

William Beatty (1806–1897)

1874–1877

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Beatty,
Walter
Journal
April 1874
to
July 1877
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John Johnstons

<u>July</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>let a bull of Wm McNiels run with the cows</u>
June	8	let a bull of Wm Kyes in with the cows
Do{Ditto}	18	Kittie cow took the Bull "
Do{Ditto}	27	Heallie Cow Bruce McNeils bull
Do{Ditto}	30	Youngs Heffer Kyes bull
July	5	Lillie cow Do Do {Ditto} July 17 {illegible}
	6	Pett cow Do Do{Ditto} let to Bruces Bull again
	7	Bradley Heffer Do Do{Ditto}

	19	White cow to Bruce Bull (Kyes took his Bull home on the 15th)
August	11	Youngs cow & Pet cow to Bruce left them {illegible}
	29	Took the little Sow to Bruce McNiel the Jarves Boar
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		again August 14 to the {illegible} again Sept 4
May	29	took the Kittie cow to Bruce McNiel Bull
June	5	Haillie cow took the Bull again June 23
	6	Youngs 2 year old took the Bull
		Pett cow took the Bull Bruce took it home
	15	Youngs two year old took Bull
	16	White cow took Bruces Bull
{Jly?}	2	Younges cow took Bruces Bull
	6	Granpas Do DoDo{Ditto} {illegible}
	11	Bradley Heffer Do{Ditto}
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February	23	Ad brought Bruces boar out put in
June	16	Do {Ditto} took Pett Cow to Ab McNeils Bull
	18	Do Do{Ditto} Lillie Cow to A Cornitts Do{Ditto}
	21	Do Do{Ditto} White Cow Do Do{Ditto}
	27	Do Do {Ditto} yearling Heffer John Johnstons Do{Ditto}

Mr Thomas Robt 22 Cathcart Street Kinning Park Paisley Road Glasgow Scotland 1871
January 3 Receivd from {illegible}

		M church is 55 feet long 35 width		
1875 June		monies expected Mr Britton for the Reporter	\$1	00
		Mather boots & Misc things	1	50
	28	crack wheat 63 c rice 1\$ sugar 1\$ fish 25 c c{illegible} 45c Starch 15 {illegible}	2	23
July	6	Shoeing horns 1.25 \$ Paid 1 dollar that was borrowed	2	26
	9	fare to Brockville 1.35 leather 6.70 hat 2.75	10	80
		Sections 1.00 coffee 40 Sundree 52 oil 50 whetstone 15	2	57
	10	broom 35c coal oil 20 Settled with Wm Thompson paid 6.00 Bulls 16	7	{illegible}
	17	paid Bruce 2 \$ dollars for a pig 3 dollar for Sugar	5	
	24	fixing mower 35 c tea 1 lb 75	1	10
	31	Sugar 50 c barnwood board 15 crackers 20		85
August	3	Sugar \$1 dollar Sundries 30	1	30
	7	oil for reaper 20 bolts screws 2 other fixing 40		
	9	Spring for reaper 20 wrench 25 clout nails 20 {illegible}		

	11	Salt 125 nails 5c telagram to Belle 25		
	17	Shoeing Jennies forefeet 50 c oil 53c		
	24	Box of matches 18		
Oct	12	Shoeing horses	1	25
		Joseph Bradley 50 \$ F Dean 40 \$ the borrowed for Ellen when she went away & what I sent to her	90	00
		Mr Ennis for 100 of flour that Ad got	2	90
	15	Sugar \$1 crasers 15c oil 40 blueing 5	1	60
	23	Sugar \$1 nails 50 oil for harness 45 mustard & ginger 45	2	40
Nov	3	oil 20 die stuff 70 (9th Sugar \$1	1	80
	16	Sugar \$1 25 Sugar for home 1\$ saltpeter 13 c	2	13
	25	Soeing the horses 1 nails 50 record 25	1	75
Oct 10th 1874		Length of belts that Johnston got is 12 cent {illegible}		
		all {illegible} that is went for this driving {illegible}		

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April	1	Put up the fence from the church field to Coplands corner the wind last upset a great deal of it
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	2	Ad & the girles went to younge in the buggy he got a horse from Bruce Mc Niel Sam in Spavined we think he brought home Polly from Robert Armstrongs he has had her working for some time
	3	A little Snow last night very windy weather I am very lame with my knees Ad is at a Bee for today a Sidewalk from Ennises corner to the church
	4	Ad helped at the Side walk got it laid to the church
5		Revd Mr Dunlop preached in the morning & Mr Cochran this evening hard frost last night
snow	6	Bill Berry came this morning to saw the logs that Ad drew up they got them all sawed there was about 4 inches of Snow this morning they came with the Slaugh
Miss Denmet & Mrs Highcock came here from Delta the roads is very Bad	7	Ad went to Gananoque with Bessie this afternoon with the Buggy Ellen went with them they got a Br{illegible} Ad split some wood & looked up the Sheep Snowed about 5 inches this afternoon & night
	8	the Snow is going very fast Ad drew some rails for the midle fence below the Barn & Split some wood
Snow	9	Snowed this forenoon Ad Split some wood
Snow	10	Snowed Do Do{Ditto} Ad went to Humphrey young he very bad with the Mumps then he Split wood
	11	Julie & Ida went home to Delta this morning Ad went out to Blackrapeds with

		them he took Jennie in his Buggy as far as that there was a terrible Squal of wind & Snow about 1 o'clock this afternoon continued till 3 o'clock with drift
12		the Revd Mr Dunlop preached this morning & after noon
	13	Ad went to help Kips & McNiel to a building for a Cheese factory that they are going to start at front road
rain	14	Ad Split Some wood in forenoon rain thunder & lighting this is the warmest
rain	15	rain this forenoon cleaned some grass seed
	16	little Snow this morning very backward time

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April	17	Wat & Suzie came on the morning Express from {illegible} they went to Brockville on the afternoon Express Jennet went with them (Wat went to Gananoque to see Mr Colton before he went away)
	18	Ad finished Splitting the wood no Spring work yet
19		Revd Mr Robinson preached this evening
	20	Ad laid up Some of the line fence I quiled som
	21	Ad laid up some of the fence in the forenoon went to the funeral of a Son of McNiels at the River - he was buired at the Ebenezzer Cemetry
	22	Ad went to the River to fish with JA Bradley the pike is done runing
more	23	Ad worked at the line fences part of the day there

snow		was rain & Snow part of the day
	24	Ad got the line fence finished he had the most of it to take apart I was not able to help him I am so lame with the Rheumatism in my left leg
	25	put up the Road fence in the forenoon put up a gate at the gravel pit & put a lock on it because the people will leave the Bars down & the Sheep & cattle get on the road
26 Snow & rain		the Revd Mr Robinson preached this morning very few out there is about 6 inches of Snow on the ground this morning it came in the night rain most of the day
	27	Ad was looking for the Sheep most of the day he got some of them at Wm Armstrongs & others at Fillers they got at the pit bars
	28	Ad went with Ellen to Mr Mitchle's he died at 9 oclock last night he left Ellen there
	29	Ad went to the funeral of Mr Mitchel he took the double buggy with the Bearers the Revd Mr Carrol officiated the church was filled I was not able to go I am bad with my eyes & knees
	30	Ad put up midle fence in between the ditches it was all blown down with the wind last fall no plowing yet hard frost at night the ground is too wet to plow it is dri{illegible} very f{illegible}

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May Snowed about 3 inches last night	1	Ad went to Robert Johnstons & got 5 bushel of Redfern Wheat paid \$1.40 per bushel 2 bushel of oats from H Young in the forenoon he met Mr J Ferguson at the station he has come to preach to us this Summer he is a Student from Queens College
	2	Ad went to Owen Sullivan got two pigs paid two dollars each for them

3		Revd Mr Ferguson preached this morning I took him to Fairfax in the afternoon Mr Delong preached at night
	4	Ad began to plow in the North field the ground is so wet that he had to stop he then put up some fence
first sowing	5	plowed the peice below the lane where we had potatos last year then he draged or rather cultivated in 4 bushel of oats in the old house field it was plowed last fall part of it is too wet had to quit it this is the first sowing
	6	sowed 1 bushel of China wheat that I got last fall at Delta fair on the potato field it is in good order Sowed 4 bushel of oats in the North field east side Pat Caslow put them in with John Johnston cultivator & Polly Ad plowed with Sam & Jennie
	7	Ad plowing in North field P. Caslow working with Polly sowed 6 bushel of oats that is all on fall plowing
	8	I Sowed 2 1/2 bushel of oats on the sod that was plowed in the fall west side of the North field & North end seeded the North end of the east side with Timothy
	9	Ad gave North east end of the North field where I sowed the grass seed a stroke of the drag after that he rolled it he sowed 2 ridges of peas on the west side of the field
10		Revd Mr Ferguson preached this evening no preaching in the morning Wat came hear last night from Gananoque
	11	Ad plowed in south half of the North field east line
	12	Sowed 2 bushel of Redfern wheat on the south

		half east side North field ground very dry
5 bushel of Redfern	13	Ad plowed in same field & sowed as he plowed
	14	Ad plowed & finished Sowing the wheat in the forenoon I went to B. Youngs & got 23 1/2 bushel of oats & the Cultivator & Sowed 7 bushel of oats in the Church field Ad cultivated the most of them in the afternoon ground in fine order

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May 7 1/2 bushel of oats	15	Ad finished cultivating the church field & he sowed 2 bushel of oats in the little field at the old house & finished what was left I sowed the church field with Timothy seed Pat Coslow gave it a stroke of the drag with Polly Ad plowed & sowed 2 bushel of oats
	16	Sowed 3 1/2 bushel of oats on the south half of the north field Pt Coslow draged with Sam Ad plowed fine Showr about 5 oclock
17 fine rain last night woods look red		Revd Mr Ferguson preached this morning Ad went to J Cornets for him Revd Mr Robinson preached at night the Fairfax people did not come for Mr Ferguson
	18	Ad plowed in the North west field it plows well in good order
	19	finished plowing the field to day& Sowed 2 ridges of peas I took Mr Ferguson to James Cornets in the Buggy
	20	Sowed the remainder of the peas in all 7 bushel & 2 of oats the sod was hard Ad went & got Youngs cultivator it did good work
rain	21	fine rain most of the day Ad drew dung to the garden every thing is greatly refressed

