

Douglas McTavish Diary
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Stanley Township
June 23rd 1876 to Nov. 16th, 1877

1876 Memoranda

June 23

Making a gate for the lane at the barn and setting posts, also received from Aikenhead \$3.50 for tickets sold by him for the pic-nic

June 24

In the forenoon in Clinton and paid for goods 70¢ also sold 15 lbs of butter at 15¢ per lb - in the afternoon hanging a gate taking home Willie's roller and doing chores
Very warm to day

June 26

Hauling out dung on the summer fallow. Very warm Gregor's men hauling gravel from here to day

June 27

Taking out dung till 4 p.m then went to Clinton to get a shoe on Nance, and paid for goods 85¢

June 28

At road work all day
Number of loads to day 156

June 29

In the forenoon working on the road - in the afternoon scuffling potatoes, and taking dishes from Clinton for the pic-nic, also paid Hunter for ½ lbs tea 40¢ and for

strawberries 10¢

June 30

At the pic-nic all day also paid Anne Walker for service \$5.00 and for ticket 25¢ Amount realised from pic-nic \$60.60 less \$1.00 not accounted for by the master. Weather pleasant

July 1

Hauling out dung the most of the day. Showery to-day, after dark at a meeting in the school house to settle up about the pic-nic.

July 3

Spreading dung, and plowing till 5 p.m. then went to Clinton and paid Campbell for bit snap 5¢ Davis for 1 ½ lbs paris green 60¢ and for scythe 85c and butcher for 8 ½ lbs of beef 60¢ also paid Davis for two pair thistle gloves \$1.00

July 4

In the forenoon plowing in the afternoon at McLaughlin's raising. Rained a shower in the forenoon

July 5

Plowing till 4 p.m after that hauling dung and rails and repairing the lane
Showery in the forenoon

July 6
Hauling out dung all day

July 7
Hauling out dung all day

July 8
In the forenoon hoeing
potatoes, after dinner
went to Clinton and
paid Davis for quart of
machine oil 37 ½¢ after
coming home drilling
up the potatoes. Received
a letter from Jamie to-day
who gives his address as
James Craig

Dease creek
Cassiar
Very warm to day

July 10
Drilling potatoes and
scuffling turnips till 4p.m
then spreading dung
Rained a little in the evening

July 11
Plowing the summer
fallow all day. Warm to day

July 12
Plowing the summer
fallow all day. Very warm
Procession of Orangemen
from Clinton to Bayfield to day

July 13
Plowing the summer fallow
in the forenoon - in the
afternoon drilling potatoes

July 14
Began to mow - in the fore-
noon mowing, after dinner
went to Clinton and paid

Racey for snath* 65¢ mowing
with the scythe in the evening

July 15
Mowing, raking, and carting
hay, also paid old Beesley
for picture \$2.00

July 17
Mowing, raking, carting,
and taking in hay

July 18
Taking in hay* till 2 p.m then
cutting round the fences, also paid
butcher for beef 40¢ * Aikenhead and John
with their team helping at the hay

July 19
Mowing round the fence cor-
-ners all day.

July 20
Mowing a while in the mor-
ning then gathering round
the fence corners, rained
about noon, in the eve-
ning went out to Clinton
with the master for some
new books for the Sunday
school, also paid Davis for
pound of paris green 50¢

July 21
Turning hay, cleaning turnips and
gathering the hay in the fence corners

July 22
Taking in hay in the forenoon
in the evening went to Clinton
and paid Switzer for ham
\$2.80 Davis for glass 8¢ and
Anne Walker for service \$4.75
Rained in the afternoon

* A snath is a type of scythe.

July 24

Commenced to cut fall wheat today, Got the first mess of new potatoes
Weather cool and windy

July 25

Reaping wheat and binding
Paid per Jos. McCully for sugar in Clinton \$1.00

July 26

In the forenoon setting up wheat and taking in hay - in the afternoon splitting rails in the bush

July 27

Chopping and splitting rails till 5 p.m then went to Clinton and exchanged a glass for the window
Showery after 5, o'clock
Messrs. Campbell from Woodstock visited at Craig's this afternoon

July 28

Reaping barley and chopping rail timber. Visited by Campbells from Woodstock this evening

July 29

Plowing the summer fallow all day. Received from Jas. Robertson \$60.00 being for a note drawn in favor of James Craig of Jan, 20th 1875

July 31

Taking in wheat all day
Weather beautiful
Old Mrs. Ley in Clinton died this morning

Aug 1

Taking in wheat and barley. Weather pleasant

Aug 2

Taking in barley till 6p.m then chopping rail timber in the bush. Warm to-day

Aug 3

In the forenoon raking barley stubble and taking it in - in the afternoon plowing the summer fallow. Cloudy and warm

Aug 4

Plowing the summer fallow all day. Very warm

Aug 5

Plowing the summer fallow, after dinner went to Clinton and paid Campbell for repairing harness 15¢ and Thompson for groceries 83¢ plowing in the evening.

Aug 7

Cutting spring wheat and binding. Warm and dry

Aug 8

Cutting and binding wheat

Aug 9

At Pearson's threshing all day. Very warm

Aug 9

Paid butcher for beef \$1.00 also paid Robertson for two

little pigs \$4.00

Aug 10
Threshing in the forenoon
at home - in the afternoon
cutting wheat and binding

Aug 11
Binding wheat, and cutting
a swath around the oats
Rained a little in the evening.

Aug 12
Stooking wheat and binding
Dull in the forenoon - in the afternoon
clear

Aug 14
Cutting oats till 4 p.m
after that binding

Aug 15
Binding oats till 6 p.m. then
shocking

Aug 16
Shocking oats till 2 p.m then
taking in spring wheat

Aug 17
Taking in wheat all day
Visited by D.Stewart and wife
this evening

Aug 18
Taking in wheat in the morn-
-ing , then went to Clinton
with Duncan Stewart and
wife, then pulling pease
Rained in the evening

Aug 19
Pulling peas all day
Douglic raking stubble

Aug 21
Pulling pease all day
frost this morning.

Aug 22
Pulling pease in the fore-
noon - in the afternoon
taking in the pease.

Aug 23
Plowing the head lands of
the summer fallow and
harrowing, also pulling
last of the peas. Dull
and Cloudy, it having rained
last night.

Aug 24
In the forenoon cutting
out an opening in the
old house for the reaper
and turning pease - in
the afternoon took in one
load of pease and quit on
account of the rain in
the evening went down
to see James McCully; also
received from Willie \$15.07
for seed wheat he got two
years ago

Aug 25
In the forenoon fireing
about the old house
in the afternoon went
to Clinton with some
wool for carding, and paid
McGarner for dye stuffs 74¢
also got from Callander \$2.00
worth of sugar and sold him
8 doz of eggs; also ordered at
Gilray's a coat for myself
for \$12.00 to be ready in eight
days. Cool to-day

Aug 26

Taking in the reaper and mower in the morning after that taking in pease and oats. Cool and windy

Aug 28

Taking in oats. Finished harvesting to day. Weather temperate and pleasant

Aug 29

Taking home sand in the forenoon - in the afternoon went to Clinton to get Jess shod, after that cleaning wheat. Cloudy and warm

Aug 30

Cleaning and sowing wheat

Aug 31

Went to Clinton in the forenoon to get the pump sucker repaired, and paid Ferguson for same 38¢ in the afternoon chopping rail timber

Sept 1

Chopping rail timber the most of the day

Sept 2

In the forenoon sawing rail timber - in the afternoon went down to Graham's with my gravel a/c, it being for Pearson 184 loads and for Gregor 78 loads, after that went to Clinton and paid Gilray for new coat \$12.00 Corbett for carding \$1.12 Thompson for 50 lbs of oatmeal \$1.75 Combe for box of pills 25¢ and other things 50¢ Cool to day

Sept 4

Sawing and splitting rails, and making a wall. Weather cool

Sept 5

Splitting rails all day
Weather pleasant

Sept 6

Chopping and splitting rails. Weather dry but some appearance of rain this afternoon - wind sou-east

Sept 7

At Spear's threshing all day
Weather cloudy and warm

Sept 8

Threshing at Spear's in the forenoon - in the afternoon splitting rails
Weather very dry

Sept 9

Hauling out rails all day
Cloudy but dry. Paid Anne Campbell \$11.50 for dress

Sept 11

Hauling out rails till 4 p.m, then sawing and splitting blocks for the fence, Anne Walker came here to serve to-day

