

Saturday Cannon Island MN July 1883
at 10 AM, I took a Boat & started driving
a lumber for their Barn. Heard Don't work was
very low. Fine Day Bright Sun Went to Wellman's two
Kingslolph split his Acres Mr. Bielle sent 3
Horse Drawn Waggon Loads of Boards, and 4 Casks of Nails to
Hamilton for their Building the Manitoba
Stop at the Wharf with Rec. Mac. Kinnon
not get ashore as the what is not fixed
stop M.Y. 6:00 PM Sunday came home
to Hamilton, Gordon took me down the
windy Rained. A very Sunday night Thunder and
Lightning 2nd at Ratcliff Cut out 31 Mts of Yellow
Pine and Lightning along the Corn fields. 1st
Bragg 3rd Windy at Ratcliff heard Thunder Lightning at night.
4th 11:00 am Independence Day. Fine Weather. went
into Dundee for a Picnic Party. B. Hardie, G. S.
Krieger took him home in the Boat from the Bay
5th Our John's Birth Day 1803. Hoveus giving me for
a Piece of Tobacco Fishing to a Tuesday. Minnie and
Edith came from McLionstown got Hamilton
Boat. Randolph and the Boys Fishing
Fine morning ended to 1pm heavy Lightning Thunder
4th young folks here caught by the storm. Mr. Long
up field Mr. Stewart Mr. Matthews gave them a long over about
3rd Bark Put out Tobacco Plant Moved around the Garden
full water raised very quick and high 8" Wind 8" Sun
A Fine Day Minnie Hougham and Randolph went home
with Hamilton Boat. Fishing done 2pm finished
and Wife and Boy. Bought a Sturgeon from the Fisherman
and paid a dollar for it. Minnie Hougham & Randolph & Minnie
Island Lashey here 9th Fishing around the Bay
10th Hailstone a little 11th Fine Day went to Dundee
Minnie's Day Bought flour like a Tomato 50¢ each
for her. She had 2 tin plates got a gift as a present from
the Hardware signed for a paper for 3 months. Paper
one rector of the government office
some news of winter

James Cameron July 14, D 1883
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Orange 1st Day of fine Day 2 Butterfield Shingling
seen John Cameron Carpenter from Chicago
had Mr. Burds for mistakes had 2 Sulky Butter
13th Morning 14th Minnie and the children went to Wellman
14th Sunday Mrs. Anges and Gordon and son and son
Brooks St. Matthews Day it Rained to day
1st the Hoveus stop at 17th moved to Hamilton
Ran up to the store 18th at Hoveus mother
the Bee raising the Barn about 82 People
15th Fernando's Birth Day 1874. Hoveus man
fine warm 26th putting in hay fine cutting hay
27th Went to Hamilton putting on the
rafters fine calm very warm 28th fine Windy
Berries cherries May Berries Rape 23rd Morning
24th Work 1st at Hoveus putting in 25th tot
hay 26th at hay 27th put in 60 Cocks fine warm
28th Morning Rain heavy Thunder and Lightning to day
29th Thursday Mr. John Rose Lilly Baker young
girl after berries fine windy Rained Thunder
30th Morning at the Back Garden and behind the
Barn Rained Windy Thunder Lightning sound
her in the Bush had only 2 chickens 31st Afternoon
crossed to Sunnystown bought 2 Ward 1 spool of Thread
3rd Hoveus Lepidolite matches got 3 dollars from Gordon to
set his Watch from Lemay. Morning turning hay gathering
4th of August or Labor Day. Hoveus putting in front
Lover Point the Fishermen's Boys went off fine day rained
bought 2 more Minnie Blatt Day 4th fine Day Hamed some
for lightning went to Dundee took 2 Gemtop Butter
5th of 1880 & Calf skin Paul Burds what I owed him 1.25
right Salt 55 lb 45th Matches 12th Stone 10 ft long Cotton 32 yards
3rd real Farmall 2.25 Sulphur 13th 24th Jewel 15 2.25th Buttons
3rd of Cloth 40th Stone 3 dollars 5.16 Hops 15 3 Boxes 1.25
6th 23rd Randolph paid for his Boots 1.35 pair of Boots on credit 1.10
at 15th Tea 1.45 got papers from Mr. Smith and Mr. Baker
from Gordon for Mr. Cartney