	22	Ad plowed the garden in the forenoon & went down to P. Sulivans his is dead finished crossing draging the peas
	23	rain to day cut Seed potatos fine growing time
24 woods look green		Revd Mr Ferguson Preached to night no preaching this morning Mr Robinson is gone to Conference
	25	Sowed 9 1/2 ridges of the north field south half East line rain most of the day cut some potatos
	26	Ad went to Gananoque with Bessie to School brough home 100 of flour \$3 & 1 1/4 bushel western Corn to plant rain most of the day
	27	I planted rows of Sweet corn in the garden Ad went to help the Widow McNiel to plow
	28	I sowed 1/2 pound of the long orange carrot in the garden fine warm day
	29	Sowed 3 1/2 rows of the sugar Beet & planted 2 bushel of the Early Roses potatos
	30	Ad came home from McNiels this forenoon we put up a fence from the corner of the old Bull paster to the East line so as to give the cows more paster - they are almost stoned
31	31	the Revd Mr Ferguson Mathews preached this morning went to the Funeral of Mr Gilbert the Revd Mr Carrol preached in the church he was buired by the Ornge Men it was a very wet day the church filled to overflow a great many could not get in Mr Mathews preached at night in the church

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June	1	The ground is to wet to cultivate for the
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		potatos put some of the ashes on round the trees in the orchard
	2	washed the Sheep & cleaned out the wood shed in the forenoon cultivated the potato & corn ground in the afternoon & worked some of it out with the plow
	3	finished working the potato & corn ground & planted 14 1/2 bushel of potatos 4 or the Early Rose the rest Chillies & Seedlings then we planted 1 1/2 bushel of western corn then 2 ears of Nebraska Sweet corn on the west end of the two rows next the fence then a little wheat that Ad brought from Manatoba, the rest of the rows our own Sweet Corn so as to compair it with the western corn for feed all at the old house
	4	I am so bad with my eyes I can do nothing Ad went to J Johnstons his Sone Henery died last night he rolled & draged part of the garden it was so hard & lumpy could do nothing with it
	5	went to the funeral of Henery Johnston he was buired at the Union church the Revd Mr Carrol preached there was over 40 teems the church was full
	6	Sheared the Sheep & planted about a bushel of potatos Early Rose in the garden that finished the Springs work fine little showr this forenoon
7		Revd Mr Gordon came here last night James McMillen took him to Fairfax this morning Mr Cuningham preached this morning Mr Gordon at night
began to wash the trees with soap & sulphur	8	Ad went to Gananoque with Bessie to school bought 100 oat meal David & Vie came here to day

	9	Ad began to roll the crop he rolled in the North field he thinks that the worms is cutting some of it
	10	finished rolling the North field warm day
rain	11	plowed & shoveled Scraped & soveled a ditch on eached of the road from the gate to the house rain in the afternoon it is doing a great good
little rain this morning	12	Ad went to the Sawmill Mesers Darling Dean Young & Copland to see the lumber for the side walk at the station
	13	Ad went to the River to fish I took 7 calfskins to Escott 4 bushel of peas & 1 of Sweet corn to the mill there
14		Revd Mr Robinson Ferguson preached this morning & Mr Robinson at Night

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June	15	Worked on the roads Ad & the horses & me
rain	16	Do Do Do Do{Ditto} fine rain this afternoon we did not work all day
fine rain	17	Ad finished our work I went to Gananoque with Wm Webster the Counties council was up looking at the thousand Islands to see if they can purchas them from the govrmnt
	18	cut a ditch at the road to let the water of the road & took the gate post out & sunk it deeper & hung the gate better
	19	Ad & Ellen went to Younge this morning I fixed up our old single harness & oiled them

	20	Ad came home to day all well at younge I mended Ellens boots fine day
21		Revd Mr Robinson preached in the morning & Mr Ferguson at night
	22	we went to Killenbecs & worked on the roads for Ads place
	23	Ad drew Stones & Sand for Sykes I worked at the old harness so as to fix them up for Mr Ferguson
John Johnston got the horses to go to the rock for lumber	24	Ad pached the roof of the old Barn I mixed plaster for to pach plastering of the house
	25	Hugh McKay plastered the paching of Wats house this forenoon Ad went through the corn & potatos
rain Billie came home from Pembroke	26	went to Escott with 3 bushel of fall wheat that I got of John Johnston got it ground fine rain this forenoon every thing is very much refreshed
	27	worked at the corn & potatos Ellen & Mary came home from Younge to see Billie
28	28	Revd Mr Ferguson preached this morning Mr Cuningham at night
	29	I went to Delta with Billie & Bessie to atend an agriculture meeting Stopped all night the fall Fair is to be in Delta the 7th & 8 of October next
	30	come home to day the is fine Margret Billten came home with us

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		Ad went to Brockville to see the sports there Billie Ellen & Merry went to Young
July	1	I went to Picknic at the Black rapids that was given by the English miners there was a large number of People there Boat rowing log racing & other sports
	2	made a crank for the grind stone Ad worked at the path
	3	chiseled of the grind stoneso as to make it high in the centre for to grind the mowing knives
	4	finished the grind Stone it was a teadious job
5		Revd Mr Cuningham preached this morning & Mr Ferguson at night very warm day
	6	riged up the mower & mowed the daises in the midle field East line it is pastered
	7	mowed some of the {illegible} the paster brock the Ad went to Rockport there was a terable storm of wind & rain it blew done the most of the Sugar bush fences & a number of trees in cuting bar went to shop to get it they are too busier I to J McDonalds got 4 cections for the mower paid 30 cents each
	8	Ad went to Kingston with the wool this afternoon
	9	I got the cuting bar fixed fine warm day
	10	Ad got home from Kingston he stoped at Mr Starks the first night & at A Wadies last night
	11	howed the carrots & beets fine day
12		the Revd Mr Ferguson preached this morning Mr Robinson at night
	13	Ad went through the potatos in the garden & the field corn & potatos at the old house

	14	hoed the potatos& corn at the house in the forenoon Ad went to raisen of A Barn of John Johnstons in the afternoon Ellen & Byron went to gananoque with Jennie David was here last night he brought Jennie home
	15	finished hoeing potatos& corn & fixed the Mowing machine fine day
	16	began to mow & mowed in the north field South west half it is very poor
	17	finished mowing that field raked part of it
	18	raked & drew 1 large load put it in the New Barn over the Sheep part & one small load over the horses that was all that was on it attended an Agriculture meeting at Westons in the afternoon
19		the Revd Mr Robinson preached this morning &Mr Ferguson at night

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July	20	very heavy thunder & lightning & rain last night Ad Jennet & Bessie & Jenee went to Gananoque to see Barnums show
	21	mowed the orchard fine day & part of the midle field
	22	mowed in the midle field in the forenoon Wallace McNiel helped in the afternoon had 3 loads put 1 over the cows 1 over the horses 1 in the old barn little mow
	23	finished cuting south half of middle field & Raked part of it cut part of the North half raked & drew 3 loads put 2 in the New Barn & 1 in the little mow of the old Barn Wallace McNiel helped in the afternoon
	24	cut all the North half of middle field all but a piece next the north ditch that is left for seed the grass is very light Ad raked it into to winrows very warm day

	25	Ad went to help Wallace McNiel this forenoon Wallace came & helped him in the afternoon got in 3 loads put 1 in old Barn big mow 2 over the cows
26		Revd Mr Ferguson in the morning & Mr Mathews in the evening {between Sundays?} preached instead of Mr Cuningham
	27	I acted as Returning officer at a raft of the Elections to raise the sum of ten thousand dollars for the roads there was 78 for & 16 against it is our ward Ad got a dog from Mr Latimer
rain	28	Ad went to the River with a load for a picnic party heavy rain in the afternoon I went for the Cows at night John Johnstons Bull was in our field he attacked me through me down
	29	Ad cut the field at the end of the old house field that {fences?} our cutting with the mower expect the Seed peice
	31	Wallace McNiel helped Ad to get in the hay they 1 load to Thomas Bradleys to pay him for a load Ad got last spring put in over the cows 1 in the little mow old Barn rain this morning

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August rain	1	Ad went to help Wallace McNiel fine rain last night & this morning this is the first day I have been able to be out of bed since I got hurt with the Bull it was only the mercy of God that I was not killed for which I am very thankful for his kindness to me
2		the Revd Mr Ferguson this evening there was no preacher this morning there was a quarterly at the Union Church
rain	3	Ad helped Wallace McNiel to day a little rain
	4	Do Do Do {Ditto}

	5	Ad helped Bruce McNiel with his haying fine day
X	6	Ad cut the peice that he left in the midle field for seed in the forenoon drew it in in the afternoon Wallace McNiel helped him put it in the little mow I am not able to do any thing yet with the pain in my neck & Sholders I cannot sit more than hour or so at a time very drying weather
	7	Ad cut round the corner of some of the fences & drew the hay in put it in east half of the big mow
	8	Ad cradled part of the oats at the old house that is the first of our harvesting warm day
9		Revd Mr Ferguson preached this morning Revd Mr Mathews at night I am not able to go yet
	10	Ad riged up the reaper & drew in the oats that he cut in Saturday Wallace & Bruce McNiel riged up a New Buck Eye reaper & tried here this afternoon they cut in north east half of the north field
	11	finished that part of the field then came & cut part of the church field warm day
	12	cut the wheat at the house & finished the field at the church drew in 1 load from the North field Bruce Wallace & Owen Sullivan helped a very warm day the warmest we have had yet
	13	drew in the oats of the church field had 6 loads Wallace & Owen helped drew in what was cut in the north field 6 loads it is in fine order the straw is as bright as it can be
	14	Ad cut the rest of the oats in the field at the old house they are a good crop there

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August	15	cut a peice of the oats in the North west corner of the North field very warm & dry no feed for the
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		cows
16		Mr Wm Peck preached this morning Mr Ferguson at night
	17	Ad went to gananoque with Bessie she is going to school there bought 400 of flour \$2.75 per 100 got home at noon Wallace McNiel came with him they drew in 2 loads of oats from the old house & 1 from the North field David brought Ellen home he helped them
	18	Ad helped Bruce McNiel at his wheat I can do nothing yet
	19	cut the wheat in the North field the south end was a fair crop the rest was rather light Wallace McNiel & Robert Whoorey helped fine day
rain	20	rain last night & this morning Ad cut some oats in the north field this afternoon
	21	Ad helped Bruce McNiel at his wheat
	22	Do Do Do{Ditto} with his oats
23		Revd Mr Ferguson preached this morning & the Revd Mr Cuningham at night I went out for the first time this forenoon
	24	Ad raked up some oats this forenoon Wallace McNiel helped him to draw in 2 load this afternoon
	25	Ad & Wallace drew in the wheat had 3 loads this forenoon Ad finished cuting the oats
	26	Ad helped Wallace to get in his oats
	27	Ad helped Bruce to bind oats
	28	Do Do Do{Ditto} in the forenoon Watt & Lizie came down on the morning Express from the West Watt

		was at Manatoba Lizie was up to London to visit Mother Ellen went up to Gananoque for Bessie Billie came home from Pembroke this afternoon he is going to stop here
	29	Ad went to Delta with Watt & Lizie this morning Jennie went home with them very dry weather Ad got home about 11 oclock at night
30		Revd Mr Cuningham preached this morning &Mr Ferguson at night
	31	Ad helped Bruce McNiel to draw in oats & peas very dry time Billie went to Delta this afternoon Pollie & the Buggy

