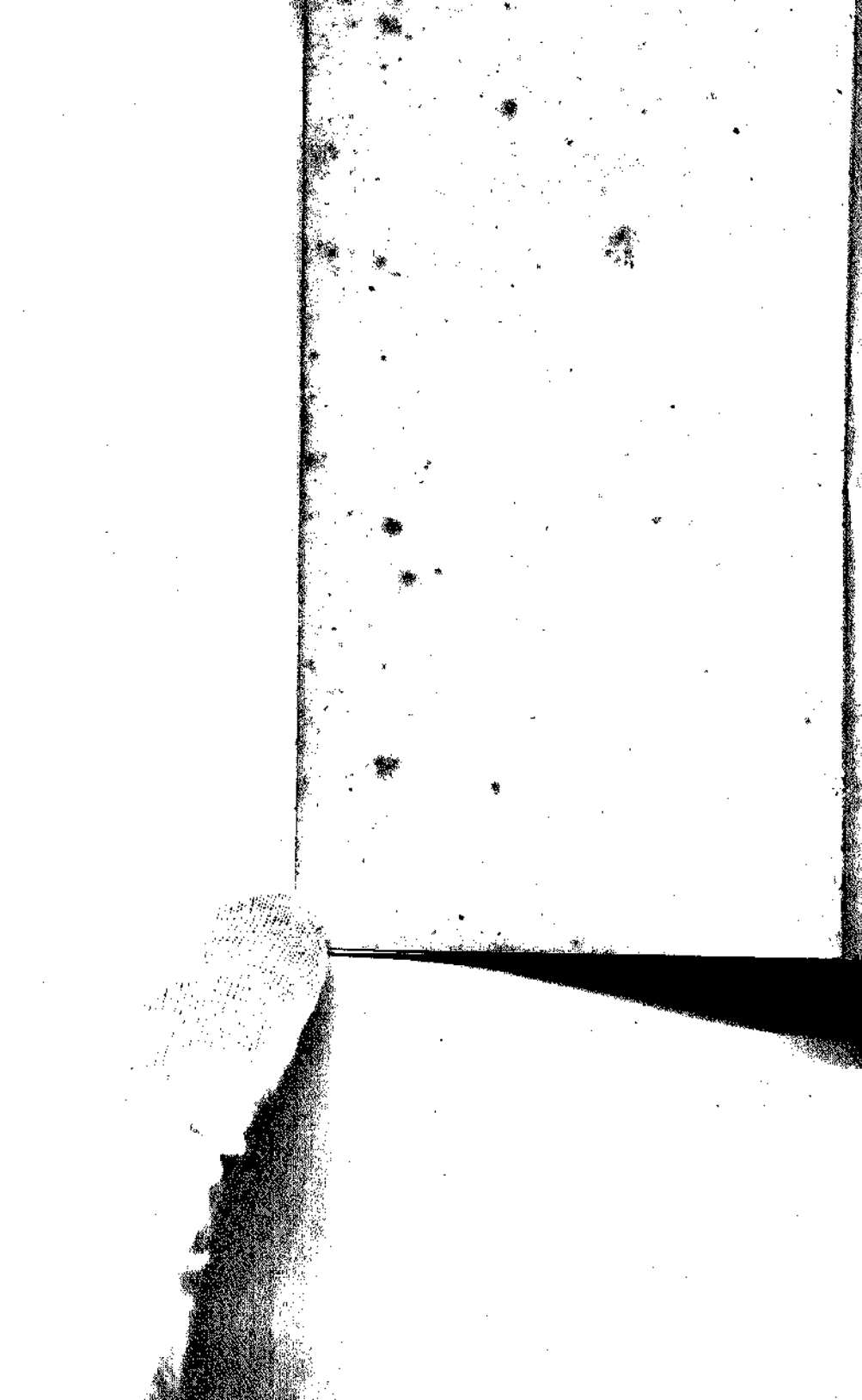




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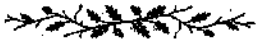


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On account of  
rain which fell this  
forenoon, our first  
Sunday of the new  
year was spent at  
home. Sent a part  
of the family down  
to St. Albans Church  
this afternoon how-  
ever. Could not  
go myself on ac-  
count of the chills,  
and expecting to  
have Miss in fee-  
ture as Gov. Green  
had come for that  
purpose.

But determined to  
continue in the good  
way of faith to Christ  
and in my own under-  
standing, but in all  
my ways to acknowledge  
Thee, O God, at all times  
and in all places.

Took man. with  
me to vote for Com-  
mittees this morning.  
Quite an interest  
was taken apparently  
in the election of the  
new Council. Had  
quite a time getting  
our votes in.

Had New Years din-  
ner at Uncle John  
Matthews with my  
sister & husband.

Joe Green com-  
menced work to day.  
He works for eight  
dollars per month  
until Lewis gets able  
to work again or as  
long as I want him.

Took tea this evening  
at William Matthews  
spent a very pleasant  
evening with them.

Went up to Florence  
to day to see about  
certain matters.

My sister went  
along with me.  
Had dinner at  
Florence's with a  
pleasant visit.

Am seeing from  
day to day fresh  
and convincing ev-  
idences of God's fa-  
vour. Shall con-  
tinue to hope in  
his mercy and to  
rejoice in him.

The weather con-  
tinues cold and sticky.  
Has told that the  
new members of  
Council that are voted  
for with one exception  
were returned as  
victors.



Have got to work  
in the woods at  
East. Commenced with  
you this afternoon  
cutting wood for  
fuel. Lewis has  
relieved us of the  
st. chores while we  
were cutting wood.  
Snow has been  
falling in small  
quantities again this  
evening.

We all went down  
to spend the eve-  
ning with Mrs. Clarke  
and had a very  
pleasant time.  
Found Mrs. Clarke  
quite poorly. I am  
afraid seriously ill.  
Hoped to have heard  
from some of my Bel-  
ham friends but failed.

Joe and I have  
cut wood in the  
woods this forenoon  
while Mrs. Lewis been  
helping about the  
barn and this  
afternoon to get  
up some wood.

I went out to  
Hovee this afternoon  
to take <sup>a order of</sup> some  
trunk to Mr. Barrett.  
for his sister Mrs. Wild  
in Toronto. Had a  
very nice short visit  
at Mr. B's.

Went up to the  
Grange Hall this  
evening to attend  
a Grange meeting  
for election of of-  
ficers for ensuing  
year. The same were  
chosen again.

Rain commenced  
 falling it rained  
 very hard the ice  
 at home has been  
 the result: but not  
 a very serious one.  
 Service has been laid  
 up so day again. It  
 complains of a dis-  
 ease across his back.

Joe and I have  
 been looking for  
 some of the time.

Henry and wife  
 left us this  
 afternoon for a vis-  
 it to Robert Culver  
 & family who live  
 in Towson.

We are having a  
 visit from our old  
 friend C. H. Linn.  
 This evening. He  
 is staying over night with us.

Our spare time  
has been putting in  
at husking corn  
as usual to day.  
The ice-stone of  
yesterday and last  
night has left us  
very nice sleighing.  
Went out to house  
this evening to take  
some produce &c.

Brought home some  
necessaries also.

My friend G. H.  
Leahon left us this  
morning. Was sorry to  
see him in such a  
sad dejected state of  
mind. Was afraid that  
a serious illness is  
coming upon him.

Had a short visit from  
my friend H. Skinner to  
night.

Looked over and  
 looked out so almost  
 this morning. High-  
 ing is very fine,  
 so I left home  
 in gloves until the  
 evening service.

Had dinner at Miss  
 Giles, her brother  
 James being lately  
 come.

Our minister was  
 down nobly in the  
 morning and eve-  
 ning. His catarrh  
 being a temper-  
 ance sermon, found  
 of our ~~Reverend~~  
 pastor.

Have been much  
 pleased and profited  
 by the services  
 of this day. The  
 Lord be magnified.

My man has not recovered and is not likely to be fit for work for some time. Joe still helps me though and will stay; but is not altogether satisfactory.

I have been fixing up the pig-sties <sup>and</sup> quarters beside some the fixing up in the cow-stable.

Joe has been cutting wood at the house most of the time.

The weather is very reasonable and winter like, & looks constantly like snow.

The weather has been very windy and cold to day.

When not having clothes we have been getting up and down leaving and coming also. Went up to see Mr. Rose this afternoon about helping us in our proposed Chicago Hall entertainment. Both Mr. R. and Richard Camp have promised to help us.

Intended to have you to share this evening to see about our coming concert. The cold winds were so much to me. Cannot stand the cold any more.

Went to see about  
Marian this forenoon.  
She had done without  
help about as long  
as was possible for  
her. Called at  
the Shands and  
took dinner with  
them, then on  
the way home. We  
are making ar-  
rangements for an  
entertainment to  
be held at the Grand  
Hall in a week  
from next Friday.  
Proceeds for getting  
magazines &c.

My sister and  
her husband came  
home from Town-  
send to day.

William Statts pro-  
vide us a hind quarter of  
beef weighing 13 8 lb.



you, and I have  
commenced getting up  
wood from the  
place. Got home three  
loads to day - mostly  
hemlock and pine.

Traded my little horse  
man, James with  
Robert Smith of  
Branford this morn-  
ing, for a few-  
year-old good mare.  
I am inclined to think  
that we were both  
benefited by the trade.

The little horse was  
rather small for my  
use, but large en-  
ough for a divery.  
The mare received of  
Mr Smith is rather a  
fine animal, and  
is good to start with,  
a valuable horse.

drove down to  
Thomas Jacksons  
this morning with  
an invitation to tea.  
Joe and I have been  
engaged at sundry  
jobs as usual.

Edw. Watters and  
Thomas Jacksons with  
his wife to take  
supper with us  
to night for the  
last time with my  
sister and her kids.  
They will leave us  
for a time to morrow.

I am exceedingly  
glad because of the  
goodness of God to  
me. How kind is the following  
How happy every child of grace  
who knows his sins forgiven.  
This earth he sees is not my place  
I seek my place in heaven.

Joe and I went down to the beach - rocks this forenoon with the team. Cut and brought home a load of wood from the old hemlock cut a couple of days ago. Drove out new horse Nellie lately got from Robert Smith Esq. of Brentford for the little horse. Has very much pleased with her. She is a fine traveler and, to all appearance, good to draw a load.

My sister and her husband went to the new to day, they intend visiting there for two or three days. Weather is becoming colder I think.

Drove with Bertha out to Church this morning. Our dear minister, Bro. James Goodwin talked to us about Nehemiah & his building the walls of Jerusalem some excellent points were made, and comparisons drawn. Always feel edified by this minister's discourses.

Have had some visitors to dinner which have interfered with my sabbath enjoyment, as it nearly always does, unless good people who are of a spiritual com. But, the Lord knows I wish only to fulfil his law.

Have not to ho-  
ver this morning  
taking a quiet  
game of the mill  
for chop. Took Joe  
Chen with me, not  
wanting his help  
any longer, Edwin  
being now able  
to work.

Went out again this  
evening after my  
sister and her  
husband, they having  
been there visiting  
for two or three  
days.

Took her at Joe  
Ware's, who treated  
us to an excellent  
dish of Oysters, nicely  
cooked.

Our new ware con-  
tinued to do nicely.

Have had quite a considerable fall of snow to day. Started for the woods this morning but, on account of the storm were prevented. Have had visitors through the day which required a considerable attention.

Joe, Wacey and his wife Annie with some others have been with some strange revelations were made in Pelham on Saturday last with reference to Mr. C. J. Cooke's death. My stomach having been found in the stomach on analysis, it was decided by the jury that the death of Mr. Cooke came from this, by an unknown hand.

Wesley and I have  
 continued to get up  
 wood most of the  
 time to day from  
 the hemlocks. Bought  
 home one calf in  
 the forenoon and  
 another in the afternoon.  
 He, all, my sister &  
 her husband, with  
 ourselves went up  
 to Black Mountain  
 to make an eve-  
 ning visit, to night.  
 Leonard went with  
 us also. Spent a  
 very pleasant eve-  
 ning there, and a  
 pretty long one as  
 well as we did not  
 get home until near  
 our o'clock this  
 morning.  
 Weather very cold & dry.

Lewis and I got  
 home a couple of  
 loads of wood from  
 the hemlocks this  
 forenoon and he  
 brought two this  
 afternoon alone.  
 Have started drawing  
 some logs sled logs  
 finding that we can  
 make much better  
 headway thus.

Went down to Jarvis  
 this afternoon to attend  
 to a small note given  
 unexpectedly three months  
 ago in part payment of  
 the new puff. Have  
 felt many times that I  
 made a mistake in  
 purchasing it.  
 The wife is to be down  
 in three or four days.

Mrs. and I have been working at our same job to day. The weather seems cold, but still we make some headway.

Went out to Home this afternoon after some necessaries, also to send for News and Magazine.

Money seems as hard to get hold of, and prospects so dark for the future that we thought to have done without some of these good things, but gave it up.

Went up to the Grange Hall this evening to attend Exhibition. Met Mrs. and Miss Ella Reese. Had a good & successful time...

Lewis and I continued to work away at getting up wood again. To day as usual. Did not make very much headway however as we broke down the sleighs this afternoon.

The weather continues very cold - in fact less weather from day to day. We are getting pretty well used to it though.

Spiritually my experience has not been as satisfactory for some few days back as I would like. The way seems dark, sometimes, more than other.



JANUARY

SUNDAY 22

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On account of the  
extreme cold I did  
not go out to drive  
this morning. Went  
over to hear Mr. E.  
Cord instead; and,  
this afternoon went  
down to Holcomb  
church. The parson's  
minister preached  
& gave us a very  
good discourse. A  
short fellowship was  
held afterwards.

We called at Holcomb  
a few minutes af-  
ter meeting, to see  
weather they had  
heard from our Feb.  
hans friends lately.

The extremely cold  
weather still contin-  
ues. Thermometer at  
10° Below Zero this morning

JANUARY

MONDAY 23

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Got out plow mend-  
ed up this forenoon  
and a load of wood  
besides. This after-  
noon we have  
driven a couple  
more loads.

A change in the  
weather has taken  
place since mor-  
ning. It has  
become quite mild  
and snow is falling.

Mary Jane has the  
turned from her  
visit in Townsend  
with her husband.  
They have spent near-  
ly a week away.  
I am thinking  
seriously of going  
to get the rest  
of the week or the  
first of next.

Got up wood  
again to day, my  
man and I. Got  
along nicely for  
which I am thank-  
ful. Have about  
finished getting up  
summer wood &  
are almost ready  
to get up hard wood  
for winter firing.

Had uncle John's  
and, Clarke's here to  
spend the evening  
with us. Enjoyed their  
visit very much.

The weather was  
continued cold and  
frosty, with some  
appearance of snow.

Begin to feel tired  
of so much visiting  
and yet we have  
many promises to fulfill.

Lewis and I continued to get up wood. This forenoon was usual. This afternoon however, on account of a snow storm we have had to desert.

Went up to uncle John Matthews for dinner with my wife and met uncle Stuart Culver there. Visited with them there most of the afternoon. Went down to James Holcomb's to spend the evening with them, but finding the folks away we came home again.

Lewis and I  
have kept on draw-  
ing wood again to-  
day. This after-  
noon however I  
left him to work  
alone.

Took my sister and  
her husband up to  
Lawrence Centre where  
they expect to stay  
to night and to leave  
for home in the mor-  
ning.

Got back to the Grange  
Hall this evening  
in time for the  
regular Monthly Grange  
meeting. Made ar-  
rangements for send-  
ing after several Mas-  
chises & Co. with the  
money obtained from  
our late entertainment.

The very cold weather still continues and seems likely to for a while.

I have kept at work with our wood drawing as usual. Dennis and I have got about four loads more from John Mares place. Brought home a large hemlock log nearly five foot through this evening.

Am much interested in the Commercial Union controversy, which seems to wax hotter and hotter. Some powerful articles have appeared in the Mail of this week.

Continued to get  
up wood to day  
notwithstanding the  
exceedingly cold weather.  
Ma and I went  
out to hewer this  
evening however &  
after doing some  
business took tea  
with Mrs. Ross and  
spent the evening.

Mrs. Thompson was  
there, who is a  
sister of the late  
husband of Mrs. Ross.  
She is a widowed  
lady of many attrac-  
tions apparently.

Have felt much  
discouraged of late  
about business pros-  
pects. Don't know  
how to manage with  
out some money.

Ma and I went out to church at Blouin this morning. Pulpitary sermons were preached this morning and evening by the parson Miss-les. Rev. Mr. Jackson. The sermons were a success in every way. Collections & subscriptions were taken up and were nearly the same as last year. \$184.

We also heard Mr. Jackson preach in the plank road church this afternoon and had the pleasure of the good brother's company with us to bed before services in Blouin.

Lewis and I have been getting up wood from our own woods this forenoon. This afternoon we went down to the lumber-locks after some small stuff left from our other loads.

Ma and I went out to Idness this afternoon to take a crock of butter &c. Came home by H. J. Carpenters where we spent the afternoon partly and evening. Elijah Below and wife were also there, and we had a pleasant visit altogether with these friends.

Snow is falling again this evening.



Hee and I got a couple of loads of wood from our own woods this forenoon, making a still further addition to our wood-pile for future use.

Had Mr James McHaight and a neighbor of his here for dinner. Went with them afterwards to Mr Shanks to see about getting them some seed oats. Failed to get what they wanted, so I let them have out of my own pile, they promising to return the same when convenient, or in a couple of weeks.

According to previous arrangements my Aunt Lydia Matthews and myself started for North Pelham this morning, driving our own horse & cutter.

The day was rather fine, and the sleighing excellent, so we got along very well. Had dinner at Cayuga on the way.

It took over the forty eight or fifty miles in eight hours.

Found Mr. Hobbins felt well though much troubled apparently as to the outcome of the ~~the~~ proceeding connected with the death of the late C. J. Cooke.

Called for an hour or so at Mr. H. C. Hobbins.

Spent a good portion  
of last evening with  
Mrs Leaves and her  
father very pleasantly.  
Stayed over night at  
Mr. Stortous where  
I have been also  
visiting part of the  
week so far. I am  
staying over night  
at Mr. Holcomb's so night  
however. Find that  
the dear friends are  
exceedingly anxious  
about the Cooke  
matter, and are  
scarcely in a fit con-  
dition to leave visit,  
or rather to entertain.  
Cannot help feeling  
much sympathy for  
them in their situa-  
tion. There seems to be a  
lack of trust in God, the  
most discouraging feature

Have been various-  
ly engaged in day.  
A portion of the time  
have been trying to  
sharpen a cross-cut  
saw for Mr Hobson,  
making the teeth chis-  
el pointed as I file  
my own. Took dinner  
at Mr Hobson's however.  
The whole party, nearly  
being there.

