

- Dec. 28 More snow. about 2 feet deep. Mainhood took his cutter away. Mr. Thoms called and brought me a letter from Laura. Mrs. Montgomery was buried today in the churchyard.
- 29 Cold snap. Our Christmas tree passed off very well quite a number of people were out. The Thomses & Somersets were there.
- 30 Very cold. down to 30° below last night. it will be colder tonight. Charlie went to Utterson to Hugh Somerset's shooting match. George drove in & brought him home.
- 31 Sunday. Cold wind. G & C & I went to Church at night. Minni Forrest is at home for a holiday.

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- Jan. 1 New Year's day. Fine & good sleighing. G. drove Eva & me in to Utterson. Charlie was skating on the lake. Children have all troublesome coughs. Violet is getting whooping-cough now. Baby is no better.
- 2 We washed. Mr. & Mrs. & Ruth Thoms came to tea. Mrs. Forrest & Minni came in during the evening.
- 3 Woman's Auxiliary in the afternoon I went but there were not enough for a meeting. Good skating on the lake.
- 4 G drove me & baby to Ball's. Eva & Charlie went skating. I went to choir practise at night.
- 5 Nice mild day splendid sleighing. G & Louie & Violet & I drove to father's. got back to tea. I wrote to cousin Muriel.
- 6 Mild. George drove Annie part of the way to Brunel where she is going to stay till Monday. I went to the ice with the children.
- 7 Wet & thawing. I went to Church in the morning. G & C. & Eva at night.
- 8 Cold day. School opened but our children are not going owing to whooping cough.
- 9 Fine but windy we washed & G took baby and me for a cutter ride. Meeting in Hall tonight.
- 10 Busy ironing.

- Jan. 11 Fine but cold wind. G & I drove to Huntsville. called at Father's.
- 12 Bright moonlight nights. Geo Drove to Utterson to see Robertson. Dance at Hall at night. Johnson came in. I went to the Hall for an hour.
- 13 Milder. Geo. drove to Howard's & I went as far as Thomses with him. Cheese factory meeting here in even.
- 14 Mild day. Went to Church at night. G & I & baby called at Forrests in afternoon.
- 15 Mild & a little damp. We washed & baked. Mrs. Atkinson asked me to go with her to call on the Thomses. we went there & to Somerset's.
- 16 Mild. Geo & Eva & I drove to Johnson's after dinner, came home by moonlight. Charlie went with a sleigh-load to a Xmas tree in Brunel. The two Mrs. Gall's called.
- 17 Eva & Charlie drove to Huntsville. Father came, cooler.
- 18 Mild & damp. George drove Mr. Allen of A.O. Ellis(?) around Brunel. Ted McInnis took his sewing machine away. I went to choir practise.
- 19 Thawing. Geo drove Mr. Allen to Utterson. I went to W.A. meeting and brought Ruth Thoms back to tea.
- 20 Violet had a birthday party. T. Vincent & the little Chester boys were here. T. stayed over night. Turned very cold.
- 21 At night high wind. Eva & Louie & I went to church in the morn & G & I & C & E went at night. quite a number there.
- 22 Mild & thawing again. Geo Thoms took away his cutter. Eva started school again..
- 23 High wind, blew cold.
- 24 Cold windy day. Farmer's Institute meeting. Cyril Thomas was here to tea. Louie is poorly. The roads are icy & there is not much snow.
- 25 Snowing. We went to call at Will Galls & took Louie & baby but they did not go in. I was poorly after we got home & did not go to choir practise.
- 26 Cold windy day. Charlie & I went to tea at the Hall & Geo came later. our organ was there & we had music & dancing.

- Jan. 27 Saturday, mild with light snowfall. I took children to Ladell's. George sold our cutter to Dick Clarke so we will have to get another.
- 28 Stormy. I went to church at night and played the organ stormy night.
- 29 Children are sick. Nasty weather. Cyril Thoms brought us an invitation to spend the evening there on Wednesday.
- 30 Eva poorly still, we washed. Storming all day very heavily at night. snow will be deep in the morning.
- 31 Cold day. I ironed. G. & I went with a sleigh load of others to Thomses in their sleigh & got home about 1 o'clock. we had a pleasant evening.
- Feb. 1 Got up late. I got cold last night & did not go to choir practise as it was very cold.
- 2 Nice day. we did not go to Somerset's. G drove the new cutter which came today into Utterson.
- 3 Nice day. Geo drove Charlie & W. Brymer to Falkenburg, thence they went on to Bracebridge & sold some tickets. I saw Laura & Louie at Ladells & arranged to go on Monday.
- 4 I went to Church & played in the morning & stayed in at night. G also stayed in with headache.
- 5 Fine & Bright & not too cold. Geo drove me & Louie to Somersets to tea. we called at Calls. Got home before ten.
- 6 Nice fine day & moonlight night. Baby & I drove to Utterson with Geo & we waited at Will Brown/s till he was ready. Baby seems poorly tonight.
- 7 George, Kathleen & I are all poorly today. Fine & mild. G. stayed in bed till tea time. Wet night.
- 8 Wet all day. Connie Thoms is ill with slight inflammation of the lungs. Geo somewhat better. I have neuralgia in my face. No choir practise. Miss Hutton called to see if she could give up this school & go to Normal.
- 9 Frozen up but not cold. Trustees had a meeting to see about Miss Hutton's leaving. Concert in Hall tonight in aid of Children's Hospital. I could not go as Kathleen was sick with earache etc. G. also stayed. Nice moonlight nights. Concert a success.