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Sept	1	Ad worked at the peas Wallace & Bruce McNiel & Owen Sullivan helped the finished them & got in 3 good loads they are a good crop
	2	Bruce McNiel helped Ad to draw in 1 load of peas that finished our harvest work
rain	3	Ad went to Brockville on the mixt got home on the express there is a fine little rain this afternoon it is very much wanted
	4	Ad went out to the 9 concession to see what damage the fire has done on his place the fire has gone all over his up land & killed all the pine & other timber it has done agrate deal of damage
	5	Billie came home this forenoon brought Marry with him he made bargan with Mr Hucock for the foundry him & Albert went in company in the buisness I atended the Agriculture meeting at Westons
6		the Revd Mr Ferguson preached in forenoon Mr Robinson at night
	7	Ad went to Delta with Billie took things all with him this

		afternoon warm day
	8	Ad got home from Delta this afternoon
	9	I went to Gananoque with Ellen & Marry took the wool with me got 35 c per pound gave it to Mr Brough he is to make me a coat & vest
	10	move the fence to its old place at the old hous scraped a hole in the gravel field Pit for water for the cows so as to let the cows have the whole run
	11	Ad drew Sand for George Grahm 10 loads & 3 for Mr Sikes
	12	Ad drew Sand for Mr Dixon this forenoon & 2 loads of gravel to grut the old hog pen
13		the RevdMr Freshman preached this morning &Revd Mr Ferguson in the evening
	14	I went to Delta to the Convention Ellen went with David 's Wife She has a daughter all well Dr was chosen a candidate for the next Election it was the best meeting I ever at of the kind
rain	15	came home to day rain this afternoon {illegible}
	16	began to draw dung to North field South and midle half

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Sept	17	drew some dung the ground is very dry David came here yesterday run the line of our Road we have our fence to move at the north end of the place John Johnston has all his to move 6 feet East
	18	Ad went to Gananoque this for Bessie fine rain last night I attended a case for selling liquor on Sunday between Caroline Bradley & Michael Oconner Inn Keeper Escott at the Station
	19	Ad went to the funeral of a Daughter of Wm

		Webster she was buired at the Union Church I went to James Cornets to see Mr Ferguson about a letter I got from Revd Mr Coltard about the communion
20		Revd Mr Ferguson preached this morning & Mr Cuningham at night
	21	Ad went to Gananoque with Bessie to school I went to collecting for Mr Ferguson fine day
	22	I went on the morning Express to Toronto to the Fair got there about 1 oclock met David Johnston stopt there till I left on friday morning there was A great display of Agriculture emplements & Some fine Stock it was not as good a Fair as was at London last year
	23	Adam was married to day to Miss McNiel
	25	got home from Toronto this afternoon all well there was fine weather all the time
	26	I went with Wm Cornet to James Cornets to settle with them Mr Ferguson for the time that he preached to us Summer paid him one hundred & fifty dollars & James Cornet sixty five dollars for board & keeping his horse
27		the Revd Mr Cuningham preached this morning & Mr Ferguson at night
rain to day	28	Ad came home with his Wife on the Express they were at Bellville & Toronto since Wednesday there was Mr & Mrs Dean Wallace & his Sister Jennie Calhoun J purvis here to tea
rain last night	29	I went with John Cook to see about our fair grounds
rain	30	rain this morning & most the day Ad drew a load of

		rails from the midle fence & a load of plank for the drive shed the rails is to make pens
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Oct rain	1	Ad drew a load of rails for pens from the midle fence our show was today the was a good attendance took first on yearling heffer 2nd on yearling Ram 2nd on two Ewes
rain	2	went home this evening the Haigs stopt all night the{y} went home this morning Billie & Richard continued home at noon rain this morning no work done
	3	Ad drew some wood in drags he intends to get the dragsaw it & the old wood
4		went to Sunday School no meeting this morning the Revd Mr Robertson preached at night
	5	drew dung from the back of the Barn got it all from there & some from the horse stable Pat Coslaw helped
	6	rain this morning I went to Detla this afternnoon
	7	attended our Riding Fair there there was a fine Show of Bulls Chease fruit & vegetables
	8	the Show of Horses was good a large Show of Farming Implements rain about 4 oclock which put a stope to the sport
	9	got home about 2 oclock to day all well
	10	Ad sowed about 1 1/2 bushel of Rye in the north field where he drew the dung to he cultivated it in rain so as to stop him I went Lyn to meet Billie he wanted to see the Foundry there I went on the Mixed
11		I took the Revd Mr Dowsley up to Fairfax he

		preached there in the morning & here in the evening heavy rain coming home I brock the draw bar of my buggy had to get James Lattimers buggy
	12	fixed or made a draw bar for the buggy Ad began to plow in the North field
	13	Ad plowed I took the Shafts to the Shop & got hem fixed fine day
	14	Ad plowed we put the ram away
bushel Roses	15	Ad cut the corn I dug the earley Rose potatos Pat Caslow picked up in the afternoon it is not much I can do my neck {pients?} me

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Oct	16	began to dig the Chilies & Seedings there has been no frost to kill the tops yet they were quite green they are good sise but few in the hill Pat helped
	17	finished the potatos here about 70 bushel in all
18		Revd Mr Dowsley preached in the morning & Mr Cuningham at night
	19	Ad went to Gananoque with Bessie she came home on friday he brought home a pump for the cistern 100 lbs of oatmeal 100 flour \$2 sugar and other greenery
rain	20	fixed a fast for the pump & other fixings for it David came here after dark a little rain
	21	Ad went to Bruce McNiels for a horspower& then to Station for a drag Saw they are new ones riged them up & sawed the most of the wood at the house Wallace & Bruce McNiel helped
	22	Ad plowed where we had peas the ground very dry I worked a little at the old hogpen for a hen house
X	23	sent a return of Oconner conviction to Clerk of the

		Peace Ad plowed in the pea field
	24	Ad finished plowing the North west half of the field that was brock up last Spring
25		Mr Cuningham preach this morning &Revd Mr Davidson at night
	26	Ad began to cultivate the remainder of the Southeast part of the north field we sowed 3 bushel of Rye on the fine acres the ground is very dry
	27	finished the cultivating & began to plow in the Northeast half of the field the wind is to high for to Sow grass Seed
	28	sowed grass seed this morning erley Ad draged it in we drew in a load of cornstalks
	29	the Revd Mr Dowsley preached in the morning it being Thanksgiving day
	30	I finished diging the carrots they are midling crop Ad plowed & cleaned out the furrows in the South half of the north field
rain	31	Ad & his wife went to young this afternoon we finished cuting the wood with the drag saw in the forenoon a little rain this morning

1874

Nov	1	Revd Mr Dowsley preached this morning very stormy snow & rain at night Ad came home at night
	2	Snow about 1 1/2 inches last night Mr Dowsley here all night Ad plowed in the north end of the north field this afternoon snow all gone
	3	Ad plowed in the north field I fixed the carrots pit

	4	Do Do Do{Ditto} I went to Mr Keers &Mr ----- Darlings with the Revd Mr DousleyMr Kees was very poorly he a great deal better fine day looks like Indian Summer the Sun is red & the air is very Smokie
rain	5	Ad plowed I Shoveled a cross furrow in the North west half of north field fine morning rain in the afternoon & after dark
	6	fine morning Ad is plowing this forenoon went & helped John Moore to thrash in the afternoon
	7	Ad went to plowing bee of the Widow McNiels
8		I went to Fairfax with Revd Mr Dousley this morning he preached then took dinner at John McCormicks went with Mr Dousley to visit Mrs Strom She is very Sick he preached here at night Mr Roberson preached in the morning
	9	Ad plowed in the North field fine day Mr John Wilkinson & Thomas Rosbeck came this morning to drill for water to give them \$2.50 per foot
	10	Ad finished plowing the Northeast part of the North field this forenoon I cleaned out the furrows in it he tried to plow the field at the old house it is to dry
	11	Ad plowed the potato ground cold day
	12	hard frost last night Ad cannot plow he thrashed peas with the horsesfor the hogs put the cows in every morning & feed them there is very little for them to eate
	13	Ad helped Bruce McNiel to thrash he took the horses
	14	Ad did not come home till to night I went an Agriculture meeting at Westons fine day the drillers has drilled about 9 feet there is 6 feet of

		water in the hole
15		Revd Mr Dowsley this morning & Mr Cuningham at night
take ewes to Charles Rath	16	the drillers worked at the well they have gone 10 feet 7 inches & thinks that we will have water enough

1874

Nov little rain	17	tested the well this morning by putting in the cistern pump in the hole took out 40 pailfuls in 20 minutes we consider that it will do Ad paid them 26 dollars & 25 cents for what they have done
let the ram out	18	the ground is toughed so that plowed at the old house
Billie came he went to Delta to day Jenie came with him	19	hard frost last night Ad cut & drew two pine logs for to make a pump from James McMullins
Snow	20	John Kyes came to make a pump for the well Ad went to Brockville for an Iron pipe for the well very Stormy day Snowed most of it Ellen & Jennet went to Gananoque for Bessie
	21	the Snow is about 4 inches deep this morning Ad got Some Shoes on the horses & Split some wood
22		Revd Mr Cuningham preached this morning & Mr Dowsley at night
rain	23	Ad fixed the granery we expect the thrashers to morrow rained most of the day the Snow is all gone
	24	the thrasher came this forenoon & thrashed

		37 bushel of wheate 17 of peas & 195 of oats very windy we had to cut a hole in the Barn door for the rod & shute the door
	25	finished the thrashing had in all 330 bushel of oats Humph Young & Bruce McNiel helped with there horses J McMullin Wallace McNiel Owen Sullivan John Moore & Wm McNiels man healed fine day
	26	Ad & Ellen went to Gananoque Ad took 1 bag of wheat & 4 bags of peas & oats John Kyes finished the pump fine day
	27	Ad helped James McMullin to thrash
rain & Snow	28	Ad helped Wm McNiel to plow a little rain & snow in the afternoon
29		the Revd Mr Dousley preached in the morning & Mr Roberson at night Mr Dousley preached at Dulciman in the afternoon Samuel Moorhead had a child buired there the Snow is 6 inches deep the Slaugh is runing
	30	cleaned up the barn flour of the oats that was left on it Ad intends to go to the mill