This evening I took  
Mrs Hobson and Chest  
Ludia down to Post  
Hill called for tea at  
the minister's Brodwin's,  
whose wife is a dau-  
ghter of our Neighbour  
Isaac Churchin.

Attended Union service  
at the Baptist Church.  
The Baptist, Methodist, German  
Methodist and Quakers be-  
ing united in the several  
meetings.

Spent the forenoon mostly with Mrs. Lawes at her home. Had a pleasant and most profitable visit with her. Spoke to her of a matter that had been on my mind for some time & accepted the answer that she gave me as coming from the Lord. Am so glad that "faith lends a reality light the clouds disappear the shadows fly. The invisible appears in sight and God is seen by mortal eye."

Left Mr. Horton's for Niagara Falls at four o'clock P.M. Got there about six. Found the dear friends all well and expecting me.

After a blessed night's rest, I arose at day-break this morning and took a walk before breakfast. Went much farther than I intended, crossing the ice bridge over, below the Falls. It was a wonderful sight to me, the huge piles of ice and the numerous icicles glistening as diamonds along the falling water.

Surely, the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth His handiwork.

Listening to Mrs. Woodson of the Catholic West missions in the Mayara Falls M. Church at eleven. It was good to be there.

Came back to Mr. Horton's this evening, calling at Mrs. Smith's in Port Jell.

After a considerable  
trouble in getting things  
ready, Aunt Lydia and  
I started from  
Stortons for home at  
about ten o'clock this  
morning. The day  
has been unusually  
fine, so our long  
ride was quite a  
pleasant one.

Took our dinner  
at Higers in Cambro,  
and got home at  
eight o'clock this  
evening. My mare  
Hellie seemed to get  
about tired out before  
our journey was ac-  
complished and I had  
a pretty severe job to  
get her along at all  
towards New Cast. But  
succeeded.

Have been somewhat unwell to day, having contracted a severe cold yesterday when crossing home from North Pelham. Hope soon to overcome this difficulty, with the blessing of God on the means used.

We are out the eve of a thaw apparently, the weather being very warm to night.

Met with the following the other day, in G. H. Holmes.

My God, the Banker's name. Shall supply - I promise to pay. All yours very truly - The amt.

According to the wishes ~~of the~~ The Capital of the Bank. In glory - The location of the Bank. But Christ Jesus - The Cash - The note would be worthless. Be ye careful for getting out in everything by depositing your applications with the Bank and request with God.



My sick spell has continued to keep me from work; and gives me an opportunity for reading and for writing letters, which was quite acceptable. Lewis has been engaged as usual at chores and preparing firewood at the woodhouse.

Met with the following <sup>the within</sup> King's Hook; but find they make first. Or all they will may be accused: If thou wouldst free thyself from doubt, King God within and work without. That shall be worthy worship will. Be true and calm thy spirit fill. Seek him, nor think he hideth far. In some slow-circling distant star. From thine own self set thyself free. And thou shalt find he seeketh thee.

My health has some-  
what improved since  
yesterday, Lewis has  
got to work at get-  
ting up wood any-  
way. Have brought  
three loads to day.

The weather has  
been extremely cold,  
the thermometer  
registering five &  
degrees below zero  
this morning, and  
maintaining nearly  
the same tempera-  
ture all day.

Am glad to notice  
that the Commercial  
service movement  
continues to rapidly  
gain ground not only  
in our own country  
but also in the United  
States.

Have been getting up wood part of the time again so slow. I have our own woods. My man went away this evening however to get after business of his own at Brentford. I am expected to look after things in his absence.

The late very cold weather is tapering off gradually. To night it is quite comfortable.

Had a short call from James Holcut & settled up with him for turkey &c.

Being alone with  
the clothes all on  
my hands, and a  
bad cold besides  
this day has been  
pretty well occupied.

Drove out to Iowa  
about midday to  
take some butter  
& a huffer hide &c.  
Have felt very un-  
comfortable with my  
cold, & quite unfit  
for work.

Visited James Giles  
who is sick at Miss  
Giles' and has been  
for some time.

Wesley Mason, an  
own cousin of my  
mother's and for a  
short time a fellow pebor  
mat took tea with  
us & will visit us for a while.

Have not been able to go to church to day though I have desired to do so very much. Lewis has been away until to night when he came home. Tried to get ready for church this evening, but was hindered by some people concerning this affair.

It seems to be a failing <sup>of mine</sup> to listen to the reasoning of the tempter.

From time to time with regard to, His blessing on my labors. It seems strange that we should withhold it

My mother and  
Hesley Hareau who  
is now visiting  
us went up to Mr.  
John Gilberts to  
day. While there  
the Captain had a  
severe fit or sort  
of convulsion.

Lewis and I have  
been working away  
at getting up wood  
pans and saw  
bush most of the time.

One of our cows has  
been sick lately from  
some cause or an-  
other and I am  
afraid is going  
to die. Lewis thinks  
that her limbs were  
frozen a week  
or so ago.

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mother and I  
up to Simcoe  
morning, to take  
dried apples  
to do some  
thing. Found that  
my bill lost by  
means for dried  
les some time ago  
and not be collected  
without presenting  
bill itself.

I saw dinner at  
John Murphy's  
and enjoyed it about  
it with them  
of much.  
sent a letter away  
this day, telling  
of safe arrival.

The weather was  
stormy and  
disagreeable to day.

The mild weather of yesterday has now passed away and zero weather again prevails.

Berwig and I have got home a couple more loads of wood from our own bush. Broke one of our saw handles which took some time to get repaired.

The cold weather makes feed go fast, and I cannot help feeling anxious about how we are going to get through the balance of the winter with all our stock.

One cow is quite sick & I am afraid will die.



We have continued to get up wood today. Lewis and I. The weather has been pretty cold but is moderating somewhat to night.

Mr. Frederburgh was here, and claimed that Maggie and Katie were in a fair way to have colic. Both of them.

Noticed the following resolutions in *Guardian to night*

1. I will recollect every day that I am <sup>in my life</sup> and that in this life I am to prepare for <sup>glory</sup>.
2. I will consider myself as accountable to God for the right use of my time & all that <sup>possess</sup>.
3. I will take the Bible as a compass to my feet, and a light unto my path, and I will pray for the Holy Spirit to teach me, and to impress all its truths upon my heart.

Lewis and I got up  
wood part of the time  
again today.

My Aunt Mrs John  
Wales with her son  
and youngest daughter  
were here to dinner &  
to tea. Of course I  
could not do very  
much with them here.  
They have lately sold  
their farm on the  
town-line and are  
expecting to move  
away some-where  
this coming Spring.

Our cow that has  
been sick for the  
last week or so died  
this evening. It  
seemed as though  
nothing that I have  
her did any good  
from the first.

He took the hide  
off of another cow.  
This morning Lewis  
and I, thinking we  
knew one that  
we have lost this  
morning.

Went out to town  
this afternoon take-  
ing me with me.  
After doing the  
little errands that  
were in order, we  
went to Mr Barrett for  
tea. Spent the  
evening also with  
them and enjoyed  
our visit much.

The weather has  
moderated considerably  
and a thaw seems  
to be upon us now.

My mother and I  
went out to house  
this morning as usual  
to attend church.  
Bro. Goodwin preached  
and class-meeting  
followed. Hurred  
home for dinner &  
afterwards went down  
to Holcomb's Church  
on the plank road.  
Remained at Holcomb  
for tea and attended  
services at in the  
evening as well.  
Was wonderfully blessed  
both this afternoon &  
evening. A sister  
from Agassiz St. Church,  
Laurel Mrs. Varcoe being  
at both services. Her  
talk about holiness &c  
was grand. The power  
of God seemed so manifest

Rain fell part  
of the forenoon to  
day as well as  
last night, so that  
the ploughing is  
growing considerably  
less.

I went up to Sim-  
coe and to Sulhoes  
mill according to  
promise made to  
Mr McKnight some  
time ago after the  
deb due from  
him. Met the ju-  
stices there, ~~and~~  
transferred cargoes  
and brought some  
flew and trout  
home besides.

The weather bids fair  
to get cooler  
before the snow is  
all gone after all.

Ma and I went  
out to Wood's to day.  
Got there in time to  
take dinner with Mrs  
Moody who made us  
promise to come  
time ago to visit her  
to day. Had Mrs  
Barrell also with us.  
Called this after-  
noon at Mrs. Cook's  
and afterwards  
at Mr. Hills. Feel  
much sympathy for  
them on account of  
Mrs. mother's loss or rather  
their late bereavement.  
Had a serious talk  
with Mattie while there.  
She seems inclined to get  
and worry about her  
mother's death. Of course  
the loss of a mother is a  
serious matter.

Lewis did not get  
home with his father  
and mother until  
nearly noon to day.  
This afternoon we  
worked in the woods  
besides doing chores.  
Drove down to  
Stobou's Church  
this evening taking  
old Mr. Lewis  
with us. Mr. Bass  
preached a short  
discourse and fol-  
lowed with a testimony  
meeting, and then  
with a prayer mee-  
ting. One of the  
members William White  
got so noisy and  
thoroughly beside him-  
self as to break up  
the meeting entire-  
ly.

After getting those  
done I went out  
after the minister  
and his family to  
spend the day with  
us. Mr. and Mrs  
Goodwin with the  
two daughters, besides  
Minnie Copeway and  
Mrs Brauer came  
with me. Gave up  
the day for visit-  
ing and enjoyed  
the company of  
the friends very  
much. Sent Selwin  
home with them this  
evening, while I  
went up to the Seave  
Hall to the regular  
monthly meeting.  
The usual number  
were present and  
a pleasant time.

Worked in the woods  
this forenoon. Lewis  
and I. This afternoon  
noon however the  
weather being very  
warm and soft. Mrs.  
has been unsking  
some corn in the  
barn, while I have  
been away to James  
Holcomb's helping  
wood in his bush.  
- He was having a  
bee. This afternoon.  
Our sleighing has  
about gone with  
the exception of a  
patch here and  
there.

Has told this evening  
that Mr. White felt quite  
sorry about the Protracted  
meetings being stopped on  
his account.



The very warm weather of yesterday still continues and rain has fallen in considerable quantities, last night and to-day. The snow has about disappeared except here and there ~~in~~ snow along fences or on hill-sides an occasional snow bank.

My man has been husking corn in the barn, while I have been putting brine on the meat besides doing some other jobs.

The weather is becoming cooler & more like winter,

On account of strong cold winds that have been blowing to day I did not go to the church this morning. I have spent the day very profitably at West. and this evening went down to Colcombs church on foot.

The protracted meeting which received a temporary blow last week is again under way. Thomas Ross-gill officiating this evening. Conyford the service reasonably well. though was not very favorably impressed with Forsys. power as a preacher.

Yes. and I have  
been working in the  
woods this forenoon  
getting some buckeye  
logs ready to take to the  
mill. Have been cut-  
ting wood at the  
wood house this af-  
ternoon.

Mr. Lewis came  
this evening from  
his saw job; and  
he and I walked  
down to Stobcauba  
church this evening.  
Rev. Jarvis minister  
Rev. Mr. Jackson gave  
a short discourse  
and the usual after-  
services followed.  
Mr. Lewis' exhortations  
& prayers were es-  
pecially interesting  
and profitable.

My man and I  
have been cutting  
wood etc. at the  
wood-house to day.

My Mr. Lewis con-  
tinued to remain with  
us and went to the  
protracted meeting  
in Holcomb's Church  
with me.

The minister did  
not come this eve-  
ning as usual. But  
Thomas Rossfield only  
so. Mr. Lewis gave  
us a sermon, about  
the "Gospel net" which  
was quite interesting  
and profitable. Bro.  
Lewis is a very  
earnest speaker  
and speaks unusually  
loud. He seems to be  
a thorough Christian.

Lewis and I have been working on the wood-pile again today. The father of my man left us this morning with his wife.

The weather is moderating somewhat, and has some appearance of a storm.

Just down to St. Cloud Church this evening as usual taking my mother with me. P. R. Jack-son came to night and officiated in person. The meeting was well attended and a deep interest continues to be taken in the meeting as well. Weather continues to moderate.

Have continued to  
cut wood so far as  
usual. The weather  
has changed some  
what and become  
raining.

Have been talking  
this evening of a  
wonderful revival  
that has been in  
progress in Ottawa  
for the last six or  
seven weeks. Some  
fifteen hundred con-  
versions are recorded.  
The revivalists Messrs  
Crossley and Skindler  
who were once in Port  
Huron were to have left  
on Tuesday last but the  
~~work~~ was so great as  
to require their pres-  
ence another week. His  
wife at Mr. Donald & Lady  
were amongst those who  
took up for prayer (Mr. Donald)

Rain fell last night and to day, together with an occasional squall of snow, the ice and snow together has left us very good sleighing. So that this afternoon Lewis took a large oak log down to the saw mill. He drew the other logs on the colliery as well, ready for sawing. Took Bertha and Maria with me to the meeting in Holcomb Church to night. Had a precious time. Bro. Jackson gave us a sort of Question and answer meeting, before the after service.

The ice storm last night and yesterday has made very fine sleighing; but, so icy that one can scarcely stand up.

Got some wood this forenoon and did some other work around the barn.

Went out to gloves this afternoon to attend a meeting for organizing to preserve the Scott-set. Has appointed with Rev. J. J. Smith to canvass the Higgins school house division of the township in the interest of the set. Attendance at this meeting was fair & interest good.



Woke out as usual  
 This morning as usual, to Church.  
 Bro. James Goodwin ministered to us &  
 He had abundant reason for thankfulness  
 in a profitable waiting upon the Lord.  
 After getting dinner at home we  
 drove down to Holcomb Church, Bro. Bain preached  
 After doing chores we went down again  
 this evening to hear Thomas Bosfield.  
 Upon the whole we have put in a very good day. Our time has mostly been taken up by our attendance at the Home of God.

The weather has been very windy and cold to day. A strong North West Wind being on shore. Lewis and I have been doing sundry jobs, one of which was to get an old Kirby reaper from Mr. Fargues on the Lake shore. Joking Mr. Brides gave me the privilege of taking what castings I wanted to make my old reaper good.  
 Went down to the Holcomb Church this evening taking Beulah and Marianne with me. The service was good, Bro. Jackson officiated.

My man and I have been working in the woods most of the time to day, cutting some bass-wood logs for the sawmill, and trying to get things in readiness to make a pig-house before long.

The weather has been very cold indeed to day.

Had a visit from Clarke Vale and his two sisters, all of whom are my own cousins, to night.

The family are likely to move up into Clarksville before long. Where they have about rented a farm.

Lewis has been at work getting some basswood logs to the saw-mill and some lumber home from the same place.

I have been engaged with visitors about all day.

In the first place went out after Miss Mattie Hill and her sister Mrs Hill of Detroit this morning.

Have enjoyed my visit with them and some others, Doctor, Jack, Rexford & Clara Hill with Mattie, very much.

Drove out to Home this evening to take Mattie home, and had a good talk with her.

Have had Lewis's  
getting up wood from  
our own woods to  
day while ma &  
I went up to Sim-  
coe or rather to  
Mr. David Sterlino  
to dinner and to  
Simcoe afterwards.  
Had a pleasant  
visit with these  
kind friends and  
was much interested  
in hearing the par-  
ticulars of Remond's  
Olds death. He must  
have died instantly,  
without a friend be-  
ing near. He had  
gone for some kind-  
ling wood to the woods  
& his returning room was  
afterwards found in a  
strange posture with the  
axe at his feet, quite dead.

Met with a very serious loss last night which has made me feel much discouraged to day.

My mare Nellie got down in her stall early in the night with one foot & leg through the floor. Before we could get her up this morning she was dead. No bot see how we are going to spare this mare. But, there will be a way provided I hope.

Valued her at \$150.00 & would have been sorry to have parted with her for that even.

Lewis and I skinned the crooked horned cow & mare at same time. Have lost nearly three hundred dollars with the fat in within a few weeks.

Mar and I went out to Hovey this morning to visit Bro. Ellis partly and partly to attend the Commercial Union meeting in the town hall. We did not get out in time for the morning meeting but for the afternoon meeting only. Speeches in favour of Commercial union with the United States were delivered by Valency C. Fuller & Thomas Shaw of New-ibore. Both were unanswerable, and the opposition by John Wickerson of Simons and several others were very lame attempts.

Had dinner at Bro. Ellis  
A pleasant visit.

On account of rain and snow which continued to fall through the forenoon we did not get out to Church this morning. The wind shifted to the North West this afternoon and making it much colder.

Leaves started for his father this evening.

Did not go to St. Louis Church this afternoon as we generally do on account of the bad roads.

Have been informed lately of the presence of vermin there, a few more of promise.

Lewis being away  
to day, I have  
been about all the  
time doing and  
attending to stock.

The weather has  
been very cold and  
windy. The latter  
blowing from the  
North West as usual.

Have been much  
cast down in my  
mind of late. The  
presence and blessing  
of God upon my  
life and labours  
seeming to be so  
strangely withheld.  
It seems hard to  
understand His deal-  
ings of providence  
with those who love  
Him. But <sup>He</sup> has said when  
I was pursued <sup>and</sup> <sup>not</sup> <sup>by</sup> <sup>him</sup> <sup>that</sup> <sup>know</sup> <sup>where</sup> <sup>he</sup> <sup>is</sup>

My man did not return from his visit with his father until about about today. He has been helping me this afternoon. We have been cutting wood and doing chores.

I went down to William Halls this evening after some fanning-mill screens.

The very cold weather still continues with, every indication of no change for a time.

The thermometer stood at about zero last night and nearly the same to night.

Wheat is well protected by ice & snow.



Lewis and I got  
some Smyth and cleaned  
up this Johnson, and  
this afternoon I went  
up to Simcoe, taking  
the sample with  
me. Sold nearly a  
bushell at \$3.75 per  
bushell at M. C. Co.

Seed imported from  
the United States  
is retailing in the  
same store at \$3.75  
per bushell.

Am thankful to  
see the weather  
moderating somewhat.  
Snow and ice have  
disappeared nicely  
to day, mud has  
also begun to take its  
place. It seems late  
for spring to be just be-  
ginning.

We worked at cleaning bymsthy seed this forenoon Lewis and I. This afternoon we have been getting a quart of grain ready for the mill. Did not have very much bymsthy seed after all - only one bag to spare. We have been cutting wood again this forenoon part of the time.

Ma and I went, to spend the evening at William Hobbs. Had a pleasant visit. One feature of this evening visiting is that it keeps one up so late nights.

Have had Lewis  
at work splitting  
wood on the wood  
pile most of the  
time today.

I took a quart of  
grain to the mill  
for chop and went  
on from the Lyman  
Valley Mill to Lincoln.  
Wanted to have got  
some money to fin-  
ish paying taxes but  
failed partly. Sold  
a bag of Timothy seed  
at \$2.50 per bushel,  
which brought some  
money.