Mr. T. W. C. Island 3rd August
Mowing Back of the Barn. Rained. Thunder Lightning
Windy the Steamer Alexandria aground at the Lighthouse
bore it the Steamer took her off 4th Mowing
Rained Thunder Lightning Windy it rained went up
Biddle Came the Boat got in the Field through
the night and made a smash on things Berries yet
cherries choke getting ripe 4" 5" 6" Randolph
Birth Day 1867

Forgot to write those dates left out
15th Mr. Fene here came for the Calf gave me
2 Dollars Bought Huckleberries Cucumbers
at May Fine 16th Randolph to Summerston
Bought 2 lb Tea 25 cents Comb 12 putty 12
Hocks no paper Thread 5 17th Mowing 18th Went
to St. Covington & Dundee 2 Pennies of Butter to
So Lemay got all Lent 5 Dollars Bought 2 yards
of Calico 1" 80 2 Towels 20 Boots 2" 20 Hour 3" 15
3 Pennies 45 2 lb Tea 1 Dollar 3/4 of Tobacco 32 1/2 Scyth
1 Doller Umbrella 50 Salt 20 2 Blue 7 Clovers 10 Powder
1/2 lb of 2 lb of shot Salt 60 (Tow Mr. Burdo) Liquor 20 Crackers cheese
and Ginger Bread 20 got Yolacoco from Mr. Baker
got Papers 2 1/4 yards of Tweed 56 cents Bottle of Pepper mint
10 2 Spoons 10 stonk at Lukas had Supper 7 Ferry
19th BISMARCKS Birth Day 1870 Fine Day
20th Mowing Fine Randolph and Leander went to Supper
Island yesterday to see old Gabriel Dernohie 2 yellow
22 commenced to put the hay on the Barn floor
Time to night it Rained Thunder Lightning Windy
23rd Mowing Began a stack 24th Mowing 25
put some in the Barn 26th Fine Windy long Black
Berries ripe Went to upper Point Randolph and Leander
Went to Plum Island 27th Mowing 28th Made a
stack 29th Went to Fish 30th Mr. Doug
and Willie here Done mowing Lower Point

Mr. T. W. C. Island 3rd Augt 1883
Began the Third Stack a fine day 10th 6th October
Very very warm Day Mowing in the upper Field 2
Fine Rained some windy at night Randolph Leander
to Charles and Rosses Is and the old man here
sent off this morning 3rd Bellin Masters Birth Day
8th 16th Fine Windy some cold Mowing in the upper Field
got 2 small Sturgeon from Marcelline sent them
Potatoes Lashey same as fishing Let Marcelline
have my short gun gave him Burdo shot
Cape Horn and Poach corn good 4th Alloway
to John 10th 11th 12th 13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th 20th
at May 8th at May Rainy 9th Fine
10th Norman Only here Began the stack in the upper
Field next 3 Tons in it to Day 11th Finished the stack
out 5 Tons in it good measure 12th taking up
Few hills of Potatoes 13th Randolph credit
Summerston Bought 2 lb 7 pails 8 cents 4 Spots
20th Bought for Fisherman 13 pails Tobacco 14th
Went to the Butternut Island got nuts 15th
Went to Dundee Bought of Mr. Burdo 10 yds of Clothing
2 Dollars 2 yds 33 5/8 yds 1/2 25 Falling Oil 15
water oil 15 Braces 25 2 Spoons 1/2 (3 boots for Leander
Dollars on credit) Bought of Mr. Long Lamp 5 cents
Plot 10 6 Spoons 18 Bought of Smallman Flour
20th Broom 28th Bought of So Lemay Tea 16 40 Tea
11 12 2 Soda 2 papers 16 2 Bars 10 4 Bars of soap 24 1/2 p/c
0 Tobacco 10 Mustard 10 So paid me 4 Dollars and owe
me 1 yet 1/2 Wines 35 pail Burdo 60 cents Paid
to Cartney 11 65 Randolph Boots mended 15 Buttermilk
2 cents 1/2 Pails Tobacco 8 had 2 small Pennies of
water and 12 1/2 oz en of Eggs heard Sam McHawaine
observed himself 2 days ago I don't know when
Billie Blasters wife departed taken to
Anchaster to Day I heard that she died
On the 14th Sunday 16th Gordon and him had dinner
Gave a dollar or two Gordon package of tobacco