Sept 12

Building a fence all day
also paid Aikenhead \$3.00 for a lamb

Sept 13

In the forenoon went down to Foote's and paid him for 12 bushels of lime \$2.00, also received from Graham \$13.10 for gravel in the afternoon finishing the fence, and cleaning a grist

Sept 14

In the forenoon went out to Clinton with a grist 8^{49/60} bushels of fall wheat, which I exchanged at Fair's for flour, getting 37 lbs to the bushel - and paid for ink and copy books 15¢ - in the afternoon plowing and threshing oats for the horses

Sept 15

Plowing till 4 p.m when I was visited by Jno Stewart N.E. Hope, whom I drove down to Hugh McGregor's. Weather cool

Sept 16

In the morning went out to Clinton and paid Davis for plow paint 60¢ Thompson for ham 29 lbs \$4.00 and Yuill for paper 5¢ after that plowing till 4 p.m then drawing water for the lime Peter Purdew running off the lime this afternoon Weather very dry

Sept 18

Plowing and drawing water from the river for the lime. Dull with a drizzly rain all day

Sept 19

Plowing in the forenoon in the afternoon mowing some grass and burning it Douglie plowing in the afternoon

Sept 20

In the forenoon mowing wild grass, and grubbing stumps - in the afternoon went to Clinton and paid Davis for nails 25¢. Weather warm today

Sept 21

Grubbing stumps, Douglie plowing

Sept 22

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Sept 23

Plowing all day, also paid Anne Walker \$2.75 for service

Sept 25

Plowing till 4 p.m. then went to Clinton and paid for bagful of hair 50¢ also sold 6 14/16 lbs of butter at 17¢ per lb. Rained very heavy this evening

Sept 26

At McEwen's threshing all day. Rainy and cold

Sept 27

At McEwen's in the forenoon and at Aikenhead's in the afternoon threshing

Sept 28
At London to see the
Fair, with Douglie and
Kitty and paid for expenses
\$5.30. Showery to day

Sept 29
In the forenoon mowing
some rough grass in the
pea grounds, Douglie harrowing
in the afternoon at
Willie's threshing

Sept 30
At Willie's threshing.
Loaned of Aikenhead a
bagful of oats for the horses

Oct 2
In the forenoon asking
hands for threshing and
killing a sheep - in the
afternoon went to Clinton
and paid Thompson for
groceries \$1.35 and the
tanner for bagful of hair
50¢, plasterers here to-day

Oct 3
Threshing in the forenoon
and for about an hour
in the afternoon - in the
afternoon clearing the barn
floor and door.
Rained steady the most
of the forenoon and part
of the afternoon

Oct 4
Went to Goderich and paid
Elliott for a Newfoundland
pup \$4.00 and other expenses
40¢ in the evening went
to Clinton and paid for
a pair of boots for Douglie
\$2.25 and for nails 4¢

Showery in the afternoon,
Clinton shew* to day

Oct 5
Commenced to drain, Douglie
plowing. Weather pleasant

Oct 6
At Finlay McEwen's
threshing all day

Oct 7
At McEwen's threshing. Weather cold
and wet.

Oct 9
At Innes' threshing all day

Oct 10
At the same till 3 p.m
after that choring about
the barn. Weather chang
-eable and cold

Oct 11
Went down to Foote's in the
forenoon and paid him for
8 bushels of lime \$1.35 after
coming home running off
the lime, then went to Clinton
and paid Campbell for
halter strap 25¢. Ground
covered with snow this
morning

Oct 12
Begun to dig potatoes
Weather milder to day, but
hard draft this morning

Oct 13
Digging potatoes all day
Weather pleasant

Oct 14

* Show

In the forenoon went to Clinton and paid for a pair of shoes for Johnny \$1.00 and for school basket 8¢ also paid for a Sunday school book in place of Anderson 25¢ in the afternoon digging potatoes and doing chores. Weather cold to day with showers of snow

Oct 16
Lathing the pantry. Douglie plowing. Robt Newry plastering here all day. Weather milder to day

Oct 17
In the morning went out to Clinton to exchange two chimney thimbles and sold Davis a sheep skin for 50¢ also paid him for 4 clothes hooks 15¢ - digging potatoes the rest of the day
Weather clear and dry

Oct 18
Digging potatoes all day Willie's boy helping. A clear and beautiful day

Oct 19
In the forenoon repairing the fence between me and Innes - in the afternoon at Ernest's sale, and bought a cow at \$25.75 payable in twelve months

Oct 20
Cleaning pease and wheat tailings, Douglie plowing
Weather pleasant

Oct 21
In the forenoon digging potatoes and doing chores in the afternoon went to Trick's mill with five bags of chap-stuff for which I paid 50¢ then went to Clinton and paid Thompson for goods \$4.45 Nelles for toys 30¢ and Mary Charlie for weaving \$3.50
Weather pleasant.

Oct 23
Did nothing but chores it being very wet all day Jno. Elliott finished plastering here to-day

Oct 24
Plastering round the sill of the house in the cellar, and cleaning out up stairs. Very wet to day

Oct 25
In the forenoon cropping turnips, in the afternoon at MaHoffy's sale but got nothing. Cold and wet

Oct 26
In the forenoon went out to Clinton and paid Davis for a new plow \$14.00 less 84¢ for the castings of the old plow - in the afternoon plowing
Weather cold and wet

Oct 27
Plowing all day. Began to snow about dusk with thunder and lightning

Oct 28
In the forenoon went to Clinton and paid Miller for stone drill 50¢ Davis for rape* 15¢ Combe for drugs 10¢ and Campbell for halter 65¢ Very muddy and slushy roads, ground flooded with water

Oct 30
Plowing all day, paid yesterday 75¢ for Sunday school prizes

Oct 31
Plowing all day

Nov 1
In the forenoon went out to Clinton with the bull, and received from Neil Matheson for him \$15.00 and paid goods 15¢ in the afternoon plowing. Very warm for the season paid Anne Campbell for dress \$1.50

Nov 2
Plowing in the forenoon in the afternoon at the Sunday school examination, it being Thanksgiving.

Nov 3
Plowing and making a dog house. Rainy all day

Nov 4

Plowing all day. Weather moderate. Paid in Clinton for goods \$6.36 also paid to Mary Charlie for cotton yarn 88¢

Nov 6
In the forenoon helping Aikenhead to kill a pig in the afternoon did nothing on account of the rain which fell steady all day

Nov 7
Plowed a little sod and pulled some turnips. Showery to day

Nov 8
Plowed a little sod in the forenoon - in the afternoon went to Henry Cole's sale but bought nothing. Cold and wet

Nov 9
Hauling in turnips all day except a while in the evening I was pulling turnips. Weather moderate

Nov 10
Hauling in turnips till 3 p.m. after that plowing sod Weather mild.

Nov 11
Plowing sod in the forenoon after dinner went up to Willie's and borrowed of him five bags of pease for the pigs, after that plowing sod. Weather pleasant

Nov 13
Plowing stubble all day Cloudy and warm

* 1. A plant, *Brassica napus*, of the mustard family, whose leaves are used for food for hogs, sheep, etc., and whose seeds yield rape oil.
2. The residue of grapes, after the juice has been extracted, used as a filter in making vinegar.

Nov 14
Plowing, also took Frigthy to Innes' bull, also paid Kitty \$5.00 for service last year. Cloudy and chilly

Nov 15
Plowing all day. Called on by the collector who will be in Brucefield on the 9th of next month to receive taxes

Nov 16
Plowing all day. Received from Henry Craig \$2.20 for bull fees. Inspector visited the school today. Weather pleasant

Nov 17
Plowing all day Weather still mild

Nov 18
Douglic plowing in the forenoon - in the afternoon went to Clinton and exchanged with Fair 9^{35/60} bushels of spring wheat for flour at 38 lbs per bushel total 364 lbs also received from Willie 20 lbs of pork to be returned Cloudy and threatening

Nov 20
Ditching all day. Weather mild for the season

Nov 21
Plowing in the orchard. Called on by church Trustees for seat rent to whom I paid \$6.00 being paid till 1st March 1877

Nov 22

Plowing in the forenoon in the afternoon went down to Brucefield and received from Brownlee \$11.12 for milk. Snowing a little

Nov 23
Plowing in the orchard in the forenoon - in the afternoon choring about the barn. Snowing the most of the afternoon. After dark attended a meeting in the school house to take into consideration the passing of the proposed Dunkin act in this County

Nov 24
Choring about the house and barn all day. Called on by Mr McMillan to whom I paid \$4.50 for trees received last spring, also ordered by him for next spring the following garden trees and shrubs 11 spruce trees \$2.75 Strawberries 12 plants 50¢ Currants 4 \$1.00 Gooseberries 2 50¢ Rose-bushes 2 \$1.00 Double-flowering almond 1 50¢ Wigelia Rose 1 50¢ Snowball 1 25¢ Honey suckle gratis- Total \$ 7.00 to be sent next spring

Nov 25
In the forenoon putting a stand under the stove in the room and other chores - in the afternoon went out to Clinton and paid Beacon for mending Katy's shoes 50¢ and \$1.20 for a pair of shoes for Lizzie and paid Gilroy for cap for Douglic \$1.00 and for groceries 20¢ and Searle 5¢ for two lantern glasses, total \$2.95 Weather

very mild for the season

Nov 27

Feeding cattle, cutting wood, boiling pease, hoop-ing barrels and killing geese. Snowing softly the most of the day

Nov 28

At Katy Craig's marriage who was married to George Seales by Mr. McQuaig at their own place Sandy's Christina here this evening. Weather mild

Nov 29

Doing chores the most of the day. Weather moderate

Nov 30

Did nothing but chores Stormy and cold.

