have to lift the cow up every day. Emma churned twice this day in a.m.

60 lbs butter for market. I patch a dress for myself, old black dress. wrote and sent a letter to Belle.

forgot to send it by Wellie

Preparing to go to market tomorrow with butter and eggs. V going. 45 lbs butter, 10 doz eggs. V plowed; another calf little bald face cow.

Thursday 18 April 1918

A terrible cold, windy nasty rainy snowy day. It makes everything disagreeable dreary indoor and out.

Didn't go to market; day to bad.

The truth is we didn't do much any way.

I wrote a long letter to Will.

boil sap on stove [illegible] a can of maple syrup for pancakes, sometime the boat came in last night to our dock for the first time this year. 18 April 1918

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Friday 19 April 1918

A clear day; not much wind froze so hard Voltie can't plow this day. I receive a letter from Grace. Lib

Watson. V built a yard for the lambs.

Emma carried them out to the yard.

Judy, Betsy, Rags Emma done some cleaning in Veranda. Emma received

letter from Miriam Burton.

Lib Watson want strawberry vines raspberry bushes, rose bushes. Sun set clear and

red this evening sent Will a letter

Saturday 20 April 1918.

A very good day, nothing extra.

The usual amount of Saturday work accomplished a little baking a little mopping. Same old chores done out

side. Same milking separating,

calves fed, hogs fed, horses fed &

watered, sheep in sheep pen, stables cleaned for horses and cows, lambs fed. Emma

worked over butter & churned. made prints. 77 lbs butter now for market.

Emma after supper walked down

to Maggie Rattrays. V plowed.

Edith tended to bread baking after

Emma hiked down the Island.

Maurice and Samy went to corners crossed in our skiff.

They stay all night at Maloneys. V sent for tobacco and

Emma sent for flower seeds Aster sturtium and sweet peas.

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Sunday 21st April

A nasty rainy day. V, Edie
and I alone nearly all day only
Maurice and Samy called in
long enough to ask for Voltie and
leave the flower seeds and tobacco.

Rained so much Emma didn't
come home, roads all mud. V
went to Rachels carrying her stuff
apples and milk. I thought I'd
write a letter but read all day.

Samy gave me a cosmopolitan.

Ogle drove down the Island and
returned towards night. V brought in
some sap the last run for this year.

Monday 22nd April 1918.

not a very pleasant day. Joe and Samy
here fixing old milk waggon wheel.
V plowing. Joe and Samy here to dinner.
Emma rode up with the mail
so she is home again.

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Tuesday 23 April 1918

not very cold, sort of a half cloudy day. V plowing. I wrote a long letter to Lib Watson. Emma churned twice.

Emma set 4 hens. I finished a cake doily & gave it to Emma.

Wednesday 24th April 1918

froze last night but the morning is bright. Wind south. I wrote a letter to Grace and sent two this morning one to Grace, one to Lib Watson. Received a letter from Grace, also one from Grace Cheever. working at butter last night to get ready for market tomorrow.

Thursday 25 April 1918

Froze some last night. V arose quite early. Going to town today. Emma got breakfast, drove to dock with Voltie and 10 doz eggs & 85 lbs butter. Edie washed breakfast dishes milked 4 cows lugged the milk to the house & separated. Emma and Edith carry separated milk.

to feed 8 calves. Joe and Sam
came cleaned cow stable lifted
the old sick cow onto her old legs.
I sat out in Veranda this am for the
first time this spring. Emma got dinner
and helped milk. Emma milked 4 cows.
Edie milked six. Joe came and
hitched up and drove to dock for V and
Rachel. Some of her eggs were smashed
by driving over to the dock this morn.
85 lbs. V sold the butter for 40 cts per lb
got .34 cts for the eggs per doz. He bought
oil cloth for the dining room,
olive oil, ink, letter paper, shoes for
Edith, shoes for himself, onions & onion
sets, 3 pairs of stockings & trouser
buttons, soda biscuits, carbonate of
soda, cornstarch, laundry starch,
pulverized sugar, coffee,
2 pairs socks, candy.
Joe here to supper. Garden & flower
seeds, Pansy, Phlox, Asters, Morning Glory,
Parsley, salsify, tea kettle, Varnish,
sweet collar, salt for cattle, 2 King
bolts, shoelaces, Dinner 50 fare, 35.
Voltie bought mucilage and a quart of beans