1874 Dec

	1	Cleaned more oats & 6 bushel of of the Redern wheat Ad went to Gananoque with the wheat & bushel of oats with the Slaugh this afternoon
	2	Ad went to Gananoque this afternoon for his grist the Snow is going fast
rain	3	little rain the Snow is nearly all gone Ad went went with the McNiels for a hunt they got nothing I maide a door for the hen house

	4	hard frost last night Ad packed the roof of the house the shingles off in a good many places I am very bad with rheumatism in my knees
rain	5	Ad helped Wm McNiel to saw wood up this afternoon I took care of the cattelle a little rain & Snow
6 rain		I went to Fairfax with Mr Dousley this morning he preached at night hear we had the new chandler light for the first time
Billie took Bennie More & me with him	7	Ad went to See A Richardson if he would By som he was not at home Billie brought him home on Saturday he was away from home that is Richardson Frank Dion took Bessie to Gananoque to School
	8	Ad helped Bruce McNiel to kill his hogs him & Henery McNiel came here & killed ours in the afternoon cold day
	9	Ad Split wood in the forenoon went to help Hump Young to thrash in the afternoon very Stormy wind & snow
snowed about 2 inches	10	Ad helped H Young to thrash they finished fine day till about 3 oclock then it Storms wind & snow
	11	Ad Split wood a raw kind of a day
	12	Ad went to Gananoque with the Buggie for Mr Calthard & Bessie Mr Calthard is sick he could not come Mr Gordon came with him instead Mr Gordon preached at 2 oclock the Communion is to be to morrow
13		the communion was taken in the church at 11 oclock there 6 new commuents admited to the church the Revd Mr Gordon preached the church was full up

	14	Ad went to Gananoque with Bessie he took the Slaugh very bad Slaughting
	15	Ad cut & drew wood out of our own bush it is dead wood he is cleaning up the old Stuff

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Dec	16	Ad cut & drew wood to the house
	17	rain this morning I am very lame with my knee can hardley get about Ad went to Charls Rath's for two Ewes that had there to the Societies Ram
	18	Ad drew some more wood
	19	Ad helped McNiels to thrash & cut wood I made A door for the out side of the house
20		Mr Cuningham preached this morning & the Revd Mr Green the Bible Agent in the evening the church was filled the collection was \$2.40 cents
	21	Bruce & Wallace McNiel helped Ad to saw wood with the circular saw in the forenoon I went to the station with Mr Green he went away on the Express we killed the cow that we got of Bruce McNiel she is fiar beef no tallow in her
	22	Ad went to Gananoque for Besie Ellen went with him they took some geese & chickens got 6 cents per lb for them all together
	23	Ad went with Bruce McNiel to the 6th concession for loads of wood fine day
	24	Ad did not come home today he helped Wm McNiel to run a line Wat came from Toronto this afternoon
	25	Billie David & his wife Mr Smith Albert & his sister Mary

		& Jackie all came home for the Chrisemass we had a fine time Wat & Lizie went home this afternoon
	26	David & the Delta folks went home to day
27		the Revd Mr Dowsley preached this morning Mr Mathews read & prayed Mr Robinson at night
	28	rain last night & most of the day Ad & I went to Willsons school house to the nomination there was agreat many there the shoolhouse was full
	29	Ad fixed a floor in the stable in the forenoon went to draw dung at McNiels
	30	Ad drawed dung at McNiels I draw water for the cattle at the well in the pitt
	31	there is no sloughing very hard frost last cold day split wood in the shed

1875

Jan 1		No work done cold day & no Slaughting
snow	2	Storm most of the day snow with a little wind
	3	I went to Fairfax for Revd Mr Dousley took him but {illegible} school house he preached there at 2 oclock & hear at night
	4	Went to Westons hall voted for Meser Darling R. Begg DR Slack Anderson R Landon councillors
	5	Ad went to the 9 concession brought home a load of dry pine the roads is very rough
	6	Ad went out again to the 9 con brought a a load of beech wood
	7	Stormy receved a telagram {illegible} Cowan about the meeting of the Agriculture Socitieans werd that I

		had instructed the Sec about them
	8	went to Gananoque & put in an advertisement in the Reporter calling the Annual meeting at Delta on the 20 anstart the Snow fell about 4 inches last night
	9	very stormy all day wind & snow & drift I went to Annual of the Agriculture Socitie at Westons there was a good many out to it the roads is drifted so that at night they have to take the fields
10		the Revd Mr Dousley preached this morning &Mr Cuningham at night
	11	Ad went to Gananoque with Bessie Billie brought her home last night from Delta Ellen went with them cold day
	12	Ad helped Bruce McNiel to thrash fine day John Beatty came up from young to day
	13	Stormy day Snow & wind atended school meeting Wm Mitchel Elected Trustee there is no traveling on our road the travel is in the fields the drifts is so bad there was a little rain to night that stoped the drift
	14	Ad too Miss Haige& his wife to the road this morning {illegible} the Widow McNiels
	15	{illegible} up at the road {illegible} night came home to night very cold weather
	16	Ad & all the young men went to Young to {illegible} a little {rest of entry illegible}

1875

Jan	19	Dr Preston had over 400 of a majority Ad went to the Barn {rest of entry illegible}
	20	atended the annual meeting of the Riding Agriculture socitie in Denuats Hall was inducted President there was a very large meeting fine cold day

	21	came home to day about one oclock all well Ad drew a load of wood from the 6th con
	22	Ad drew a load of wood from the 6th con roads good
	23	Ad helped Bruce McNiel to thrash fine day
24		Revd Mr Dousley preached this morning & Mr Robinson at night very Stormy this afternoon wind & snow
	25	the roads is blocked up & Still Storming Billie went home to Delta this morning he came home on Saturday night he intends to take a load of Rock Elem logs with him from Plunkits
	26	Ad chopped wood at the house no travel on the roads yet I atend the cattle the well gives all the water we want for the cattle & horses
	27	fine day but cold very little travel on the roads
	28	Ad drew a load of wood from the 6 concession
	29	Ad was to meet Mathews & his Son to chop wood at the 6th concession but they did not come
	30	Ad drew wood in the log for to saw with the drag saw Mathews & his son helped cold day
31		I went to Fairfax with Mr Dousley he preached then we took dinner at Mr McKee we then went to Dulciman he preached there likewise cold blustery day

1875

Feb	1	Ad went to the 6 concession drew logs for the drag saw Mathews & his son helped Frank Halls Wife & 3 daughters & son came on the Express stoped till the morning Express they went on to Toronto to{illegible}
	2	Ad went to the 6 con to help to bank out cord wood for Mrs McNiel she intends to have a bee tomorrow fine day sometimes clear & then cloudy

	3	Ad went to a wood bee of Mrs McNiels fine morning began to rain about 10 oclock it rained & thawed till in the night it then turned & to hard frost
	4	Snowed a little in the night very high wind & drift so that I did not let the cattle out to water it was so stormy
	5	I went to Escott took a cow hide & 3 sheep skins to the tanery gave a notice to Mr Parr to give to Oconners that I would isue a warrent to collect the remainder of the fine & costs
	6	Ad went to Gananoque with 10 bushel of wheat 4 bags of oats for to grind cold day took Bessie with him She came home last night
7		Revd Mr Dousley preached this morning Mr Robertson at night I could not go back my bowels
	8	Ad took out the horse plough to the {illegible} he intends to cut the wood up then cut some brought home a for Bruce McNiel & Wilkinson Man helped all day
	9	Frequent {illegible} out to day Mathews & his son helped to {rest of entry illegible}
	10	Ad went out for a load of wood little Billie went with him Ad took {illegible} horse Bruce {illegible} at Allen Ea{illegible} night with his horse
	11	very storm all day
	12	still storming wind {rest of entry illegible}
	13	Ad got out {rest of entry illegible}
	14	{rest of page illegible}

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{several entries illegible}		
		Ad went to Fairfax atending
		very stormy day {rest of entry illegible}
	17	
	18	{illegible} 33 bags of oats to James {illegible} that he {rest of entry illegible}
	19	went to the Funeral of Mrs McConnel She was buried at the Ebenezer church the Revd Mr Robinson preached Ad took the corps there was 43 teams fine day
	20	Ad went to a Bee of Wm Kyes to draw rails from Moortown
21		the Revd Mr Brown preached this morning Mr Robinson at night Mr Brown stoped here Wm Scott came from Brockville last night
	22	Ad went to Gananoque with Bessie Ellen went with him
rain	23	rain most of the night Snow very Soft Stormy this morning Ad & the girles went to a tea meeting McCrans Schoolhouse
	24	Ad went out to the 6 Concesson for the horse powr with Bruce McNiel the roads is very bad they are so soft
rain	25	raining & thawing most of the day Ad did not come home the roads is so bad he would not bring the horses out he intends to thrust a Bruce
	26	Ad came home this forenoon he could not

		bring the horses with him they are to thrash in the afternoon frost last night
	27	Billie & Vine came here about 11 oclock last night the roads is So bad from the creek here they got upset ever So often with water & ice very cold day there was a vote takn on the Dunkin Bill here it carried by a vote of
	28	I took Mr Dowsley to Fairfax this morning & then to Dulcimain he preached here at night very cold day wind Northwest the roads very hard

1875

March march has come in like a lion cold & very stormy snow	1	Ad drew a load of wood from the 6 consession it stormed so bad in the aftenoon he did not go back snow & wind
	2	Ad drew 2 loads of wood from the 6 conc fine day
	3	Do Do{Ditto} 1 load Adam Clark & three of sisters John Giles & his Wife all from Smith Falls came here on a visit Mary Beatty came with them from Young
	4	they all went to Younge this afternoon David took an observation for Charles Armstrong this evening
	5	Ad went with David this morning to help Charley to run the line cold fine day
snow	6	Ad went with David to help to finish the lines I went to Delta to an Agriculture meeting snowed about 4 inches last night took one of our horses to John Cook left it there & went with him took dinner at Davids there was a good meeting authorized more building to be put up

7		Revd Mr Gordon preached this morning he came here last night Mr Dousley Father is dead Mr Cuningham preached at night
	8	Ad went to the 6 con for a load of wood fine day
	9	Do Do Do Do Do{Ditto}
Snow	10	received a letter this morning that David Robb is dead he on the 23th Febuary Snowing this morning we cleaned up 5 1/2 bushels of the china wheat all we had & 62 of oats or rather 31 bags & loaded it on the Slaugh
	11	Ad went to Gananoque to the mill with 31 bags of oats & 5 12 bushels of china wheat fine day I went to the station met the Revd Mr Ireland he is to Lecture to night in the church he stopt here all night
rain in the night	12	Mr Ireland went back to Brockville this morning on the Mixed Ad drew saw dust to McNiels to cover ice in the forenoon he went to Delta in the afternoon his Wife Ellen Jennet Polles & Wm Scott went with him
	13	Ellen is very bad with a pain in her back fine day Ad & his load got home about 10 oclock this evening
14		the Revd Mr Cuningham preached this morning & Mr Dousley at night
	15	rain most of last night with ice this morning Ad went to Gananoque with a load of oats for feed for Wallace McNiel
	16	Ad went to Gananoque with a load of oats for Bruce McNiel feed they went in the Buggy {illegible} warm day to snow is going very fast