The roads seem  
already to be getting  
dry. There is some  
appearance of an  
early spring seeding.

My man and I  
worked at cutting  
wood at the house  
this forenoon. He  
has been splitting  
this afternoon.

I went out do-  
morrow this after-  
noon to look after  
some matters of  
business. Have  
been fortunate in  
getting money for  
paying a small  
balance yet due  
on taxes. Saw the  
collector also and pay  
all but four dollars.

The cold weather  
still continues &  
seems likely to for  
some time to come.  
Heard that Mrs. F. Wilson  
and her daughter Ella of  
Port Hope would visit

MARCH

SUNDAY 18

1888

Went out to flower  
this morning to church  
had a profitable sea-  
son in the Lord's  
house. Bro. James  
Cordwin preached  
and the usual af-  
ter service followed  
a Fellowship meeting  
of this time.

Came home to dinner  
and went down to  
the Holcomb church  
this afternoon.

Bro. Raer from Jarvis  
preached felt that  
it was good to be  
amongst that people.

Called a few minutes  
at James Holcomb's,  
learned that he had  
rented his farm and  
would move to Waterford  
immediately.

MARCH

MONDAY 19

1888

Lewis and I have  
been working away  
at cutting wood by  
the woodhouse all  
day. The weather  
has at last turned  
warm and soft.  
To night there is  
some appearance  
of rain.

My old friend G.  
St. Lewis has  
turned up this  
evening and is  
staying over night  
with us. He has  
lately been on a  
visit to Michigan  
for his health,  
and looks much  
better than when  
I saw him last.  
He seems to feel quite  
down - hearted yet  
however.

It has been quite warm and rainy to day. He had been able to cut wood at the wood-house most of the time however.

George Lemow remained with us until after dinner. I feel much alarmed about his health. There are symptoms which seem to indicate a possibility of insanity. I hope that it may not be so serious.

Had a letter from our dear friend Mrs. Hiram Shepard, saying that he still lives though nearly 80 years old last month.

The weather has continued stormy though warm, most of the time to day. Considerable quantities of rain fell last night.

Lewis and I husked corn most of the forenoon. But since have been cutting wood at the woodhouse. We have got as much cut as we can find room for now and we intend to split and pile a while.

I feel thankful for continued tokens of the Divine favour. My mind is stayed on Him. Praise God O. my soul.

We have been  
parsing logs at  
the Woodhouse to  
day Lewis and I.  
The weather has  
been extremely cold  
and windy, re-  
markably so for  
the time of year.  
Stormy nights  
at Leno all day.

Walked up to the  
Craze Hall to night  
to the regular monthly  
meeting. The roads  
were so rough to  
drive a horse.

Had a nice mee-  
ting at the hall,  
and ever magazines  
& having come,  
we had something  
else to take down  
with us besides

Lewis has been splitting wood at the woodhouse most of this time to day. While I have been doing some carpenter work for the little house.

Lost our fourth cow or heifer this evening she has been unwell ever since her fall on the ice more than two weeks ago. Have had hopes of her recovering until the present cold weather. Think I think was more than she could stand.

The provisions are very precious. As are just now.

Went to Mr. Steen's this evening over the long rough roads.

Mrs. has been splitting wood again to day, on the wood pile. I have differently engaged. Made a door for the little house this forenoon. This afternoon went out to Glover Lake with Mrs. and Bertha with me.

<sup>50</sup>The roads to Glover are getting passable there having been something of a thaw to day. The weather keeps remarkably cold however. Thermometer at zero this morning again. Had tea at Miss Viles with her mother and James. Called to see the Hills this afternoon.

Went out to church this morning alone. Brought Bertha back with me however.

Mrs. James Goodwin affiliated as usual, though under some indisposition of body for some unaccountable reason I did not enjoy the class meeting as well as usual. The number present being very small may account for

Found my niece Cecilia Cunningham there with Mrs. Harris when I got home. She went back to Lincoln this evening however. William Walls and Nell. came to see me



Rain has been falling nearly all day, so that our work was necessarily done inside.

We cleared off about three this afternoon however and I went out to blow. I attended a Scott act committee meeting. Found that the rain had prevented people from attending, so that the meeting was a failure.

There is some likelihood of a close contest over the Scott act this time in our county. We may possibly fail to carry it.

Storm ~~with~~ weather  
with abundance of  
rain has come  
again. Of course  
mud is also plen-  
tiful and likely  
to be for some time.

Lewis and I  
have been cutting  
wood at the wood-  
house most of  
the time through  
the day.

Am thankful  
after all, to say  
that feed for stock  
is still abundant.  
We are likely to  
have more than  
we can use be-  
fore grass grows  
and of very  
good quality as  
well.

Rain has con-  
tinued to fall most  
of the time to day.  
Lewis lunched com-  
in the barn this  
forenoon while I  
made an out-side  
door for the kitchen.

Have been cut-  
ting wood again  
this afternoon  
however. The  
ground is very  
soft and wet  
excepting where the  
frost is not out.

Have found it  
good to call upon  
my God to day.  
Humbly acknowledging  
His great good-wills  
to me. His exceed-  
ingly desirous to  
get all Israelite indeed  
in whom there is no guile.

I am thankful indeed that before and I have got done cutting wood at the woodhouse for this season. There will be quite a lengthy job of splitting of course. I have been at it all the time to day, nearly.

The weather keeps warmer and the ground very wet and muddy.

The old adage with respect to marches is likely to prove true this time at least. "Come in like a lion, go out like a lamb; and vice versa."

Lewis has been working away at the wood-splitting as usual.

Have been engaged at sundry jobs myself, this afternoon however I have been doing some work in the little house - putting in window-panes &c.

The warm weather keeps getting still warmer and the ground is becoming very soft and muddy.

Have just heard that Peter Gilbert has lost his eldest son Herman. He had just to be seen a few days

Spent the forenoon  
in the kitchen-house  
hanging doors and  
putting on catches.  
Lewis has been  
splitting wood at  
the woodhouse as  
usual.

Went out to draw  
this afternoon af-  
ter some coal oil  
and other necessaries.  
Marianne Williams  
went with me, and  
from there she has  
gone home for  
a few days.

Found the roads  
in an almost im-  
passible state, ex-  
cepting on the old  
bank which is  
getting dry in some  
places.

On account of the terrible state of the roads, we did not think best to go out to church this morning. I have remained at home however, trying as best we could to worship God in our dwelling.

My soul is satisfied with the Christian's heritage. Surely the world with all its allurement is not worthy to be compared with God who is not only a refuge for His people, but our eternal Home. O I want love Him with all my being & serve Him with all my strength & my mind.

I have been working away at the tenant house a gain to day. Finished changing the doors, putting in door sills &c. to night.

Lewis has been splitting wood at the woodhouse, and has also completed his job there.

Hired a young man named John Stevens to day for seven months. He is to pay seventeen dollars and fifty cents per month with board and washing. He begins work as soon as possible.

Weather warm and fine, finishing to night.



Lewis and I have  
been at our old en-  
ployment of sawing  
wood with the cross  
cut saw. Have been  
cutting back of the  
barrel and at the  
tenant house.  
The days are quite  
warm and pleasant,  
with cold nights.  
Ground is fast drying  
and will soon be  
fit to work.

Have felt much  
east down during  
this day; but, great  
comfort has come  
down. Because he hath  
set his love upon me  
therefore will I deliver  
him, I will set him  
upon high because he  
saith I will deliver him  
and he shall not be  
troubled, I will deliver him

Have had Lewis at  
work splitting wood at  
his new wood pile  
to day.

I started off this  
morning to Canvas  
for the Scott. et al.  
Went as far as  
the first side west  
of us and had  
very good success.  
I think we will get  
few notes west of  
Hudson on the way.  
Came home for din-  
ner and have been  
cutting wood since.  
Went down to Will-  
iam Stalls this eve-  
ning to sea.  
The weather is  
still fine and  
becoming warmer.  
Road nearly dry.

It has been raining numerous April showers today, so that we have been doing but little out of doors.

Our girl Mariann Williams came home again this afternoon, she having been away since last Saturday.

Hellen Hatt and Miss Cecilia have been with us today.

Noticed in today's paper that our government had decided the United States government on the proposed free list of natural commodities, such as salt, coal, wool, lumber, etc. etc.

Had intended going to Lincoln today to take Cecilia but having found a chance with uncle John Matthews for her, I have been into other work. Have about completed my Scott's Pet. Campaign. Went to John Rose's this morning and got him to accompany me around. Went to all or nearly all the remaining places and have succeeded as well as I expected. There is however a majority one vote about against the act of two votes.

Lewis and I have finished cutting wood drawers up for house use. He has also finished splitting.

Went out to Dover this afternoon to take some butter and to get a few necessities. Called at Mattie's on the way home and had tea with them.

The weather has become very cold since yesterday - a strong nor wester blowing fiercely. Saw my friend Ed - saw Rob in Dover. Was glad to see him looking so well.

Having a lame back  
did not feel able  
to ride out so  
stayed so day.

Walked down to  
DeLeon's church  
this afternoon how-  
ever and heard  
Bro. Jackson preach.  
After the service  
a Sabbath school  
was organized for  
the ensuing summer.  
Next one to the  
Victor Church this  
evening.

The Lord has  
been very good to  
one of Cal's sus-  
taining one in  
all my trials &  
disappointments.  
His fulfilling  
his promise.

Went down to  
Molokai this morn-  
ing, to see about  
a flock of ~~sheep~~  
sheep. The ~~sheep~~  
are growing, but  
small, fairly with  
of Halesford having  
lost the farm.

But secured after  
a full day of the  
at Ross for which  
I am to pay four  
dollars. Hurler  
Laidlaw & Morre.

My new man John  
Anderson commenced  
work this afternoon.  
He is to work eight  
hours a day at  
seven dollars  
and a half  
per month.

W. H. Leonard is with  
us to night.

A very heavy rain  
has been falling  
last night and  
to day. We have  
been doing sundry  
jobs inside, such  
as fixing stable  
floor, mending  
roller & C. & C.

Fixed up one of  
Woods window this  
afternoon, by putting  
a piece of siding ac-  
ross the large pane.  
My friend E. W. Leonard  
has been with us  
storm-bound. He  
started off a foot  
trip afternoon to  
Cannon the neighbour-  
hood for fruit re-  
order.

Received a letter from  
Mr. Ardley to night.

The stormy weather of yesterday has ceased and a great measure but, a cold Nor. Wester is taking its place.

We have been cutting wood in the woods this forenoon & this afternoon we have got to work repairing some fences in front.

The weather keeps quite backward & disagreeable still the ground being quite wet in places. George Lensen has been helping some to day.

On account of  
rain last night  
we have been work-  
ing at fence-build-  
ing mostly to-  
day. Spring seems  
to be plow in  
coming this year.  
But perhaps I am  
impatient.

Have been repair-  
ing up Reids Hill-  
dows, so make  
them stand the  
heavy winds & with  
sometimes strike  
them. Reid made  
me a present  
of a fifty cent  
jack knife after  
finishing  
George Sedman has  
been helping some  
to day also.



Have been en-  
gaged at fence  
building to day,  
in the front and  
around the base.  
George Seemore has  
also been helping.  
He and building  
and putting up  
gates.

A Scott. Oct  
meeting was held  
in the Church this  
evening. Bro. Jack-  
son and Laycock  
the former from  
Garnis and the  
latter from Hakeford  
being speakers.  
The both spoke  
well and I believe  
the meeting will  
prove a benefit to  
some at least.

God started at  
locating and, build-  
ing a fence divi-  
ding the new-ground  
and North East corner  
field to day. He  
finds it impossible  
to do anything  
besides fencing as  
yet. - The ground  
being quite wet.  
I went out to  
town this after-  
noon, partly to  
attend a Scott Act  
Meeting in the  
town hall.

There still seems  
to be a possibility  
of defeating the  
Peepal's petition if  
some of the delin-  
quent ones are pro-  
perly looked after.

Took me with me  
this morning to  
church in Dover -  
the roads being fine.  
Bro. Goodwin preached  
as usual. Minnie  
home after preaching  
and after dinner we  
went down to the  
plank road church.  
Took a number of  
old Sunday school  
books for the Sab-  
bath school. Safely  
started there. Failed  
to get there in time  
for the school however.  
Bro. Wilson from  
Hager ville preached  
and gave us an  
excellent discourse.  
The fellowship mee-  
ting afterwards  
was also a profitable  
meeting before the Lord.

Went to James's  
this morning. Took  
Mrs Reid down to  
the train and after-  
wards got some  
business closed  
up with the lawyer  
which gave me some  
relief.

Got home for dinner  
and went up to  
John Ross this af-  
ternoon on business  
relating to the Scott  
Act election - to  
come off next  
Thursday.

John Dawson has  
been working the  
meadow this side  
of the woods while  
John has been plough-  
ing in the forest  
field.

Mrs and John  
have been plough-  
ing in the front  
field to day, get-  
ting the ground  
ready to sow peas  
and oats mixed for  
feed. There being  
but little prospect  
of pasture this  
summer it seems  
advisable to get  
a substitute of  
some kind as soon  
as possible.

Look ma and Bee-  
tia with me to the  
ave. This evening,  
to hear a lecture  
on the Scott Act  
delivered by Rev. B.  
B. Keefer. The lecture  
was excellent and  
enjoyable.

Lewis and New-  
son have both been  
ploughing in the  
front field today.

George Lemow has  
been trimming apple  
trees also. The trees  
have been away  
looking after the  
interests of the South  
etc. - so we voted on  
to morrow.

Had the satisfac-  
tion to get a prom-  
ise from one man  
who had intended not  
going to vote, that  
he would support  
the etc.

Have been at  
home most of the  
afternoon helping  
George trim trees.

The Scott expedition  
is over at last.  
Have been dis-  
appointed at the  
way our people  
have turned out  
to vote, and shall  
be, almost sur-  
prised if victory  
has not fallen to  
our enemies.

The opposition  
seemed to turn out  
almost to a man  
at the two polling  
places visited.

Was thankful at  
least to have done  
what I could for  
my brethren.

The weather keeps  
cold and backward  
still.

... They men have con-  
tinued to work in the  
front field, getting it  
brought down  
ready to row.

Got about ready  
to go to work when  
a Mr. Davis of the  
Nanticoke Gauge  
came to say that  
a car of salt-  
had come to port  
Dover for us and  
themselves. Went  
around to most  
of our own mem-  
bers to tell them  
and got home to  
dinner. Went out  
to Dover this af-  
ternoon and got  
a couple of barrels  
of salt for our use  
&c.



Forgot to mention  
last night that the  
Canada Temperance  
Act was defeated  
over the minority  
by seven hundred  
majority in our  
own County.

The men have  
been working on  
the front field again  
to day. The field  
is some more  
than half sown  
now. So peas and  
rap mixed.

George Lewis has  
also been working as  
yesterday at tree-  
trimming.

The weather keeps  
remarkably cold  
and backward still.

\* Look on, and  
 Bertha with me  
 this morning to  
 church. A goodly  
 number was pres-  
 ent and felt  
 much benefited by  
 the services of the  
 sanctuary.

Got home in time for  
 the meeting on  
 the plank where  
 Rev Dr Jackson  
 of farms preached  
 as usual on oppo-  
 site Sunday.

Bro. Goodwin preached  
 this morning from - When  
 thou passeth through the  
 waters I will be with thee  
 and through the rivers  
 they shall not overthrow thee  
 when thou walkest upon the  
 fire thou shalt not be  
 burned; neither shall the  
 heat be kindled upon thee.

John and Wesley have finished seeding the front field to day, harrowing out and all.

Have been cleaning ditches myself. Shrike is also nearly done. Went after Smiths grass seed sower this afternoon.

George Seemore has been working this afternoon at bee-hinning as usual.

There seems to be signs of a drought. The weather is very cold however and dry as well. Quite a period squall came today.

My two men have been cultivating in the bee-acre field to day, getting it ready to sow with oats.

George has been helping again as usual. He has got our apple trees nearly trimmed.

This afternoon he and I have been sowing grass seed and harrowing the wheat field north of Olive barn.

The weather continues cold and dry, with heavy frosts every night.

Received a paper from Mrs. DeKew. to night with a portrait of her father David St. DeKew aged ninety four.

John and Wesley  
have been working  
at seeding in the  
ten-acre-field today.

George has been  
working away with  
a team at har-  
rowing & that.

The crust that  
has formed over the  
ground in places  
has been a hindrance  
to doing as good  
a job. I have been  
sowing grass-seed  
on the hill field.  
Feel that I have made  
a serious mistake  
in not sowing the  
grass-seed in Feb.  
or Mar.

Prospects of dry  
weather still con-  
tinue, though warmer-

The men have finished sowing the ten-acre field to oats and got it harrowed out. George Lecumore has been helping me with it. I have been sowing grass seed on the field next to Mr. Biddle and George has been harrowing. He went home this evening however and is waiting now for his delivery of trees to come. I went to the Grange this ~~over~~ evening. A fair number was present & a pleasant meeting.

Both John and  
Thos. have been  
working on the East  
half of the Big Flat  
this forenoon. This  
afternoon I went  
to the mill with a  
quint of chop also  
to see how after  
some flour. Got  
five hundred pounds  
at Suttons mill two  
of which I am let-  
ting Lewis have.

The cold weather  
has left at last  
and April is going  
out quite warm.  
A drought has ap-  
parently set in &  
we have begun to  
draw water for  
house use already.

The men have succeeded in finishing the rat-feeding on the Big Flat today. Got some more grass seed for the field but Mr. Beidy himself, and went out to town this evening with ma.

The day has been delightful, so warm and nice.

Received a notice of Velma Crokes death this evening. She died on Thursday last and will be buried tomorrow.

Would have been at the funeral tomorrow only for the delivering of Crokes first trees

Went out to Home  
this morning alone.  
Had a blessed season  
of waiting upon the  
Lord. Found it hard  
on account of the  
heat to keep awake  
through the preaching  
service. Got dinner  
at home as usual  
and attended service  
at the plank road  
church. Bro. Baer  
officiated, it being  
his turn.

The day has been  
a precious one with  
me. Have felt so  
much the privilege  
of obeying His Comman-  
ment with respect to  
the sacredness of the  
Sabbath day. God helps  
me to keep it holy.



Finished sowing grass seed on the Fall Street to day sowing the Big Flat East. John has been ploughing in the Big Halls East Corner field where we intend to sow peas.

Rain has come at last though in moderate quantities just as is needed most. Many years have been expressed last as drought since late to last seasons had already set in; but, thank God, it has not come yet. How sorry to see that I have not been altogether free from these misgivings. What a mistake!