April Friday 26th 1918

Clear, cold for the season especially in the morning, warmer towards noon and afternoon. Edith after helping V went over to Rachels, to carry buttermilk. She gave Edith candies, cookies, bologna sausage, and other sausage enough for our dinner. I send a dollar to Farm and Dairy. I receive a letter from Bert and Maude. Emma beginning to clean house by taking up the sitting room carpet and moving the the few scrubby looking flowers that have wintered out from veranda. Edith and Emma are both helping Voltie do the barn chores. Oh what a time this is. who knows how it will all end this war. Sometimes I'm afraid and Poor Maggie Joslin only did she take such a burden on her young shoulders. What has she gained by that marriage. Emma and Edith milked all the cows & separator. V went to draw hay from stack, horses got frightened when a little hay slipped off the load and poor dear Emma sprained her ankle. Now I don't know what we will do. Joe and Samy saw the catastrophe and came running to help. V fell off the load backward but didn't sustain any damage. Oh I'm sorry.

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Saturday 27th April 1918

Emma cant step on her foot
this day. I helped all I could
washed dishes, picked over beans.

V plowing all day. Samy and
Joe fixing to go spearing.

The day is lovely, warm not a
breath of wind stiring. Tom Maloney
rowed over and gone up the island somewhere
perhaps over to Dora's to see Maurice.

Edith washed and made 8 butter prints
and worked all day. doing the

best she can. Joe and Tom done
the best he can too for he and Tom
both drove up the island courting.

Joe to Huffs or Cuffs and Tom
a Fargo girl. Voltie and Samy
went fishing after V plowed all day
went spearing up in Sulivans bay.

Got one big pike, 2 smaller ones
one eel two bullheads & one
rock bass, came home about one
oclock am.

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Sunday 28 April 1918

A beautiful day, warm scarcely a breeze of air. V took a nap before dinner. The atmosphere is hazy. Looks like rain. Will Niles and Jim Maloney unexpectedly walked in. I sent them to the barn to help. V got the cow up out the Stanchion lifter.

They went there was no one here the rest of the day.

Monday 29 April 1918

Raining a little this morning but clears after a while. I write a letter to Buckbee but am thinking cant get it posted. Poor Edith is cross she cant get along with the work alone. OG and good house keeper would with one masterful stride of mind and hand would sweep the whole business and have dinner on time. I have done it. Emma tried to get around on her lame foot and did fix the churn. I churned not long coming Voltie plowing down on Smith. A little thunder a little lightening and a little rain at bed time.

Tuesday 30th April 1918

A very fine day somewhat cooler after the rain. Voltie cultivating to sow wheat. Emma churned and made 13 butter prints took the butter from the churn, pared apples, I've got one lame leg. Edith done quite a lot of work too brought water, washed separator, built fires and helped get the meals, fed lambs and helped do some chores at the barn. Emma crocheted and so did I.

Wednesday 1st May 1918

A very fine day tho it was somewhat rainy this am. Samy and Joe came to the shop a while. Samy came in for honey while Joe went home. Mr. Geo Gillespie came in while we were eating breakfast. Emma making scrap book. I finished Grace Jr cake doily. Voltie, after dinner cultivated with a four horse team he drew some hay from lower barn for horses. Emma pared some apples and cooked some beans. The old cat had one kitten, it died and buster ate it up. Edith washed dishes and separator, fed the lambs, got breakfast and dinner, brought in water & wood, gathered the eggs. Helped V hitch up the 4 horse team. Sun sets clear. No mail this day. Edith helped milk and separed the milk. Emma got supper and cooked bean.

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Thursday 3rd May 1918

A very good day but chilly wind N.

Voltie sowed 7 bushels of wheat this day.

Emma made scrap book. I wrote a

letter to Grace. Joe Woodman got to go

to war, drafted. He got a letter yesterday

to go. Voltie got bad cold in

head. Emma made 8 prints which makes

29 ready for market. Joe came in for

Will's fiddle box. He is going to the villiage.

Friday 2nd May 1918

A fine day but cool. Voltie working

in field cultivating. Emma churned

leaving the butter in churn all

night, made scrap book &c. We

received a letter from Grace, two farm

papers and McLeans magazine.

It is this day that Joe came for Will's

fiddle box. A dance at the villiage. Joe

going to play.