- Feb. 10 Nice day. Mr. Thoms was here to dinner. Connie rather better. Children went skating. I walked up to Ladells.
- 11 Lovely mild day. I went to S.S. & Church. Moonlight night.
- 12 We washed. G. drove to Raymond, sold sewing machine. Wet night.
- 13 Wet day. Turned snowy & windy. so that the Somersets could not come.
- 14 Fine with a little snow. There is no school as the teacher has left. Choir practise C & I went.
- 15 Will Gall & his mother called. The Will Gall's are going to move to Bala. Practise again at the Church.
- 16 Nice day. The Bishop held confirmation. Charlie was confirmed. Louie Thoms came home with us & stayed the afternoon. The Somersets did not come as they were not at Church & did not get my invitation, George T. came for Louie in the evening.
- 17 Nice day. G & I drove to Aspdin after dinner & got back to tea. splendid sleighing.
- 18 Cold wind. Annie & the children went to morning service & G & I went at night.
- 19 Fine but cold wind. Geo & Eva & I went to Father's after dinner. Barely enough snow for sleighing.
- 20 Lovely day. George went to Toronto. Clara walked over to stay a few days. We went to Ladells after dinner.
- 21 Ironed & baked. Mild. Good roads. Clara & I & two children went to Ladells & found Laura Somerset there she drove us home.
- 22 Snowing hard most of the day. The somersets came about half past 5 and spent the evening. Cyril & T. Vincent were here too. George did not come but sent a letter.
- 23 Roads heavy. Clara did not go home. Charlie went up to Newholme with a load to a concert. George came back from Toronto.

- Feb. 24 A heavy soft snow fell all day. George & Charlie drove to Utterson.
- 25 A cold stormy day. Clara & I ventured out to Church at night there were only a few there.
- 26 Very cold with wind, Clara could not get home. She & I went to Ladell's after tea.
- 27 Coldest night 40^o below, came out nice in the afternoon. G & C went to Gall's sale & Clara walked home. I took the children out for a walk.
- 28 Ash Wednesday. mild & snowy. G & I went to Hugh Patterson's with sewing machine. we had service & choir practise in evening.
- Mar. 1 Good news from the war. Ladysmith is relieved and 4000 Boors under Bronjie taken prisoners. Great celebration throughout the British Empire. Blustery but not very cold.
- 2 Disagreeable & windy. The Galls did not come.
- 3 Bright pleasant day. We went for a walk & I rode up as far as Ladells in cutter. Mrs. Ladells's ill at Crillia, Geo drove Mr. Brymer as far as Bains.
- 4 Stormy & cold. I did not go to Church at all as there was no track & my cough was too bad.
- 5 Nice day after cold night. Mrs. Boyd was buried. Geo read the funeral service as Mr. Atkinson has gone to Toronto. I went up to Ladells. Mr. Thoms was here to tea. Commenced to get 1½ qts milk at Watsons.
- 6 Stormy again turned to rain. no teacher yet & school is closed.
- 7 Cold wind but fine & warm sun. There is quite a crust. G & baby & I drove over to Thomses to see Connie. Mrs. T. was in bed.
- 8 Lovely day. Everybody turned out to enjoy the fine afternoon. Got some beef from Jenner's.
- 9 Mild turned to snow. Charlie began to cut wood for Herb Ladell. I walked up to see Aggie who is ill.
- 10 Fine but cold. G & I went for a drive up Utterson road. Mr. Thoms called.
- 11 Sunday. no service as Mr. Atkinson is away. I expected some of the Thoms over for some music in the evening but they did not come. Charlie went with them to the swamp church.

- Mar. 12 Bright fine day cool wind. Charlie is cutting wood for Herb Ladell.
- 13 Keeps very cold we washed.
- 14 Cold, went down to 30 at night. Miss Dennis the new teacher came.
- 15 Fine & nice in afternoon. Mabel & Louie Forrest & Jessie & Cyril & Jack Thoms came to tea. Eaby & I drove up to Ladells cold at night.
- 16 Sharp but turned cloudy & milder. I went to Church & choir practise. I called at Chester's. We did not go to Huntsville as Geo had sick headache.
- 17 Raw day with snow flurries. Cheese factory meeting in afternoon.
- 18 Cold wind. Children want to S.S. G & I went to Church at night.
- 19 Lovely mild morning but turned wet G& I drove to Huntsville we went over the lake but came back around by Utterson in the rain.
- 20 Cooler with a little snow. George drove Mr. Stephenson out & brought him here to tea. Wall & Cyril Thoms called in evening.
- 21 Snows a little every day fine nights.
- 22 Mild with snow. Georgè's birthday. I went up & stayed the afternoon with Aggie Ladell & read to her. soft.
- 23 Nice day but cold wind. Eva & I started to walk to Somersets but stayed at Thomses as Laura & Louie were coming there. We all drove down to Church. Geo went to Raymond.
- 24 Fine with cold wind. Geo drove in to Utterson and stayed all day. Lucy came & brought Mabel but had to leave at 2 p.m. Miss Dennis came in during the evening to see George. Cyril also came in to play cards.
- 25 Lovely day no cold wind. I went to SS with all the children and to Church in the evening. Wm. Johnson came in after Church for a while.
- 26 Soft day. Geo went to Raymond. I & children went up to Ladells, saw the sick ones.