Dec 1

Choring in the forenoons - in the afternoon went to Clinton and paid for Mensuration Book 30¢ and 5¢ for ink. Stormy to day

Dec 2

Went to Church in the forenoon, preaching by Mr Ayle of Ratho and sold 7 chickens at 95¢ also paid for over shoes \$3 and other goods \$1.00 Visited by Archy McCully this evening

Dec 4

In the forenoon went down to McCully's with Christy in the afternoon doing chores Weather mild

Dec 5

In the forenoon butchering two pigs and a steer - in the afternoon went out to Clinton and sold to Davis the steer's hide (being 56lbs) for \$3.22 and paid Coats for a barrel 75¢ Combe for a bag of salt 40¢ and Mary Charlie for weaving \$1.50 Weather mild

Dec 6

Cutting up beef and pork and doing chores. Weight of the steer 370 lbs exclusive of the head and of the pigs 210 and 230 lbs Weather mild with some signs of a storm

Dec 7

Cleaning wheat and doing chores. Visited by McCully's family this evening

Dec 8

In the forenoon in Clinton with a load of wheat 26^{57/60} bushels which I sold to Jos. Fair at \$1.12 per bus Amt \$30.04 in the afternoon doing chores. Very stormy Received from James Fair about half 27 lbs bushel of Russian wheat for an experiment next spring: no charge for it

Dec 9

Went down to Brucefield to pay my taxes, but was disappointed, the Collector not being there. Very cold and stormy to day

Dec 11
Choring about the house
and barn. Weather still cold

Dec 12
Did nothing but chores
Visited at the Master's after
dark, with Sandy's Christy
Weather soft and mild

Dec 13
Went to Clinton in the
forenoon with Christy
who went home and
paid Yuill for pocket book
\$1.00 and Thompson for oat
meal 40¢ being 12lbs, after
-noon doing chores
Weather still soft and
mild

Dec 14
Went up to Jno Elliot's in
the forenoon for a man
to whitewash - in the after
-noon threshing pease and
doing chores. Weather mild

Dec 15
Threshing and cleaning
pease. Cold and windy
Jem. Cook came here to
whitewash about 9 a.m.

Dec 16
Did nothing but chores
Jem Cook finished white
-washing about 11 a.m.
Exceedingly stormy since
last night

Dec 18
In the forenoon took up
five bags of chap-stuff to
Trick's Mill - in the afternoon
doing chores. Visited by Dan

Buie this evening. Weather
cold and frosty

Dec 19
Did nothing but chores
Weather cold and stormy.

Dec 20
Did nothing but chores
Frosty and cold.
Called on by Wilson's boys
after night for a horse to
go for a doctor for their mother
to whom I gave Jess

Dec 21
At the school examination
the most of the day
Weather milder to day

Dec 22
Went to Varna to the nomi
-nation and paid for taxes
\$34.83 Weather mild
Robert Craig visited here
this evening from Cobourgh

Dec 23
In the forenoon went to Clinton
and paid for goods \$3.28 in the
afternoon went back and sold to
Perrin my barley at 53¢ per bushel
to be delivered next Tuesday
and paid Nelles for Roscoe's
Chemistry 30¢ and Davis
for clothes hooks 8¢
Stormy in the afternoon

Dec 25
Christmas day, filing the
hand saw in the forenoon
in the afternoon cleaning
barley. Cold and frosty

Dec 26
In the forenoon went out

to Clinton with a load of
barley 32 $\frac{3}{4}$ bushels for Perrin
in the afternoon cleaning
barley. Moderate to day

Dec 27

In the forenoon went out
to Clinton with a load of
barley for Perrin being 78 $\frac{3}{4}$
bushels altogether Amt recei-
-ved for it \$41.75 also paid
Davis for 2 lbs of nails 8¢
In the afternoon at Pearson's
threshing. Weather moderate

Dec 28

At Pearson's threshing in
the forenoon - in the afternoon
threshing pease at home.
Paid Charlie Wilson 75¢ for
taking my place at Craig's
threshing when I was at the
Western Fair. Weather moderate

Dec 29

Went back to Hullet to see
Katy Cold and stormy

Dec 30

Threshing pease and doing
chores. Mrs. Wilson died this
morning. Cold and stormy

School rate \$21.97

Rate on the \$.00485

General rate \$9.51

Debenture " 12.46

Section Asst \$197340.00

1877

Jan 1

At the poll in the forenoon
in the afternoon at Mrs.
Wilson's funeral

Jan 2

Threshing and cleaning
pease - returned to Willie
five bags of pease I got
from him in the fall
Weather clear and frosty

Jan 3

Threshing pease, and doing
chores. Frosty and cold

Jan 4

Threshing pease, and doing
chores. Steady cold

Jan 5

In the forenoon cleaning
pease - in the afternoon went
out to Clinton and paid
Coats for pound of tea 80¢
Davis for candlestick 20¢
and Beacon for mending
Douglic's boot 20¢
Clear and beautiful to day

Jan 6

In the forenoon in Clinton
with a load of pease 30 $\frac{3}{4}$ bus
which I sold to Perrin at
70¢ per bus. Amt \$21.52 and
paid Nelles for a Second and a
Fifth Book 85 Erwin for
50lbs of oatmeal \$1.50 and
Beacon for mending my boot
5¢ Received a letter from
Jamie with \$2.00 for the
Clinton "New Era" which
I sent according to his request
retaining the half dollar over
also received from Willie \$50.00
being part payment of a loan
due on the 1st October last
- in the afternoon taking in
some straw from the stack.
Weather clear and beautiful

Jan 8

Went to Seaforth in the morning and paid O. C. Willson \$94.95 for Reaper and mower and left my Collage Bible at McGregor's in Harpurhey to be bound and sent up to Coat's in Clinton when finished also paid Geo. Diehl for a/c \$11.25, after coming home doing chores. Cold with snow also paid McLean for the Expositor and Globe \$3.15 for the current year

Jan 9
Did nothing but chores
Very cold and frosty

Jan 10
At the school meeting in the forenoon and was again appointed Auditor, also took a contract of 8 cords of fire-wood two feet long, to be delivered before the 1st of April next at \$1.25 per cord. Mr Butchart was again elected Trustee in the afternoon chopping and sawing firewood in the bush. Milder to day

Jan 11
Did nothing but chores
Snowing heavy all day

Jan 12
Choring about the house and barn. Very frosty

Jan 13
In the forenoon went to Clinton and paid Fisher for goods \$1.90 Beacon for repairing my boot 8¢ and Yuill for foolscap 10¢ in the afternoon did nothing but chores
Very cold and stormy

Received from O.C. Willson my two notes for reaper and mower of \$94.95

Jan 15
Hauling in wood, and doing chores. Snowing in the evening

Jan 16
Taking in wood in the forenoon in the afternoon doing chores and waiting on Will McQuaig who visited here this evening and preached in the school house after dark
Weather moderate

Jan 17
In the forenoon doing chores in the afternoon went round with Aikenhead to gather something for Chas. McLeod Received in cash \$4.50 and about 250 lbs of flour with some meat and potatoes
Clear and beautiful to day

Jan 18
Doing chores in the forenoon in the afternoon went down to Jno Gilmour's for seed oats but he was away from home

Jan 19
Taking in straw all day the straw stack having fallen over last night
Weather mild to day

Jan 20
Taking in straw and doing chores. Thawed last night
Blustery and cold to day

Jan 22
Chopping down some hem-

locks for saw logs, and doing chores. Moderate to day

Jan 23

Chopping wood in the bush in the forenoon - in the afternoon cleaning wheat and doing chores. Very cold