Saturday 4 May 1918

Another chilly morning. Voltie working in field. Emma walking on her lame foot trying to do the best she can baking bread. Emma works around this day more than usual. I should not be discouraged and if I ought not to be. Edith cleaned up grain oat for E. Voltie Samy went across in Voltie's skiff at sunset.

Sunday 5 May 1918

A very fine day bright clear and warm. Stella Niles came across to work for Louise. Roy, Maggie and Willie Goslin came they brought the baby with them. Albert Barry here awhile Emma can go out door now

Monday 6 May 1918

This is a much besmeared page. I dropped ink from the pen. Another fine day. Emma foot better. Didn't get any letters only two farm papers. We churned this day. 44 lbs. butter for market.

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Tuesday 7 May 1918

Rather cloudy. Voltie cultivating all fore noon getting ready to sow oats.

We dont do much work in doors.

Emma churned. Afternoon rainy.

Joe came and staid to supper got to go away tomorrow morning.

He is hoping he may come back from Kingston without going further.

A thunder shower this evening. 7000 soldiers on a strike in Halifax.

They wont go aboard the transport vessels to take them to France.

An awful state of affairs when Canada has to fight her own men to make them go to fight.

Wednesday 8th May 1918

A cool cloudy morning. Wind South

Joe went away this morning, two others in the buggy with him.

Emma preparing to go to Kingston to-morrow. Voltie sowed oats

and cross draged the field. Edith

went over to Rachels to carry

her some buttermilk and papers.

Received a letter from Maud & Bert

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and Farmers Magazine. Joe didn't
come to-night but might come tomorrow.

No Joe didn't come back
nor do I think he will ever come
again. V's sick calf died.

A very good Thursday 9th May 1918.

A very good day tho cool and cloudy.

Voltie drove to dock with Emma. She
is going to market with 52 lbs butter
and 10 dozen eggs. Butter 44 cts
per lb, eggs 35 cts doz. She bought
tea, coffee, rolled oats, candy, washing
powder soap, paint, underwear
liquid Veneer, cheesecloth
cotton cloth, letter pad, flower
seed, Lettuce, Radish, cucumbers,
Dinner 40 cts boat fare 35 repairing
ring 15 cts thread, 8

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Friday 10 May 1918

Cool day and V working in shop
nearly all day nothing done in
door only taking butter from the churn
which has stood in the cooling water
since yesterday. Guess Emma's foot bothers
her since her walk around town yesterday.

Received a letter from Belle and one
from Grace; both very interesting.

Voltie walked up to Samy's and
Samy came down and ate supper

Saturday 11 May 1918

Froze last night quite hard

The sun shining clear and bright
this morning. Voltie gone to plow
He has sowed 44 bushels of grain.
sent R's books home this morning
and a chunk of ham.

Voltie plowing again this afternoon.

Afternoon cloudy, looks rain. Edith
expecting Madaline and Myrabelle
tomorrow. Rachel is expecting Will; he
going to bring her a dog. Emma and
Edith made pies, cookies, carried the old orange
tree out in veranda, baked bread and
Emma milked 5 cows & separated.

churned, worked over and packed but carried the old slop pail
swept out my dirty bedroom, kicked the cats outdoor, out to the ba ha
mopped kitchen and dining rooms, got the
meals and washed all the dishes and sowed flower seeds
and gathered the eggs separated the milk and washed churn &
separated, fed calves and went after the cows brought
wood & water.

A great day among the cats. Bustco has got 4 kittens

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Sunday May 12 1918

Not a very good day rainy and cloudy. Tom Malony and Samy Woodman here awhile. Madeline and Marabelle didn't come over to wet neither did Will come. Voltie working in the shop at old milk wagon getting it ready to draw milk in tomorrow morning. V went for the cows through the rain; had to find shelter in the old barn while the rain poured on the roof which lulled him to sleep. R's old cow tearing the fence down. No visitors no callers only Samy here a few minutes to use the telephone. Tom M didn't come in so you see nothing occurred of any account only Voltie drowned busters young cats and peppered the bull with bird shot for he can jump some. Shower after shower, dark and gloomy, follow each other in succession at most intervals accompanied by thunder.

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Monday 13th May 1918

Guess it rained all night, cant
work in field. To wet to plow,
drew the milk to the factory this
morning for the first time. Edith
helped milk and has now gone
to Rachel's to carry milk.