- Mar. 27 We washed. Snowy morning but cleared.
- 28 Nice day. roads getting soft. Geo went to Parry Sound Road. I went to Ladells.
- 29 I called at Forrests with children. Fine.
- 30 Nice weather. Mr. C. Lawrence came to dinner. I went up to Ladell's. I went to Church at night.
- 31 Fine, roads soft. G spent most of the day at Utterson. Cyril Thoms was here to tea. The 4 little girls went to Gwn Atkinson's birthday party, quite a bit of snow to go yet.
- Apr. 1 Sunday. lovely day snow melting. I went to Church twice & up to see Mrs. Ladell in afternoon. G & C went to see Bob Brown.
- 2 Cloudy turned wet - we invited the Forrests & Atkinsons to tea but the former could not come. The Atkinsons stayed late.
- 3 Cooler with dashes of snow & wind. We washed. windy night.
- 4 Nice day. snow going. I went to W.A. meeting, not many there.
- 5 Warm snow going fast. I went up to Ladell's for a last cutter ride & we met Laura & Louie coming down withsome butter. they could not stay to tea. roads bare in places. Laura brought baby a present.
- 6 Kathleen's birthday she had a party. Connie Thoms brought F. Vincent. I went to choir practise with Connie.
- 7 Noticed first wagon out. very warm. Charlie has been sick for the last 3 days. There is quite a bit of sickness about.
- 8 Very cold wind. we have quite a sick house. Eva & I went to Church at night very few there.
- 9 There is a great epidemic of Grippe in Pt. Sydney sickness in nearly every house. I went for the mail.
- 10 We have had 3 days of cold N. wind which has checked the thaw. We washed. Annie & Violet better
- 11 Nice day warm. Mr. Atkinson called I went to Forrests to see if I could do anything. Mrs. F is in bed. Violet got cold again. George is not better.

- Apr. 12 Damp & warm. Violet & Kathie worse. G. no better. Tommy Howard came to get the cart to drive Mr. Brymer to see Mr. Somerset who has cut himself. I went up to Ladell's.
- 13 Good Friday. I went to Church with Eva very few there. Gloomy with snow. George Keeps weak & poorly.
- 14 About an inch of fresh snow, but melted & cleared out. fine in evening. I went to see Mrs. & Miss Ladell. Went to church for choir practise at night.
- 15 Easter Sunday. Lovely fine day. The children & I went to Church in the morning. George was not well enough to go I stayed in at night with him.
- 16 Warmest day yet snow disappearing fast. We commenced house cleaning by doing the pantry. Wall Thoms was here to tea.
- 17 Gloomy but rain. Kept off tile night. We washed. the children & I went to Laddells. I saw Mrs. Roper. We cleaned a room.
- 18 Nice rain last night. Hot today with thunder showers. I papered room above Kitchen, it is to be Annie's room. Mrs. Chester & Mrs. Smith called.
- 19 Cooler with drizzle. Finished papering A's room. I went to store. Lake is not open yet.
- 20 Lovely warm day. We cleaned 2 bedrooms. I called at parsonage.
- 21 Cloudy & warm. tidied garden. Baby & I went to Ladell's Our new cart came. G & I drove to Bob Brown's in it. after tea.
- 22 Damp & warm. G & I went to Church at night.
- 23 Lake is open at last. Nice day. we washed & I planted some onions.
- 24 We cleaned two ffont bedrooms. Fine with cool wind. I took children out for first row in the boat.
- 25 Papered our room & ironed. I went in to Utterson with Geo. Lovely evening.
- 26 Cleaned passage & hall - finishing theupstairs.
- 27 Geo & I drove to Huntsville & called at Father's. Roads very rough. Got back just in time for choir practise.

- Apr. 28 Still fine & warmer. We cleaned sitting room. Geo drove to Utterson. Charlie went up to Mud Lake to shoot musk rats, got home late.
- 29 Sunday, hot. I went to Church morning and evening. After dinner George & I and 2 youngest children went to Thomses in the boat.
- 30 Turned cold & showery. we washed. Charlie went on horseback to see J. Hall. Mr. Wm. Johnson called to see George. Minnie Forrest came home. Cyril called in the evening to get collar.
- May 1 Fine with cold wind. Billy Kureshaw (?) plowed garden. Geo went to see J. Ha..
- 2 Warm. blew up rain. I went to W.A. meeting at Parsonage. not many there.
- 3 Gloomy cold day. we cleaned Kitchen.
- 4 Bright with cold wind & a few snow flurries. We drove to Johnsons and had dinner & returned in the evening. I was too late for choir practise.
- 5 Fine but cold wind. Annie & Emma King went to Bracebridge Mrs. Atkinson called in the evening.
- 6 A little warmer. G & I went to evening service.
- 7 Warmer day. We washed & after dinner we started to drive to Bullins but did not get further than Ladells as we met Bullen there. I was going to see Mrs. Somerset but will have to wait for another time. We went for a row after tea.
- 8 Heavy rain all day.
- 9 I called at Ladells & Atkinson. Fine.
- 10 Geo and Charlie went to Aspdin.
- 11 George drove me & baby home to stay a few days. Louise Gall was there.
- 12 My birthday. I went to Huntsville with Lucy & Nellie. warmer.
- 13 Hot & thundery no service to go to. we walked part of the way back with Nellie to her school.
- 14 Hot & windy. Kathleen is very good here.