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Saturday Aug 8th 1883 Island 18th Sept
 Sun and lightning and rain last night taking up
 Potatoes all over in Back Marsh taking in Rain
 cut some corn stalks the girls and Leander went to
 Francis Island 18th morning dark fine 19th shade
 a stack of 2^{1/2} or 3 tons lost fire and marsh hay fine weather
 20th very warm crossed to Summerton PM
 John S 111111005 5 Dollars Bought a Case
 30 cents 1st bought in New York Miting city paper 10th June 18
 Bought for Phillip oil and bread 21st Mowing
 in Back Marsh High east Wind 2 am Freshet and
 David Freshet and Della McMaster here took
 dinner & (and) brought me 5 traps paper
 envelopes sweetmeats Tea crackers Biscuits went
 up the front to Mr Purcell gave his son
 2 Dollars 22nd at taking up Potatoes leaving
 them in heaps in the field till we have them
 all up a fine East and West wind 23rd this
 is the first day of autumn or Fall and a very fine
 day it is High Am and Leander went to Mr Leander
 Bowens with Milk The 3 Boys Leander, Sam and
 Randolph went to Francis Island Hog Island
 Black Horse Island and Plum Island The 24th
 mowing the line Equinoctial gales about this time
 24th went to J. Hamilton got 50 cents from
 John very warm Thunder Rained some
 taking up Potatoes 25th and high wind to night
 25th Rain Wind making a pair of ears let the
 cow run to the lower point the first night the
 sheep slept away all summer 26th at Potatoes
 Phillip got the oats 27th at Potatoes 28th at Potatoes
 St. Michael finished taking in the Potatoes
 Phillip got a stove gave cash a bag of 10
 dollars and Leander to Charles Island
 29th Dicksalls and Freshets Bay here

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Saturday Aug 11 1883 Island 1st October
 sun in the front Marsh windy storm not
 16th Marcy Phillip and Randolph went for
 Mrs Bowen the Blue Tonic Born
 Randolph and Leander went home with Mrs
 Bowen gave her a collar free running 3rd Mow
 some grasses of snow 4th some ice Randolph crossed
 with Phillip to Pier in Nassau Bay to sell
 out Heighmer 35 got a paper sent Phillip 50 cents
 flowing I don't think put out I mean fine
 Sandy's Blakney Coe K 7th the 11th 6th began
 Marsh Hay Stack 3 days in it a fine day 7th
 seen Fred was paper Crotched with him to help
 them at their straw & brewing wood put a
 in more oaks on the marsh hay stack 9th
 taking fence around the 2 stacks in the upper
 field 4th day 10th High Am 3rd Mr. Webster's
 Birth Day at fence cutting tails Shandy and
 lightning to night Rained to night Bohemian
 late coming up to day 11th putting out manure
 in 2 Wind a great many Boats went up and
 down to day Leander went to sleep with Marcy
 to night shot a Duck killed one of the Hotties
 got 2 small seagulls from Phillip John here
 got sweetmilk and a Sennet of Butter milk for
 Mrs Bowen Plucked the Ducks 12th putting fence
 around the small apple trees Marcy put a handle in
 one of my Farmers drew some wood this is the same
 3 months of the Governor Free Press is up
 13th Rained Thunder to night and heavy Rain Dredging
 Drags 14th Rain fine 15th 16th fence here
 13th brought a Bottles of Oil one to Leander from
 his Woman took Medicine to day 17th Rain
 fine Windy some grasses of snow fell dredging
 fence at the stacks in the upper field