Emma sent Samy a loaf of bread
and some cookies by V when he went
to factory. Emma sent letter to Langley
and Willie Joslin. Emma received
letters from Langley, Sylvia, and more garden
seeds, also a letter from Reginald.

Rachel has got a dog and a jar
of butter. Joe is home to stay awhile.
He has now gone over to the corners.
Voltie sent by him for pills. Emma
carried the old brown carpet to the river
and soaked it awhile in the water
then Voltie helped pound it clean and
hung it on the fence. So much more
done towards spring house cleaning.
Voltie fixed fence, chopped wood for
Rachel, made a circle for old milk
wagon, and a thousand other things.

Tuesday 14th May 1918

Another nasty morning & not very warm. Clears up. The day grows brighter wind South and quite breezy. Samy here to dinner; plowed for Voltie this p.m. Emma washed a lot of clothes, which is so much more towards spring house cleaning, and the separator too get the meals, and churned, beside crocheted on a yoke. Edith helped do all kinds of work, the hens are hatching. V plowed a place for a flow garden. I wrote a letter to Grace and inclosed Belle. Edith helps Emma, feeds lambs, goes for the cows, milks washes milk can. Samy ate supper here, didnt stay all night. Edith forgot to gather and bring in the eggs

Wednesday 15 May 1918

A clear bright still morning and cool. Had to call Edith so many times this morning again. A good day for working in field. Emma does a lot of work towards cleaning up curtains and blankets. Old hog tipped over the stack kettle full of starch down by the river Samy helping V this fore noon ate dinner here. V got a sick hog always has some sick animal to care Joe came home. A letter from Will Stella Niles here. Samy & Joe came down a while. Emma gone to dock with them in morning. Stella Niles here in evening.

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Thursday 16, 1918

Arose early. Emma gone to town rode over to the dock with Joe and Sam. She is taking up a eleven dozen of eggs.

Voltie gone to work down on the Smith's place. He finished plowing yesterday. Joe here to breakfast. Edith put the little chickens outdoors there is 21 of them. Grandma picked over beans for dinner.

Emma carried a crate of honey in sections to market. Joe feels bad about going to war.

Friday 17 May 1918

A very fine day. Voltie working in field. Emma washing curtains.

E & E milks the cows while Votlie works late in the field.

Emam scrubbed wall in kitchen.

18 May 1918

Saturday. V finished up below sowing grain 60 bushels didnt' come home till after dark. Emma & Edith worked steady all day at painting, cleaning kitchen.

Sunday 19th May 1918

A very fine day cant make fire in dining room cook stove, smoke so bad, got supper on oil stove and breakfast and dinner this day. Roy drove up for Emma to go visiting at his house she went. Edith went to church; Samy ate dinner here. Howard called him to see if the Morgans kids were here found they were not so proceeded to church. Madaline & Myrabelle at church came home with Edith staid till toward sun set. I gave them a lot of old magazines. V gave them 2 quarts new milk. Stella came then Will Niles & Jim Maloney. After a time or two Roy came brining Emma home accompanied by Maggie and baby

Monday 20 May 1918

A good day. Voltie finished sowing grain this day. I sent Brother Will a letter. Emma cleaning upstairs got the oil cloth down all right. Only Farmers magazine and Experiments from papers.

Tuesday 21st May 1918

Voltie and Joe sheared the sheep.

Voltie prepared Emma

and Ediths flower garden. Emma

washed more clothes and rugs.

I fix my old dress skirt, crochet
on the deep lace. The day is fine.

Joe going to a dance this eve

at villiage. Jim Maloney and

Will Niles here this evening.

Wednesday 22 May 1918

Very warm in forenoon. A big shower
towards night from South. Voltie cross

draging. Emma cleaned parlor it

looks fine. She has to do most of

the work alone. V going to prepare

ptoatoe ground then elevate the cutter

over head in the ice house, shut up the

sow in the ice house for keep. No ice in

ice house. I dont feel very well and

am very discontented about many things

specialy about washing. I am afraid it

will take a long time to straighten things

out. Talk about day light saving by setting

the clock forward! what is the good of

that as long as the small fragments
of time are wasted and thrown
away.

Thursday 23 May 1918

A beautiful day after the rain
Voltie drove to the dock this morning
with Rachel's eggs which she sold
to George Rattray for over 7 dollars.
V drove from there to factory with the
milk. The river is very still this morning
just a small ripple.