- May, 15 Turned cooler in the afternoon after rain. George came for us after tea and we got home about dark.
- 16 Cloudy & warmer. I went to parsonage but there was no meeting. I brought Ruth Thoms home with me.
- 17 We ironed. Very wet day. Geo went to Aspdin with Mr. Robinson & stayed all night.
- 18 Geo brought Mr. Robinson back to dinner & he stayed all night. I went to practise and went to Forrests afterwards with the Thoms girls.
- 19 Mr. R. went away this morning and Charlie went to Huntsville on the "Gem". Fine.
- 20 Fine morn but turned showery Mr. & Mrs. B. Johnson came to dinner & went to Church with us in the evening.
- 21 Fine & warm & high wind. I painted dining room floor. After tea G & I drove to Bullens. when we returned Connie Thoms & Nita B. were here.
- 22 Hot & smoky. We washed. Charlie & I and two Brymer Girls rowed over to a part at Somerset's. we stayed all night & got home about 6 a.m. We went to bed
- 23 & slept till noon. I went to Ladell's.
- 24 Hot. a thunder storm came up towards evening. We had a pic-nic which was quite a success though the rain drove us home early. I went to Church at night.as It was Ascension Day.
- 25 Hot & fine. Geo went to see Chas Sewell . I went to help Mrs. Atkinson drape the pulpit etc for next Sunday. Lovely evening.
- 26 Hot. We went for a row in the evening
- 27 Showery & hot but cleared out. 3 services. The Johnson's came here before afternoon.S.O.S. (SAS?) service and went with us & then went over to the Thomses They came back with us after eveing service and then drove home from here.
- 28 Fine & breezy. Charlie went with Cyril to Johnsons. Mrs. Gall & Louise called. G & I & Louie rowed over to Thomses after tea.
- 29 Mr. & Mrs. Mitchel came yesterday & went back today. We washed. I went to see Miss Ladell.

- May 30 Busy ironing. wet. G & C went to Three Mile Lake to fish. I took the children to Ladells in the boat & Minnie F. came back with us.
- 31 Nice day. After dinner Geo & I drove to Falkenburg & enjoyed the drive.
- June. 1 Hot turned damp at night. Charlie, Eva & I took Mrs. & M. Forrest up in the boat to call upon Mrs. Gall & Laura S. The "Gem" picked us up coming home. I went to choir practise.
- 2 Showery. Turned cooler & we had a cold night.
- 3 Hot bright day. G & I & some of the children went to Church.
- 4 Fine. We washed. Charlie was sawing wood with Alf Goring.
- 5 Hot day. Busy ironing. Geo drove to Aspdin to go fishing. Charlie went to Social at Whitteys. I went for a row in evening. & Aggie Ladell went out for a while.
- 6 Quite a good turn out at W.A. meeting. Laura Somerset came back with me & stayed till evening. Father was here today also.
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- 8 Our cow calved. Charlie got her & the calf in the woods. Geo & I & Charlie drove to a Garden Party at Johnsons & did not get home till 3.30 next morning after a dark drive.
- 9 Fine & cool. I felt very tired Annie went up to McInnises.
- 10 Nice day. I & some of the children went to Church in the morn. We stayed at home in the evening. Cyril Thoms was here to tea. Stopped getting milk at Watsons. Owe \$7.25.
- 11 Clara & Lucy came to get the calf and Lucy stayed to give her eyes a rest.
- 12 Annie came back last night so we washed today. I took the children for a bathe & we had a row in the even.



June 16, 1900

Alice KATHLEEN BUTCHER (START) - AGE 3
EVELYN MARY BUTCHER - AGE 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
LOUISA HELEN BUTCHER (SLADE) - AGE 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
MINNIE VIOLET BUTCHER (RUMNEY) - AGE 5

DAUGHTERS OF MARY COLDWELL BUTCHER
AND GEORGE CHARLES BUTCHER

PORT SYDNEY, MUSKOKA, ONTARIO

- Jun. 13 Hot. Nellie came to see us on an excursion from the Locks & I took the children to see the picnic. Father came and got a load of lumber. After tea, we rowed all the children over to Thomses & Lucy went home and we got caught in the rain coming home.
- 14 Fine after a good rain. Father came again for lumber. Charlie works at the mill now. we finished ironing. Geo went to Oswald Montgomery's.
- 15 Fine day. busy baking etc. Geo. drove to Huntsville. I went to Choir practise.
- 16 Hot day. Laura Somerset & Torrie came down & want to Huntsville with us. I had the children photographed and we met Mother and brought her home with us. We had a nice trip.
- 17 Mother went to Church with us in the evening.
- 18 Lovely day. We took mother for a row in the evening.
- 19 We washed & churned. Geo drove mother home after tea. Mrs. Thoms & Louie came first before tea & stayed the evening.
- 20 Busy ironing.
- 21 Nice day. I took the children for a bathe & had one myself and then we had a row. Ladells had a garden party.
- 22 Violet & I went to Ladells to see the Burtins and then to practice.
- 23 Hot & so dry. George went to Huntsville on the boat.
- 24 Sunday. I went to church in the morning. and played. All the family went in the evening. Geo went over to Thomses for tea.
- 25 Cooler & dry. Baked & churned. I went to W.A. meeting we arranged about a sale for Dominion day. I called at Forrests in the evening.
- 26 Tunder shower followed by intense heat. Geo drove to Aspdin & had tea at Taylor's .
- 27 Hot but turned cooler in even, not much rain. Will Johnson came & brought old mower. I took the children for a row.