Jan 24

In the forenoon cleaning a grist and doing chores - in the afternoon went out to see Chas. McLeod, and paid 6¢ for postage stamps, and 25¢ for other articles Very cold

Jan 25

In the forenoon cleaning a grist, and doing chores - in the afternoon went to Trick's with a grist of $11^{5/60}$ bushels and got 440 lbs of flour
Weather moderate

Jan 26

In the forenoon went down to Jno Gilmour's to see about seed oats - in the afternoon doing chores, after that went down to McCully's to see about some seed wheat I was wishing to get from him. Weather moderate

Jan 27

Sawing saw-logs in the bush and doing chores. Douglie helping

Jan 29

Taking home saw-logs to the house, and doing chores
A beautiful day

Jan 30

Hauling out saw-logs to the house, Clear and fine

snow soft in the afternoon
Charles McLeod died
this evening about 6:30

Jan 31

Went out to Clinton with two saw-logs in the forenoon, in the afternoon doing chores went in the evening to McLeod's. Weather still soft
Paid Davis for a window light 5¢

Feb 1

In the forenoon chopping logs in the bush - in the afternoon at Chas. McLeods's funeral. Received from Willie \$100.00 being part payment of a loan. Weather still soft

Feb 2

Brought home from Pearson 20 bushels of pease, and paid for same \$15.00

Feb 2

In the afternoon doing chores and chopping wood in the bush. Weather still soft

Feb 3

In the forenoon in Clinton and sold Thompson 4 bags of potatoes ($6^{2/3}$ bushels) at \$1.00 a bag, receiving therefor 4lbs of tea and \$1.00 worth of sugar, also paid Beacon for mending Douglie's boot 10¢ and Rowell for a/c \$4.35 - in the afternoon called on by McPlunkett about the school business - after that sawing in the bush
Weather still soft

Feb 5
 Taking saw logs to Clinton
 Received from Willie \$100.00
 being part payment of a loan

Feb 6
 Hauling logs to Clinton
 and doing chores, also paid
 the following accounts - vs -
 Jas. Fair sawing \$11.44
 Davis for goods \$23.34 and
 Thompson for groceries \$28.75
 also paid Mr McGregor book-
 binder per Mr. Coats for binding
 Cottage Bible \$3.00 and Sheppard for
 bottle of whisky 75¢

Feb 7
 Took a saw-log to Clinton in
 the forenoon - in the afternoon
 went back for a load of
 lumber, also paid for a bottle
 of whiskey for the sawyers 25¢
 Weather still soft

Feb 8
 Doing chores and taking home
 barley from Clinton
 Weather clear and mild

Feb 9
 In the forenoon in Clinton
 and paid Beacon for
 mending my boots 60¢
 and Davis for hinges, bolts
 etc. \$1.80 and brought home
 three doors for up stairs
 in the afternoon doing
 chores and taking home
 my straw cutter from Robertson.
 Weather pleasant

Feb 10
 In the forenoon sawing
 logs in the bush - in

the afternoon at McEwen's
 sawing. Weather mild

Feb 12
 Chopping logs in the bush
 and doing chores. Stormy
 and cold to-day
 Paid Aikenhead \$1.00
 for Mission schemes

Feb 13
 Chopping logs in the bush.
 Visited by master and wife
 this evening. Weather pleasant

Feb 14
 Took six bags of chap-stuff
 up to Tricks and paid him for same
 60¢ doing chores the rest of
 the day Weather pleasant

Feb 15
 Doing chores, and chopping
 wood in the bush, also
 paid Duncan McGregor
 \$7.00 for horse fees for
 Mr Moffat. Weather soft

Feb 16
 Went in the forenoon to Clinton
 with the colt to burn the
 lampas in her mouth
 and paid Nelles for set of
 copies for book-keeping 30¢
 Combe for condition powder
 25¢ and Fisher for cotton 33¢
 in the afternoon sawing logs

Feb 17
 Sawing logs in the bush
 Douglie helping. Stormy
 with snow to day

Feb 19
 Hauling out logs from
 the bush. Cold and stormy

Feb 20
Hauling out logs from
the bush. Called on by
John Elliot to whom
I gave \$10.00 for plastering
up-stairs. Weather mild

Feb 21
In the forenoon in Clinton
to get some chains mended
and paid Thompson
for 6 ½ lbs of tallow 45¢
and Fisher for goods 35¢
in the afternoon chopping
rail timber in the bush
Mr. Thompson inducted
in Brucefield to day, and
a service at night

Feb 22
Chopping rail timber all
day. Soft and warm today.

Feb 23
In the forenoon sharpening
the cross-cut saw, and chopping
wood in the bush - in the
afternoon went to Clinton
and paid Morrow for pair of
shoes for Sandy 80¢ and
Thompson for 50 lbs of oat
meal \$1.75 Weather mild

Feb 24
Sawing wood, Douglie
helping, also received from
James Robertson \$2.00
for bull fees. Weather mild

Feb 26
Sawing wood, Douglie helping

Feb 27
In the forenoon went up to
Henry Steep's and paid him

for six bushels of barley \$3.35
in the afternoon splitting
wood and doing chores

Feb 28
Splitting and chopping
wood. Weather beautiful
Called on by the assessor
who assessed me at \$4520

March 1
Sawing rail timber in the
forenoon Douglie helping
in the afternoon chopping
and splitting wood

March 2
In the forenoon writing
a letter to Jamie in the
afternoon went to Clinton
and paid Gilroy for good
27¢ and 3¢ for postage stamps
Raining the most of the day

March 3
Sawing wood the most
of the day Douglie helping
Snowing in the afternoon

March 5
In the forenoon in Clinton
and paid for mending Katy's
shoe 20¢ also got from Thompson
three pair of shoes, one for
Katy, one for Lizzie and one
for Johny Amt \$4.00 not paid
in the afternoon doing chores
Snow squalls all day

March 6
In the forenoon taking
wood down to the school
- in the afternoon went
to Clinton and got a bag
of apples left by Geo. Seales
at Thompson's, also re-

turned to Thompson
a pair of shoes I got yes-
terday, price \$1.50. Very cold
and stormy today

March 7
Drawing wood to the school
all day. Milder today

March 8
Sawing wood in the forenoon
Very stormy with snow in the
afternoon. Did nothing but chores

March 9
Very stormy with snow
all day. Did nothing but chores.

March 10
In the forenoon sawing a
little - in the afternoon
went to Clinton and paid
Combe for medicines 35¢
Yuill for ink and copies 15¢
and other sundries 20¢ also
bought from Callander
goods to the amount of
\$22.01 being mostly cottons
and prints with some tweeds
and brown duck*, and a pair
of shoes for Lizzie and a pair
of boots for Douglie Cold to day

March 12
In the forenoon choring and
splitting wood - in the afternoon
went down to McCully's on
a visit along with Aiken
-head and the wife

March 13
Taking wood to the school
and for ourselves. Clear

* A heavy, plain-weave cotton fabric for tents,
clothing, bags, etc., in any of various weights
and widths.

and fine to day

March 14
In the forenoon went to
Clinton to get the sleigh
repaired, and paid Yuill
for copy for Douglie 10¢ Combe
for alum 2¢ and Davis for
repairing two pails 30¢ also
sold to Thompson 3½ bus
of potatoes at 55¢ per bushel
taken in groceries, and
got from Callander goods
to the amount of \$13.33 being
\$10.15 for Douglie's suit, the
balance for other dry goods

March 15
In the forenoon took home
a load of straw from Innes'
in the afternoon took another
from F. McEwen's
Peter Campbell to day putting on
the doors up-stairs
Duncan McGregor died
this morning about 1 a.m.