1875

March	17	cold day Ad came home he brought a load of oats {illegible} Bruce McNiel & loaded them he went out to McNiels unloading to go to Gananoque tomorrow
	18	very cold day with high winds Ad went to Gananoque with 10 bags of oats & got them ground for the horses
	19	Ad went to the concession for logs for a milk shed David came here to night he is going to survy for Webster
	20	very stormy day the Boys did nothing
21		Revd Mr Dousley preached this morning Mr Robertson at night
	22	Ad went to 6 Con for a load of loges shed David went to run Wm Websters line at Fairfax
	23	thrashed two flooring of seed hay with the horses in the morning Ad went to Gananoque to bring Besie home from the school Easter vacation Ellen & Jenet and him fine day got a telagram that Wat would home on the morning Express
	24	Wat Lizie & her Brother Richard came from Parry Sound this morning all well Stormy Snow & wind cleared up in the afternoon Ad went to Delta with Wat & Lizie they took Jennee with them & Tillee Barns
	25	Ad got home this morning he went to Gananoque to see the Races fine day Stormy in the afternoon
	26	Ad went to Gananoque to See the Races again to day
	27	Ad went to the 6 Consession for some sawlogs Bruces McNiel went with him got two each they are for a milk shed

28		I went to Fairfax with Mr Dousley this morning he preached there & at Dulciman & here at night Mr Robinson here this morning
	29	Ad went to the 6th Con for posts for the milk shed he then went to Ivies for a log that he took them two years ago fine day snow is going fast
	30	Ad went to saw wood at Mr Octins with McNiels
	31	Ad went to Gananoque with Bisie to the school Jennet went with them he went with the Buggy he bought a cultivator paid sixteen dollars for it very bad going he made the first track from the head of the orchard to our gate Snow nearly 3 feet deep on the road no track from the gate to {illegible} home

1875

April	1	Fine morning very little frost Ad helped Bruce McNiel to saw wood in the afternoon Billie came from Delta with his teem Richard Curtise is with him
rain	2	Billie went home this afternoon stormy this morning
snow	3	the Snow is five inches deep this morning the Snow is nearly gone this evening that is the new
4		the Revd Mr Dousley preached this morning Mr Cuningham at night
	5	Ad cut down an oke tree in the bush for hay rack timber other dry wood for firewood
	6	Ad did not come from the Road to day fine day
	7	Ad took the horses out to the road to draw dung hard frost last night a little snow in the night
	8	Ad came home to day Alexander Cochran & the Revd Mr Dowsley was here this afternoon & constituted the first session of our Church we authorized M rDowsley to get a session book admited Mr Ackerman to be a

		member of church & appointed either the first Sunday in June or the last Sunday for the dispensation of the Communion as it will answer Mr Dowsley
	9	hard frost last night Ad drew an oak log & an Elem log to the mill drew in the hemlock logs that he has then & got them sawed illegible
	10	Ad drew home the Suff from the saw mill
11		Mr Cuningham preached this morning Mr Dowsley at night Miss Ackerman was Baptised by Mr Dowsley
	12	hard frost last night north wind cold day Ad drew some wood out of our own bush a little rain
	13	drew wood from our own bush fine day
	14	Ad went out to the road & sawed in the forenoon Sawed wood here in the afternoon Wallace helped
	15	finished Sawing here in the forenoon Wallace & Bruce & his Boy helped us fine day Ad & them took the horse powr & saw to the road
	16	began to put the road fence in on the line along the midle field fine day
	17	very hard frost this morning went to work at the fence could do nothing the ground is so hard frosen

1875

April 18		the Revd Mr Dowsley preached this morning & Mr Robinson at night
	19	Billie went home this morning he came yesterday Bruce McNiels Boy went him he is not well Ad went out to the road to draw dung very cold day with hard frost
	20	Ad worked at the road drawing dung

	21	we drew dung to the garden Wallace helped
	22	drew dung to the old house for potatos
	23	Ad and Wallace McNiel hewed some of the timber for a milking shed cold day
	24	they finished the hewing the timber for the milking shed this afternoon
25		the Revd Mr Robinson preached this morning I could not take Mr Dowsley to Fairfax this morning gave him the horse he drove himself
	26	Ad began to plow & plowed in the north field Southwest half fine day I went to the station & met Mr Ferguson from Kingston he stoped all night
	27	Ad plowed I got Wallace McNiels horse & took Mr Ferguson to Fairfax we went James Cornets they were not at home we then went to Mr Ellots & then to Mr Reeds got dinner Mr Ferguson went away on the Express for Kingston
4 1/2 bushel of wheat seed down	28	Began to sow & sowed 4 1/2 bushel of Redfern wheat on the Northwest part of the North field Sowed timathy & Clover seed on it I Sowed some {Trianthum?} on the head ridge across 10 ridges North west corner fine day Ad used the cultivator
{illegible entry}	29	Sowed 7 bushel of oats on the southwest part of the north field I shoveled the cross furrows in the northwest part of the north field rain
	30	Ad went out to the road got 14 bushel of the black side oats he then plowed in south part of the north field cold day with very high winds the fences is blown down

1875

May	1	Ad plowed the south part of the north field I went to a meeting Mance Building Committee was no quorum there was nothing done
2		Mr Green preached this morning very cold day with high winds Mr Dowsley preached in Gananoque
	3	Ad finished plowing the North field then began to plow the North half of the midle field East side Billie came from Delta with a roller for John Johnston & Thomas Bradley he brock down on the road it was eleven oclock before he got home
	4	Ad plowed in the midle field Bruce McNiels man & team helped him Billie brought out Wat & Dav{cut off} horses with him to help Ad with spring work
	5	Sowed 6 bushel of oats in south half of the North field West side Hiram Laforta worked Wat & Daves horses sowed 8 bushel of side oats in the Northeast half of the North field Ad cultivated it the ground is in fine order
rain	6	rain most of the day nothing done
rain	7	a little rain this morning I went to Brockville on the mixed bought 1 lb carrot seed 60 cents Ad plowed Hiram rolled part of the midle field fine day very warm things begining to grow
rain	8	Hiram finished rolling the midle field Wats side rolled the south half of the midel field East side Ad plowed in the north half midle field rain this morning fine growing time
9		the Revd Mr Robertson preached & had a quartly meeting in the church was filled Mr Dowsley preached at night
no plowing	10	very heavy thunder & rain last night the

or sowing the ground is too wet		ground is all in a swim moved or rather finished the moveing of the fence on to the line west side of midle field
	11	Ad drew sawdust to the barnyard for a road to the stable Hiram drew drew the lane fence in the midle field to the midle of the East midle field Ad is plowing the north half
	12	rain this morning & most of the {illegible} day
	13	put up the midle fence in the midle field all but a little finishing {illegible} & laid up the most of the road fence {illegible} North part of {illegible}

1875

May	14	Sowed clover & timothy on North East half of the North field where Ad cultivated oats in on the fifth day the ground was to we that did not do it before the oats is started to grow Ad sowed 6 bushel of the side oats on the East half of the field I sowed grass seed on it all Hiram draged& Ad cultivated that finished that part of {illegible}
	15	very heavy rain most of the night the ground is all in a swim let of a greate deal of watter in the afternoon rained forenoon
16		Revd Mr Dowsley preached this morning &Mr Robertson at night
X	17	I went to Escott paid Calvin H Huges twenty dollars it is the fine of M Oconnors for selling Liquor Sunday Hiram cultivated for Bruce McNiel Ad went to the funeral of old Mr McLaughlin he drew the corps I was one of the Pall bearers {illegible} fine day planted 2 pear trees Flemish Beauty & 2 apple trees S P Gris {possibly Pomme Gris or Spitzenberg}

	18	Sowed 13 bushel of oats Ad got them from Bruce McNiels on the south East half of the North field where we sowed Rye last fall sowed Thimety seed on it again Ad worked with the cultivator sowed 8 bushel of peas & oats & 3 bushel of peas on the North half of the midle field Hiram draged with the Grays Wallace McNiel helped me to sow
X	19	Hiram draged where Ad cultivated yesterday & cross draged where he draged yesterday Sent the Return to the Clerk of the Peace
	20	Hiram finished the cross draging that he began yesterday
the Trees begin to look green left the cows out of the stable to night for the first time	21	Sowed 3 bushel of peas on the East side of midel field sowed a pound of sulphatamonatic of lime on the west end of the head land & 1 lb unamonatic on the ridge next the fence south west side sowed 1/2 bushel of peas on the head ridge at the old house& 1/2 bushel of wheat some crown peas & some wheat from Nels sea put the sulphat of on south end of the wheat ridges Ad went to Gananoque for Besie Ellen & Jennet went with him
Planted some Early Roses	22	Ad plowed the garden I planted some string beans that I got from James Hall Hiram worked at the road for Bruce McNiel
23		I took Revd Mr Dowsley to fairfax in the morning he preached at night hear
	24	Ad finished plowing the garden he then went to help Wm McNiel fine warm day Billie went home he came on Saturday Jenie is with him
	25	Ad went to Gananoque with Besie to school Jennet went with him she stated all night

		she is geting her teeth fixed
	26	Ad finished plowing the garding then went to the Road plowing
	27	Ad did not come last night I planted Tomatos & cucumbers water melon plants Ad draged rolled & draged & furrowed the garden there is 17 rows or ridges for carrots then 3 half rows of pop corn
	28	Ad plowed & draged the potatos grown it is very lumpy I raked & sowed 6 rows of carrots very warm day
	29	raked & sowed the rest of the carrots the 8th & 9th rows with sulphat the unmonated iron the 8 & the amonated is on the 9 row about half way
30		MrDowsley preached this morning Mr Cuningham at night
	31	planted 3 1/2 bushel of Erley Roses 6 Bushel of Chilles& seedling Wallace McNiel helped the 2 short rows next the plumb trees is Mr V{illegible} kind then 3 rows of strawberries {rest of line illegible}

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1	Planted 2 1/2 bushel of potato early Rose {illegible} David came last night to {illegible} he is going to {illegible}
2	planted all the beans that we had at the {illegible} some baen then 2 rows of long beans North & bought then{illegible} rows of the Boys beans they are along the ditch {illegible}
3	Ad is runing around see about a man to hire he sw Wm