- June 28 Hot morning but turned cool. Took the children to bathe but it was too cool.
- 29 Rain in the morn & showery during the evening & turned very cold & windy. Percy Johnson came to go with Charlie to Lawrence's party. G & I drove to Jim Hughes & we found it pretty cold.
- 30 Cold & cloudy. Charlie went to Huntsville on the Gem & got some of the children's photos. Mr. Thoms was here to tea. Ruth came back from Orillia. I called at Atkinson's. Minnie & Louie Forrest called.
- July 1 Dominion Day feel on Sunday. We went to Church in the evening. Fine & cool.
- 2 Sultry but not very sunny. We had the annual picnic and our W.A. had a sale & the Booth at which we did very well.
- 3 Wet day which did good. we washed. Geo drove to Mason's.
- 4 Cloudy & hot. G & I rowed the children over to Father's & got back late for W.A. meeting. There were quite a number at the meeting.
- 5 Finished ironing.
- 6 Fine & hot. We had some young people here to spend the evening, had ice cream.
- 7 Fine. Geo drove to Utterson to see Taylor. We went bathing & got some huckleberries on the Rocky Island.
- 8 I went to Church in the morning and played. We went and took baby in even. turned cold.
- 9 Wet morning. The forrests & we went berry picking on the island & got 6 qts. Nellie walked over & got here for tea. Showery again. N. & baby & I called at Clarkes & Atkinsons.
- 10 Fine morning but came on wet after tea. Geo drove to Murray's & sold him a mower but did not go to Huntsville. Nellie & I went to Rocky Island & got a few berries.
- 11 Hot with occasional heavy thunder showers. Nellie & Annie & I went to the Church to a scrubbing bee, Cleared out a beautiful evening & cooler. Geo went to Huntsville on the Gem. I called on Mrs. McClure & N. & I called at Forrests.

- July 12 Drizzling most of the day. Charlie & Annie went on the Gem to Hville to see the Orangemen. N & I went to choir practise. Came out fine.
- 13 Lovely fine day. Nellie & Charlie & Kathleen & I rowed over to Somersets. Had a pleasant row back by moonlight. Geo went to Ufford to set up a mower for Mr. Smalley.
- 14 Fine. Nellie & Charlie & I got up early and went up the lake on the milk boat and got off at Lawrence's & went home. After dinner we brought the children home also Mabel & Nellie stayed. We stopped at Stewart's Island and got berries.
- 15 Sunday. Rain last night but fine today. I went to church in the evening. Cow went away.
- 16 Very heavy rain last night. drizzly through the day & it poured again in evening. We went to island & got 8 qts of huckleberries.
- 17 We washed. Came out fine in afternoon & dried clothes. The children got some raspberries. Turned windy & cooler in the evening.
- 18 Fine & more settled. We ironed & the children got some more berries. Lovely evening. Geo & Charlie & I rowed over to the party at Thomses. We left before 2. It was a nice party & quite a number present.
- 19 Geo drove over to Fathers & took Mabel back & brought Nellie to make her blouse. The children & I rowed over to the island and picked 8 qts of berries. Hot.
- 20 Very hot. Presbyterian excursion on Empress. Charlie only went. Cloudy at night.
- 21 Turned cool but a nice fine day. Nellie walked home. Charlie, Eva & I went berry picking in the swamp. Geo drove out to Young's with a sewing machine.
- 22 We had a new clergyman Mr. Davidson. I went twice to church to hear him.
- 23 Keeps fine, we are getting plenty of berries.
- 24 Mother drove Mrs. Cooper over to spend the day. I took her to see Cheese Factory. Clouded up like rain before they went back.
- 25 Busy ironing & berry picking rain passed off the day was lovely.

- July 26 Baking for picnic. choir practice.
- 27 G & I & the children went on the Gem with the SS to Deerhurst and had a very pleasant trip & afterwards had tea on the ground.
- 28 Hot. A. Murray was here to dinner. we got some more berries, went in the boat to bathe.
- 29 Sunday. I did not go to Church. hot.
- 30 Busy as usual. Annie went out with the children to pick berries.
~~We went bathing in afternoon & washed out heat.~~
- 31 We washed. The children are picking berries to sell to Mrs. Chester.
- Aug. 1 Still dry but cooler. Laura Somerset & Lorrie came down and went with me to Huntsville on the Gem returning in time for W.A. meeting. Laura & Torry stayed to tea & went back with Jessie Thoms. George drove to Bracebridge to settle some business of Vincent's.
- 2 Busy ironing & baking very dusty..
- 3 Churned. After diner I took Eva & V & Annie to Stewart's island to get berries. very dry.
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- 5 Very hot. G & I went to Church twice. Louie Thoms came home with us after morning service. We had a new clergyman.
- 6 Hotter & no rain. 98° in the shade. Mr. Kerr came to draw wood. We had a bathe.
- 7 Hot but we had a nice little shower this morning to lay the dust. Geo & I drove to Father's after dinner.
- 8 Still hot. we washed. Geo had to drive Massey-H. man to Aspdin.
- 9 George did not get home last night. Nellie & Louise Call came in the morning & went back after tea. Geo just got back to tea. he had driven the agent to Huntsville. Very hot over 90°.
- 10 Sultry. We had a bathe, Charlie went to Dodd's party, we did not go.
- 11 It has been a very hot week but it changed today & is blowing cool & raining. Eva & Annie went on the Gem to Huntsville. Charlie & Cyril went also & Cyril was here to tea.