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Mr. Phillips & Company. Paid 16th October
 Drawing Woods Preparing Grapes. Fine 17th
 Drawing Woods out the Big Elm at Chazy have
 shot & Duck. Draft 20th morn at the Bottom in
 Pine at the River cleared the tree for the Boys
 and put down all the morn for trees.
 18th St. L'Isle's Day. High South West Wind turned
 Pine. Randolph came from Hamilton
 Coal & Apples & flour was there since the 7th
 Monday since in the West 13th Went
 to Malone and Fort Covington Johnson (Bone
 up with us from their place) saw Mr. Wilson
 the Lawyer or Judge of Fort Covington
 seen the Hutchins and Mr. Mead Bought
 of J. A. C. 30 lbs of sugar 3 Butter 3 lbs
 Coal 30 lbs of Butter 3 lbs of Lemon 4 lbs
 Tea in 42 5 lbs of Pork 50 Tobacco 10 2 lbs Pepper 15
 Soap 5 Ginger 20 Lamp chimney 10 Stock 10 Sold to
 29 lbs of Butter paid me a dollar he owed me. Bought
 of Mr. Long a pair of Boots 2 1/2 paid a dollar off
 them. Books 5 Pins 5 forgot them on the Counter
 Bought 1m Bread 25 lbs of fine Mkt 25 2 1/2 lbs
 of Lungs and 30 Mts 50 Boots Johns 1.50 Stanley's
 Novenas 30 Paid what I owed 2 Cap 15
 Flour 6. 85 Oil 15 Corn 15 High tines
 In 40 Seemly Walker Colby hours sundries
 20th Running & Wind some cold but very warm
 the Grapes Wine got a Coat and a Net for
 Racine set traps 21st Wind fine
 22nd East Randolph crooked with J. Hamilton's Boat
 big 14th Cannon and Alexander were straight his Boat
 gave him 5 Dollars crooked him over to Mrs. Her
 Point

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Mr. Phillips & Company Paid 23rd October
 fine Day. Lavinia Butt Day 1868 Banking Mr
 Smith come had a Bag of Potatoes 24th our
 Mr. H. H. Birth Day at fine Day Mr. Glue here
 and has his fat Bone Digging Stones allowed
 now it has begun the West End of the House to Bank
 25th My Birth Day St. Crescens Day all
 wearables Day Mr. Glue went off have me
 some Buckshot powder shot him a
 small Thumper Banking & Wind 26th Banking
 Bottled the vines part of 9 Gallons today Ducks
 setting plenty one of the Drakes taken away to
 night it must be the Owl. Made a few plugs
 of tobacco Shilled all the corn 3 Bushels out
 find my Spoon. The Boys selling a lot of Squared
 my 2 of Warren's Boat No wind out of Fishers
 anchored at the Point and the small steamer
 running all over and across toward the small
 boat 27th 2 Hunters came up from Montreal
 18th November Randolph &
 made a Blind fish in Cord Wood Bay did not
 get any Ploughed a piece in the Potato ground
 drew some wood round changed to day to
 being east since the 15th Warms Day
 28th The Phillips the Fisherman took the 2 Hunters
 to Can. water 29th Hunter made me an
 axe handle 30th Thunder Rain Whisky \$100
 pie or all Hollow's Thunder cracking nuts
 cutting brush in the oak field 2 Fishermen
 went to Montreal this trip Lashey here shot 2 ducks
 1st November all Saints Day The
 Hardest month of Earth haled windy
 cutting brush and wood Steamer Hastings
 went down she looks like a new one she
 going to tow up these steamships.

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Mr. H. C. Conner's diary Nov 1st

Chopping Brush in the orchard some
of which I think to great deal of
Randolph went to Stearns town Boarding John
Summers. High Times 15 1/2 yds of Cotton 15 cents
Hatches at Birds 5 cents Corinthian went down
3 days. 3 Fish latters a great deal of shooting
all Souls Day 3rd On this Day of the Month
Grandpa Departed 1857 Drinking Wood wine
4th Two caught a very small trout 3rd
5th Saw his Day on the Mississippi Plot
Began the stable at the West End of the Barn
6th At the stable house West Wind the thermometer
down at Charles Blount's Bay with the wind
7th No 11th Birth Day in the Bush at the
stable Mr. Uncle Came Went to Fish got
a Sturgeon & Wind 8th at the stable fine
event of a high & Wind & Thunder lightning Barn
Planned & Walled Birth Day 10th Randolph
Cropped to the 4th and found Salmon trout
Bought 1/2 yard Nails 5 cents Salt 10 cents
11th Fine Fishermen Charlie and Phillip went off
got a large Pickerel from the same 2 fishing
lights out to night the wind was so bad
McIntosh 12th very high Wind cutting trees
for the corn stalks The Grenada did not
come out to day from Dundee as the wind
is awful high froze some last night
13th The Grenada came out wind high got
calm commenced to snow and blow putting
poker on the stable & new some feed bags
shooting cattle flocking out to land the
horse took up the turnips and the ground
froze hard