Friday 24 May 1918

Emma doing some washing and house
cleaning Voltie's bedroom. I think it is
Voltie planting potatoes. At last they got
ready and started out for the dance. Emma
goes one way Edith another. Emma goes with
Jack and Anna in car. Edith walks over to Morgans
to go from there with them in their motor boat. The dance is
made for Joe Woodman but the [illegible]
came down in a motor truck 22 strong and monopoly
The dancing hall so this company were out
and had nothing to do but
set around and look on and
the villiage ghouls ate the grub
that this party had carried.

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Saturday 25 May 1918

This is a dull day after the party and dance at Dora Hallidays. The house is in terrible disorder for things being upset and misplaced and such, a rain storm pouring rain all p.m. but they never try to catch any rain water barrels of it going to waste.

Sunday 25 May 1918

A very fine day. Old front veranda in an awful uproar. Will Niles, Stella and Devolson and Lib here all p.m. also Howard Niles also George Woodman. Emma went down to George Niles with Stella and Will staid there to supper then they came back again with her. They staid all evening then Emma had to go a little way home with them.

Monday 27

A foggy morning and continues foggy nearly all day. V plowing for corn. Emma trying to clean pantry Tis an awful looking hole. I never saw any thing like it. It is the very worst I ever saw. I wrote and sent a long letter to Lib Watson about her strawberry plants which she cant get this year. V and E went spearing caught a few fish the air full of electricity flash light The stars are shining. A thunder shower in night time.

Tuesday 28 May 1918

Another warm cloudy foggy morning. Votlie plowing this morning after factory and chores. This is a terrible looking house and every day it gets worse. I don't think it can be straightened out in a month. If house spring house cleaning kicks up such a muss. I never want to see another. Edith is lifeless even while she is alive. She seems to get worse more lifeless every day. Poor little Edith. I really wonder if she can make herself any different she is a good child in many ways but she is odd; very excentric. Voltie and Well Niles went spearing for eels.

Wednesday 29 May 1918

A cool cloudy morning continues so all day. Emma cleans my bed room and turns the bed around. I send a letter to Grace also and to Lib Watson. Edith does all sorts of chores sets hens, feeds lambs, chickens, goes to R's. Voltie planting potatoes, and plowing for corn, drives to dock with a grist of wheat and the wood.

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Thursday 30th May 1918

Arose quite early. Voltie going to Kingston. Emma goes to the dock and then drives across around by the factory with the milk. A foggy morning, sun shining through a foggy atmosphere. Emma works all day at home cleaning then drives to dock for Voltie. V takes a grist for Rachel's flour and flower for some one else. V paid 25 dollars interest on Mortgage by way of Geo Rattray V bought 3 bags potatoes at \$2 dollars bag. Paid 9 dollars for 2 bushels seeds

Friday 31st May 1918

A very good day for work tho cloudy. Emma cleaning house and working. No letters nly 3 farm papers. Will Niles and Stella here in Evening. Will helping V spread and match the linoleum on dining floor.

Saturday 1st June 1918

A day of all kinds of work. Emma put oil cloth on pantry floor. Edith cooks and washes dishes, feeds the lambs, brings water from river. V works in field cultivating. Samy ate from river feeds chickens, dinner here. Wind blows from South, river rough.

Sunday 2nd June 1918

A fine day. Wind South. Will Niles here awhile. V gave him golden bantam seed corn. Edith gave him Dahlia bulbs. Edith expecting visitors Madaline & Maribelle. Emma gone across to Geo Nile's with Will and Stella. V down to the old house threshing beans on Sunday. Will came over to shingle Rachels house. Emma came late after dark. Voltie and I are so pleased to see Will. It reminds me of years & years ago when my aunts, uncles and cousins came to see us.

Monday 3rd June 1918

McLeans Magazine came today. Will and Harold Dignum shingling R's house both here this evening all singing and playing violin piano. Will Niles here too. Voltie raking quack roots out the ground all day with Spring tooth harrow. night very cool, almost cold.

Tuesday 4th June 1918

A chilly morning. I'm glad to sit in the kitchen by the warm stove. Emma cooking and baking pies, cookies, cakes, fried cakes. Voltie drilled in 2 bushels ensilage corn, beans brown & white. Jimmy Morgan here to supper. Will didn't come over today. Rainy all forenoon.