March 16
In the forenoon took a
load of straw from McEwen's
in the afternoon cleaning
wheat and doing chores
Frosty and cold to day

March 17
In the forenoon cleaning
wheat, in the afternoon
at Duncan McGregor's
funeral; also paid James
Aikenhead \$8.00 for threshing
Clear and frosty to-day

March 19
In the forenoon went out to
Clinton with Peter Campbell's
tools, and got from Campbell

a halter at \$1.35 not paid, also got from Thompson a gallon of syrup at 80¢ not paid - in the afternoon doing chores also went down to the school house, and received from Butchart \$10.00 for wood Henry Craig died this morning after a long illness Weather cold and frosty

March 20
Taking home wood from the bush, and doing chores Frosty and cold all day Lightning and thunder this evening after dark, with a snow storm

March 21
In the forenoon choring about the house, it being very stormy with snow - in the afternoon at Craig's funeral, and paid for matches in Clinton 20¢ afternoon pleasant

March 22
In the forenoon went down to McCully's - in the afternoon hauling home wood. Soft to-day

March 23
Repairing the sleigh, taking home wood, and doing chores. Weather moderate to day Sandy Walker's exhibiton to night

March 24
In the forenoon sawing wood, in the afternoon went to Clinton and got Douglie's coat and vest from Callander,

also paid Thompson 25¢ for rice. Weather mild

March 26
Cleaning wheat and doing chores. Snowing a little to day

March 27
In the forenoon cleaning wheat, in the afternoon at Pearson's sawing

March 28
In the forenoon went up to Trick's mill with a grist of ten bags of chap stuff; and paid for same \$1.00 - in the afternoon cleaning oats, and doing chores. Weather still cold, and sleighing good Very high wind to day. School examination to day

March 29
Went to Trick's mill with a grist of 22 bushels of wheat after coming home doing chores, also went up to Willie's for quilting frames

March 30
Went down to Jno Gilmour's and McCully's to change some oats and wheat, in the evening sawing wood, Douglie helping Weather clear and warm Mrs Scales visited here this afternoon

March 31
In the forenoon took home a load of straw from Pearson, in the afternoon took another Finlay McEwen. Weather dull with some rain

April 2
Filing the saw, doing chores

and sawing wood in the field in the evening
Thunder and lightning yesterday with rain, cold north wind to day river broken up

April 3
Sawing wood, Douglie helping.
Weather moderate

April 4
Sawing wood all day. First robin heard this morning, blue birds heard yesterday. Warm today. Snow still deep along the fences, and other places sheltered from the sun

April 5
In the forenoon in Clinton and paid Hanlon for repairing my boot 10¢ Campbell for halter strap 25¢ Yuill for copy 5¢ and Callander for spools 10¢ total 50¢ - in the afternoon doing chores
Snowing to day

April 6
Sawing wood all day
Weather clear and fine

April 7
Sawing wood all day
Clear and warm
Visited by old McKellor from Blythe today

April 9
In the forenoon in Clinton for the harrows I left to be repaired at Rowell's, also got two

rings for a beetle* from him and from Thompson a pair of shoes at \$3.50 for myself and a pair for baby at 80¢ and 30 lbs oatmeal at \$1.75
In the afternoon making two beetles, and other chores

April 10
Chopping and splitting rails, also sold to Neil Mathe-son two steers at \$28.00
received cash in hand
Warm to day

April 11
Went up with the steers in the forenoon to Willie's, after that splitting rails
Warm and fine to day

April 12
Splitting rails all day
Some snow yet along the fences. Killed the first snake to day. Weather pleasant

April 13
Began to plow sod today, but did not go well, there being too much frost in the ground Nance foaled this evening Weather moderate

April 14
In the forenoon in Clinton with the buggy to get it repaired, and got from Davis a keg of nails at \$3.25, in the afternoon plowing sod. Weather pleasant, and cool

April 16
Plowing sod all day

* A heavy hammering or ramming instrument, usually of wood, used to drive wedges, force down paving stones, compress loose earth, etc.

April 17
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April 18
Plowing in the forenoon
in the afternoon did nothing
on account of the rain, in
the evening went down
to Campbell's, and paid
Sandy for 11 30/48 bushels of
barley \$6.40

April 19
Plowing till 9 a.m after that
did nothing on account of the
rain which fell heavy till 4 p.m

April 20
Plowing sod all day.
Weather cool to day

April 21
Plowing till 3 p.m. then
went to Clinton for the
buggy and paid Hanlon
for mending my boot 10¢
also returned to Callander
a pair of shoes got for
Douglie, and exchanged
another got for him with
Thompson. Weather fine

April 23
Plowing, sowing, and harrowing
the Russian wheat in the orchard,
in the forenoon - in the afternoon s
owing pease, Douglie
harrowing. Weather fine

April 24
Sowing pease, splitting rails
and plowing. Douglie harrowing
Cool with north wind

April 25
Plowing sod all day, finished
plowing sod. Weather cool

April 26
Sowing pease and splitting
rails. Sowed the last of the
pease this morning in the
sod field. Weather fine

April 27
Sowing barley and wheat
and splitting rails
Weather still fine, but
threatening rain

April 28
Sowing wheat in the morning
till Jess took sick, then
went to Clinton for Upshall
who came out and treated
her, to whom I paid \$2.50 for
his service - in the afternoon
went to Clinton with the wife
and paid Mrs. McLeod \$1.15 for
dressmaking, also sold 5 ½ lbs
of butter at 20¢ per lb and 8 doz
eggs at 11¢ per doz. Rainy this evening

April 30
In the forenoon carrying
out barley and oats for
Willie, who was here with
his seeder to day - in the
afternoon went to Clinton
with Jess to let Upshall
see her, also let a job of
ditching to Messrs Lane
and Gilkin at 12¢ a rod
Cold to day with some
snow in the morning

May 1
In the forenoon nailing
drain boxes, and doing

some other chores, in the
went out to Clinton to
tell Upshall how Jess was
in the evening splitting rails
John Aikenhead harrowing
all day with his team, and
Willie sowing in the forenoon
Snowing this forenoon

May 2
Hauling wood and stones
in the forenoon - in the
afternoon gang-plowing a
piece in the orchard for pota
-toes, after that planting them.
Johny Aikenhead harrowing
till 9a.m. Clear and cool
to day with a brilliant
Aurora after night

May 3
In the forenoon sowing
barley, in the afternoon
went out to Clinton and
paid Combe for medicine
13¢ and Sheppard liquors for
\$1.00. Wife sick today, and
weather pleasant

May 4
In the forenoon went to
Clinton for some trees and
shrubs for which I gave
note of \$4.00 also paid
Mrs Wilkie 25¢ for pulling
a tooth for Lizzie and
Thompson for groceries
35¢ - in the afternoon
gang-plowing the barley
Dr. Reeve called here this
morning. Weather fine

May 5
In the forenoon in Clinton
and sold to Thompson
5lbs of butter at 14¢ per lb

taken in groceries - in the
afternoon gang-plowing and
harrowing barley. Weather fine.

May 7
Did nothing but wait at
the house, the wife being very
sick. Dr. Reeve called several
times to see her since last night.

May 8
Wife still very sick, did nothing
but wait about the house.

May 9
Wife died peacefully this
morning about 7 o'clock
after that went to Clinton
and paid Bennet for coffin
\$19.00 and for telegrams
\$2.25 spent the rest of the
day at the house

May 10
Wife's funeral to day
Paid Lizze Hunter \$1.00 for
service since last Monday
also received yesterday from
from Willie \$40.00

May 11
In the forenoon went down
to McCully's with Sandy and
the wife, and got a bag of
seed wheat from him not
paid yet - in the afternoon
went to Clinton and paid Mr
Paisley for digging grave \$2.00
after that plowing in the orchard

May 12
Visited by several of the
neighbors, who finished
my sowing about 3 p.m
after that went to Clinton

and took home a load of lumber from Fair of 55 pieces 8 inches by 1¼ in also paid Thompson for candle wicks.

May 14
In the forenoon went to Clinton for lumber of which I got 1251 feet for draining - in the afternoon hauling rails to fence in the pease. Douglie drove his aunt Katy home this forenoon. Warm to day

May 15
Hauling and splitting rails, rained a little to day

May 16
In the forenoon in Clinton with butter and eggs to the amount of \$1.93 also paid Anne Campbell for dressmaking \$2.00 - in the afternoon hauling some rails and draining stuff. Visited by Mr McCully this afternoon

May 17
Did very little in the forenoon in the afternoon hauling rails from the bush. Willie helping till 5 o'clock. Rained the most of the forenoon

May 18
Building a fence around the pease. Very warm.

May 19
Putting up a fence till 3 p.m., after that drawing drain boxes to the drain etc, also

paid drainers \$11.00 for work being 103 rods, owing yet \$1.35 for draining. Very warm to day

May 21
In the forenoon in Clinton for lumber for drain, and got from Jas. Fair 145 feet not paid yet, after coming home making boxes, and filling up the drain
Weather very pleasant.