- Aug. 12 Cool & turned cloudy. Felt poorly with diahorrea. I went to Church in evening. Mr. Rich preached. Louie is poorly.
- 13 Cooler this week.
- 14 Making Violet a Dress.
- 15 We washed.
- 16 Cyril Thoms was here drawing wood. Eva & I went for a row. we took Mrs. Atkinson out in the boat.
- 17 Fine. The children & I rowed over to Thomses.
- 18 Nice day. I went to Deerhurst & took Louie & Violet. we brough Ruth & Jessie Thoms back to tea. dusty & no rain. Aggie Laddell has a paralytic stroke.
- 19 Louie's birthday. Mr. Rich preached twice. The children & I went at night. quite a crowd. Geo went over to Thomses in the afternoon. I went up to see Aggie.
- 20 Gloomy, it rained a little this morning. No school as the new teacher has gone back home. Geo went to Crompton's to start binder. Aggie Laddel died this morning.
- 21 Very dry. I made a wreath & took it up to Ladells & saw Aggie.
- 22 New Williams agent called. We managed to get water enough to wash. G & I went to Miss Ladell's funeral & brought Mr. & Mrs. Thoms back to tea.
- 23 Cloudy. Eva had a birthday party at the landing. Connie Thoms came with the children.
- 24 Hot & dry. Baby and I drove to Johnson's with Mrs. Atkinson. Got home about 8.
- 25 Hot. I took the children bathing and got caught in a thunder storm. It was a nice shower but did not last long enough to do much good. Geo and I went to Chesters in the evening. They had quite a number there. There are several of the Tye's and Puddicowns staying at Smith's & Forrests.
- 26 Hot Sunday. G & I & children went to church in the evening. Mr. Atkinson is back.

- Aug. 27 Hot. Eva & I called at Smiths & Forrests this evening.
- 28 Miss Johnson & Mrs. Atkinson came to get us to go black berry picking we got about 10 qts. After tea I took them out for a row.
- 29 Busy morning. The children and I went bathing & then rowed up for the mail.
- 30 Eva & Louie & I went to the swamp with the Forrests to get berries. I had a little drive after tea.
- 31 We had Mr. Smith & his friends & Minnie Forrest & some of their guests & Miss (Mr. & Mrs. Vincent came home) Rice & Mr. Chester to spend the evening.
- Sept. 1 It keeps very dusty. Geo & I went over to spend the evening at Smith's. We went bathing & when we got back we found Mr. Vincent here. C. went duck shooting got 2.
- 2 Sunday. very hot. I went to Church in the morning & stayed home at night. Charlie went up to Galls & got the boat.
- 3 Lovely rain this morning but cleared out nice to go on Mr. Smith's excursion to Deerhurst. We had a pleasant time.
- 4 Bright day, we washed. Hard a row after tea & took Mrs. & Miss Rice.
- 5 Went to W.A. meeting & brought Ruth & Cyril Thoms home to tea. Gracie & Walter Webster were also here playing with the children they made plenty of noise. I went in to Chesters in the evening with Miss Tye etc. and then went over to Forrests to see Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell who were up.
- 6 Nice, rain last night turned cool after dinner. Mabel Forrest went home with Miss Tye today. G & I drove to Fathers & got some crabs & on the way back called on Mrs. Vincent who is herself again.
- 7 Geo went up to Mud Lake to shoot duck & Violet & I went to Somersets to see Laura, Jessie is staying there. Nice moonlight night but cold.
- 8 Fine & warmer. Eva & Louie & Annie went to see Mrs. Vincent. I went to Ladells & saw Mrs. Zavitz.(?)

- Sept. 9 Warm but turned cool at night. Went to Church. The Johnsons did not come.
- 10 I went to meeting at parsonage only 3 there. Louie Thoms came at night & asked us over on Wednesday.
- 11 Heavy rain last night. got plenty of rain to wash wish. Turned hot after dinner. & we went bathing with Miss Rice. G. drove to Porter's. After tea we took Mrs. & Miss Rice for a row.
- 12 Rain again at night turned cold & windy in the morning but we went over with all the children to Thomses. Mr. Vincent called.
- 13 Fine but cool at night. I called at Ladell's & Atkinsons & went to choir practice.
- 14 Finished baby's dress & made Charlie a pair of pants.
- 15 Pleasantly warm. Annie went on the Gem to Huntsville. The Atkinsons called also Ruth Thoms. I called on the new teacher in the evening. got no partridges.
- 16 Wet day but I went twice to Church not many there. G got 2 bags of flour 17th.
- 17 Wet morning but cleared out in afternoon & was cold at night, we washed.
- 18 Fine & bright but cool I went to Ladells & saw Laura & Jessie Thoms. They drove down to Chesters and I persuaded them to come in to tea. Had a little drive after tea. Annie Brymer came in, in the evening.
- 19 Nice mild day, rain at night. Sandy Proudfoot paid for buggy.
- 20 Cleared up & we decorated Church for Harvest Service. Heard that the Watsons & McInnises have diptheria & decided to send the children to their grandfathers. Louie Thoms came to tea. Mrs. Chester, Mrs. & Miss Rice called.
- 21 Heavy storm last night & showery all day. I went to Church to help sweep. George was appointed to wait upon the Isolated families.

- Sept. 22 Nice day. The 4 children & Charlie & I went up the lake in the Gem and then landed at Lawrence's and walked through to father's to leave the children there till the danger of diptheria is over. They told us of Ethel's marriage. Got home to tea.
- 23 Cloudy but pleasant. Harvest thanksgiving service in the evening. Charlie & I walked through th Vincent's. I walked back with Nita Brymer. Cyril Thoms here to tea.
- 24 Lovely day, we washed. I had a row after tea.
- 25 Wet morning, but fine afternoon. Ironed. I went up to Ladells & came home and made part of a shirt.
- 26 Hot day. Charlie & I went to Huntsville & saw the fair. Huntsville was crowded. I saw Father, mother & Nelly. Children are all right. Mrs. Forrest & Minnie went up.
- 27 Katy Lever came & made Annie a waist. Mr. Robinson was here to dinner.
- 28 Katy made me a wrapper. Cold night but wet next morn. Charlie went to the Presby tea meeting.
- 29 Rain all the morning. Geo shipped Straw-cutter. Lovely afternoon. I have a bad cold.
- 30 Sunday. Nice day. I went to church twice. Had a walk.
- Oct. 1 Fine. Geo & Charlie went for cow. We cleaned two rooms & finished upstairs. Mr. & Mrs. Huggins & Mr. & Mrs. Stevenson came to see Geo & had to wait till about 7 before he came, they had tea here. Miss O'Brian & Louie Forrest called. We heard that Vincent's have diptheria & possibly Mabel Clarke.
- 2 G. drove me to Father's where I will stay for a while with the children. Mother is no better. Hares girls were there.
- 3 I ironed the children's clothes. I took the children to Armstrongs & Fanny made us stay to tea. Clara went to Huntsville.
- 4 This is a very hot fine week, over 80° every day.