John and Theo.  
have been plough-  
ing for peas in  
the North East cor-  
ner field. The rain  
last night made  
the ground rather  
wet for harrowing &c.

Went out to Dover  
with the mail this  
afternoon, our own  
horses being in use.

The beautiful rain  
last night is being  
followed by cool  
cloudy weather.

Wheat and grass  
already look better  
for the beautiful  
showers.

Went down to Thomas  
Jacksons this evening,  
to see if they had returned  
from Pillans &c.

Both our men ~~and~~  
worked at getting the  
potatoe patch man-  
ured, ploughed, and  
marked out ready  
for planting. I have  
been planting potatoe  
in the garden for  
early table use &  
doing some spade-  
ing besides.

Had a short visit  
from Mr. Henry Williams  
who took dinner with  
us. He came after  
Marianne, to take care  
of his mother who  
is quite poorly.

Hamilton Olds was  
also here with a  
disc harrow which  
he is selling. He  
has tried it on our  
strawberry patch in  
good.

John and Miss have finished ploughing the North End of the Big North East Corner field to day, and got a considerable portion of it ready to drill besides.

I have been busy as usual, at sundry jobs - mostly working in the garden.

Mr. H. Devereux came to day to tell me that his delivery of trees for Simcoe had come to hand. He is going to deliver them on Saturday next, at Deane's Hotel and I have promised to help him.

Saw George Wilson Jr. & his wife to night. He is an old horse expert.

The Good Lord has sent us a beautiful rain this afternoon. which was very much needed, also this evening.

Would it necessary to walk up to Simcoe to night, in order to be there in good time to morning for delivering trees, with my friend G. H. Deane. Had a pleasant walk notwithstanding a shower of rain that fell there in the way. It was something grand to hear the thunder and to see the lightning while walking up the Railway track from Lynn Valley. How wonderful are His ways and works.

Have been deliver-  
ing trees for Mr.  
J. H. McRay of St.  
Thomas, in Lincoln  
to day. George Cannon  
and I have got along  
very nicely together.  
Slope that our fi-  
nal settling up will  
be, as easily done.  
Walked most of the  
way home to night,  
arriving at about  
eleven o'clock. George  
brought me about  
three miles on the way.

Was greatly surprised  
when I got home to  
find that ma had  
received a letter from  
Kittie Skinner saying  
that she intended  
visiting us next week  
all being well.

Not feeling very well I did not go out to Quarterly Meeting to day, but gave way for my friend Mr. George Wilson of Toronto who is visiting here and at Keids with his family. Ma and Bertha went out with him.

Took dinner over at Keids, the folks being all away, and have enjoyed the quiet of the precious Sabbath day at home very much.

Contrary to my usual custom I wrote a few lines to my friend Kittie this morning in order that she might now get it.

The men have been working at the North East corner field getting it sown to peas. They have got the North part of the field done and the balance nearly ready to sow. Had some trouble this forenoon in trying to find a horse for delivering notice but failed. Took Maggie this afternoon breaking up the hem of course but found that the trees had come so close and I'd have to be delivered on Wednesday. Commenced delivering notices this evening on the way home.

Started out this morning to deliver Fruit Tree notices for George Lockman. Got through the Eastern portion of territory by dinner time. Was blessed with the noon day meal as though I had been home. Mr. Birds who lives this side of Glenticoke invited me to take dinner. Succeeded in delivering the whole of remaining ball. By day, even in snow. Had beer at Miss Jills. Rain has fallen occasionally through the day making it quite unpleasant.

Our delivery in  
Pot House came  
off to day, and  
has been quite a  
success, nearly the  
whole of the orders  
being taken & paid  
for. About five or-  
ders had to be  
sold to other parties.  
Did not finish up  
until quite late this  
evening and felt  
rather tired of the  
job to night.

The weather has  
become warmer at  
last. The rains  
of yesterday and  
last night have  
left the ground  
quite moist.

Had a rather pleas-  
ant time to day.



Have been setting  
out fruit trees the  
day most of the  
time. Am greatly  
pleased with my  
order, they are  
such a beautiful  
thrifty lot. Find  
some difficulty in  
getting places for  
all of them. Think  
of planting some  
peach and pear  
trees on the front  
hill side.

The boys have ~~been~~  
limited seeding ex-  
clusively except corn  
and potatoes.

Drove down to  
Hatties this evening  
to see them about  
going to see one of  
the house trees.

Have been setting  
out trees and plants  
again today with  
all my might.  
But, did not get  
done after all.

The boys fixed fence  
this forenoon and  
got the cattle out  
to pasture for the  
first. This after-  
noon John has been  
ploughing corn  
ground and Lewis  
fixing fence.

The weather has  
become quite warm  
again with some  
appearance of rain.

Have filled up  
the back yard en-  
tirely with practi-  
cable with fruit trees  
and setting now in front  
on the sidehill.

John has been working away at the corn ground getting it ready for planting. Lewis has been planting potatoes while I have been planting out trees and raspberry bushes. Got done for the present.

Wrote out to town this evening after the notes that the bees came in. Agreed to give Lem on one dollar for the three empty.

Rain secured near to day but has departed, and a Howley has begun to blow.

Went out to church  
alone this morning.  
Bro. Goodwin preached  
as usual. Enjoyed  
the whole service  
very much, the  
Gospel being very  
truely in our midst.  
Have seldom enjoyed  
a Sabbath day more  
than this.

Took my drive  
to the plank road  
church this after-  
noon. Bro. Baw  
preached and held  
the usual class-  
meeting afterwards.  
Had tea with George  
Hilson in this evening  
at Heidi's, he being  
there still.

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out some southern  
out corn for seed.  
bought a few  
- for William Hall  
well as my own.  
of dinner there  
of afterwards went  
to Mrs Clarke's.  
I not hear anything  
other from her  
my lady friends  
of a short visit  
in George Wilson  
of his nice young  
to this evening.  
The weather is still  
to cold.

John has been ploughing away at the corn-ground as usual, while His. and I have been using the jack screws under the wood-house frame and drive bars, getting them straightened up some.

Took the jack screws home this evening, to Mr Alderson's in Port Haven.

Have had a short visit from our old friend George M'lane again, I suppose, for the last time as he goes home in the morning. His mother and sister Ella came to Kilds this evening, for a visit.

\* Both John and Mrs. have been working on the corn ground to day. John has about finished ploughing and Mrs has got it partly harrowed.

Had several jobs to do to day but this afternoon had a visit from Mr. Gilbert and his wife with uncle Phil and Aunt Lydia.

Mr. George Wilson of Port Hope has also been here with us to sea, so we have had quite a visitation. The weather has kept very cold for the time of year but, it looks now as though it might soon change.

Have been extremely busy & day trying to get some little jobs of work done that I have been waiting for one this some-time. Got the back yard cleaned up this forenoon. This afternoon have been grafting some plum-sprouts and setting some apple grafts.

The boys have been busy at the corn ground as usual, getting it ready to plant.

John has been laid up this afternoon with a sick head-ache, however.

It still keeps cold and dry; but looks like rain.



Lewis worked this-  
forenoon in the com-  
pound as usual.  
John has been laid  
up with his sick  
head-ache again to-  
day. I have been  
working at sundry  
jobs; but, very busy  
all the time.

Rain has fallen  
moderately this af-  
ternoon, so that  
Lewis and I have  
been cleaning out  
the drive barn, &  
getting things packed  
away for summer.

Found to day that  
the oats received in  
exchange from Mr. H. King  
and which I have used  
for seed have not grown,  
causing quite a disappoint-  
ment.

John Skinner still continues, took line out to blow this evening to see the doctor!

Lewis has been getting out manure and marking the corn-ground &c. While I have been very busy at sundry jobs, such as getting things fixed up around the house &c.

The weather continues very cool and dry. There is every appearance of low-kind dry weather.

Planted new garden corn this afternoon in the garden corn.

Went out to church this morning as usual. Ma could not get ready to go with me so I took Mr. Wilson and Charlotte. Ma and I went down to the Plant Road Church this evening or rather afternoon to hear Bro. Jackson. Enjoyed the service as I usually do. Came home by Mrs. Clarke and young son friend Millie Skinner and Mrs. Leaves there. Did not stay long however, though I would have done so if we could.

Lewis has been  
marking and other-  
ways preparing the  
corn garden to day.  
He has also begun plant-  
ing this afternoon.  
John still keeps poorly  
and unable to work.

Our friends Joone  
Pelham and Joone  
Niagara Falls came  
to visit us to day.  
Mrs. Carver and Arthur  
with Miss Kette Skinner.  
Mr. Clarke and Mrs.  
Clarke also came,  
so we have had quite  
a pleasant time.

Kette and Mrs. Carver  
are staying over  
night with us. So  
also is Mrs. James  
Hollcomb. Both the  
others home this evening.

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 ceived to remain  
 with us, making  
 us hearts glad with  
 their presence. Took  
 Lewis and Kiddle  
 to James this  
 evening. Mrs Lewis  
 Mrs Holcomb left  
 this evening,  
 to leave to Mrs  
 Kees.

had a visit from  
 our neighbours this  
 evening. Bro Cook  
 our minister  
 and Pot Glover has  
 come and is  
 staying over night  
 with us.

Have been exceedingly busy so day at Sunday jobs. Bro. Goodwin came last night and after visiting this forenoon I took him home this afternoon.

Have also got my repairs ready for George Leeson to take up to Mr. W. C. Kay, which has taken all my spare time to day.

Took Billie out to blow with me this afternoon and brought her back to Mr. Clarke where she is now staying.

Took Maggie down to Mr. Fredericks home tonight and walked over to Jackson Grove there, had a pleasant evening there with Ann.

Took me and Mrs  
G. Nelson of Port Hope  
up to Pickers Glen near  
Komandale today.  
There being a picnic  
here of Mr. Baines  
friends.

Was greatly delighted  
with the scenery about  
the Glen. It is cer-  
tainly a grand  
place for pic-nics &c.

Called on the way  
home at Mrs. Clarke  
to see how our friend  
Mrs. Skinner was,  
she being quite un-  
well last night.  
She had gone out  
to Port Hope with  
the new friends to  
help celebrate the  
Birth-day of the Queen  
which was a good  
piece. Must go straight  
evening now.

John has begun  
work again, to day  
after his illness. He  
has been driving the  
roller. Lewis and I  
have been fixing up  
fences in Godbut  
in the lane.

Hain began to fall  
this evening, the  
weather being beau-  
tifully warm.

Wrote down to  
Mrs. Clarke this eve-  
ning, all the way  
there and back in  
the rain. Went to  
see Mrs. Lower and Miss  
Skinner - saw the latter  
and was relieved in her  
usual cool way.  
Begin to think that the  
time has about come  
to quit running after her,  
at least.

Lewis and I continued to fix fences and to do some other jobs to day. He has been ploughing the garden patch this evening. We think of planting it with cobs. John has been working away at rolling as usual.

Ma and I went out to mow this evening after some necessities.

Ma concluded to send away for some groceries to the Grange Wholesale supply next week, but sugar to be bought about here.

Had to give a ride for a week up at Belvidere to day. Had to be four months at the bank to receive same.



On account of  
having to attend to  
a sick cow I did  
not get out to church  
this morning.

Went down to the  
plank Road Church  
this afternoon however  
to hear Mr Bass give  
his farewell sermon.  
Had tea at Mr. Black's  
and from there we  
went down to Garrison,  
to hear Mr. Bass's  
farewell sermon there.  
Both churches were  
crowded.

Have rejoiced in God  
my saviour, with  
joy and gladness.  
He only is my strength  
and salvation, surely  
I shall not be greatly  
moved.

John and I got the grape vines trimmed up and tied up this forenoon. He was good help having worked in a grapery at Trumb. The plan there is, to trim after the vines have started to grow in the Spring. It ~~is~~ must be a good one seeing it is followed by experienced growers.

This afternoon he has been colling on the front field while Lewis and I have been getting some potatoes planted in the corn field.

Have been blessed with a fine shower of rain this forenoon. It still looks showery.

John has been rolling so day most of the time. Healy has been fencing in the yard below the drive barn and putting in a couple of gates. I planted corn in the garden and this afternoon went to see about some maple and other trees to get out. Mr. Nelson promised all required for filling up.

The mare Katie folded the last night. She was done well and has a fine man colt.

Will now have finished our spring work, if all is well.

Have had John drawing out manure to the patch in new ground field where we intend to sow Southern Sweet Corn for fodder. Heo. and I have been hoeing in the garden nearly all day.

Wrote out to the Rev. this evening. While there dropped into the district meeting where the business of the Success district was being transacted. Some twenty or thirty were present and an equal number of laymen. Called at Mrs. Clark's on the way home.

Have been getting out trees mostly hard maples from Mr. Nelsons place and setting out again. There are some good varieties around the farm caused by trees dying from dry weather.

One of the men have been helping. The men has been drawing manure on the fodder corn ground.

A moderate rain fall visited us today which must be a great benefit to the various growing crops.

Our rains are all light this spring.

Have been extremely busy today getting the maple trees set out for this year. Mrs. and I have set forty yesterday and today. These were nearly all to replace others that had died last year. The row around the farm on the two ends and East side is again complete. This afternoon John and I have been putting saw-dust around them as a mulch. Never tried this plan before & hope it will be a success.

Mr. Bann came this evening to stay over night with Jim.

A fine shower of rain fell last night, and several others followed to day. So the ground has at last become quite thoroughly saturated.

John and Mrs. Lane have been working at inside work such as grinding scythes, mowers and reaper knives. I have been similarly engaged most of the time.

Took Mr. W. H. Rose to the Elliot Crossing of the N. Y. N. H. on his way to Jervis this forenoon.

Received a letter from Willie M. Hays this evening. He leaves Chicago soon for Philadelphia.

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the road church  
afternoon also.

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ing Louisiana Sweet  
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washed the sheep  
this afternoon however.

Our friend Kizzie came  
this evening to stay  
over night with us.  
Also Mr W. H. Baw  
the young minister from  
Paris lately transferred  
to British Columbia  
Conference. One of  
his opinions that his  
brother will ere long  
become a leading min-  
ister of our Church.  
Being gifted above the  
average in many ways,  
as well as pious.

The men finished getting out manure on the fodder corn ground this forenoon while she has since been ploughing and getting ready to sow.

Went up to Fisher's Clew to day with Mrs. Baer, her having Kittie Skinner and Ella Milson, while Mrs. Baer went with one.

Never enjoyed a social pleasure more in every respect.

Took our dinner on the ground. Was particularly interested in my own corn-panicle and I trust she in me. Called at Mrs. Stallo's for tea on the way home when we left the girls.



The men have been variously engaged to day as well as myself. Went up to Lincoln this forenoon after some Southern sweet corn for seed.

Ma also went with Bertie to visit Selma in Victoria.

A very strong West wind has been blowing nearly all day veering to north-west towards evening. No particular damage was done however. The wood pile at Sawers house was set on fire however & a good portion of it burned up before it could be put out.

John has finished  
rearing the fodder corn  
and got to work draw-  
ing manure. We  
are taking it to the  
field east of the creek  
woods this year, this  
being about the poor-  
est field on the place.

I have been weeding  
out pigweed-weed in  
the field next to M<sup>r</sup>.  
Bridges, and Mrs. has  
been helping most of  
the time.

Had a visit from  
Miss Jones to day, an  
old friend from the  
past.

Spent a couple of  
hours very pleasantly  
with Miss Ella Roberts  
this evening. She leaves  
for home to-morrow.

According to previous arrangement Ma and I took Miss Kittie Spinnell up to Simcoe to day, in order to leave her visit an old friend and near neighbour of her father in Cross Land, as well as her friend Mr John Murphy.

Went to Mr Clarke's after tea on the way. Got back to uncle John in time for tea, where we met Mrs Leaver.

Young Abington Carpenter and his wife here where we got down. They stayed until well along in the evening and we enjoyed our visit together very much.

Ma and I went down to Garvie's this forenoon to see Mr. Raw and Willie Stinson off on the train for Niagara Falls.

The boys have been drawing names again to day. Curves went away this afternoon however, on a visit to his father at Hartford.

I went out to Home this afternoon to see about some matters of business requiring attention.

The weather has become much warmer than of late, with some appearance of rain.

The great River has  
blessed us with an  
abundant rain-fall  
last night and to  
day. Did not get  
out to Church at  
Port Home as usual,  
but, of course did  
not fail to attend  
the afternoon ap-  
pointment at Plant  
Wood Church, where  
we heard our brother  
Smith of Abington.  
Got home just in  
time to escape a  
good wetting.

This being confer-  
ence Sunday some  
ministers have all  
away at conference  
and supplies only  
occupy their pulpits  
at home.

Lewis and I have moved and fixed up the old smoke house for a chicken coot. We have put it inside the orchard fence, near the house.

The boys have been getting out manure besides helping at the aforementioned job.

I have been working in the garden getting out cabbage plants &c.

Lewis and I went out to store this evening after the sugar and other groceries ordered lately of the W. S. Co.

Settled up with Reid this afternoon. Found him a small valley

JUNE

TUESDAY 12

1888

The new leaves continued to get out manure and to spread upon the field by James Challards.

I have been very busy at sundry jobs. Have helped clear house part of the time. Did some whitewashing which I think is about the first.

Our old fireplace chimney got to fire this evening and we less than five minutes over twenty men and boys were here to help put the fire out. It did not result in anything serious however.

JUNE

WEDNESDAY 13

1888

Commenced new stat-  
ute labour to day and have done five days of the fifteen allotted to us. This-  
men are against the farm and two delay to Lewis. He has been grading down the south hill side along Walker Street where a new culvert was been built.

Manure cleaning is still in progress with its disagreeable circumstances. Am thankful however, that it is progressing finely. We are expecting it to be about finished this week, if all continues well.

My men and I have continued to work on the side-road between the fifth and sixth concessions today, as yesterday. Succeeded in getting five days more of the fifteen done, leaving five ~~more~~ yet to put in, which we hope to do tomorrow.

Was just reading of the commercial union movement receiving the approval of the House of Representatives in the United States, which by the way seems a great victory. The Republican party are strongly against it though.



John and Mrs. have helped me to finish our fifteen days of road work, with the two teams to day.

The weather has been quite sultry with occasional thunder storms. A delightful shower of rain fell last night, the heaviest of the season. Everything is getting finely.

Went over to the Church this evening and heard Mr. Lake. A conference is being held here, and several ministers are present.

Have had John and Healy at work at different jobs & principally at drawing out manure and shearing sheep. Took out five young pointers to the Chelsea factory this morning.

Went out to Dover myself afterwards.

Carried part of Mr. Goodwin's things out in the buggy.

Some thieves entered last night and carried off several jars of fruit, and that white man was in the house. This is the first stealing that we have had with us for a long time, that we know of.