May 22
Did nothing in the forenoon on account of the rain - in the afternoon cutting potatoes, and filling the drain

May 23
In the forenoon went out to Hullet for some bed clothes left there to wash, and paid for some 50¢ also sold in Clinton 11 ½ lbs of butter at 15¢ per lb and 6 ^{1/3} doz eggs at 10¢ per doz. in the afternoon filling the drains. Very cool to day

May 24
Harrowing a while in the morning, after that went down to Hugh McGregor's with my sister, and paid McCully for 2 ^{1/3} bushels of spring wheat \$3.61 in the evening digging out some stones in the summer fallow. Cool to day

May 25
Plowing and drilling for potatoes. Weather cool

May 26

In the forenoon at church in Clinton Mr. Thompson preached, and paid \$1.05 for ticket to Stratford for my sister, who went home to day. Sandy's Christy arrived by the 2.30 train - in the evening planting potatoes, and covering them

May 28

In the forenoon at church, Mr McLean preached, also paid Racey 92¢ for wire screen for the cellar windows - in the afternoon did very little except clipping the sheep, being visited by McCully
Weather pleasant

May 29

Plowing, harrowing and sowing western corn

May 30

In the forenoon in Clinton and sold 15 ½ lbs butter at 15¢ per lbs and 4 ½ doz of eggs at 10¢ per doz and \$2.99 received in goods \$1.38 being dresses for the girls, also bought of M. Morsworthy a sewing machine at \$30.00 payable in six months without interest also paid Racey for goods \$1.05
In the afternoon putting two windows in the cellar also made an agreement with James Aikenhead Councillor to sell gravel for the road at 10¢ a load and \$1.00 in damages in going through the pease

May 31

Making frames for the cellar windows, and setting posts round the garden

June 1

Setting posts, cleaning stove pipes, and putting a wire window in the cellar

June 2

In the forenoon at different jobs - in the afternoon went to Clinton and paid Callander for spools 14¢ and Davis for seeds and stove iron 13¢ also sold Thompson 6½ lbs of butter for sugar

June 4

Hauling out dung all day for turnips. Cool to day

June 5

Taking out dung in the forenoon - in the afternoon plowing. Cool to day

June 6

In the forenoon did nothing, being up at Willie's to see granny who was very sick - in the afternoon plowing and harrowing turnip ground. Cool today

June 7

Hauling out dung all day on the summer fallow

June 8

Hauling out dung on the summer fallow all day. Mrs. Cluff in Seaforth died today after a three hours illness, in child bed
Weather very dry and cool

June 9
In the forenoon spreading
dung and plowing - in the
afternoon did nothing
on account of the rain, but
went to Clinton in the
evening and sold to Callander
13 ¼ lbs of butter at 15¢ per lb

June 11
Plowing the summer fallow
all day. Cool all day

June 12
Plowing and harrowing till
5 p.m. after that went to
Clinton with Johny to get
a suit of clothes for him
for Sunday, and out to get
the same from Callander
for \$7.50 also paid Callander
10¢ for straw hat for him
and paid Davis \$1.00 for 5 lbs
of turnip seed and got from
Thompson 1 lb tea and 20 lbs oatmeal

June 13
Harrowing and plowing all day

June 14
Plowing, harrowing, and drilling
for turnips

June 15
Drilling for turnips till 4 p.m.,
after that went to Clinton
and paid Erwin for 100 lbs
of corn meal \$1.40 and Davis
for scythe stone 10¢

June 16
Sawing and rolling turnips
all day. Weather cool

June 18
Making a wagon tongue,
also sold to Morsworthy
a bushel of oats at 50¢
Weather pleasant

June 19
In the forenoon went to
Clinton with butter and
eggs to the amt of \$2.00 and
paid Davis for nails 8¢ in
the afternoon scuffling corn,
harrowing potatoes and hauling wood.
Received from Donald Junor
50¢ for bull fees

June 20
Hauling wood till 4 p.m.
after that hoeing potatoes
Called on by O.C. Willson
who sold to me a seed
drill at \$80.00 payable a
year from 1st October
without interest, to be
shipped to morrow to
Clinton

June 21
At road work all day
hauling gravel

June 22
At road work till 3 p.m
then took home two pigs
from Finlay McEwen's, one
given as a present, and the
other for a dollar, after that
hailed a load of gravel for the
barn door, and cleaned some oats

June 23
In the forenoon went out
to Clinton for my seed
drill, and sold to Thompson
7 bushels and 30 lbs oats at

50¢ per bushel and 11 lbs of butter at 15¢ per lb amt \$5.59 took all the butter and oats in trade except \$1.77 he paid me in cash being a pair of shoes for Johny, sugar, rice, apples and oatmeal, also paid Davis for 12 bolts for wagon rack 85 ¢ and Stanbury for tallow 55¢ and Erwin for two bushels of corn \$1.40 - in the afternoon went up to Trick's and paid for chapping 25 ¢ Received a letter from Jamie today white frost this morning

June 25
In the forenoon writing a letter to Jamie in Cariboo in the afternoon went to Clinton to a congregational meeting held there for the purpose of appointing delegates to represent the congregation at the first meeting of Presbytery in Goderich on the 3rd of next month in the matter of Mr. McQuaig's call to Kingston. Paid 3¢ for a post stamp and posted Jamie's letter in the evening making a wagon rack

June 26
Working at making a wagon rack, went out in the evening to the cemetery to see some head stones, and sold to Cooper and Walker the colt Dolly for \$100.00, a head stone to be taken in part-payment at \$45.00, to be finished in four weeks Showery to day

June 27
In the forenoon working at the wagon rack - in the afternoon went out with Willie to repair the graves in the cemetery - in the evening harrowing the summer fallow

June 28
Plowing the summer fallow all day. Warm to day

June 29
Plowing the summer fallow Showery to day

June 30
In the forenoon did nothing on account of the rain - in the afternoon went to Seaforth for a lever for the reaper, and paid in Clinton to Davis for bolts 36¢ and to Combe for castor oil 20¢. Warm to day

July 2
Working at making a rack for the wagon, and other chores. Visited by M.J. McCully to day. Grand celebration of Dominion day in Clinton to day. Weather pleasant

July 3
In the forenoon scuffling potatoes and hoeing the thistles in them - in the afternoon went to Clinton for some fixings for the colt (Dolly) and got the same from Campbell at \$1.00 not paid yet. - also, paid Thompson for groceries 18¢ Cool to day Mr. Rowell died this morning in Clinton, being ill about two months

July 4
Digging post holes, and setting them around the barn yard. Weather pleasant

July 5
Took Meeky to the bull this morning, after that went to Clinton to the picnic and spent 15¢ came home about 5p.m after that scuffling turnips

July 6
Scuffling turnips and harrowing summer fallow in the forenoon - in the evening went to Clinton and paid for mending Douglie's boot 10¢ and for cheese 24¢ also sold to Thompson 10 lbs of butter at 16¢ per lb. took it all in goods. Weather pleasant

July 7
In the forenoon mowing around the fence and the drain with the scythe - in the afternoon went down to Jamie Aiken -head with the gravel a/c being 140 loads after that firing up the mower and doing other chores

July 9
In the forenoon mowing with the scythe and machine after dinner went to Clinton and paid Thompson \$5.50 for 50 lbs of bacon and Davis for pitch fork for 65¢, also received from Thompson \$1.00 worth of sugar. Showery to day

July 10
Mowing and coiling hay

July 11
Raking and coiling hay

July 12
Taking in hay. took in ten loads, being all except some fence corners

July 13
Mowing around the fence corners till 4 oclock p.m then went to Clinton and paid Wade Bros for enlarged photograph of myself and wife \$3.00 and Combe for box of pills 25¢ also sold to Thompson 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs of butter at 16¢ per lb, taken in sugar

July 14
Drilling potatoes, hoeing turnips and gathering hay around the fence corners

July 16
Taking in hay in the morning from the fence corners - after that hoeing turnips. Rained the most of the afternoon.