- Oct. 5 I washed for the children. Geo drove over & baby & I went to Huntsville with him. I got some medicine for Mother.
- 6 87° in the shade, we sat under the trees. Mother is not better.
- 7 Heavy rain & thunder storm made it quite cold. Took the children to Church in the evening. I played the organ.
- 8 Cold but fine. The children & I went to Hares & had tea. Willie Bray & family were at father's when we got back.
- 9 Nice day. Eva & I drove to Hville to see Dr. Evans.
- 10 Lovely day. Geo came & took Kathleen & me home. Lucy & Mother drove to Hville. Minnie Forrest called to see me about going to Dodds. Cyril Thoms came in the evening.
- 11 Foggy mornings & fine days. Charlie's birthday. (Age 17) Geo rowed Mrs. & Minnie Forrest & me to Dollar's Wharf & we walked to Dodds where we spent the day & Tom drove us home. M. Forrest & I went to meeting in vestry. Geo brought the children home.
- 12 Lovely day - making Louie a dress. Geo went to Longhurst's. he & I went to Forrests to tea, home late.
- 13 Beautiful day after the fog. I went to Ladell's & finished L's dress.
- 14 Still fine & mild. I went to Church twice.
- 15 Warm & fine. The Dodds & Forrests came to tea. The Chesters & Mr. S. Smith came in the evening & we had music. The Somersets could not come.
- 16 Rain & high wind turned very cold. Busy sewing.
- 17 Washed. fine & pleasant. hard frost at night.
- 18 Went up to the Hall to prepare for the Supper tonight as it is Thanksgiving day. Will Johnson came to tea. We went to Church & then to the hall where quite a crowd gathered & enjoyed turkey etc. Cold windy night
- 19 Nice day. The Forrests & I went to the Hall & washed up. I drove to Ladell's in afternoon.
- 20 Beautiful weather. Went for a short drive. Will Johnson came & took his horse away.

- Oct. 21 Lovely day. Took the children for a walk. I did not go to church.
- 22 Like rain but it kept off till night. We had Laura & Mr. Somerset & Jessie, Louie & Cyril Thoms to tea & Henry Gall came with invitations to a dance on Friday and he stayed the evening.
- 23 Heavy rain in the morning, we washed & caught a lot of water. G & Louie & I went trolling after dinner but caught nothing. Keeps mild.
- 24 Cloudy but cleared off in afternoon. Geo went to a sale near Raymond. Children did not go to school.
- 25 We cleaned sitting room.
- 26 Washed bedding. Geo went to Dodds by lake. Warm. Heavy rain & thunder in the afternoon & again in the evening. Henry Gall was here to tea. His dance came off in the Hall. I did not go on account of the rain.
- 27 Sunday. Cloudy & mild. Minnie Forrest & I rowed over to Thomses with the children & were prevailed upon to stay to tea. G & I & 2 children went to church at night.
- 28 Came on rain which continued till night so we did not go to Galls. blowing at night. Cleaned dining room.
- 30 Gloomy & Cold. The children walked to Bob Brown's, Geo & I drove to Gall's. The Somersets were there, a dark drive home.
- 31 Hallow eve. Charlie finished at the mill. I went to spend the evening at Chester's.
- Nov. 1st Our hunters were out early. They are hunting with Mr. Vincent & Cyril. no luck.
- 2 Hunting again. got nothing.
- 3 They went up to C. Mainhoods hunting no success. Cyril usually comes here to tea. Henry & Louise Gall came & washed the dishes here that were left from the party.
- 4 Lovely morning. I went to SS in the afternoon and took all the children. I took Louie to let Mr. Brymer see her eye which is no better. G & E & C & I went to Church - Charlie went to Thomses in the afternoon.
- 5 Fine morn. we washed. We had the first snow storm today. Hunters got nothing. Got 2 bags of flour.

- Nov. 7 Ethel and Mabel came before dinner. I rode up to Ladell's with them. No W.A. meeting. Our hunters came back to dinner.
- 8 The men want to hunt at Bob Brown's and got a deer which they left there. We expected Mrs. & Louise Gall but they did not come.
- 9 High cold wind. G did not go out.
- 10 Cloudy & raw. G & C & Mr. Vincent went up to Brown's but got nothing. D. Stevenson came & I sold him a sewing machine. Mr. Allman is up to attend Lodge meeting.
- 11 Gloomy. G & I & children went to church. Mr. & Miss Johnson came while we were at dinner. Went to Church at night.
- 12 Began to snow. We washed. hunters came back early with nothing. Cold night.
- 13 Snow all day. 6 below zero at night.
- 14 Charlie went hunting. G did not. Nice morning but stormed all afternoon & all night. Cyril Thoms drove us and a sewing machine to D. Stevenson's. E. Johnson & the two girls & G & I went and had an awful trip.
- 15 Nearly 2 feet of snow this morning. Fine & cold. Louie & Connie Thoms & May & Cyril called. E. Johnson & I drove to Forrests in the cutter & had tea. The roads are not bad in the village.
- 16 Nice fine day. Miss Johnson & I & the little ones went to Ladell's & called at the parsonage. Killed the pigs.
- 17 Mild & gloomy. Geo drove to Huntsville. Miss J. & the children called at Brymers.
- 18 Wet roads very sloppy. We ventured out to Church in the evening. Very few there.
- 19 Wet day & freezing as it rained. I had letters from Connie & Muriel.
- 20 Foggy & mild. Geo went to Bracebridge on the Jury. Miss Johnson & I rowed over to Thomses and Wall & Cyril brought us back. Charlie is working at a scow.
- 21 Had a thunder storm in the morn and very heavy rain. Then a high wind and a sprinkle of snow at night. George came home. we washed.