		McNiel at the station & hired him for \$70 seventy dollars for three months he helpd us plant to plant his potatoes Ad went away on the Express this afternoon for Toronto he expects to meet Wat there
	4	Wm rolled the been field this forenoon we washed the sheep at noon I went to Delta at 4 oclock to atend a Agriculture meeting to morrow
	5	got from Delta to night Mr Smith came with me he is going to Manatoba as Draftsman to Pacific Rail Road he is geting 1200 dollars a year
	6	I went with Mr Dowsley to Fairfax he preached here at night
	7	fine rain most of the day Wm through out most of the dung out of the sheep pen he went to Ab McNiels got 5 bushel of {illegible} potatoes for {illegible}
	8	we picked stones in the church field in the forenoon rolled the North half of the midle field & art the North field
	9	sowed half a pail full of Millet (Ad sent it from Toronto I got it last night paid 60 cets of freight on it) along the front of the old house field Wm cultivated draged & rolled it he then rolled in the North field I did chores
	10	Wm finished the rolling & took the roller home then we drew the stones at the little field to the house
	11	I went to the River to examine a ditch on the {illegible} place Lot No 4 & Lot 15 belonging to Eli{illegible} Stewart & George {illegible} two the fence {illegible} we {illegible} dig ditch on her own place to {illegible} as the water coming of {illegible} the {illegible} expense because that he {illegible} to dig after harvest if {illegible} wants {illegible} cross to damage {illegible}what din not own {illegible} to dig the ditch {illegible} it appears that there was any water on the ground {illegible} not now the ditch is to be dug by the {rest of line illegible}
		{illegible}stones in the church field in the forenoon Wm

		went to {illegible} at Wm {illegible} in the afternoon
		went to the funeral of Mrs {illegible} above Gananoque {rest of entry illegible}

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1875

July 18		very heavy rain this morning no sabath school no children came out Revd Mr Preached in the morning & Revd Mr Dowsley at night
	19	ground the knives of the mower & mowed in the middle west field the grass is light fine day
	20	mowed in the west middle field Wm mowed the corners
2 loads of hay	21	Wallace McNiel came out with Bruce's horse & rake & raked half the field this forenoon I finished the mowing of it Wm & me drew in two loads put one over the cows & one over the sheep
	22	Billie came from Delta for Vive & Mrs Barns they came from Toronto on tuesdays Express he helped us in with 2 loads of hay they were very large ones & to unload one that we backed out of the old barn we put it over the cows) one over the horses & one over the cows Wallace raked the rest of the field we that is Wm Wallace & me went to the funeral of John McNiel's Wife at the River She was buried at the Ebenezer church Revd Mr Stewart Preached there was 40 teens Wallace took the corpse with our horses {from the left margin} we had 7 loads of hay in that field all together we got Alick rake & horses after we came from the funeral & finished the field
	23	I went & helped Bruce to mow with our horses & mower Wm hewed the potatoes fine day

	24	helped Bruce this forenoon we finished the field next the Rail Road I then cut the little field below our house Wm worked at the potatoes fine day
25		Revd Mr Dowsley preached this morning & Revd Mr Stewart at night
	26	raked & drew in the field put it over the sheep in the forenoon I then mowed for Wallace in the afternoon Wallace mowed with Wms team Bruce mowed part of the afternoon
	27	mowed raked & drew in at Wallaces Wm helped
	28	Do Do DoDo {Ditto}
	29	we finished all Wallaces haying to day in good order
	30	Wm helped Bruce to mow with the horses & mower I put a new side to the hay rack
	31	I helped Bruce to mow this forenoon Wm all day Ellen Jennet & Bessie went to Young this afternoon Jennet is going to Pembroke with Mary on Monday {illegible} Miss McDonald & Miss Purvis here all night

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April	14	Wm & me worked on the Road with the team for Ad work or rather for his {illegible}
	15	worked on the road for our own Wm with the team all day I worked 1/2 day went an Agriculture meeting {illegible}
	16	worked on the roads 2 1/2 day that finished us I went to {illegible} Mc{illegible} school house to Elect a {illegible} in the {illegible} place he is {illegible} put in Mr Se{illegible}
	17	picked stones in the church field & cleaned what wheat was in the granary we had 9 bushel

	18	went to Gananoque with the grist Wm went with me Hump Young & Mary Jane McNiel also got two dollars worth of sugar at {illegible}
	19	Wm went to river to fix a fence to keep our horses in the paster I picked mustard in the north field there is some {illegible}
20		the Revd Mr Dousley gave us an account of the union of all the Presbyterians in Canada the asembly took place in Montreal the last two weeks
	21	we cultivated the Sumer fallow & picked a wagon box full of switch grass roots warm day
a little rain this afternoon the ground in great nead of it	22	worked in the Sumer fallow cultivating & picked switch grass
	23	Wm helped Wm McNiel to draw some stones for the foundation of a Barn & to rais it the ground is very dry yet
very heavy rain with wind at night	24	drew stones off the church field to the stand for the milk{cut off}
	25	Wm cleaned out some of the dung out of the Sheep pen this morning
	26	Wm worked in the summer fallow in the forenoon went to raisen of Thomas Bradley I went to church heard the Revd Mr Cholthorn preach from John 3 & 15 there was a good many out they chose the site for the Mance next the church James Scott came here this evening

27		the Revd Mr Dousley had the communion in the church was full the Revd Mr Robinson preach at night
	28	I went to Gananoque with James Scott he wanted to see the Manufactories Wm went to a picnic at Dulciman he went home on Sabbath
	29	I went to Younge Ellen & James Scott was with e took dinner & tea at Margrets then we went Unkle Robs stoped al night fine rain
	30	went to Lyn got Billies horse shod all round for interfearing came back to Robs got dinner
fine rain this morning	31	I went to Betseys got tea got home at Sun down {illegible} left Ellen there fine rain this morning

1875 {line illegible above entries}

July	1	Wm crossed cultivated the summer fallow thre is a good deal of switch grass roots { illegible} yet I fixed polls for a {illegible} fine day
	2	went to Gananoque for Bessie she is leaving the school
	3	hoed in the garden & did a little {rest of line illegible} atended an agriculture meeting at Deans {rest of line illegible}
4		went with Revd Mr Richards to Fairfax Mr Robinson preached in the morning at {rest of entry illegible}
	5	Wm went through the potatos with the cultivator I worked at the milk shed timber Wm helped me in the afternoon
	6	worked a little at the milk shed fine rain got the

		horses shod
	7	Wm went out to the road to help Bruce McNiel to saw wood Billie came hear last night he is afraid the Boys will {illegible} money in the {rest of entry is illegible} Lydenhurst
	8	William plowed in the summer fallow I picked mustard in the north field I think that the switch grass has got a fright there is very little alive now
	9	Wm helped Bruce to sow I went to Brockville to a meeting about the Provincial Plowing match
	10	Wm finished plowing the summer fallow I worked at the milk shed & other chores
11		Mr Keer preached for Mr Dowsley this morning & at night for Mr Faires
	12	Wm went to Brockville to the Walk I riged up the Mower cut the orchard fine warm day
rain	13	I went to Gananoque with the horses left them at B Shelds took the Boat to Kingston Ellen Jennet & Mary went with me I atended the Presbytery as Elder for Lansdowne the girles came home on the boat I stopt all night
	14	the Presbytery closed at one oclock came home on the express all well very heavy rain yesterday with thunder
	15	we raked up the orchard & fixed up the fence around the gravel pit Mr Wm Stevenson came from Pembrock Billie met him here very warm day
2 loads of hay rain	16	drew in 2 loads of hay out of the orchard they were good ones put a very large one over the cows the other over the horses very heavy rain at one oclock
	17	Wm went through the potatos with the horse he

		cultivated & then worked them the hawer
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	19	ground the knives of the mower and mowed in the middle west field the grass is light fine day
	20	mowed in the west middle field Wm mowed the corners
2 loads of hay	21	Wallace McNiel came out with Bruce's horse & raked & raked half the field this forenoon I finished the mowing of it Wm & me drew in two loads put one over the cows & wond over the Sheep
we had 7 loads of hay in that field all together we got Aleck rake & horse after we came from the funeral & finished the field	22	Billie came from Delta for Vire and Mrs Barns they came from Toronto on tuesday's Express he helped us in with 2 loads of hay they were very large ones & to unload one that we backed out of the old barn we put it over the cows) one over the horses and one over the cows Wallace & me went to the funeral of John McNiel's Wife at the River She was buired at the Ebenezer church Revd Mr Stewart Preached there was 40 teams Wallace took the corps with our horses
	23	I went & helped Bruce to mow with our horses & mower Wm howed the potatoes fine day
	24	helped Bruce this forenoon we finished

		the field next the Rail Road I then cut the little field below below our house Wm worked at the potatoes fine day
25		Revd Mr Dowsley preached this morning & Revd Mr Stewart at night
three is 3 loads over the sheep 3 over the horses 5 over the cows	26	raked & drew in the little field put it over the cows we backed out a load that was on the waggon put it over the sheep in the forenoon I then mowed for Wallace in the afternoon Wallace mowed with Wms team Bruce mowed part of the afternoon
	27	mowed raked & drew in at Wallaces Wm helped
	28	Do Do Do Do {Ditto}
	29	we finished all Wallaces haying to day in good order
	30	Wm helped Bruce to mow with the horses & mower I put a new side to the hay rack
	31	I helped Bruce to mow this forenoon Wm all day Ellen Jennet & Bessie went to Younge this afternoon Jennet is going to Pembrock with Mary on Monday {illegible} Mrs McDonald & Miss Purvis heare all night

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	1	Revd Mr Stewart preached in the morning & Mr McCormick at night
	2	Ellen Bessie & Mis Hicock came home this forenoon

		we cut the church field the grass is light expect in spots cut for seed
	3	a little rain this morning Wm hoed in the garden some we got in 1 load of hay put over the horses we tried H Younges loader it took some fixing got started then a driving chain brock got fixed & started again it went well rained had to stop
	4	heavy rain fog with rain this morning drew a load of rails to the line fence between John Johnston & us fixed it up good finished hoeing the potatoes
	5	got A Cornets rake got in the hay in the church field put 1 load for seed in the little mow 1 in the big mow & 1 over the cows that was 4 load in all of that field
rain	6	Wm took a load to the River of picknicers 15 in all I went to James McCormicks to see trial of reaper the Almon one laid the Sheaf of the best the Champion is the hondies & easiest managed very heavy rain at night with wind
	7	Wm drew Some old Stuff of the road for wood I fixed at the reaper A. Heacock came from Dealta to the picnic yesterday some rain to day
	8	Revd Mr Dowsley preached in the morning & Mr Gibson at night
	9	Bruce McNiel came with his reaper cut part of the wheat Owen Wallace & Wm bound I fixed or rather worked our reaper
	10/td>	finished cutting the wheat in the north west field in the forenoon Bruce went home at noon I cut some oats with ours
	11	heave rain all the forenoon I went to Gananoque at noon Bessie went with me Mr Bradley told her that she had got letter A certificate got 1 barel of salt 125.