July 17
Cleaning turnips the most of the day. Visited by Jno. Craig from St. Mary's this morning. Weather pleasant

July 18
Cleaning turnips the most of the day Weather showery Annie Campbell married to day by Mr McQuaig to Robt Yuill, and Jacob

Wolf and his sister Elizabeth buried to day, both of them having died yesterday

July 19
Cleaning turnips till 5p.m after that making a handle for the scuffler, Mr. Matheson called here to day to collect money for a present to McQuaig. Weather pleasant

July 20
Drilling potatoes, and scuffling turnips till 5. p.m after that went to Clinton and paid for oil 50 ¢ pudding dish 15¢ and ammonia 5¢, also sold some butter to Callander for goods

July 21
Plowing the summer fallow all day

July 23
Plowing till 4 p.m after that cutting round the fall wheat. Mr. McQuaig preached his farewell sermon in Clinton yesterday

July 24
Cutting and binding wheat. Very warm to day

July 25
Finished cutting wheat to day, binding the greater part of the day. Very warm

July 26
Binding and stooking wheat till 3.30 p.m. after that cleaning turnips. Very warm

July 27
In the morning took Dandy to the bull, after that went to Clinton to get Jess shod afternoon cleaning turnips and cutting barley with the cradle

July 28
Cleaning turnips till 5p.m after that went to Clinton and paid Jones & Couch 10 ¢ for mending barley forks Fisher for neck-tie 15¢ and Davis for shingle nails 5¢ Rained very heavy last night, and very warm yet

July 30
Cutting and binding barley

July 31
Setting up barley till 10.a.m. after that taking in wheat

Aug 1
Taking in wheat till 5 p.m. after that repairing the horse rake, and raking wheat stubble Willie threshing to day

Aug 2
Pulling pease till 5 p.m after that went to Clinton and sold to McLaren 12 ½ lbs of butter at 16¢ per lb and bought of Thompson goods to the amt of \$2.14 not paid

Aug 3
Pulling pease all day. Cool to day

Aug 4
Pulling pease all day. Archy Fraser and Robt McLeod and Mr. McKenzie helping all day. Aikenhead and John

helping in the forenoon

Aug 6
Taking in barley and wheat
rakings till 3 p.m. after
that pulling pease. Mr. Mc
Kenzie pulling pease all day

Aug 7
Pulling pease in the forenoon
in the afternoon drawing in
pease. Weather dry & pleasant

Aug 8
Drawing in pease all day. Mr.
McKenzie in my place at Pearson's
threshing

Aug 9
At Craig's threshing

Aug 10
Drawing in pease all day
Peter Towers helping all day

Aug 11
Drawing in pease all day
Peter Towers helping Mrs.
Scales visited here this evening

Aug 13
In the morning cutting
a swath around the oats
after that went to Clinton
and sold Thompson 8^{14/16}
pounds of butter at 16¢ per lb
taken in goods, also got
50 lbs of oatmeal from
him, not paid, also received
from D. Yuill per
Jas. Aikenhead ¼ of a cheese
being 14 ½ lbs, the price
not known yet till the
factory makes a sale. In
the afternoon cutting oats
and plowing. Rained

in the afternoon

Aug 14
Plowing and cutting oats
Dull and showery to day

Aug 15
Cutting and binding
oats till 4 p.m. after that
cut and bound a little
wheat in the orchard
Rained this afternoon

Aug 16
Cutting round the barley
and wheat, with the cradle
Douglic plowing and
reaping a little. Rainy
in the afternoon.

Aug 17
Pulling pease, cutting oats
and barley. Weather fine

Aug 18
Cutting barley and binding
oats Weather pleasant

Aug 20
Binding oats till 5 p.m. After
that went to Clinton and
got from Thompson 20 lbs
of bacon not paid at 11¢ per lb
Bought of Campbell a
collar for Nance at \$2.75
not paid, to be exchanged
if not her fit

Aug 21
In the forenoon binding
and setting up oats, after
dinner went back with
Nance's collar it being too
large, and after that cutting
and binding wheat

Aug 22
Binding oats and wheat
all day. Weather pleasant

Aug 23
Setting up wheat in the
forenoon - in the afternoon
did nothing but ask
some hands for threshing
on Monday. Received a
letter from Jamie to day
Frighty calved today

Aug 24
Started to reap about 10.a.m.
but had to quit on account
of the rain - after dinner
cradling some wheat in
the orchard, and after 5 p.m.
went to Clinton.
Showery in the evening

Aug 25
At Aikenhead's threshing

Aug 27
Threshing at home all day
Mr. McKenzie helping

Aug 28
Cutting wheat in the forenoon
Willie, Archy Fraser and Robt
McLeod hauling in with his
team, Robertson and Alex
with his team, and Jno
Aikenhead, and Jno Alexander
with Aikenhead's team
Mr. McKenzie also helping
Began to rain at noon and
continued showery all afternoon
Borrowed of Willie \$4.00 and
paid Mr. McKenzie for work
\$4.50

Aug 29
In the forenoon cutting

wheat in the orchard - in
the afternoon went to Clinton
and paid Davis for lamp
and oil \$1.00, also got
from Jackson two pair
of boots for myself and
Douglic at \$4.25 each
not paid yet and from
Thompson two lbs of tea
not paid - after supper
cutting wheat in the
orchard. Rained a shower
in the afternoon

Aug 30
In the forenoon cutting wheat
and turning pease - in the af
ternoon turning barley and taking in
barley

Aug 31
Rained very heavy in the
forenoon with heavy
thunder and lightning
after dinner went to
Clinton and paid Fowler
for repairing umbrella
10¢ Douglic plowing in
the afternoon

Sept 1
Turning barley and wheat
till 3 p.m. after that cutting
wheat. Showery again after
dark having rained more
or less for five days this
week

Sept 3
Cutting oats till 4p.m.
Douglic plowing - after
that taking in barley
Weather cloudy and cool

Sept 4
Hauling in wheat and barley

Willie, Robertson, Archy, Fraser
and Robt McLeod helping

Sept 5
Hauling in wheat till 4p.m.
Aikenhead helping in the
forenoon, after supper
went out to Clinton
with the colt to Cooper
from whom I received
\$55.00 in cash, the head
stone amounting to
\$45.00 total \$100.00 for
the colt

Sept 6
Hauling in pease and
oats till 4p.m. after that
went to Clinton and sold
to Callander 14 lbs of butter
at 16¢ per lb took \$1.00 worth
of sugar and got credit for
the rest, and paid A. Aikenhead
for groceries \$1.39 also got
from Thompson \$3.00 worth
of sugar, not paid
Sold to Collins the black
wether* for \$6.50 to be deliv-
-ered next Wednesday at noon
in Clinton, received \$1.00
cash for him in hand
Finished hauling in to day.

Sept 7
Raking in the spring wheat
stubble

Sept 8
In the forenoon taking
in some wheat rakings
and cleaning some wheat
in the afternoon took to
Trick's mill 7 bushels of
fall wheat for a grist
Granny visited here for

the first time since the
wife died

Sept 10
Plowing for wheat, also
received from Jas. Aikenhead
Junior \$15.00 for gravel

Sept 11
Plowing and harrowing
Willie helping in the after-
-noon. Borrowed a bag of
oats from Aikenhead

Sept 12
Harrowing and sowing
wheat with the drill
Borrowed of Innes four
bags of Seneca wheat
being 519 lbs including bags
also signed a note for
the drill of \$80.00 due
on the 1st October 1878
payable in Seaforth to
O.C. Willson
Very warm to day

Sept 13
Harrowing the summer
fallow till 4 p..m after
that went to Clinton and
got a No 6 wheel for the drill
from Seaforth
In the evening in Clinton
and paid Campbell for re-
-pairing harness 15¢ Yuill for
paper ? 22¢ butcher for beef
25¢ Combe for soap 5¢ and
Hunter for rice 25¢

Sept 14
Harrowing and plowing
had Willie in the afternoon
sowing with the drill
Very warm to day

* A castrated male sheep.

Sept 15

In the forenoon plowing after dinner went to Clinton and sold to Cunningham 17 lbs butter at 17¢ per lb taken in goods, also paid Mrs. Morsworthy \$30.00 for a sewing machine, Callander for goods \$1.90 Morrow for shoes for Sandy 90¢ Fisher for hat for "do., 25¢ and James for mending harness 10¢

Sept 17

In the forenoon plowing in the afternoon in Clinton at a congregational meeting, and paid Davis for lamp glass 20¢ and for shoe blacking 5¢ Douglie plowing in the afternoon

Sept 18

In the forenoon went out with the children to get their pictures, and paid Messrs Wade for same \$1.75. Katy and Lizzie went down with Willie to Tavistock - in the afternoon plowing Very cool to day

Sept 19

In the forenoon plowing after dinner took the wether to Clinton and received \$5.50 for same, also sold Davis ninety six pounds of old iron at ½ cent per pound, to be taken in trade when he gets some plow points for No 13 also paid him for butcher knife 30¢. Several buildings behind the Methodist church burnt this afternoon, and James Fair's barn and

stables. Killed a sheep after dark. Cool today. Clinton show to day

Sept 20

Plowing all day

Sept 21

Plowing all day, also paid Aikenhead \$1.45 for 14 ½ lbs of cheese got last month

Sept 22

In the forenoon plowing - in the afternoon went to Clinton and sold Davis a sheep skin at 75¢, and Thompson 17 lbs of butter to be put to my credit, - also paid Racey 75¢ for potatoe hook and Christy \$10.00 for service in the evening plowing

Sept 24

Threshing and cleaning oats Douglie plowing. Warm to day

Sept 25

In the forenoon binding and setting up corn - in the afternoon went to Clinton for a plow point and paid Davis for same 10¢ the balance of 50¢ being paid in old iron Douglie plowing. Warm to day

Sept 26

At the Exhibition in London and paid for expenses \$2.00. Very warm

Sept 27

Did nothing all day, not feeling well. Douglie and Christy at the Exhibition

Sept 28
Plowing in the forenoon
in the afternoon helping
Aikenhead at the river bridge

Sept 29
In the forenoon went to
Clinton and sold 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs of
butter taken in groceries, also
paid Wade Bros. 50¢ for four
photographs and Callander
for goods 34¢ and Yuill
for paper 10¢ - in the afternoon
digging potatoes, also paid
Thompson \$1.00 for 50 lbs of
oatmeal

Oct 1
Digging potatoes all day
dug about 120 bushels
altogether. Very warm

Oct 2
Cleaned and took out to
Perrin two loads of pease being
98 $\frac{14}{60}$ bushels

Oct 3
At Robertson's threshing all
day. Weather dry and warm.