Bertie and I went out to Dover this morning as usual. Had brother Daniel Hooley from Port Ryerse to preach for us. His sermon from, if any man will do this will, ~~we~~ shall know of the doctrine, was most excellent. It seems a pity that so much natural talent should not be utilized in its proper sphere.

Went to the plank road church again this afternoon. The new minister not having come, a prayer meeting and fellowship meeting was held, instead. Had a good meeting.

Have had Lewis  
and John at work  
drawing manure with  
both teams to the  
field by Challeuds.

We are following the  
plan of spreading  
from the waggons,  
and will draw  
the smoothing barrow  
over afterwards to  
spread more perfectly.  
Intend ploughing  
~~very~~ soon very shallow  
and may plough two  
or three times in or-  
der to clear the  
ground of thistles &  
other noxious weeds  
The manure will thus  
become well mixed  
with the ground &  
must, I think help  
to keep it loose.

The two men have continued to get out manure from the barn-yard to the field by Challauds. They have cleaned up the barn-yard for this year; and have well nigh covered the field mentioned.

I have been weeding and hoeing in the garden and find that I have got a somewhat tiring job.

The weather keeps both warm and dry with but little appearance of rain. Everything is growing finely however as yet, especially what

John has kept me  
at getting out more  
weed as usual to day.  
Lewis has got to  
work at cultivating  
corn and potatoes.

I went up to Lincoln  
with the wool which  
I sold at twenty three  
cent cash and twenty  
five cent trade, to  
Mr. Brooks. Kept  
facer fleeces for Mrs.  
Ray Lewis.

Kept a couple of  
dresses for J. G. Higgins  
at Price Store.

Got cloth of Brooks  
for a suit of clothes,  
Halifax Tweeds, at fifty five  
cent a yard.

Have been quite unwell  
this afternoon & evening with  
a headache. ~~Went~~ ~~was~~ down  
to Hamilton to the local branch

Lewis has continued to work at cultivating corn to day. While John has not yet finished getting out manure.

Went out to house this forenoon to take the remaining portion of sugar still his due. Have been hoeing and weeding out onions this afternoon also. Went up to New Grange Hall this evening and had a very pleasant visit with our friends there.

We are making preparations to go down to Felham to morrow, instead of staying at our early hour.

Ma and I started  
for North Belknap  
this morning at about  
half past five. Left  
Marion and Lewis  
in charge.

Had a very pleas-  
ant drive down  
excepting that the  
dust and heat  
were at times quite  
oppressive.

As we drove along  
we could not help  
feeling thankful  
to the Great Giver.

For our own crop  
prospects at home.

Most of the wheat  
and even the hay  
that we saw with  
not little more than  
we worth cutting.

Got to Mr. Stortons all right  
at about six o'clock.

Have spent the day mostly with our friends Mr. and Mrs. Storace of North Pelham, and very pleasantly. Looked at Mr. H. C. Holcomb however where we spent an hour or so.

Looked at Mr. and Mrs. Storace to see neighbor-  
hood church-ward  
to visit the newly  
made graves of  
the late Mr. and Mrs.  
C. J. Cooke, this evening  
could not but feel  
sad to think of the  
sudden and almost  
tragic deaths of these  
two dear friends.  
Sorely in the midst  
of life we are in  
death.



Have been staying  
both last night and  
the night before at  
Mr. Stobson's.

Louise and I have  
been to the Presbyterian  
Church here this fore-  
noon. Heard a most  
excellent discourse  
from Rev. Mr. Kelley  
the present incumbent.  
Text 1st Timothy, 4th Chap. 7th  
ver. "But refuse profane  
and old wives fables,  
and exercise thyself  
rather unto edification".

The Word of God as spo-  
ken by His servant was  
very precious unto me.  
Wish like so much to be  
able to remember the  
dear Father's sermon.

Have felt much comfort  
in spite of myself this after-  
noon and evening.

Visited most of  
the time this forenoon  
at Mr. Stobson's. Went  
with them this af-  
ternoon however on  
a visit to the Port  
Hill Nurseries. There  
were eight in our party.  
Felt quite strange about  
Mrs. Leaver's treatment  
of me; but, of course  
it will be all right.

Looked at Billy  
Stobson's this evening.  
We are almost con-  
stantly reminded of  
our old friends Mr.  
and Mrs. C. J. Cooke.

Forgot to mention the  
last night was spent  
at Mr. Stobson's and are  
staying to night again  
with Mr. Stobson.

Have been visiting  
back and forth between  
the Holcombs & Hobbes  
this forenoon. This  
afternoon ~~with~~ went  
to St. Catherine with  
Mr H.C. Holcomb. Had  
a very pleasant time  
with him, and saw  
many places of interest  
about the city.

Was greatly surprised to  
see crops look so poor  
on the way down,  
Cause, no rain, so it  
was told.

Called at New Thomson  
this evening a short time.  
Mr. Lane's friend Jim  
Pease put in an ap-  
pearance rather unex-  
pectedly to night. The  
former seemed glad to see  
him however.

Ma and I started for home this morning at about eight o'clock. Arrived a little after six. Was thankful to find them all right. Had a very pleasant ride home, and could see a considerable change in the crops. Noticed a greater change as <sup>we</sup> neared home, there having been much more rain than eastward.

Have been much exercised in my mind respecting certain circumstances connected with our visit. The Good Lord is helping me gain to rest his hope

A very heavy rain-  
storm from the East  
has been in progress  
since some time last  
night; until to night.  
The creek has risen  
and become quite high,  
still it rains.

We have not been  
able to do any out-  
of-door work, so the  
men have been  
fixing up the wag-  
gon racks ready for  
use. I have been  
to the factory this  
evening after a  
couple of very small  
pigs. Which were not  
doing well there.

I have been gra-  
ciously sustained to  
day in my disap-  
pointment. Praise God  
my soul.

The men have been cutting thistles and doing some other such jobs for day, the ground being too wet to work in any way.

I went up to Victoria this forenoon after Cecilia. Found that she had left Mrs. McEneaney before I got there, though the trunk however I found her here when I got home. Had been getting ready to do some road-work in the lane this afternoon, besides some other chores.

Have been looking around at the crops, finding them much more prosperous than I expected.

Have been quite busy to day doing some work in the lane, mostly grading down the south hillside; Lewis has been helping. John has been ploughing Summerfallow.

Took ma and Cecilia out to Haves this evening on business of their own.

Saw the Milling Mill lit up with Electricity for the first time. This evening.

The Good Lord has been very gracious unto me of late, taking away entirely the sting of my late disappointment when below to give be all the praise.

Took Lillie and  
Bertha with me this  
morning to church  
in Dover. Our Rev.  
Goodwin ministered  
unto us, and a prof-  
itable waiting upon  
the Lord was vouch-  
safed. Our monthly  
fellowship meeting after  
preaching was also a  
time to be remembered.

Took me with me  
to the plank road  
Church this after-  
noon as is our  
custom. The new  
minister Bro. Hamil-  
ton who is a young  
man preached for  
the first time to us.  
He has left a rather  
favourable impression  
so far

Went with me and  
Lidia up to Fishers  
Glew to day. While  
there I took a walk  
up to Hornumdale and  
called at Mr. Hildes.  
After coming back to  
the glen I met with  
some of Lidias friends  
and had a pleasant  
time with them. Was  
rather favourably im-  
pressed with Miss Bells  
beautifol of Victoria  
as well as with  
some others.

The day was a  
delightful one, neither  
too warm or too cool.

There was a picnic  
of our Presbyterian friends  
from Port Blower there,  
they leaving come by  
boat.

John ploughed again  
this forenoon on the  
yellow field next Challards.  
Lewis has been hoeing  
potatoes &c. all day.

I went down to Jarvis  
this forenoon to get  
repairs for the mow-  
ing machine. Got  
some money at the  
bank also to pay for  
groceries lately bought  
at Grainger Wholesale Supply.  
Am to pay in a month  
if possible.

Lidia had and Lidia  
down to Halls for din-  
ner while there went  
over to Mrs. Clackers and  
found the latter sick  
in bed.

John started cutting  
grass this afternoon  
for the first.



Have been working  
 in the garden most  
 of the time to day.  
 John has been cut-  
 ting hay, and plough-  
 ing as well while  
 Jess. has been cul-  
 tivating corn in  
 the back field and  
 this afternoon we  
 have been raking  
 and putting up hay.  
 Had S. Jarvis this  
 evening for some repairs  
 for the mowing machine.  
 On getting home found  
 Wif. Belle Leampot and  
 a Mr. Washou here.  
 Was quite favourably  
 impressed with the  
 former as being a  
 very lively, and intell.  
 yet person & I think  
 a Christian.

low has continued  
at the hay in  
eleven acre field  
low. He has just  
it finished.  
his has been  
drinking corn in  
back field, while  
we been working  
the garden and  
ring up hay.  
had a short vis-  
it from the Watters  
evening. Emma  
I have had  
like a serious talk  
at serious things  
not feel at all  
by so. make prod-  
to however.  
George Senow is  
to us also, stay-  
over night.

John finished cut-  
ting the eleven acre  
field of hay to day.  
Got it all put up  
as well and have  
drawn five loads.

Our friend G. H. Lunn  
left us again this  
morning. He reports  
doing a very good  
business and will have  
two deliveries more  
next year than last.

The weather keeps  
very fine and is  
very favourable  
for raising so far  
since we commenced.  
Grain crops are also  
doing well and wheat  
in particular is filling  
nicely. Many fields  
have not much wheat  
to fill however.

Finished getting in  
our only field of  
hay to day. Have  
had ~~only~~ new loads  
and a half altogether  
from eleven acres.

Expect to cut a load  
or two more from  
Quince corners & other  
places.

Got word from the  
factory to day that our  
old cow would not come  
up with the other cows  
to eat, so I went down  
this evening to try  
her home. Phoebe to  
say she knew my voice  
at once and followed  
me up to the pen  
and went to eating,  
so we left her for a  
further trial of factory  
feed.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Matthews came here this morning and we found it impossible to get out to church as we had intended.

We were able to get down to the Blank Road Church however, this afternoon, where we heard Bro. Jackson. Enjoyed the service very much as indeed, we generally do.

It slightly wet this afternoon in covering hours, a shower having passed over at that time.

Drove out to Dover  
this morning after  
Mr. Adley who came  
by his nine o'clock  
train. Was sorry to  
see him looking so  
unwell, and felt af-  
fraid that something  
serious is hanging  
about him.

Took Cecilia up to  
Mr. Hugh Colver this  
afternoon on her  
way home. They  
having promised  
to take her to the  
train at Waterford  
to morrow.

The boys have been  
working to day as  
usual. This after-  
noon they have  
been cutting some  
grass in front.

JULY

TUESDAY 10

1888

Have had John at work on the summer-fallow next to Challa and while Lewis has been cultivating corn in the back field. I have been raking and putting up hay besides doing a number of other jobs.

Have spent a very pleasant evening with Mr. Adley, whose company is quite interesting as well as profitable.

The weather continues very favourable for the growing crops being both cool and dry.

Have had precious intercourse with the heavenly and divine to day thank you.

JULY

WEDNESDAY 11

1888

John has been harvesting the fallow next to Challa and got to work plowing the other field west of the woods while we instead of making into a fallow also.

Lewis has been cultivating corn as yesterday and is well on his job.

He got in another load of hay this evening from the front field this time.

I have been cutting hay in Jewell corner of same field besides doing a number of other jobs.

The weather keeps delightfully cool and favourable for crops.

John has been  
clearing in the  
field West of woods  
to day where we  
purpose sowing  
wheat this fall.  
Lewis has finished  
cultivating corn &  
potatoes for the  
present.

I have been very  
busy at sundry  
jobs mostly cutting  
hay in fence corners

Marian has been  
off to Brantford on  
an excursion.

Look Mr. Adley  
out to the Post this  
evening, and called  
at several places  
with him. Stayed  
congest at the Hills  
however.



Wives has been working at hoeing potatoes and corn. There has been clearing as usual in the field west of woods.

Helped pick cherries this forenoon myself. This afternoon I have been putting up hay around the fences.

Mr. Dudley went off with Reid fishing to day, but did not make a success of it, after all, owing mostly to his getting sick however.

The weather keeps remarkably cool and fine.

John has continued to work away at the clearing in the field west of the woods. Lewis has been hoeing corn and potatoes.

I have been doing sundry jobs myself. Spent a couple of hours with the Barnetts who have been visiting us. So day. Has pleased to see Mr. Godley so much interested in these kind of things.

Glenn returns on Monday next to town where he has a situation with an architect. He likes the business very much.

Took Mr. Dudley  
with us to church  
this morning. Enjoyed  
the service greatly, as  
indeed I almost al-  
ways do. The blessed  
baskets was in, and  
very good. Did not  
stop to the class-me-  
ting however as ac-  
counted by Mr. Dudley.

Went down to the  
Rauk Road church  
after dinner as  
usual taking my  
friend with us.

Took him over to  
see Mr. Clark this  
evening, so we have  
put in the day  
pretty well going  
to church, and  
I went with Prof.  
H. H.

John and Lewis  
have been working  
away as usual,  
the former at the  
plough and the  
latter at sundry jobs.

The weather con-  
tinues to be fine  
and dry, favour-  
able I think for  
all growing crops.

Mr. Boddy went  
away this afternoon  
for a visit to St. John's.  
We are feeling some-  
what without him  
already and wonder  
how we shall stand  
if he leaves him leave  
us for good which he  
will do soon.

We have contin-  
ued to keep our hands  
at work with the  
plough to day as  
usual. Lewis and  
I have been cut-  
ting and putting  
up hay around  
the fence corners of  
the front street field  
&c.

I went out to  
Dover this evening  
to look after some  
small matters and  
to bring Mr. Stoddy  
home with me,  
he having went  
out with the mail  
this afternoon.

We went to see  
the Knitting mills  
to night. The public  
having been invited  
see them working with the  
new electric lights

A beautiful rain  
has fallen to day,  
just coming in  
time to benefit great-  
ly the growing Spring  
crops. The boys have  
got to work again this  
afternoon at plough-  
ing and at other  
work. I have been  
helping pick cherries  
for eating myself.

Mr. Straley and I  
have had to forego  
our visit to Mr.  
John Muncher to day  
on account of the  
rain; but the  
shower was a  
far more greater  
blessing than our  
visit could possibly  
have been to either  
of us.

I drove down to  
parish this ~~for~~ after  
noon to see about  
a small matter of  
business at the  
bank there.

John has been  
ploughing in the  
field west of the  
woods as usual.

Moss has been  
cutting grass ar-  
ound the fence  
in the back woods.

Looked at uncle  
John with Mr. Str-  
dley and after-  
wards went to the  
refill gauge mee-  
ting at the hall.

Meeting was sim-  
ply an informal  
one and for ex-  
change of periodical

Have had John  
ploughing in the  
field west of the  
woods while Lewis  
has been mowing  
grass with the scythe  
I have been helping  
the latter also.

This evening I  
went with Mr. C. to  
dinner down to Mr.  
John Muncher for  
a short visit. Con-  
ferred several very  
much with these  
kind friends. Both  
Mr. Hadley and my-  
self were much  
impressed with the  
suitability of one  
of Mr. Muncher's daugh-  
ters, for ~~the~~ a wife.  
But, we do not pro-  
pose to go near the  
young lady.



Took Mr. Dudley to  
the train this morn-  
ing which started  
from the port at  
nearly eight o'clock a.m.

Felt sorry to see him  
go, and know that  
we will miss him  
very much for a while.

Lewis and I have  
been raking and  
putting together the  
remaining portions of  
hay in the fence  
corners and getting  
it in this evening  
while John has  
been finishing up  
his job of plough-  
ing in the field  
West of the woods.

Find that our wheat  
is somewhat watered  
in spots after all.

Went out to church  
about this morning.

Rev. Godwin preached  
to us as usual, and  
felt much encouraged  
to press on in the  
good way by his  
exhortations.

Our class meeting  
afterwards was also  
a season of power,  
the Holy Spirit of God  
being with me in the  
discharge of my duty  
as leader.

Went out with me  
this afternoon to the  
plank road church,  
where Bro. Jackson  
officiated. He felt  
that it was good to  
be there also, to minister  
to with that people  
in their worship.

John has been rolling  
and harrowing out  
some of the fallow  
fields while Lewis  
and I have been  
hoeing corn and  
cutting wheat. Com-  
menced the latter  
to day for the first  
but only with the  
cradle.

Find it necessary  
now to feed our  
cows both night and  
morning owing to  
the scarcity of pas-  
ture. Have had  
some trouble with  
them to day by  
their breaking into  
the oat field.

Find few wheat  
cutters green for  
cutting as yet.

The men and I have been getting started with the binder at cutting wheat. It took about all the forenoon to get ready for work. This afternoon John has got the Big Flat pretty well cut and bound.

The weather has become changed apparently and is now cool and fine.

I have especially rejoiced in God my Saviour during this day. It has been my privilege to rest only all our time but faith, realising His an unusual manner my acceptance with Him.

John has finished cutting and binding the pasture on the Big Flat to day and got started cutting in the field next to Mr. Brides this afternoon.

Levin has been cutting around the field with the cradle most of the time. I have been helping where most necessary through the day.

Had a visit from Paul's Maer, with Bertha's little brother and sister. Spent some time in visiting with him. The day has been most beautiful.

Our account of damp  
and cloudy weather,  
we have not made  
much headway at  
our wheat. Looking  
to day. How has  
out. Perhaps four acres.

I have been going  
as usual at sundry  
jobs. Got the wheat  
set up on Big flat  
this forenoon. This  
afternoon. I went  
out to have to  
see about some  
matters of business.

Lewis has been  
laid up most of the  
day, being unwell.  
Rain has been  
falling again this  
evening, but only  
light showers.

On account of rain  
that fell last evening  
we did not get to  
work at the wheat  
this forenoon, but  
did some other  
work instead. This  
afternoon however  
we have been cut-  
ting and setting up  
as usual.

Was surprised to  
find Mrs E. H. Hall  
of Horse-Beads W. V.  
here when I came  
in for dinner.  
She looked well &  
it seemed like old  
times to see her  
again. Her sister  
Jerome and his wife  
with Mrs. Hall have  
been in attendance at  
Mrs. George Kiddle's and  
the which happened on  
Wednesday last.

John has been cutting wheat in the field by Mr. Brides to day, while Lewis and I have been shocking up and doing sundry other jobs. He has been cultivating corn part of the time however. Ma went out to Brown this afternoon with the mail and went out after her this evening. Visited a short time with Jerome Platt and his wife and all to return to their home at Horse heads N.Y. on Monday next. Mrs. Hall was also there.



Ma and I went out to Church this morning as usual. Enjoyed the service very much, and the class meeting afterwards as well. Tickets were received to day preparatory to the quarterly meeting next Sunday.