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Mr. H. C. Conner's diary Nov 14th

Cloudy Weather Drifting snow windy Fine
Cold Windy Snow feeding the cattle 16th
Sledding snow 17th Went up around the
Islands cold weather home farm working
at the West stable
Fine snow & drifting 18th Fine Mr. Jones
and Dougall and Dan and others here
crossing to Miskers south side working
at the stable making the door got kind
uncle 20th in Bed no shooting or eating
the Boys plastering Tuesday rained to night
froze last night Chipping 21th Wind 21th
this Day of the Month Mr. Hill Miller departed
8th 6 or 7 many boats a going between him and
Raining snow most all gone cattle feeding
out 22nd high Wind 23rd at the stable and sheds
manure dragging bush hats laying around Big
shooting at Christess 24th Randolph went to
Dinotoc with 28 lbs of Butter 5.60 and 8 lbs on
of eggs 1st 26th Bought Mr. Banks Boat 1.25 Bottlegoal 25
12 yards of wine 1.50 12 1/2 yds of cotton 1.00 of cash 3.36
Bought of 7 drasher 100 lb of flour plus 5 bought
of smallman oil 15th 16th and Mike Bannon 26th
25th Randolph and Leander went to Christess Island
west Wind 26th Feeding the sheds and stable feeding
the horses Rained hard to night and snowed a
little 27th no boats went to day Windy Randolph
and I set out the decoys shot a good many
only got one. Fine a big fire yesterday in
the marsh on the south side 28th Massena
came out of Salmon River Windy Cold 29th
Sledding Cherry Island light did not see Mr. Hill
or the floating light smoky

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St. Patrick's Day the Festival of the Scotch Firing on Honour of the Day shot a barrel of Wine for a Scotch drink cold snowing all the lights up a fog went down a Barge in tow smoky feeding the cattle extra 1st of December snowing & cold lights all up took the Pine to the Wharf 2nd snow W Wind no lights up to night 3rd cold Windy Freezing Took the sail of the Big Boat of the Mast Took in the Water Barrel Feeding the Bull an extra good bite by himself cut 2 stems in the swamp or oak field cattle hearty good fires a flock sun on the south side of the sun and a long tail to the sun this Evening 4th in the Bush A very fine day drawing Wood 5th Crooked to summer was born here I Hamilton some envelopes took dinner there Hoad old Dunlop Departed last week brought 6 lbs of Butter to Mr Ward Bought rope salt shot Broom 4 spools of Thread Bought of John Summers flour 3rd 50 Hinges & screws 25 Ave 5th Matches 25 paid 50 cents of what I owed him on the old account got a letter from Davidson got 2 papers from Dan 6th Fine Day Freezing the hinges on the stable door 7th Fine Day Filled the Bill 8th Wrote a letter to Dan and sent my Davidsous letter to him put out the decoys Randolph crossed with the letter a fine day I thought I heard a clasp of Shuyler this morning 9th Fine Blown some 10th Leanders Birth Day P 872 Raining Snowing soft Windy Heavy Done on the Barn floors chopped down a dead Maple chopped a hemlog log at the River

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10th Fine day 11th Windy snowed some 12th West Wind Frank Loblante went down with Captain Lincoln Calm turned to East Wind Gregory snowing Brown 13th Fog on a 4 Ton Stack put the soft Maple Boards in the Barn put in some hay out of the stack chopping one of these small small bowls on the Bush 14th cutting and drawing some snow last night high 8th hard to night 13th cutting wood at the door and painting Whitewashing set fire to the Back marsh South W Wind high tides Flasher marsh Burns splendid to night a very fine night 15th Fishing lights out to night no snow on the ground stayed to night or near morning 16th Rain fine drew the Pine Stack up on the Wharf Drew some wood no snow on the ground cattle out in the fields but that don't save feed turned awful frosty and cold to night 15th W Wind very frosty and cold 16th very frosty cold Windy 17th Wind pretty cold Freezing one of the Big Heifers in the West Stable Tied the Bull in the big shed chopping some hemlog logs at the River in store wood 18th cutting Brush South W Wind snowed some even high not cold Randolph found his knife in the Barn lost it in the summer 15th fine cutting Brush 20th cutting logs at the River took the boat to the lower end 20th John Sandfields Birth Day 1812 Set fire to the front marsh upper end of turned over the boat The Lady Woolsey Windy 21st First Day of Winter Fine calm Went to John Hamiltons Randolph to the store Bought of John Summers 1 lb of Tea credit 1 bottle of R.R.R. 25 paid this Mr Charles Craigs wife very poorly Wind Raised snowed some turned cold Freezing hard to night Blowing hard