Oct 4
At Robertson's threshing
in the forenoon - in the af-
-ternoon went out with
a load of pease to Perrin
being 50 $\frac{39}{60}$ bushels

Oct 5
Cleaning and taking out
pease, being two loads of
110 $\frac{3}{4}$ bushels, having sold
altogether 259 $\frac{2}{3}$ bushels
and received for the same
\$155.80 Showery and cold

Oct 6
At Willie's hauling out
dung with the team and
Douglic. Cool to day

Oct 8
Rained all day went
to Clinton in the afternoon
and paid Dr Reeve for
attendance on the wife \$21.50
Paid Wiseman a note of
\$25.75 for a cow bought
at Ernest's sale last fall
Campbell for a/c \$4.95 and
Maulon for mending shoes
35¢ and Fair for postage stamps
3¢ total \$48.58

Oct 9
In the forenoon making
some timber in the bush
in the afternoon went
to Clinton and paid Davis
for chalk 2¢ and for foot-
rule 25 ¢ and Morsworthy
for machine oil 5¢ also
got from Switzer \$1.00
worth of sugar, not paid
also from Gilroy a pair
of pants cut out to be made at
home. Weather pleasant

Oct 10
In the forenoon in the
bush - in the afternoon
at corners McEwen's threshing
Showery to day

Oct 11
In the forenoon at McEwen's
threshing - in the afternoon
plowing. Showery and cold

Oct 12
Plowing all day, Douglic
helping Aikenhead at

hauling stones to the
bridge. Cloudy, cool and dry

Oct 13
Making timber in the bush
Douglic plowing.

Oct 15
In the forenoon making
timber in the bush
- in the afternoon in
Clinton at a congrega-
tional meeting for the
purpose of giving a call
to a minister, two were
nominated, ?, Revds
Mr Beamer and Mr
Cockburn, on a division
42 voted for Mr Beamer
and 39 for Mr Cockburn
also paid Mr Rowell's a/c
of \$6.45 and paid Gilroy
for vest and pants \$6.60
total \$13.05

Oct 16
Making timber in the bush
Douglic plowing

Oct 17
In the forenoon making
timber in the bush - in
the afternoon, went to
Clinton and sold my
fall wheat to Jas Fair
for \$1.17 per bus. if first
quality. Douglic plowing
Weather, cool and cloudy

Oct 18
Cleaning wheat and
repairing the fence between
me and Biggins', also took
out to Jas Fair 43 bus.
of fall wheat at \$1.17 per bus

Oct 19
In the forenoon did nothing
on account of the rain
in the afternoon went
to Clinton and paid to
Gilroy $7\frac{7}{8}$ yards of pants
stuff \$5.10 Callander for
repairing steel-yard 5¢
and Corbet for spinning
\$1.43 and Davis for coal
oil 20¢ total \$6.78 also
received from Aikenhead
20 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs of cheese at 13 ¢
per lb to be paid to-morrow

Oct 20
Cleaning and taking out
wheat to Clinton to Fair
being two loads, the first
being 43 $\frac{1}{4}$ bus. and the second
43 $\frac{25}{60}$ bus. being altogether
three loads of fall wheat
amounting to 129 $\frac{2}{3}$ bushels
for which I received \$152.18

Oct 22
In the forenoon went out
to Clinton and sold Fair
20 $\frac{1}{4}$ bushels of wheat at
\$1.18 per bus. amt \$23.89
also paid Bennet for bed
-stead \$2.50 Combe for salt
75 ¢ and Aikenhead for
20 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs of cheese \$2.65 - in
the afternoon fixing the
wagon for drawing timber
then went down to James
McCully to get him to frame
the pig house, but he was
away from home

Oct 23
In the forenoon hauling
home timber from the
bush - in the afternoon
went to Clinton to see

Peter Campbell, and paid Yuill for ink 5¢ Signed a petition to Presbytery against Mr Beamer's call
Weather beautiful.

Oct 24
Working at framing a pig and hen house the most of the day, had Peter Campbell in the forenoon to lay it out, and paid \$12.00 for balance due to him for building the house, and 75¢ for this forenoon's work. Rained in the evening

Oct 25
In the morning went down to old Baird's to see the threshers, who are to be here next Monday after that cleaning wheat - after dinner went to Clinton and sold to Thompson 24 ¼ lbs of butter at 17¢ per lb part taken in groceries, and the rest credited to me also paid Combe for drugs 20¢ in the evening cleaning wheat

Oct 26
In the forenoon at Trick's mill with a grist of 16^{24/60} bushels of fall wheat, and got therefrom 685 lbs of flour in the evening in Clinton and paid Fitzsimmons for beef \$2.00

Oct 27
Working about the barn all day, preparing for the threshers, also paid Willie Aikenhead \$1.00

for a day's threshing at Willie's in the harvest time

Oct 29
Threshing at home, also borrowed of Aikenhead a bag of oats

Oct 30
Cleaning up about the barn, after the threshing Douglie at Willie's taking out dung. Weather fine.

Oct 31
At Craig's threshing

Nov 1
At Willie's threshing

Nov 2
At James Forsyth's sale, but bought nothing

Nov 3
Plowing the pea ground, first snow this fall, cold to day

Nov 5
Cleaning a grist of chap stuff in the forenoon - in the afternoon choreing about the barn and stable - Loaned to Aikenhead \$10.00 to be returned in a short time
Very stormy to day with snow

Nov 6
Took a grist of eleven bags of chap stuff to Trick's in the morning, then went to Clinton and paid Campbell for repairing harness 15¢ Callander for repairing cow-chains

and hame* ring 20¢ Combe
for drugs, vis, Sassafras 5¢
Shppard for yeast cake
10¢ and Dinsley for 110 lbs
pork \$6.75 and Trick for
chapping \$1.10 and the master
for prise† book \$1.00
Paid Finlay McEwen
for repairs on the church
\$1.50 and for two little
pigs \$1.00. Total paid today \$11.85

Nov 7
Tapping turnips all day

Nov 8
In the forenoon went to
Clinton to see Morsworthy
about my note given for
the sewing machine, it
having not yet come. He
promised to secure me
against any trouble with
regard to it - in the afternoon
did nothing, it having
rained all day steady

Nov 9
Pulling turnips all
day. Very cold north wind

Nov 10
In the forenoon making
a turnip pit - in the afternoon
taking in turnips. Clear and fine

Nov 12
Hauling in turnips all
day. Visited by brother
Sandy and Duncan Fisher
from North Easthope
Weather beautiful

Nov 13
Went out in the morning
to Clinton with Laudy and
Duncan Fisher, after that
taking in turnips, after
that pulling turnips.
George Seales whitewashing
here to day, paid Peter Towers \$2.00.
Weather fine

Nov 14
Hauling in turnips all day
Archy Fraser helping with
the team; had 41 loads

Nov 15
Fixing up the turnips
Douglic plowing. Sunday
school examinations this
evening. Showery to day

Nov 16
In the morning plowing
after that went to Clinton
with Christy who went
home, and paid her for
service \$22.00- in the after-
noon at Cameron's sale

* One of the two curved wooden or metal pieces
of a harness that fits around the neck of a draft
animal and to which the traces are attached.

† Prize

Callander's a/c			
March	10	For goods	\$22.01
"	14	do - do -	13.33
April	9	do - do -	2.07
"	14	do - do -	1.83
"	18	do - do -	1.45
May	5	Not for myself -	1.45
"	9	Mourning goods	9.67
June	23	Suit for Johnny	7.50
July	27	Thistles gloves	.50
"	"	Cloth for Sandy's pants	45