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Wednesday 5 June 1918

A lovely day. A light breeze wind N. Jim Morgan here to day working in field with Voltie at ,35 cts an hour. I write and send a letter to Reginald. Will came over from Rachel's to get his violin and say goodbye. He is going home today, this pm. Edith went back to R's with him and now he has taken Buster dog and gone to get Will Niles to sit him across the river. Rachel came over here with Edith feeling bad and lonesome since Will and Buster are gone. 2 Jew ate dinner here. They gave Edith ,50 cts for their dinner. Emma after supper rowed the skiff down to Horn's after stopping on the way and taking Stella N along with her. She bought a bushel of potatoes for which she paid a dollar and paid Lizzie ,75 cts ballance on dress making. V took a little kerosine from Samy's can which is our boat house. So ends the day and we all go to bed to sleep the sleep of contentment and peacefulness.

Thursday, June 6, 1918

The morning thick very cool and cloudy, looks as tho it might may rain any minute. Not much wind.

James and Voltie building fence. I dont know which work is being done in kitchen. Suppose they were busy as bees doing nothing. Rains all pm. Wm N here in eve. He is great on rings. V brought home his concrete mixer from dock.

Friday 7 June 1918

A heavy thunder and lightening about midnight.

Quite clear in morning but soon clouds again. Jim & V build fence all day. Emma done some baking cakes, cookies fried cakes, bread &c. A letter from Grace.

Saturday 8

Edith stays all night with Rachel.

Emma cleans all the floors and Edith washes V shirts.

Jim & V work all day at the fence. Maggie rings for Emma to go to Bert McDonald with them. Diandra Rattray on the island too Joe Woodman in Barriefield camp.

Sunday 9th June 1918

A cold rainy nasty day all day. No one here excepting Will Niles. He told us today Percy is burried to day. No one went to Rs from here. V took a nap. Will N here to supper and staid till bed time.

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Monday 10 June 1918

Sun rose clear bright and warm
this morning. James here this morning.
V and James take down the sheep pen.
Edith has a job on hand washing all
the dirty socks and stockings that has accumulated
all winter I think by the looks of the bundle.
I suppose the sight of them makes her sick.
She began quite early. I finished writing
to Grace and Edith mailed the letter
and sent one to Reggie, mailed
Evelines blue Bamy book. Rachel came
over awhile after dinner to tell V about
the potatoes from Bill Horn. I crochet all the No 10
ball thread I have in table doily.
Sheridan & Jack Murray here this evening.
Ed Maloney in hospital for rupture.

Tuesday 11 June 1918

fine day. Jim and Voltie working at
barn frame. I sewed on Ediths rug.
Edith finished the socks and stockings
rinsed them in the river and brought
in a bag full from the line that she
washed yesterday.

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Wednesday 12 Jun 1918

I stay in kitchen all this day
not much sunlight any where
An electric storm in the night
heavy thunder and sharp
lightning and some rain.
Rain beat in under the
veranda door, cloudy and
rainy most of the. Rachel
came over to tell about her
letter she received from Lottie
saying she and Louise and
Will Sr are coming Sunday p.m.
to finish up house cleaning and
straighten things out. She is sending
up by Emma tomorrow for a lot of
things for the table, and curtains and
wallpaper.

Thursday 13 June 1918

Emma gone to Kingston this day for
groceries and things. V drove to dock. Jim M
drove to factory. Edith gets the dinner this day.
Emma brought home a lot of things too
numerous to itemize, forgot tea and
Voltie's shoes and several other things.

Friday 14 June 1918

A very fine day but cool. William Gillespie, Jim Morgan, and Jack Murray here working for Voltie. Samy was coming but had to help his uncle William Woodman. Emma has 4 men to get dinner and supper for this day.

Saturday 15 June 1918

A very fine day. Will Gillespie and J. Morgan here working on barn frame. Emma doing Saturday work and getting the meals. Never can tell what Edith does for she is out door most of the time.

Sunday 16 June 1918

A sun bright day. No one here till evening. Then Wm N and Stella came directly from home in skiff. Will bringing a basket of lettuce and radishes. V went across for Will and his daughters as agreed upon staid at Geo Farr's till 10 p.m. waitingwaiting no one came. Then V rowed back home again. Weary weary & tired and gone to bed. And so ends the day.