rain	12	cut with reaper the remainder of the southwest half of the north field Wm helped Bruce at his wheat heave rain at night
rain	13	heavy rain this forenoon worked at the milk shed in the afternoon
	14th	Wm helped Bruce at his wheat I mowed oats with the sythe in the south East part of the North field they are very next the ditch
15		Revd Mr Dowsley preached at night fine day
	16	we turned over the oats they are very wet on the under Side Wm McNiels man helped us we got in 5 loads 4 of them out of the S west part & 1 out of S East part they are what I cut on Saturday
August	17	drew in 2 loads of oats that made 6 loads out of southwest half loads of wheat there was 118 stook in fine order
	18	rain this morning Wm & me helped Alick to draw in {illegible} five loads of wheat by noon it was rather wet we cut oats in the afternoon Ad came home this morning
	19	Wm helped Bruce to draw in this forenoon & cut oats in the North East half o the north field
	20	drew 7 loads of oats Wallace helped we had A Cornets team I finished the cutting of that field
	21	Ad helped Bruce to draw in this forenoon we drew in 3 loads of oats that is all except the rakins
22		the Revd Mr Dowsley preached in the morning & Mr Stewart at night
	23	cut the wheat at the old house the most of it a good crop Wallace helped Ad Wm & him bound & I cut with the reaper cut some oats in midle field

	24	Wm & me finished the oats in the midle field field we mowed them with the Sythe they were peas & oats I brock rivits in the cuting bar of the reaper did not do as good work as we could do Ad helped Bruce
very warm dry	25	drew in 4 loads of peas & oats 3 of wheat & 1 load of rakings Bruce Wallace helped I raked the peas & oat ground & the southwest part of the north field
	26	Wm & Ad helped Bruce to draw in had our horses I fixed up the fences round the pea field & let the cows in
	27	began to hook the peas I hooked in the forenoon I could not Stand it with my Shoulders we cleaned out the well in the pit for the cows very warm dry Ad went to Gananoque to see when the Boats go to Detroit
	28	Wm worked at the peas I went to Gananoque with David Him & Vive came from Delta last night
29		Revd Mr Stewart preached this morning Mr Dowsley is not able to preach he is Sick
	30	drew in 3 loads of peas they are in good order & a good crop fine day Ad helped Wm quite work on Saturday he wanted to go & rige up his thrasher
	31	Ad & me hooked some peas in the forenoon him & Ellen went to Young to bring Jennet home in the afternoon She is coming from Pembroke

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Sept rain	1	John Heslap began to work Ad hired him for two months he is to give him \$18 per month he hooked peas I cut the Millet it is very heavy crop I came near haveing a Sunstrok very hot warm day Ad started for Detroit this afternoon he went to Clayton the Wife went with him
	2	raked up part of the millet came on a thunder storm

	3	cut down a basswood tree took 3 logs of it to the Mill in the forenoon got in the millet & 1 load of peas in the afternoon the rest of the peas is not fit
rain	4	heave rain last night John & me cleaned out the granary & the barn we expect to get the thrashers we then cleaned out the new barn fixed the north half of where the hogs is put rails on it so as to {thr?} straw in it when we thrash
5		the Revd Mr Dowsley preached this morning no one tonight
	6	got in 3 loads of peas that finishes all our harvest work we have had a good crop & a fine time to take care of it a little rain this afternoon
	7	cultivated in the Summer fallow finished the Summer follow in the forenoon Besie & Ellen & James Hall went to Gananoque he came here last night - got a Telegram at 5 oclock P.M. for Ellen to go to Nebraska Isabela is very sick Ellen left on the morning Express we telgraphed to Ad to meet her in Port Huron John drew stones of midle field
	8	John drew stones of the midle field Got a telegram that Isabela is <u>Dead</u> at eleven oclock to night
	9	got a telegram from Ad that he met Ellen at Port Huron all right Wallace McNiel left here for to meet Ad at Toronto fine rain last night
	10	Billie went to Gananoque with Besie took one of our horses he has been driving between here & Delta {illegible} & Farmersville since we got workd of Isabelas sickness
	11	got a letter from Isabela writen on the 29th & 30th of August saying that she is not very well & one from Johnston that the doctor says that Isabela has the intermiting fever his was writen on the 6th of September John drew & dug stones

12		Revd Mr Gibson preached this morning & Revd Richardson at night
	13	John drawing stones of the north field fine day
	14	drew dung to the summer fallow I helped to load

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Sept	15	Bessie & Lizzie went to Gananoque in singel Buggy John & me put in a pump in pit for the cows & scraped up some dung
rain	16	drew dung this forenoon John helped A Cornet to thrash in the afternoon I fixed the Fanning mill Wm McNiel came to thrash to night heavy rain at night
	17	thrashed 50 bushel of wheat fine crop & 53 bushel of oats a few peas Wm McNiel & boy Bruce McNiel & man Dan Cowan Hiram Young helped little rain
	18	drew a load of wood cleaned up the barn floor & run 6 bushel of wheat through the fanning mill John went home he has boil on his cheack
19		Revd Mr Richards preached this morning & Mr Gibson at night
	20	John did not work today he has a boil on his cheek I went to Ottawa the fair on the mixed to Brockville took the nine oclock train for Ottawa got there at two oclock put up at Albion Hotel \$2 dollars per day went to the fairground & reported my self was Judge on Roots there was three others Mr Fraser Elliot & Weir all from difront parts of the province
	21	John drew dung to Summer fallow
	22	the same
	23	Do Do Do{Ditto} I got home at 11 oclock to night it was a fine affair every thing on the grounds was good & well arranged I had a fine time & feel a good deal

		better
	24	drew a load of wood & other fixing I went to Delta with Lizie & her Mother & Jennet this afternoon fine day
	25	attended an Agriculture meeting in the Hall Lizie & her mother came home with me her house is not fixed yet
26		Revd Mr Stewart preached this morning & Mr Richards at night the church was filled
	27	John helped Humperry Young to thrash Saturday & today I went to funeral of John Weston I took the mourners the Rev Mr Carrol preached in the church there was 28 teams he was buired at the Lansdowne burying ground
	28	helped Wm Mc Niel to thrash John & the team
	30	went to Gananoque to the mill took 8 bushel of wheat got 1/2 bushel of it crack for Porage

1875

Oct	1	Atended our fair took 1 on yearling heffer 2 ram 1 ram lamb 3 on {illegible} lambs 1 on fowls I went to Gananoque got a post office order for \$40 forty dollars send it to Ellen to Nebraska John dug potatoes
	2	I got some wood took in the corn in the garden John did not come home from the fair
3		went to the funeral of Mr Redmons daughter she was buried at the Union church there was over 61 teams no meeting in the Church this morning
	4	began to dig the potatos in the garden I went to Gananoque & got a post office order for forty dollars & sent it to Ellen to Nebraska fine day
rain	5	little rain thrashed 2 floorings of grass seed in the forenoon went to Delta in the afternoon with Lizie & her

		mother fine afternoon
	6	attended the fair heavy rain last night & this morning
rain	7	fine day after ten oclock a great many peapel in atendance there was a good Show in almost every thing the corn pumpkin & squash was better than at Ottawa
rain	8	dug potatos little rain very disagreeable
	9	finished the potatos a good crop I am very bad with my side the diging & picking up hurts me very much thrashed 5 bushel of peas with the horses at night
10		Revd Mr Freshman preached in the morning & Mr Dowsley at night
	11	tryed to plow in the Summer fallow the ground is very soft the plow would not clean plowed in the second lay south of it is not so bad
	12	plowed in the same field took one of Billies plows
	13	John Do Do{Ditto} doing a great deal better work
	14	John Do{Ditto} I am shingling the south side of the {illegible}
	15	John Do{Ditto} Mr Davis & Mrs Davis came hear yesterday stoped all night made a good visit went home after dinner today gathered a good many appels
	16	heavy rain last night & to day John cut wood in the wood shed in the forenoon he went to a temperance picnic in the afternoon I husked some corn in the Barn
17		Revd Mr Dowsley preached this morning Mr Stewart at night
	18	finished husking the corn rain most of the day took the Seder log that lay before the house & took other peices

		to the mill to make shingles
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1875

Oct	19	Went to Wm Ferguson for lime got 18 bushel 25 c per bushel \$3.25 John cut dead stuff in the woods drew 2 loads of wood
	20	John plowed in the south half of the northwest field
	21	Do Do Do {Ditto} I grouted some in the henhouse
	22	John finished that field at noon I cleaned out the furrows began to plow in the north half of the midle field
	23	John plowed in the Do Do {Ditto} I am so bad with a pain in my side I can do nothing
24		took Mr Dowsley to Fairfax & Mr Faires preached in the morning Mr Dowsley at night
	25	Bessie & Vie went to Gananoque with Jennet John & me plowed & scraped the ditch in the midle field & in the garden with Pollie cold day
	26	John plowed in the midle field heavy rain this afternoon I finished what gravel {illegible}
	27	heavy rain in the night & this morning we thrashed a flooring of peas it cleared up then John plows I sent John Youngs cloth to Brockville
	28	John plowed in the north half of the midle field
	29	Do Do Do D {Ditto} o
	30	John finished the field this forenoon heavy rain in the afternoon we thrashed peas Ellen Vest & the two children got home on the morning Express all well expect the Baby he has the chicken pocks
31		the Revd Mr Dowsley preached this morning & the

		<p>Revd Mr Stewart at night Billie came from Delta yesterday</p> <p>we have had the cows in several nights there is nothing for them to eat in the fields</p>
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1875