Went to the plank-road church afterwards as usual.

It has become my chief delight to go to the house of God on the blessed Sabbath day. It is such a privilege to mingle with the people of God in the worship of the Most High. Lord help us to worship thee aright!

John has been driving the binder in the field by Mr. Bidas again today. He has finished cutting all but about a quarter of an acre. Lewis and I have been shocking up and this afternoon he has been cultivating corn in the new-ground field.

The weather continues fine and dry very favorable for our harvesting. I have seen some wheat cast down during the past day. Have been trying however, to believe in the Good Providence of God over me and all His

Have had the machine cutting away to day, but John does not seem to make much head way. He appears to be afraid of hurting the horse by over-work or perhaps himself.

Seneca and I have been cutting around the remaining stub patches and shocking up as well.

A light shower fell directly after dinner which hindered us some.

It makes us feel rather discouraged to see some of our neighbors drawing in their wheat & we not done cutting.

Our job of cutting  
wheat continues to  
last and is likely  
to keep us going yet  
another day.

Finished cutting the  
field by Mr. Bales &  
the East portion of  
the hilly field by  
the drive bar, leav-  
ing three or  
four acres still to  
cut on this side.

The weather has  
been quite warm  
even sultry at mid-  
day; but, nights are  
invariably cool &  
comfortable.

Am realising a-  
gain that the voice  
of prayer and sup-  
plication is still heard  
in High, Blessing be  
His holy name, forever.

John and I have finished cutting wheat for this year at least. Got done about the middle of this afternoon.

We have still quite a lot to pick up but hope soon to accomplish even this.

Ma went out to Millington Carpenters this afternoon and I have been up after her this evening.

Severus finished cultivating corn this afternoon for the last time.

Received a letter from my friend Walter D. this evening stating his safe arrival home.

On account of rain  
last night and  
this forenoon we  
did not do much  
until afternoon.  
Then the boys have  
been going through  
the corn with the  
line to cut out the  
Prospect are ex-  
cellent for a crop  
of corn and also  
a clean field of  
barwards. Have  
found by experience  
that this mode of  
cleaning the ground  
is the best of any.  
The corn crop being  
a good return usually  
for the labour put  
upon it, while the  
ground may be as  
clean as is possible to  
make it.

A very heavy  
rain accompanied  
with a strong wind  
and thunder visited  
us at midnight last  
night, which has  
changed our programme  
considerably. The men  
have been setting up  
wheat that blew down  
to day. Went up  
to Simons with the  
Miss Johnsons, and if  
church could not get home  
again until night.

Found that further heavy  
fall of rain had flooded  
everything even carrying  
off quantities of wheat  
from the flats & washing  
away road & fences. A  
heavy wind accompanied  
the rain as last night  
doing much damage to  
the crops.

On account of the  
flood last evening  
we found it neces-  
sary to do a consider-  
able fence fixing.  
This forenoon before  
we could let out  
the cows. When  
we got through it  
was too late to get  
ready for church.  
I felt quite disappoint-  
ed, it being our quar-  
terly meeting day.  
Did not get to meeting  
at all today.  
Have had some  
precious seasons with  
my God however. He  
has been with me in  
my house worship  
surely in His presence.  
There is a following of  
at the right hand  
there are plenty of people.

We have been work-  
ing with all our  
might to day trying  
to repair so far as  
possible the damage  
done to the wheat  
crop by the terrible  
rain of Saturday.  
I went down to jar-  
vis this afternoon  
however to look af-  
ter a small matter  
at the bank there.  
Noticed that the rain  
had not been nearly  
so heavy as I  
got some grasses as  
at home. Cows in  
particular seemed to  
stand up well there  
while ours is very  
much tangled.  
There are some indica-  
tions of fine weather  
Thank God.



The boys and I continued to put up or rather set out sheaves of wheat for drying to day. This afternoon however we got in five loads from the field by Mr. Brides. This being the first of the season.

Have been off this evening after threshers. Saw Mr. Smith & through him concluded to get the Nat. Thresher, if I could get him. His prices were one & a half ch per bu. for oat, two for barley and three for wheat. This machine is highly recommended by Mr. Smith.

Our account of light showers this forenoon we did not make much headway at getting in wheat although we began this morning with a full set of men and both teams. Frank and Ed, Quiskie helped, perhaps half the forenoon while Eddie has helped all the afternoon. The weather had changed and the wheat has dried finely since noon, so we have got in six loads and four before noon. John had been reaping the pea and oat crop in front field with the old No 3 Kirby, and is doing a fine job.

The weather being very favourable we have improved it with all our might at getting in wheat. Succeeded in drawing twenty two loads today all but two of these were from the field by Mr. Bridges, the two were from the hilly field. Have drawn thirty four loads in all from the field by Mr. Bridges, there is still a couple of loads of damaged wheat remaining, not dry enough to draw. Frank and Ed. Chen-  
 nic have both been helping to day.  
 Had Mr. Parsons to see me about threshing to night.

We have continued to get in wheat to day with all our might. Have drawn nineteen loads from the hilly field making twenty one from same field. The whole number of loads <sup>now</sup> has increased to fifty three. ~~Frank~~ Frank and Ed. Chen-  
 nic have been helping us again all day, the one pitching in the field and the other in the mow.  
 The Good Lord has continued to be gracious to us in giving fine hardest weather for which I want to be thankful.  
 Have the Lord, O. my soul and all that is within me thank you for the only name

The two Austin boys have continued to help us get in wheat to day as usual. Just finished drawing to night ~~but~~ all but the rakes; by the skin of my teeth, to use the old phrase.

Have had sixty five loads of wheat in all; but five of them at least are considerably damaged for anything except for feed. Our barn is just about full from the bottom up.

I feel very grateful to Almighty God who causeth us always to triumph through Christ.

Contrary to my own  
purpose I had wanted  
have me to go with  
him to the extra Dou-  
berly meeting service  
at Jarvis this forenoon.  
It seemed to be my du-  
ty to go to home, but  
ma's wish decided.

Bro. Jackson preached  
from "The folly of glory-  
ing in wisdom, in  
riches, or in any world-  
ly good, and the neces-  
sity of glorying in our  
Maker, and in His  
great salvation to man."  
Have spent the  
remaining hours  
of the day quietly  
at home, trying  
to improve the  
opportunities afforded  
for reading the Word &c.

Lewis and I with  
~~John~~ ~~Sturges~~ help  
 got in three loads of  
 peas and oak from  
 the field by the church.  
 This forenoon. This  
 afternoon they have  
 been pulling peas  
 with the horse rake  
 in the North East cor-  
 ner field, while I  
 have been raking  
 wheat stubble in the  
 field by Mr. Brides.  
 John has been cutting  
 oat and peas in the  
 front field.

Had a short visit  
 from James Scott and  
 his mother, together  
 with Miss Barrett & Sister.  
 Was pleased to see  
 these kind friends  
 these days again.

John has kept on cutting the front field of oats and peas with the old Kirby reaper, Mrs. and Eldie Clarke have been working away at pulling peas in the North East corner field.

We got in a couple of loads of wheat reaping after dinner tomorrow.

We have had Miss Ryerson now Mrs. Williams & family of Ottawa to visit us this afternoon.

They are spending a few weeks in Port Hope during the warm weather.

Has pleased with Joelys husband she is an intelligent gentleman.

John finished cutting the front field of oats and peas this morning and got the binder moved back to the ten-acre field before noon. He has been cutting out the balance of the day.

Lewis and Ed. have been pulling peas in the N. E. Corner field, as usual.

I have been working at sundry jobs, and as a consequence do not seem to have done any thing. Got the fence across the creek and around the field by Mr. Bridges fixed up ready to burn the cattle in for a while. Mr. Estlin has been here since Monday.



John has been cutting rats with the birds a good share of the time to day. The rain last night kept us from our work until nearly noon however. Eddie did not help us this forenoon because of the wet.

I went out to blow packing Mr. Gubler and Haisy with me. Called at William Hattis on the way home and got twenty dollar Jones time to pay M. L. and barney help.

Went up to the Grange Hall on foot this evening. The horses all landing were working to day.

Got to work at the cutting of rats and was hit rain came about the middle of the forenoon and stopped further proceedings for the day.

We have been working in the lane Lewis and I while John has been ploughing a small corner of the field by Jim. Challand.

Ed. Christie helped again about half of the forenoon.

Went down to the factory after the old cow this evening, she expecting a litter of pigs from her poor & thought best to give her horse.

John has continued  
to cut oats in the  
new-acre-field to day  
with the binder.  
Having to cut all  
one way on account  
of the oats being bad.  
My lodge he about  
knew to accomplish  
very much in a day.  
Lewis finished pull-  
ing the peas with  
Ed. Gustaf's help this  
morning. This after-  
noon he has been  
setting up oats after  
the binder. I have  
been busy as usual.  
The weather has  
been fine to day  
and come cooler.  
And hoping for a  
continuance of same.

Ma and I went out to blow this morning to church. Had a very good discourse from Bro. Hamilton of the garnis circuit. Bro. Codman and his wife having preached for the day.

Had dinner at Miss Giles and from there we went to the plank road church. There we heard Bro. Hamilton preach again.

It has been a day of joy and peace. Ed had been very gracious in his acceptance of my little offering.

Saw Eldad Rose this evening; he having come home for a day or so.

John has succeeded in finishing the garden field. which it has taken some time to cut, in account of having to cut all new way. It is, however, a very heavy crop.

Lewis has been stocking up oats in the above field as well.

I have been working at mending jobs. But, most of the time have been putting Paris green on the potatoes.

The young ministers of the garnis circuit. Bro. Hamilton came to make a sort of fraternal visit this afternoon.

John has been cutting out on the Big Flat to day, & Lewis has been cutting with the scythe binding and setting up. I have been engaged much as usual. Got down putting Paris green on the potatoes this evening.

Learned this morning that the Thrushes will not likely get here before Friday next.

Took my car out to Rowen this evening after my day's work was done to call on Mrs Fitzgerald and her husband, who are boarding at Mrs Ryerson's.

We had at last finished cutting our oats for this year and put the binder away to night.

This finishes our harvesting except drawing the grain to John has got along very nicely with the grain cutting, Lewis is very good hand with machinery.

Lewis has been setting up on the Big Flat, which he has quite finished.

I have been engaged at sundry jobs mostly at cleaning up the garden & house. The weather has been beautifully cool and nice.

John has been  
of helping James  
Challand through to  
day, while John  
Lewis and I have  
been doing our  
best to get things  
ready to start  
ourselves.

The weather is very  
favourable indeed  
for our work, which  
is a very important  
matter to us since  
we intend drawing  
and strewing the  
field of slag out  
of doors in the  
field.

Just now out to  
know this evening  
Brought Mr. Cuthbert  
home with us. He  
is to help us through

Lewis has been help-  
ing James Challand  
thresh this to day  
or until about three  
o'clock this after-  
noon when the  
machine came over  
and began threshing  
and by corner field  
of 1000. I have had  
the following hands  
helping thresh about  
half the afternoon.  
Capt. Frank Austin, James  
Jones, Man, James  
Challand, boy. Sam  
Mc Bride and Mr.  
Cutcher.

The machine has  
done good work in  
every respect.

Our hands are running  
out very much better  
than I expected.

Got to work at our  
peas, drawing and  
threshing, as is to day,  
in good time.

The following have  
helped: - Mr. James  
Mc. Bride with team,  
promised to help back  
at ploughing or anything  
James Horn's man  
Glas. Mc. Bride, Frank  
and Eddie, besides the  
others with our own  
help including Mr. Cobble.

Finished up this morn-  
ing at about five  
o'clock. It is some-  
thing wonderful how  
the peas have turned  
out. - Instead of  
three hundred bush  
we have expected we  
have four hundred or  
about thirty five bush  
the rest

Took Bertha and  
her father with me  
to church in house  
this morning. Had a  
good and profitable  
season, waiting for  
gather upon the song.  
Our class-meeting  
was not well attend-  
ed, however.

Took men with  
me to the plank  
road church this  
afternoon as usual.  
Bro. Jackson officia-  
ted. Believe that I  
should rather be  
deprived of the  
church with Port Haven  
than the one on  
the Plank Road already.  
There is some work  
left, it seems. Well  
there there in house



We have not had  
very good success to  
day in our wheat  
threshing, for various  
reasons. Only got about  
a hundred and fifty  
bushels threshed.

Have had Alexander  
Warr to help us to day  
also, Ed. Owens boy,  
James Challants man  
Eddie Austin James  
Horns man, Law and  
George M. Kilde

The weather has been  
delightful for our  
work, and the wind  
fair.

Am pleased with  
the work of the  
machine, it both  
threshes and cleans  
the grain so well.

We have thrashed over  
four hundred bushells  
of wheat to day.

The machine has  
run very well, and  
our progress has been  
according.

Some of our help-  
ers of yesterday had  
to leave us to day  
as they have taken  
their places.

Mr. Northman has  
continued with us  
besides the following -  
John Steuring, Ed.  
Cowan man, Dave,  
M. Bride, George,  
M. Bride, then after-  
noon of Ed. Steuring.

I thought to have fin-  
ished this evening  
but have failed by  
three or four hours.

Finished up our  
first threshing at  
about eleven o'clock  
this forenoon. Had  
the same hands  
to help as yesterday  
excepting George W. Bond.  
Mr. George Cutler has  
helped us all the  
way through, and  
has hauled bushels.

Have had six hun-  
dred and fifty fine  
bushels of wheat  
from the machine  
at this threshing, besides  
the four hundred bush-  
els of peas, threshed  
in the field.

Took a quart of  
wheat out to Cook  
mill this afternoon  
while the boys cleaned  
up the barn.

I have been drawing  
out to day with a  
full set of hands and  
two teams. Finished the  
big flat which had  
some loads besides  
the three already  
stacked. Took in red  
loads from the front  
field next the church  
of mixed peas and  
oats besides one above.  
Frank and Ed. Hunter  
have been helping.

The weather has  
been quite warm  
and is becoming  
somewhat dry.

I feel grateful to the  
God of my life for  
his great mercies.  
I know that He has  
graciously blessed my  
humble labours this  
year.

AUGUST

FRIDAY 31

1888

The men and I with the Huskie boys help got in few additional loads of the mixed feed and out of the front field one being sixteen from same field as feeds the few loads taken from the same field for sheep fodder some time ago.

Commenced drawing out from the ten-acre field this afternoon and got six loads in to begin see.

Our old friend G. W. Lemons turned up this evening again. He reports very good success in his diamond fruit tree canning.

SEPTEMBER

SATURDAY 1

1888

A light rain fall last night prevented us drawing in from very early this morning. Got at it about ten o'clock however and have succeeded at last in getting our last field empty in the barn. Had nineteen loads from the ten-acre field.

Settled up with the Huskie boys this evening and sided them quite a sum of money which I was unable to pay excepting in part. Am very thankful to have our harvest done at last, except of course, corn & potatoes.

Look over with me  
out to home this morn-  
ing. As soon as  
minister was sick,  
Mother Jackson of Jan-  
eis had been ap-  
pointed as a supply.

It had been ap-  
pointed some time  
ago that a thank-  
offering should be  
taken up to day as  
a special effort was  
necessary in order to  
meet certain liabilities.  
The congregation was  
unusually large.

Went to the plank  
road church as  
usual. Came home  
by Mrs. Charles and  
merely called.  
Among the folks will.

Lewis has been help-  
ing about cutting stubble.  
I have been cutting  
the oat stubble while  
he has been going  
over the front field  
with the feed rake.

John has been work-  
ing over the ground  
next Challeuds where  
we intend to sow  
wheat.

Our old friend Mrs.  
John Murphy came  
to day to spend a  
week or so with  
us.

How so thankful  
that God hears me  
and graciously con-  
siders my request.  
Surely I have abun-  
dant reason to re-  
joice & be glad all my

John has been  
working away to  
day on the field  
of Challands, with  
the gang-plough.

Levin and I have  
been helping Mr.  
James Stone through  
all day. The job  
was a rather dirty  
one; there being a  
head wind, and very  
strong over us well.

There was some  
appearance of rain  
this morning, but  
it has passed off  
since entirely.

Lewis and I have  
been helping Mrs  
Ston thresh until  
about half past  
two this afternoon.

John has been  
working with the  
gang through out the  
field by Challands.  
Expect to have it  
ready for seeding  
in a couple of  
days more.

Wes and I have  
got in a couple of  
loads of raskings  
since coming home  
from Ston.

Made a sort of  
temporary bargain  
with Mr. Gore Vail  
for the sale of a couple  
of boxes at \$6.75 per  
100 lb live wt.



John has continued to work at the seeding preparations while Lewis and I have been most of the day getting in oats and juba raskings. Had four of the Jomes and three of the lattes.

Got all done by the middle of the afternoon however and Lewis has begun work on the wheat ground with the other team.

Cleaned up some books & books of sheep this evening for Mrs. Chamberlain for which her son Robert agreed to pay whatever I got for what sold.

Both teams have been working in the field by Chatham to day. John has sown nearly half the field. Rain came in this evening however and will probably put us back some.

I have been as busy as it was possible to be during the day, as Sunday jobs are usual.

Mrs. Hamilton came this evening and is staying over night with us. It is a favor to have the milksters with us again from time to time.

On account of rain last night our seeding has been dropped for the day. Will be greatly benefited by the rain - fall though even, in the seeding as well as in other ways. Have had the men cleaning up and grain and making some new fences.

Bro Hamilton has been with us until afternoon except when doing some local visiting.

Took Mrs. Murphy down to Mr. Vells, this afternoon & drove on to Dover, called at Stokes who had just returned from a trip

Went out to Dover this morning taking Bertie with me.

Bro Codwin still keeps improving, and getting over his late illness; but, a supply occupied his place so day. A young minister from Stageroville preached for us, I think his name was Lloyd.

His sermon about the Christian life was very good. His manner was very pleasing though a bit noisy and impetuous. Did not get to our afternoon service, Mr. Cutchew being here and about to leave for Michigan.

John has finished  
drilling the field  
by Challaude to day.  
Lewis has been  
harrowing and  
making fence  
around the potatoe  
patch, north of the  
drive - barn. This  
has taken us most  
of the day.

Had a short visit  
from Tom, Murphy's  
wife, and little Pearl  
to day. Mrs Murphy  
went home with them.

Mr. George Cutcher  
promised me yesterday  
that I should bring up  
his little boy game, &  
I have agreed to on con-  
dition that he is  
willing to do best  
part.

John has been working on the field west of the woods to day. Lewis finished the three field furrows at out & c while I have been cleaning the ditches. I have also been binding up fodder corn cut with the reaper.

It seems a slow job.

Cleaned up some seed wheat this evening for William Walk. He took seven bushels and agreed to pay what I sold for in the fall market.