Monday 17 June 1918

Monday morning bright and early. R came over very early to find why Louise, Lottie nor Will did not come, couldn't tell her. Cooking and baking all day. Maggie Rattray & Annie Niles helping. Edith quite happy with two kids to play with, Isabel Rattray and Lois Niles. V chopped heads off 5 roosters big and fat. Emma & Maggie plucked the feathers. V and Em prepared them for boiling and now they are all in the big pot on the stove cooking. Good night.

Tuesday 18 June 1918

A fine cool morning. Sun bright. V went early to factory this morn. beat J F at the whey cream business. Jimmy M here quite early. Had been to breakfast and are now mowing, smoothing, raking, with rake, sythe, and lawn mower in front yd by the big oak to set tables on the lawn for the barn raisers, cooking and baking still going on. Howard Niles is the second man to arrive. Now they are coming thicker and faster. The women are hustling to get the table set nearly or quite 30 men and some women Isabel Joslin and Earl Maggie Rattray and baby Timmie Niles and

Lois, Rachel, Edith Bates, Madaline Morgan, Stella Niles, Lulu Collins, Mrs Nancy Niles, Arlaine Keslar, Lottie and Lena Dixon. Nearly every man from George Woodmans to foot of island, 5 motor cars shining bright in the sunlight standing in the yard. Edith went home with Madaline, going with Madaline to the picnic tomorrow. Emma's foot lame and sore on bottom from standing on them so long.

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Wednesday 19

The day after the raising. Working on barn of course. V, Jim & Will Gillespie hammer, hammer, pound drove nails all day.

Thursday 20

A very good day. Lottie and Louise finished cleaning house for Rachel, came over here to supper. Then Will rowed them across in V's skiff. Gurnsey there to meet them with motor car. Working on barn.

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Friday 21

rain rain. V couldnt drive cattle
to foot of island tho Ellis waiting for him.
Jim & V working in shop making ladder.

Saturday 22 June 1918

Cloudy, winds blowing fiercely

Sunday 23rd June 1918

Weather rough and rainy all last night. E &
E went to church. A good bye sermon very
few there. Church service dont seem to amount
to much these days. Going to have a new preacher.
A great surprise; the Buckbee seeds came
yesterday. Wm Niles brought them over 53 pks.
I sent first April; to late to sow or plant.
rainy day. V and Will D go fishing. Will N
here to supper, had fish, very good. I wrote
to Mabel M.

French

Dire - to tell, to relate

De - of, from, by

Le - the

Emma Lehman

Wolfe Island

Monday 24 June 1918

A very fine day warm every thing growing. Will D and Jim M & V working on barn. I finished and sent a letter to Mabel M. Received a letter from Bonnie Watson. Emma went to Horn's to get her dress made. Went early. staid quite late. Will and Edith went to Geo Niles in skiff for her. Rachel walked over. Eveline had sent her a dollar in a letter. She staid to supper. V sent Ellis \$10 dollars to him.

Tuesday 25 June 1918

Somewhat cloudy and cool. Wind East
Lucena Bates visiting here. Jim came down stairs while we were eating breakfast. V and Jim & Will working on barn. Will D ate breakfast with R. Miss Langley and Lois came visiting this p.m. went home after supper. In evening Will D, Emma & Edith and Lucena went in a skiff to George Niles making an evening visit. Lucena staid here. Jimmy went home at sundown.

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O Dear

Books lent

Mrs Niles, Eben Holden

all night pine

Maud Gillespie Jessabel

Samy Woodman United States History

Goodfriend The wood carver

Wednesday 26 June 1918

Another bright morning Jimmy came back early to breakfast. Lucena went home this morning after breakfast. Work all day on barn.

27 Thursday Voltie phone to Henderson for potatoes and other groceries, lumber and a horse fork. Working on barn. Jimmy went home in evening.

Friday 28 June

Wind blowing all day. I received a letter or card from Grace Cheevers. Will received a letter from Jen wanting him to come home. V drove the cattle to Breakeys Bay. Ellis paid him \$400 dollars for 4 cows and the 2 year old bull dry cows except the kicker

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Our cows names

Dairy

Daisy 1

Molly 2

Jenny 3

Bridget 4

Lilly 5

Spot 6

Rachel 7

Inez 8

Linker 9

Ball face 10

Liny 11

Guiltage 12

tango 13

Polly 14

twin 15

Sambo 16

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