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Mr Abbott's Christmas Island Dec 22nd
 Shortest Day in the year. Windy & Frosty cold
 ice & looking ice forming to night Freezing
 Seen the White Backed Eagle looking for Duck
 Ice Took to night across here 23rd Ice about some
 air-holes a good many the one in front of the house
 as usual but not so large as it used to be
 Randolph to the Head of the Island seen the
 Fox tracks that came across 24th Cold snowing and
 Drifting & Wind Blowing on another Stack the other
 Stack Done 25th Christmas Day a Fine Day 26th
 and calm kind of Warm yet 2 Moles on the ice 26th
 St Stephen's Day crossed the ice to Hamiltons our
 wood is very crooked as there is a great many air-
 holes ice very thin put out a few bushes
 but its a going to have and it will break
 up in some places came home quick drew some
 wood as I think we will have a thaw soon a little time
 27th St John the Evangelist drawing and chopping wood now
 Wind 28th Holy Innocents Day Rained last night hard
 Began to snow through the night Windy Frosty cold
 The White Backed Eagle up in the Bay after a
 Saw-Beak he got him and flew down opposite
 the door in the Rushes and I crossed him
 Livenia Run after it and got the deck
 some of the air-holes shut up to day with the
 snow grafting and hard frost set a trap or 2
 for the elk 2 block suns out in each side
 of the sun 29th Fine Frosty & Wind just a few
 bushes up in the Bay where we come of the ice
 New Moon a Scotch Moon generally stormy & Wind to night
 Our Angus B Day 30th Snowing cold bone a man
 and a dog crossing to Summerstown 31st Last Day
 the year snowing Blowing & Wind cutting
 Stone Wood

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Scap Year 1st January
 1st 1884 Island 1st January
 new years Day Fine & Windy sun shining Randolph
 crossed to Hamiltons took dinner Randolph
 went to help them to thresh tomorrow Put out
 a few bushes water rising on the marsh forced a few
 air-holes this morning put in the bottom of the stack John H.
 and Leander 2nd Randolph at Hamiltons & Wind snowing
 Drifting Blowing hard Frosty 3rd Allen's Birth Day 1853
 cold & frosty & Wind Blowing hard Blowing Blizzards
 cut a Waterhole for the cattle 4th cold Windy Gordon and
 Randolph came from Hamiltons put a bottle
 of Wine with Gordon to Mrs Hamilton took
 a letter to me from Dan it came on the 23rd
 with 2 Dollars in it for his Aunt Gordon to my
 Bladed knife 5th cold Windy cutting stone wood
 the Ephsham Fine cold 7th The water is rising near
 shore drew the 2 Boats and canoe up as the water
 near them 8th H 11th Anna's Birth Day 1866
 Randolph and I to Summerstown Bought of
 John Stevens 2 Tickets paid for 1.50 the other
 on credit 50 cents bought needles 5 Thread 5 oil 60
 Bought of P Rinck 1.6 of Tea 25 paid
 hard for needles and Thread E W turned stone
 Drifting Blowing snowing a awful night
 slept at Hamiltons John Went to
 Cornwall to mill did not come back
 to night Heard Bella Wright departed
 or Mrs Anna 9th Came home Aug 28th
 brought 2 Balls of Yarn for Gordon size
 10th Began to draw hay from the upper field
 11th Drew the rest of the stack cleaned the pipes
 E W snowing went for a load of wood
 12th Fine E W & frosty drew some wood
 13th Fine E W snowed hard F 10th