The pea market seems good for this time of year, sixty bush being paid for.

The men have  
been preparing the  
field west of the  
woods for seed today.  
Lewis got something  
over three acres drill-  
ed this afternoon.

By using the  
spring tooth harrow  
followed by the  
cane a fine seed-  
bed has been made  
although part of  
of the field had only  
been rolled since  
ploughing & stubble  
cane was done  
about five weeks  
ago.

I have been trying  
up some fodder & set-  
ting up the same  
within fixing a  
fence across the  
creek by Challand.

I am thankful  
indeed to say, that  
the men have  
finished sowing  
and furrowing out  
and sowed field  
of winter wheat.  
The field went  
off the woods, today  
John has commenced  
ploughing the front  
field by the church.  
I have been try-  
ing to get a load  
of apples ready  
to take to Linton  
to morrow. We  
have always so  
many fall apples  
that we cannot use  
a half or even a  
quarter of them.  
So we thought to sell  
them.

John has been  
ploughing in the  
front field to day.  
Heo. has been also,  
ploughing part of  
the time.

I went up to Sims  
Coe with forty and  
a half bushells of  
apples for the soap-  
boating factory. Sold  
them at fifteen  
cents per bushell.  
I found that the  
price of peas has  
gone up still fur-  
ther, they are now  
sixty five cents per  
bushell and wheat  
one dollar. This  
is quite encouraging  
to the farmer here  
for peas are quite a  
general crop.

John had continued to work in the front field with his team all day. Bevin has also part of the day. This afternoon however I took a load of peas out to Woden for the first. Sold them at sixty two cents per ton,

Received a small parcel from my friend Stalder St. Chas. of Montreal. I think that he is one of the most generous fellows I ever came across. Brought home a quantity of goods from the Station for Reid.



On account of  
rain that came  
last night and  
to day we have  
not as is our cus-  
tom gone to the  
House of God.

I have to some  
extent enjoyed the  
sweet day of rest.  
They are sorry to  
have felt so dull  
and stupid. The  
constant activities  
of the week days  
seem to have  
this effect upon  
me at least on  
the quiet peaceful  
days.

My heart is still  
fixed on God my  
Saviour, He is my  
joy & my Song; amen

Both the men  
have been plough-  
ing in the front  
field to day. The  
rain yesterday made  
the ground rather  
wet for a while  
this morning, but  
it soon dried off.  
I have been en-  
gaged at numer-  
ous small jobs  
through the day.  
Started to get an  
other load of ap-  
ples ready for the  
buyer this after-  
noon.

Got a couple of  
loaves for cutting corn  
made at the shop  
this morning.

Ma started for home  
this evening to make  
visit there and back  
to Port Hope.

The men have  
been working away  
as usual to day,  
on the front field.  
They have finished  
ploughing and got  
started with the  
harrow.

I have been cut-  
ting corn myself.  
Commenced in the  
garden lot next to  
the road, and have  
only cut about  
fifty shocks the  
first day. The  
crop is a very  
heavy one, I don't  
remember ever  
cutting any thing  
like it. Almost  
every hill makes  
an arm-full, and  
several bushels a  
large stack.

A storage of rain  
 caused this forenoon  
 stopping our work  
 at preparing wheat  
 ground especially.  
 John and Lewis have  
 been moving the  
 fence on the north side  
 of hilly field by fence  
 Challauds

I have been cut-  
 ting corn most  
 of the time. Fin-  
 ished cutting the  
 garden lot.  
 There was some-  
 thing of over sixty  
 three shock or  
 less than an  
 acre of ground.  
 Am Joseph J. J. J.  
 was here after some  
 seed wheat this eve-  
 ning. Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1888

and Oving. As the rain  
yesterday we were  
unable to work  
our feeding to day.  
Lewis and John  
have been make-  
ing fence most  
of the time between  
the field by Challand  
and the Big North-  
East corner field.

Got a load of ap-  
ples ready for the  
drying factory this  
forenoon and took  
them this afternoon.  
Sold them at 75  
cents per bushel.  
To Mr. James of Lincoln  
stopped at the Grange  
on the way home  
this evening.

Had a letter from  
Hill's Hill, to night.  
He writes from Montgomery Ala.

The men have been working on the field again today by the Victor Store. It has become quite workable again. They have killed in about three acres or so, in the same field.

I have been helping Mr. John Challeng threats for Ed. Doren. Did not expect to have this job to do, but am as well satisfied since the time when would not be very much missed.

Have learned this evening that the price of peas has fallen some and the price of wheat as well.

John and ~~Walter~~  
have been working  
away on the front  
field again today,  
the weather being  
favorable. They  
have sown all  
but about three  
acres.

I have been do-  
ing another day  
with Mr. Col. Owen  
at Mr. John Chalk-  
lands. Have had a  
pretty serious case  
of the dust being  
something fearful  
at times, and work  
plentiful as well.  
As the job all  
done however, I  
am thankful.  
Received a letter from  
my friend Mr. Baird  
of Court B.C. to night.

Went down to Jar-  
vis this morning to  
attend the opening  
of the Jarvis Metho-  
dist church. Did  
not hear the Rev  
J. A. Williams, one of  
our general superin-  
tendents as I expected  
but the Rev. W. H. Thom-  
sworth, instead. En-  
joyed the service very  
much, this brother  
being one of our most  
spiritually-minded and  
holiest men.

The Methodist people  
of Jarvis have been  
greatly beautifying the  
inside of their church  
and, I pray that God  
may bless them for  
their making the place  
of His worship so attractive  
and beautiful.

Lewis and I cleaned out ditches in the front field. This forenoon besides cleaning up a load of peas for market. John finished sowing the front field to day and furrowing best as well.

Took the load of peas out to market this afternoon; and through the kindness of Mr Reid received sixty five cents per bush. Though peas had fallen to fifty eight. The contract holds good for the whole crop.

Lewis started cutting corn in the back field this afternoon.



I have been out  
to Klauw with two  
more loads of peas  
to lay making four  
in all. John has  
been ploughing the  
narrow strip on  
the North side of the  
field by Challeeds,  
for wheat. Lewis  
has been helping  
me most of the  
time at cleaning up  
peas &c.

Eda returned from  
her visit to Dr.  
Coutts this afternoon.  
She reports having  
had a very pleasant  
and visit amongst  
some of our friends  
there.

Have rejoiced in  
Ed's visit to Dr.

Took a couple  
more loads of peas  
to town again today.  
Got pretty well  
drenched with rain  
when coming home  
with lines, especially  
before snow.

John has been  
away to Hamilton  
for a hollowday -  
The first he has  
taken for a long  
time. He has been  
helping one about  
cleaning up peas  
most of the time.

Have been greatly  
disgusted of late at  
some of the move-  
ments of our Vicar  
Pastor and  
wife. Their habits are  
something terrible some  
of them.

Notwithstanding rains  
last night and to  
day I have been able  
to get a couple more  
loads of peas to the  
market to day.

A change has taken  
place in the weather  
and now it is quite  
cool again.

The men have  
been cutting corn  
except when helping  
me at the peas.

I have now more  
than three hundred  
and twenty bushels  
delivered.

Called to see our  
minister who has  
been sick, also  
our old friend Mr.  
Babcock, whose  
home is now in decay.

The boys, or rather  
men have cut the  
balleance of fodder  
corn this afternoon  
there being danger  
of frost soon.

They have also  
been cutting the  
other corn part  
of the time.

Took two more  
loads of peas out  
to market this  
afternoon, being  
the balleance of  
crop. There was  
then three hundred  
and eighty eight  
bags of peas drawn away  
leaving a ball of well  
bushels of the good, ma-  
chine measure more  
than covered by tailing  
split peas &c

Lewis and I have been cutting corn to day most of the time. John has been working with the team on the strip of land lately added to the North side of the field West of Challa's house. We have got it ploughed and ready to sow but being too wet we have ditched & unless it dries off soon we will not sow this fall.

The weather has been very cool to day with an occasional shower from the North this afternoon.

Went to David  
this morning as  
usual, taking Ber-  
tha with me.

Bro. Goodwin was  
able to persuade to  
us, though he is  
anything but well.  
Thought I fear through  
the valley of the  
shadow of death I  
will fear no evil  
was the text. Felt  
much benefited by  
the remarks made.

Ma and I went  
to the little plank  
road church this  
afternoon and got  
caught in the rain  
coming home.

Was simply re-  
paid by the ser-  
vice however. The  
Lord Lord pray with us.

I went out to the  
woods this forenoon  
to settle up with  
the traps for the  
pelt drawn in  
last week. It came  
out nicely, exceeding  
even my own es-  
timate.

Settled up some  
small accounts be-  
fore coming home.

A very heavy  
rain has fallen  
this afternoon which  
has effectually stopped  
concentrating for a  
time at least.

The men have  
been digging po-  
tatoes since the  
rain. They are  
a very fine crop  
thank you.

On account of rain this forenoon we were not able to work out of doors, having nothing to do inside we have been idle. This afternoon however the boys have been digging potatoes. I settled up with the Steu Heide this forenoon, and found that they owed me some good dollars too. Went down to Jarvis this afternoon to take up a couple of notes. Found the parties brought out without some trouble, and got the notes all right.



John and Stealy  
cut corn this fore-  
noon. This af-  
ternoon John went  
to help Alexander  
harr thresh. They  
are owing him  
a days work.

They and I have  
been cutting corn  
this afternoon.

There was the  
first frost of  
the season so  
will corn last night.  
So we are doing  
our best to get  
the corn cut at  
once.

Got started at  
picking apples  
this forenoon.  
They are an extra  
crop.

John has been helping Alexander Man Bush most of the time again today, so that now we have more than paid him back.

Thurs. Aug. I continued to work at cutting corn until about three o'clock this afternoon, when it began raining.

Thomas Jackson has been here to make repairs on our pump at the house-well. He took it out and has since got it partly ready to put back in the well.

The new finished  
cutting the back  
field of corn this  
forenoon with my  
help. Got the back  
swee cut in gar-  
den also.

John has been  
working on the  
side - road this  
afternoon with  
a team, helping  
fill in a culvert  
of Charles place.  
I have been pick-  
ing apples part  
of the afternoon.  
I had a notice serving  
this afternoon with  
reference to Reid's  
indebtedness to the  
post office department  
for stamps which was  
quite a surprise.

Rain fell this  
forenoon; but, it  
cleared off about  
eleven, and has  
since been fine.

We dug potatoes  
for a while. ~~As~~  
~~the~~ ~~leaves~~ the apples  
had dried off we  
started again to  
pick apples. The  
evening I.

Find that our  
apple crop is much  
better than we ex-  
pected, after take-  
ing a general  
survey. The Nor-  
thwest spires & Bald-  
wins are especially  
fine and about  
half. The same  
may be said of the  
yields potato crop.

The presence of  
the Most High was  
felt amongst us  
this morning as we  
endeavored to wor-  
ship in His Holy  
Temple.

Bro. Goodwin preached  
to us as usual.  
His text this morn-  
ing was John 16:31 "For I know  
that the sufferings of  
this present time are  
not worthy to be com-  
pared with the glory  
that shall be revealed  
in us." - Many jour-  
nalistic thoughts carried  
while considering the  
precious text. Have  
guilt me, do all of mine  
of them. But, plain-  
ly it shows that our  
suffering are synonymous  
with

John worked this afternoon with the team on the side road killing to fill in a chert. This makes two days to be applied for our next year's statute labour.

Lewis has been digging potatoes and picking apples &c. I went up to Lincoln and took me with me. Had some small matters of business to settle, and now want to do some trading. Had dinner at Mr. Mink's with Mr. Mink.

The weather has changed and become cold and windy again.

John and Neddy  
 have picked apples  
 this forenoon, and  
 this afternoon have  
 been binding up  
 fodder corn, the  
 late rains having  
 prevented the latter  
 job until the pres-  
 ent. Helped pick  
 apples this forenoon  
 myself. Went out  
 to Hoven this af-  
 ternoon and took  
 one with me. Called  
 at William Wabbes on  
 the way home to  
 see him about the  
 apples. Had a  
 short but pleasant  
 visit with the girls.  
 Fall.

The cool weather still  
 continues, with some  
 promise of frost.

Both of our men  
have been bind-  
ing and setting  
up fodder corn  
on the new growing  
field to day.

This afternoon  
to however, Lewis  
has been helping  
me clean out  
the house well.  
It has taken me  
all day, as hard  
as I could work  
to get the water  
drawn & clearing  
down besides.

Found the well in  
a very filthy state.  
But left it clean.

Bro. Daniel & J.  
Garris came this eve-  
ning with his sister  
Mrs. B. & daughter  
they were right with  
us.



John and Thelby  
finished binding  
and setting up  
the fodder corn  
this forenoon. They  
have found it a  
very heavy crop,  
there being some-  
thing over a  
hundred shocks on  
less than an acre.

The men both  
went away to  
Alverton this after-  
noon, to attend the  
Hall show of the  
Township.

I have been at  
home through the  
day, taking care  
of onions & apples.  
Bro. Hamblen &  
Sister left us again  
this morning.

Have had a steady  
gall of rain since  
about three o'clock  
this morning, and  
still it rains.

Of course we have  
been unable to do  
any kind of work,  
excepting however,  
that the men have  
made a long ladder  
for picking apples  
out of the high trees.

I have been read-  
ing most of the  
time, and have  
even got tired of it.

The Lord is good,  
and His mercies are  
over all His works.  
All thy works shall  
praise Thee and thy  
saints shall bless  
Thee. Glory to God in the  
highest.

The men and I have been digging potatoes to day in the patch by Lewis' house. Have already got about one hundred and fifty dug and will probably have fifty more, all off of Lewis' team all well.

The heavy rain of yesterday has left the ground quite wet, so that our work has been rather disagreeable to day. It is very warm, however. Started feeding our milks cows this morning, not nearly so soon as last year.

On account of rain we did not get out to Church this forenoon; but, this afternoon we have been blessed with a very profitable sitting upon God with his people at the plank road Church.

We are so thankful to have this new and convenient place of worship, and that with our own dear people.

Mrs. Hamilton preached to us about the efficacy of prayer and while she did not tell us much that was new, I felt much edified in the precious truths that were spoken.

Weather has been fine to day, so we have finished digging potatoes ~~and~~ rather seen largest potato, and this afternoon the men have been getting in some corn to husk inside.

Thomas Jackson has been here this afternoon putting in our pump. He has been putting in all new pipe, except about two feet of old pipe in the bottom of the well.

Rain has commenced falling again to night, so we are not to have dry weather yet. But God knows best.

Our men have  
been digging the back  
patch of potatoes  
to day. They have  
just finished up  
to night.

I have been help-  
ing Thomas Jackson  
this forenoon, about  
putting our horse  
pumps in order.  
Get in good working  
shape.

Went out to Kluwe  
this afternoon to  
see about selling  
some potatoes &c.  
Spent the evening  
at Bro. Goodwins, very  
pleasantly.

Had an offer of  
five shillings for our  
whole wheat crop from  
Mr. Crinley.

The men have  
 both been working  
 today as usual  
 through the day of  
 St. John's. Louise showed.

Look and with me  
 and got to Florence  
 for dinner.

The show was a  
 very good one, and  
 the day being fine  
 there chow of people  
 was very large.

Made a purchase  
 of a four-horse  
 and a large cutting  
 bar with which to  
 cut straw and corn  
 stalks for winter  
 feeding.

The machines  
 were made by Hebron  
 and Burns of London  
 & bought of James  
 M. Call, son of Thomas  
 M. Call of Leicester.

Boffe John, and  
Healey have been  
picking apples to-  
day, and have  
got well along with  
this job although  
there is a good quantity  
to pick yet.  
I have gathered  
Sammals' kids. The  
forenoon, for me  
to do some coloring.  
This afternoon  
have been clearing  
and repairing the  
old life truck, and  
getting ready to  
make soap again.  
Find it necessary to  
get some ashes to  
make them, as  
soon being so poor  
as to be unfit for  
use. Had to change to  
night, as usual.



Rain fell again  
last night in  
considerable quantities  
last night. Several  
showers have also  
fallen to day which  
have kept us from  
out-of-door work  
altogether.

It a load of wheat  
cleared up. This  
forenoon was ready  
for market. This  
afternoon we have  
been husking corn  
and picking over  
some potatoes for  
winter use.

Had Mrs Helter Olds  
(Cousin Fanny) and  
Mrs. John Hatto here  
to dinner to day.  
The weather keeps  
quite warm as well  
as wet.

Took my first load  
of wheat out to  
Dane this morning  
or rather this afternoon  
Sold at \$1.13 cks per  
bu. to Mr. Stanley.  
It seems strange to  
receive such a good  
price after such a  
very low series as  
have prevailed for  
the last few years.  
Benno has been off  
on a visit to his  
father yesterday af-  
ternoon and today.  
John has been  
picking apples for  
me and doing the  
work as well.  
The weather has  
become much colder.  
The first snow squall  
came this afternoon

Bertha and I went  
out to Home this morn-  
ing to meeting. Bro.  
Cookman preached to us  
as usual. His text  
was "We shall cover  
thee with His feathers,  
and under His wings  
shalt thou trust."

~~The~~ Our Class after-  
wards was a time  
of refreshing, though  
my soul did not re-  
spond in love to God  
and to man as I  
could wish.

Miss Giles came home  
with us and we all  
attended service at the  
Park Cong Church as  
usual. This afternoon  
Bro Jackson preached  
to us, and we had  
a blessed time together.

The weather being  
fine to day we started  
knew<sup>ing</sup> what needed  
most to be done.  
We have spent the  
day very well however  
got in a couple of  
loads of corn this  
forenoon for inside  
breaking and this  
afternoon the  
men have been  
picking fall pippins  
and Galena sweetings,  
while I went out  
to down with a  
load of wheat being  
the second load.  
Had twenty five bags  
on, and got along  
nicely. To night  
rain has begun  
to fall, however.

Notwithstanding the rainy prospects all day, I got out with another load of wheat & another load ready to take this afternoon, but it rained in earnest so I did not go.

Have been working some in the barn since with the men. The latter is our last resort when rain actually begins to fall. We do not seem likely to get much corn harvested before winter begins that is if corn is very good.

It has been very warm today.

The heavy rain  
leaf fall last night  
left the roads rather  
muddy to day.

I took a load of  
Wheat out to Woburn  
this forenoon however  
also one to Lynn  
Vally this afternoon.  
Sold at Woburn for  
the usual price 113,  
but, at Lynn Vally  
got five cents more  
per Bushell.

The boys have been  
working at sundry  
jobs to day; such  
as cleaning up grain  
and carrying the apples  
in and such like.

The weather con-  
tinues very warm  
and to day it has  
been windy.

John and Mrs. Lane  
were working at  
getting in land  
picking apples to-  
day, when not  
helping me clean  
up wheat.