- Nov. 22 We had to dry all the clothes indoors. Connie & Ruth Thoms & Minnie & Louie Forrest & Miss O'Brien came to tea it turned wet and we kept Connie & Ruth all night.
- 23 Dick came over for his sisters in the morn & Connie went home & Ruth stayed and went with Edie to Brymers to tea & then went home with Wall who was there.
- 24 The snow has almost disappeared and the roads are frozen hard. Geo drove in to Utterson. Miss Johnson Violet and I walked to Ladell's & got some things.
- 25 Miss J. & Violet & Annie went to Church in the morn and She & I and Geo & the children went at night. cold and dark. We had a walk in the afternoon and called at Forrests.
- 26 Cold wind but good dry roads. George drove E. Johnson home after dinner. Children went to school. G. went to Trustee's meeting this evening. windy.
- 27 Fine day. We washed and dried most of the clothes out doors.
- 28 Ironed. Charlie Gardiner was thrown off a wagon by a runaway team into the river and drowned.
- 29 Men were searching for little boy's body in the river and found it this morning. Nita Brymer & Mable Clarke called to collect for a subscription to pay for Charlie Gardiner's coffin.
- 30 Ground is still almost bare & frozen. Charlie and I went to service and practice. Annie went up to McInnis' to stay till Sunday.
- Dec. 1 Still mild. Eva is poorly with bilious headache. Jack & Dick Thoms came to go hunting with Charlie. Charlie Gardiner was buried. G. went to funeral.
- 2 Sunday. Cloudy but mild. Eva not much better. G & C. & I went to evening service.
- 3 Eva is a good deal better. Gloomy but not cold. Mr. Patterson brought a load of hay. Maud Brymer called in evening.
- 4 We washed. It came on wet. Geo went to McCanenses(?) I bought some lamb from Alfred Kay.

- Dec. 5 Brought the clothes into dry. Fine. sloppy roads
I went to W.A. meeting & brought Louie & Ruth
Thoms to tea. They and the children went to
practice in evening.
- 6 G & C went to hunt saw nothing.
- 7 Lovely moonlight night. G & I drove to Utterson
I made Xmas cake.
- 8 Nice day. Geo drove to Council meeting. Charlie
spent the day at Thomses. hardly enough snow for
sleighting.
- 9 Very cold wind. G & C & I went to Church at night.
- 10 Not so cold a little snow fell.
- 11 Fine day. We washed & baked. Mr. Somerset came for
sewing machine and George drove me to Somersets
to show Laura how to run the machine. We found all
the Vincents there, we stayed to tea and got home
about 10.
- 12 Snowy all day. choir practice at night. Geo did
not go to Falkenburg.
- 13 I made mincemeat.
- 14 good sleighing now.
- 15 Violet & I went to Ladells & called at the parsonage.
- 16 Bright & sharp. I had a walk in the morning. Mrs.
Johnson and Will drove over in the afternoon & stayed
to tea. G & I went to Church in the evening.
- 17 Raw but not so cold. Lucy & Ethel drove over &
bought Chesters cutter from us. The Atkinsons came
to tea.
- 18 Mild & snowing at intervals. George & Charlie drove
to Bracebridge & got somethings at Hays on the way.
We washed.
- 19 Made the Xmas puddings.
- 20 There were decorations made for Church. Cyril Thoms
was here to tea. I went to the Church for a short
time after tea. School closed today. Miss O'Brien
& Ida Jenner called, also Sophia Kershaw & Billie.
- 21 George went to Ufford to see Mr. Oldham.
- 22 Lovely mild day. I went for a drive to Tom Howards.

- Dec. 23 Sunday, came on wet. G & I went to Church at night.
- 24 A little snow fell. George went to Raymond and sold Miss Sufferin a sewing machine. Charlie helped Mr. Vincent at his shooting match at Utterson. They finished decorating church. I went up to Ladell's English letters.
- 25 Christmas day. Some of the children & I went to Church, quite stormy afternoon and dull enough. Willie & Walter Brymer here to tea.
- 26 We washed. Nellie & Clara came before dinner. Bright & cold. We all but George went to our Xmas tree in the evening.
- 27 Milder with a little snow. Geo drove Nellie & Clara part of the way home. Expected the Vincents but they did not come.
- 28 Nice day. The Children & I went to Pres. Xmas tree which was very good, quite a crowd.
- 29 Softer again. Mr. Lawrence came & paid a note for \$15. Cheese factory meeting here. Mrs. Hares came & had tea here and also some of the directors as the meeting was prolonged late. Charlie cutting wood at Nickasons.
- 30 Sunday. Flurries of snow. George went to Thomses & came back with them to Church. Duncan, Minnie & Mabel Forrest came to tea. I went to church with them afterwards.
- 31 A little snow fell. We washed. Geo went to Utterson to Nomination. Charlie went to a dance at Ladell's.