Went with another  
load of wheat to  
the Lynn Valley Mills  
to day, 34 Bu., &  
sold for \$1.18 per  
Bu. Received forty  
dollars for this small  
load. Am so thank-  
ful for the goodness  
of God in thus  
providing the  
means to pay debts,  
which I desired so  
much to pay.

The weather has  
been delightful to-  
day so warm & nice.

Took another load  
of wheat away this  
forenoon, and sold  
at New Lynn Valley  
Mills at the same  
price as yesterday.

Got all ready to  
take another load  
this afternoon, but  
rain commenced fall-  
ing before getting started,  
and it has been  
raining all this time  
since.

James Horn came  
over this afternoon  
to settle up for the  
saddlebag, paid him  
a debt that I owed him  
and received the balance.

The men got in com-  
stalks and unhusked  
corn this forenoon.  
Have been churning in the  
morn this afternoon.



Rain continued to fall nearly the whole of last night.

The men have been working again today as usual.

I went out to Wovee this forenoon to pay some money to Mr. Edmondson. Gave him two hundred and fifty dollars and my note which he holds.

Went up to the Lyons Valley Mills with another load of wheat this afternoon. Got caught in a shower of rain on the way up. Sold for the same price as yesterday.

On account of the very bad state of the roads we did not go out to home this morning; but, to the little plank road church about 10 day. We had a nice sermon from Bro. Hamilton about prayer. He made some very sensible observations.

Had a very profitable waiting for before the Lord in the fellowship of the church. The Lord was so really in our midst.

He often reminded of the prophecy in Mal. When they that feared the Lord spoke then one by another, & a book of remembrance was written.

John ploughed in the field back of the barn. His horse was white. Lewis and I cleaned up a load of wheat.

The men have got in the fallow of golden corn, into the little barn, this afternoon, besides a load of corn to truck in the cow-stables.

Walter's apple cots and packers came just before noon & have since been putting up apples. There are twenty barrels so far prepared for market.

Received a note from Ned this evening which I had given up for a bad job. I was thankful.

Have had the  
ploughing with me  
been 14 day. Lewis  
has been working  
at Sunday jobs.  
I helped about get-  
ting the apples in  
Darralls this forenoon  
the water boys being  
here. This after-  
noon I went up  
to the mill again,  
with another load  
of wheat. Sold for  
the same as before,  
viz. One dollar and  
eighteen cents per bu.  
The weather has  
at last become  
very fine and  
warm with some  
prospect of dry  
weather, for which we  
are thankful.

John has been  
ploughing in the  
field back of the  
barn while Lewis  
has been husking  
corn in the garden.

I went up to the  
mill with another  
load of wheat, at-  
ter getting it clean  
ed up. Sold for  
the same as before.

Came home by  
noon, having  
several errands  
there. In the afternoon  
brought home a  
couple of barrels  
of coal oil for kids.

The weather has  
been delightful today  
so warm and  
so dry. Quite a  
great amount of  
rain.

John has continued to plough in the field back of the barn so day Lewis has been husking corn in the garden.

I went up to Mr Suttons mill, getting there about one o'clock, with a load of wheat. Paid him for some flour, 500 lbs, bought 7 bushels last summer. Left fifteen bushels in store for Mrs M. Wade, besides leaving balance for ourselves. Came by Simons and paid out on Wagon & sent money away for pay drill note, besides paying Simons account.

Lewis and I cleaned up and put away thirty eight bushels of wheat for bread, which with ten bushels taken to the mill yesterday makes nearly fifty bushels. He cleaned up the balance and this afternoon I took it to market. Expected to have sold at the Lyons Valley mills; but they would not buy, so I went on to Simons and sold to Mr Sutton, bag to take one dollar and two cents, and he said the grain was so soft to grind. The fine weather still continues.

John has returned  
to plough in the field  
back of the barn to-  
day. Lewis and  
I have got up some  
wood this forenoon.  
Heider come. He  
has been husking  
corn this afternoon  
while I have been  
doing sundry jobs.

It often happens  
that when we are  
the busiest, we seem  
to accomplish the  
least. So it has  
proved to day.

Just to mention that  
Lewis & I have re-erected  
an out-building  
this forenoon after  
having been knocked  
by the Hollow Tree  
celebrators the previous  
night.

~~The~~ ~~being~~ ~~the~~ ~~day~~  
of our ~~Religious~~ ~~Meeting~~,  
meeting, my Mother  
and I went out  
this morning. Had  
a profitable waiting  
before the Lord, ~~Friday~~  
Oct. - The power of  
God being plainly  
visible in the many  
~~great~~ ~~appearances~~ of  
the pastor as well  
as the people in the  
low-land.

Had dinner at Mr.  
Marie Stingers before  
coming home. It  
came very acceptable  
to us as our meeting  
did not close until  
two o'clock this after-  
noon, and we were  
hungry. Came home  
cocked after.

Lawrence and I gathered  
several apples for cider  
This forenoon while  
John has been plough-  
ing all day in the  
field back of the  
Gard mostly.

This afternoon I  
went out to town  
to attend the Quar-  
terly business meet-  
ing of our Church.  
I have also been  
looking after some  
other small mat-  
ters of business  
as well.

Ma and I took  
tea at Mrs Mills,  
Had a pleasant  
visit with the  
girls Sunday night.  
They expect soon to  
move to Woodstock.



John started laughing  
again this  
morning. Rain be-  
gan to fall at  
about nine o'clock  
and the remainder  
of the day we  
have been husking  
corn in the barn  
all of us.

William Stalls  
came with his gang  
of apple packers. They  
have loaded up  
the barrels, filled  
a few days ago.

There was thirty  
one instead of thirty  
two as I expected.  
I am greatly comforted  
by the presence and  
power of the Holy  
Spirit of Comfort  
presence makes my

John has been  
induced to plough  
to day in the field  
back of the barn,  
the two acre field be-  
ing too wet.

Lewis went over  
to James Challands about  
three o'clock this morning  
to help thresh and has  
been there all day.

I have been picking  
apples to show. Took  
out two loads of fif-  
teen barrels each, ma-  
king nearly the whole  
that Matt's bought.

Rain has begun fall-  
ing to night, and seems  
likely to continue for  
some time, coming  
as it does, from the  
North East.

Lewis has been  
away helping James  
Challand thresh to day,  
or rather until noon  
to day. This afternoon  
he and I have been  
getting apples picked  
up and carried into  
the woodhouse.

John has been plough-  
ing in the field back  
of the barn, which, by  
the way, he has fin-  
ished to day.

Rain has been falling  
most of the time  
through the day, but,  
especially towards  
night, as well as  
after.

I have been somewhat  
cast down to day, in  
thinking of some money  
relating to debts. But,  
the Lord is my Helper.

Rain has been falling not only last night; but, at times through the day. To night it continues to rain.

John has been helping Walter Justice thresh, while Lewis and I have been gathering apples, mostly wild fallow and cider apples. Our pile is becoming quite large, so large that I scarcely know what we are going to do with them all.

It has never happened before, that our apple crop was so large that we could scarcely find room for them all.

John has been helping Walter Justice they explain to day. It rained a good part of the time particularly this afternoon and morning.

Lewis and I cleared up ~~and~~ the barn floor & did some repairing this forenoon. This afternoon I went out to blow to take some apples for Mr. Hadley and Tom Barrell got stalks.

Took some potatoes to Emp. plus & as a town for repairs to Colver & C.

The weather is quite remarkable for the abundant rainfall. It seems likely to continue until cold weather sets in.

On account of the very bad state of the roads we did not go, as usual, to the church at Post Haven this morning. He went to the little plank road church this afternoon, however, and had a good time with the people there waiting upon God. A young man Parker whose home is on the St. Johnsville Circuit gave us an interesting exhortation and the afternoon meeting was a season of considerable power. We so much encouraged and benefited by these meetings.

Lewis and I worked at gathering apples most of the time to day. Have about finished up, after a long siege of it. Got the cows in the orchard this afternoon. John has been helping Walter Orestino break so day again. I went down to Thomas Jacksons this evening, mostly to hear from some of our friends in Peltah. Did not hear anything however.

Have had a very beautiful day after a long time of rainy weather. He would be glad to see a continuance of the same.

John has been helping Walter Thrust again today, making four days that we have helped.

Lewis and I killed and dressed a pig this morning for the Thrusters who we expect to leave tomorrow. We have also been getting up wood for the engine also a load of corn from the back field.

The machine came this evening and will be ready for work in the morning.

The weather is very fine indeed at present.

Have been threshing  
ing to day. Did  
not get along as  
well as we should  
have done however.

Mr. James M. B. B. B.  
and the following  
have been helping.  
viz - James Challaud  
Halter Austin man.  
Young Atkin, young  
Owen and M. H. H.  
Butler for a half  
day.

Our few-acre  
field has turned  
out four bushels  
of oats per acre,  
instead of six as I  
expected.

The weather has  
been very fine &  
wind fair.

Have been throwing  
and throwing to day  
but failed to finish.  
Thought we  
quite expected to  
have done so.

Walter Huston man  
has been helping,  
and so has young  
Curtis, James Oball-  
and, Walter Butler,  
Thomas Jackson  
This afternoon and  
Capt. Owen this fore-  
noon, besides our  
own men.

Jack Harris and  
Florence have been  
here to take I can't  
give dinner with  
us and Co and be-  
hold the Simpson  
were here. Could  
not help it however

Got our second  
reign of threshing  
finished up this  
morning about the  
middle of the fore-  
noon. Did not  
feel very well pleased  
on account of the  
threshers not finish-  
ing last night as  
they easily could  
have done. Two  
of Mr. Parsons men  
were inexperienced  
in the cause.

John has continued  
to help by day.

The following helped  
to finish threshing  
this forenoon. Got  
about a quarter of a  
day. Thomas Jackson  
Albert Atkins, Kate Baker  
and James Challand.



John and Ben  
have been cover-  
ing up potatoes,  
and this afternoon  
they have been  
digging turnips.  
They have got them  
all dug for this year.  
The very cold  
weather that we had  
last night has raised  
up these things  
a considerable.

Went out to town  
to take a few  
potatoes to Colm  
and to bring our  
straw home. ~~It~~  
Failed to do the  
latter however.

Found the roads  
very rough and  
considerably frost-  
less.

On account of the very rough state of the roads we did not attempt to go out to church this morning. Went to the little church on the plank road this afternoon however and had a very profitable waiting upon God. The attendance was good and Bro Daulton talked nicely about the prodigal son and some kindred subjects. Our fellowship meeting afterwards was also a precious season.

Rain is falling again this evening. And the weather has become warm again.

John Dawson finished putting in his lost time on Saturday last, so today Lewis and I have been alone. Rain fell again last night however, and the mud is as bad as ever.

We have been getting up some wood, and doing sundry other jobs through the day.

I have engaged John to help get in the corn. Had Mr. Waller from the sixth concession here to see about getting a place for his uncle to work. His recommendation is pretty high for his uncle.

The weather having become decidedly cold and winter-like I have had to go to work in earnest at getting things put away for winter.

Lewis ploughed in our orchard this forenoon. This afternoon he has been covering up potatoes for winter.

I have been putting apples away in the cellar, also cabbage and parsnips.

The Lord has given exceeding great and precious promises. What would we do without such encouragement.

Lewis has been working at sundry jobs today. The grading had been postponed so long that we could not plow and not harvest, due to draw in corn and stalks.

I have been sorting apples nearly all day.

Went to Lewis' this afternoon however to see about a matter requiring attention. Did not succeed however, as could have wished.

Called to see an old friend & school-mate, C. E. Bone but, he happened to be away.

Lewis has finished  
covering up the po-  
tatoes to day, Cor  
Winter, besides  
hunting down the  
rest of the day.

I went up to Sim.  
Co. this forenoon  
to see about getting  
some money & met  
a not due in carms  
Came home by lar-  
ves and forgot  
the note with me.

Had a serious time  
of it riding so far  
over the rough roads  
on horseback.

Am very thankful  
that trouble has  
been averted in  
this case at least.  
For some little time  
to come.

Lewis has been working at sundry jobs to day. While I have been off to Hanticoke with apples to the cider-mill. Brought home nearly four barrels of sweet cider made from about forty bushels of Talman sweet &c. Had a serious time both in going and coming, on account of the very rough roads.

There is some appearance to night of another warm spell soon. It has been quite cold to day.

Lewis and I  
got in three loads  
of corn this forenoon  
from the back field.  
There is still a  
large quantity of un-  
husked corn remain-  
ing in the field.  
The weather is so  
changeable that we  
have to watch our  
chance and draw  
them the corn is fit.

I went out to  
Haver this after-  
noon to see about  
certain matters and  
to do some errands.  
Got my new over  
coat which came  
from Frank Stephens  
son, Simcoe. The  
price was \$18.

The weather is very  
and warm again.



NOVEMBER

SUNDAY 25

1888

Can account a  
cold East wind  
~~we~~ did and rough  
roads we did not  
go out to Dover  
this morning. This  
afternoon however  
Be, Bertha and I,  
went down to the  
little plank road  
church. Bro. Jack  
soon preached and  
was much profited  
in listening to his  
discourse about the  
unperishable gift  
of God in Christ  
Jesus.

The weather has  
become quite cold  
again with every  
appearance of an  
early approaching  
winter.

NOVEMBER

MONDAY 26

1888

John has been help-  
ing us again to day.  
He and Lewis have  
been getting in corn  
from the back field.  
I have been pick-  
ing over apples and  
getting them ready  
to take a load to  
the drying factory in  
Lincoln. Did not  
make much headway  
however, there being  
so many other jobs  
on hand.

Our first snow  
fell to day, enough  
to make the ground  
look white.

William and Mrs.  
Watts were here this  
evening. He came to  
pay for the apples  
taken awhile ago.

The snow & loads  
have been drawing  
down again to about  
ground this week. Judge  
the roads and weather  
being quite favourable  
I have been picking  
over apples, getting  
a load ready to  
take to the drying  
factory in Sweden.  
Got the horses shod  
behind this week  
work however.

The weather is  
quite mild at pres-  
ent. Snow just east  
of a terrific snow  
storm along the At-  
lantic Coast, with  
much damage to  
shipping &c.

John and Neddy  
have been getting  
in some apple to  
day from the back  
field. The thank-  
ful that they have  
got it pretty well  
all in the barn.  
It will take another  
day or so yet how-  
ever to finish.

Got my load of  
apples ready for  
Lincoln by noon  
and started after  
dinner. Sold forty  
two bushels to  
twelve and a half  
cents per bushel.  
By Mr James of the  
Canning factory.  
The weather is  
quite soft and  
stuffy.

I have been working with all possible speed to get some cider apples picked over and bagged up ready to take to the cider mill tomorrow. Have about completed the job to night. Have banded three bags this time. The purpose making vinegar, mostly of this batch.

Lewis has been husking corn in the barn most of the time today. The warm weather still continues with an abundance of mud.

Have had Lewis working at sundry jobs today while I ~~am~~ went to E. Keene's cider mill with six pown apples, to have them made up. The roads were very bad, especially evening home, the post being about out on the ground. Saw several ploughs going on the day, which seems remarkable considering the late cold weather. A north west wind been blowing for three or four days, and it's temperature <sup>has been</sup> moderating gradually all the while.

The mild weather still continues and the ground is sufficiently soft from frost to permit ploughing again. I have had Lewis ploughing in the orchard to day.

I have been engaged at sundry other jobs almost too numerous to mention.

Lewis told me to day that he would like to go in about two weeks. This is rather unexpected and I scarcely know how to meet the emergency created thereby.

On account of the very bad state of the roads we did not go to church at home this morning. I think this is the third Sunday we have missed.

I went over to hear Mr. Cloud this forenoon and this afternoon took me with me to the little plank road church. Bro. Samuel Stone preached & enjoyed the service very much as we always do.

Went down to see Mrs. Clarke this evening. Found her home and heard from her about the time coming up to spend part of the winter.

I have finished  
sorting over 200  
cull apples to  
day. Have also  
got them banded  
ready to take to  
Lincolne & then the  
roads get better.  
Lewis has been  
husking corn in  
the barn most  
of the time through  
the day.

Oh hold that  
apples are on  
the rise in the  
markets of the  
world and is  
good demand at  
quite improved  
prices.

I have experienced much  
pleasure and comfort  
in my job to day.

Lewis and I cut  
a couple of loads  
of wood in the  
woods and got it  
up this forenoon.

This afternoon  
strange to say, he  
has been plough-  
ing in the orchard.

The weather has  
been and still is  
quite stormy though  
very warm for  
this time of year.

Had quite an ex-  
tended conversa-  
tion with Lewis  
about certain mat-  
ters relating to  
us as master  
and servant.

He has made up  
his mind to adu-  
re before long.

Lewis and I got  
 in a load of straw  
 into the drive barn  
 to day, or rather this  
 morning. He has  
 been ploughing in  
 the orchard since  
 then. He seem  
 likely to get our  
 fall ploughing done  
 after all.

I have been working  
 at sundry jobs during  
 the day. Am try-  
 ing now to get the  
 old house levelled  
 up with jack-saws.  
 The foundation has  
 given way in places  
 and thrown the  
 several parts out.  
 It shap very much  
 snow is falling in  
 the end to night.

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The weather has  
is quite moderate  
of even warm  
the fall last  
lot in small  
whites. There  
still every ap-  
pearance of snow  
will

Lewis finished plowing and drove out the orchard for one this forenoon. This afternoon we have been leveling up the old house with jack-screws. Got it up in pretty good shape, apart from the sills much sounder than I expected.

I have got another load of apples ready to take up to Simcoe. Just finished to night. The days are too short for me in which to do any work, and have to take advantage of the night season also.

Have had Lewis at work at sundry jobs while I went up to Simcoe with our last load of apples. Sold them to the Simcoe Canning Company at fifteen cents per bu. Found the roads pretty bad excepting by the woods where they were very good.

Saw a number of people ploughing out the way. The weather is still quite mild and fall-like. The days are very short however which interferes a good deal with our doing a good days work.

I went over to  
Dear Mr. Lang this  
morning, but did not  
go to the plank  
road church this  
afternoon the roads  
being so nearly  
impassible. The  
weather continues  
just as wet and  
warm as ever,  
with strong indi-  
cations of its con-  
tinuance.

It makes the Sab-  
bath day seem  
dull indeed when  
we cannot attend  
our own place of  
worship. It is  
to see an improve-  
ment in the roads  
before long however  
if it please God.

I have been extremely busy at getting the old house repaired up for winter to day. Lewis has been helping part of the time. He has been husking corn in the barn as well.

The weather keeps remarkably warm for this time of year, some of the neighbors are still ploughing, have been leveling up our old house with jack-screws, the first time I think since it was built. Found the hills in pretty good condition