Nov	1	Billie took Ellen Vest & the children & Davids Wife to Delta this morning I fixed a cubert to put the milk in in the house fine day hard frost last night
	2	John came home this morning we cleaned up 7 1/2 bushel of peas & drew 2 loads of gravel to grut the hen house with & some wood it is to hard frost to plow
	3	John cut some wood in the forenoon he plowed in the field at the old house
	4	got in 70 baskets of potato in the seller rather cold
	5	drew 3 loads of wood in the forenoon John plowed in the afternoon I have been working at the henhouse
	6	John plowed in the old house field I fixed henhouse
7		Revd Mr Gibson this morning & Mr Lange at night
	8	John finished the old house field I cleaned out water furrows & covered the potato pit there is not room in the cellar for them Johns time was up at noon to day I got him to stay to finish the field
	9	John helped me to clean up 8 bushel of wheat for to take to the mill this morning then chopped wood till noon That is one day more than the two months he was to work our

		horses went to plowing of Wm Cornets his Son drove them
Snowed most of today	10	went to Gananoque took 8 bushel of wheat Ellen & Bessie went with me it stormed & snowed most of the day that is the first snow to stay on the ground
Snow most of the day	11	drew a load of gravel for the henhouse then we thrashed what peas was in the old barn cleaned them up 7 bushel Vest helped
	12	Vest plowed the garden I grouted the last of the henhouse I think it will warm for them the winter
	13	Shoveled the ditch at the foot of the garden and other fixings about the house
14 stormy most of day Snow		Mr McCormick preached this morning Mr Gibson at night
	15	drew 3 loads of wood with the Slaugh Vest helped me cut down small mapel trees the one was lodged in the other
Frank Halls {rest of entry illegible}	16	drew a load of sand to bank the barn then it began to rain Ad came home this afternoon from Toronto he has been there over 4 weeks he has inflammation of the lungs his better he stopt at {rest of entry illegible}

1875

Nov	17	Went to Gananoque to hear a trial on the school saw between Mrs McNiel the of the Porkpine School the Judge reservd his disession till next court Mary Jane McNiel went with me
	18	killed the hogs Bruce McNiel & Owen Sullivan helped us

let the Ram lamb out with the sheap	19	cut some wood drew sand to bank the house & a load of sawdust for the barnyard Vest went to Delta
	20	salted the hams & cut up the pork one weighed 308 the other 320 the Revd Mr Green the Bible Agent came this forenoon he lectured in the church at night
21		I took Mr Green to McCrones school house this morning H. McKay took Mr Dusley to Farefax for me
	22	finished salting the pork & hooping the old Pork barrel & geting some wood cold wind
	23	cut some wood at the house and other chores
	24	Ad hired a man for half month he began to work this morning he is to give him at the rate of \$18 dollars per month he is chopping in the woods the old trees
	25	drew 3 loads of wood on the wagon I took Dr Perece to see Ad he is out to McNiels he thinks he is doing well & set let well enough alone
rain	26	rained all day Kenyan & me took up & laid it down the floor of the New Barn we put half inch Suff under each joint & boarded up the Sides
	27	thrashed some peas in the forenoon chopped in the afternoon
28		Revd Mr Dousley preached this morning & Mr Stewart at night
	29	Kenion took our horses & drew a load of wood for himself he was gone till little after ten oclock we thrashed peas till noon

	30	choped wood in the woods
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Dec	1	Kinion drew the topes of the trees with the Slaugh he has got all the Big trees cut
	2	finished drawing the tops there is about 4 inches of snow
	3	Kinion drew a load of wood for himself this forenoon he draws his wood from Ch Armstrongs he cut wood at the house & filled over the horses with hay from over the cows in the afternoon
	4	drew logs for to cut with the drag saw with the travoy got up 7 trees it is good drawing
5		The Revd Mr Gibson preached this morning & Mr Dously at night
	6	drew logs this forenoon Kinion went to help Bruce McNiel to thrash he took out 15 bushel of wheat to put in Bruces granery so as to make room in our granerary for the oats
	7	Kinion took 24 bushel of wheat to Bruces this morning when he went to thrash I am fixing the granery & stable making stalls so as to fee the eather hay or straw a little snow to day
	8	Kinion helped Bruce McNiel to thrash I fixed the Barn
	9	Do Do Do Do{Ditto} Wm McNiel came to thrash at noon here Wm McNiels team & two hands Bruces team Wallace A Cornet & Ben Young helped
	10	finished the thrashing had 375 bushels of oats they turned out well fine day I had to atend a trial of George Mayell for breaking into Thom Darlings Store there three men there was only one caught sent him to Brockville Vest came from Delta

	11	Kinion did not work here to day I cut some wood & other chores
12		Revd Mr Dousley preached this morning Mr Faires at night
	13	Kinion chopped wood at the door I helped A Cornet to thrash I had the team Ad hired Alexander Carnague to work he commenced to day
	14	Alexander drew logs for to cut with the drag saw in the afternoon helped A Cornet thrash in the forenoon
	15	drew logs for to saw with the drag
	16	finished drawing the logs this forenoon I drew two to of sand to bank the sheeps pen

1875

Dec	17	Alex helped Wallace to draw dung at his Mothers
	18	Wallace & Alec went out to the 6 Concession for wood they brought two loads left one here {illegible}
19		I took Mr Dowsley to Fairfax & there was about 17 to hear Mr Stewart preach at night
	20	we cleaned 10 1/2 bushel of wheat to take to the mill in the morning Alec cut a big mapel in two & drew it home
	21	I went to Gananoque with 10 1/2 bushels of wheat with the Slaugh the roads was good in the morning the stones is nearly bear
	22	Aleck drew dung to the old house field fine day
	23	Do Do Do Do{Ditto} Snow nearly gone
	24	went down to Mr Darlings to see about there school the trustees want a cheap teacher not give more than {illegible}

	25	heavy snow storm last night then heavy rain this morning fine afternoon Billie & Mary little Billie & Jacke & Vest this afternoon had a fine visit from them
26		Revd Mr Dusley preached this morning Mr Stewart at night
	27	went to the nomination Mr Darling elected Reeve & Mr Legg Depute Reeve by acclamation then there was over 20 for councillors they all resined but 9 {illegible} one going to a poll fine day the roads is good for the buggy
	28	Alec went to help Bruce McNiel I fixed the woodshed doors
	29	Alec helped Bruce McNiel to cut wood
	30	Alec drew chips from Robert Wheres for Mrs McNiel
	31	Alec helped Bruce McNiel to put in straw I drew 3 loads of Sawdust to the barnyard put one in the Sheep pen the Roads is thawing out very fast fine wether

1876

January	1	Alec went home we all went to Mr Deans to dinner in the buggy the roads very mucky rain all night
2		Mr Ferris preached this morning & Mr Dowsley at night
	3	went to the Election for councillors voted for Anderson Cook & Webster Alec drew 2 loads of dung to the old house field the ground is thawed out so cannot draw any more he took {illegible}
	4	Alic thrashed peas I went to Gananoque with 10 bushel of oats for to get ground for the cows Bessie went with me
	5	hard frost last night drew what dung that was at the cow stable to the old house field fine day

	6	Snowed about 3 inches last night & this morning Alec got some wood for the house
	7	Alic went to Gananoque for Revd Mr Colthard he preached in the church to day the congregation nominated Mr Thomas Darling & Mr Samuel {illegible} for Elder the Ballans to be given in the fourth sabbath of this month
	8	went an Agriculture meeting at Westons it was the Annual meeting John Cook was put in President
9		Revd Mr Dousley had the Communion today the church was filled there was 40 communacants Mr Stewart preached at night
flurries of snow	10	Alic took Bessie to Gananoque she is going to teach there I went to Kingston to the Presbytry is meeting tomorrow
	11	Alick went out to the Road for to thrash with with the horses they tramped out the oats
	12	Do Do Do {Ditto} I got home on the Express there was a large meeting Mr Dowsley gave notice that he is going to {illegible}
	13	I am in bed most of the day sick at the stomach Alick got wood
	14	cleaned 10 bushel of oats & loaded up the 20 that we had in bags & the 20 for the McNiels 2 for Wm & 8 for Bruce for to got to the Rock for meal it stormed so did not go we cleaned up the peas put 11 bushel in the Bins
	15	I went to the Rock with 30 bushel of oats for meal got none till the last of next week fine day I went with the waggon the roads ruff
16		the Revd Mr Stewart preached no meeting at night

	17	Bruce McNiel & I Stacie came & sett a New horse powr Bruce brought it here from Brockville on Saturday we sawed a little in the afternoon
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Jan	18	we sawed this forenoon Wm McNiel & Bruce helpd & A Cornets son helped did nothing in the afternoon heavy rain all the afternoon
	19	I went to Delta with the Buggy to the Agriculture Meeting of the Riding Agriculture Socitie there was a large meeting I gave up the Presidentship cannot atend stoped at Wats all night
Snow	20	came home this forenoon Aleck split wood the roads is better then they were yesterday frost last night with a little snow this morning
	21	Wm McNiel Bruce & Alec Cornet helped us to Saw we finished the Sawing in the forenoon got a first rate Job done loaded up the horse powr Sawing part took them to Wm McNiels
Snow	22	Alick split wood & took a load out to the road
23		Revd Mr Dusley preached this morning Mr Gibson at night
	24	I went to the Rock for the oatmeal this morning with the Slaugh got 112 lb for Bruce & 30 lb Wm & for self Aleck went out to Wm McNiels & helped him to saw in the afternoon
snowed	25	Alick helped Wm McNiel the forenoon that finished him stormed in the afternoon Snowed about 6 inches got the horses Shod
	26	Alick went to the 6th concession for wood with the slaugh
	27	the snow nearly al gone again warm no slaughting

	28	split wood at the house
	29	Alick went to McNiels & cut brush in the new ground Coulhouns place there is no snow on the ground
30		Revd Mr Gibson preached in the morning Mr Dousley at night
	31	Revd Mesers Coltrane & Chambers came to hold a Missionary Meeting in the church Mr Calhard stoped all night Alick cut brush

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Feb	1	Alick cut brush at McNiels Mr Colhard & Chambers went to Gananoque in a buggy fine day
	2	very storm day not much work done snow
	3	Aleck went for wood to the con {illegible} and brought home a load of soft dry wood
	4	I went to Gananoque with 10 bushel of wheat to mill got out of the wheat we put in McNiels granary brought Bessie home with me the Slaughting very poor
	5	Aleck went for wood to the 6 con this morning & drew two loads the roads is good fine day
6		Revd Mr Dousley preached this morning Mr Peck at night
	7	Alick went for wood one load it is so warm that he could not draw any more the Snow nearly all gone of the roads he split wood at the house
	8	Alick went to the 6th con to bank out wood he took hay & oats for the horses & Blankets & provisions to keep him two or three day fine day very little snow
	9	light fluries of Snow most of the day I spooled & took cair of the cattle

	10	Aleck came home at night brought a load of wood with him took it to the road
	11	heavy rain most of the day the Snow nearly all gone very little work time I quiled& spooled
	12	Aleck went to the road to saw wood with the team I intend to go to an Agriculture meeting at Mr Deans fine day clear with very little frost
13		I took Mr Dousley to Fairfax this morning he preached here at night no Meeting in the morning
	14	Alick went to the road to see Ad he is going to quit till snow comes we drew in 3 loads of straw from the cow Barn to the {illegible} there is a drisling rain all day
	15	Alick went to Charles Armstrong to chop last night very Stormy all day so that I did not let out the cattle to water snowed & blew great drift
	16	Alick came this morning & went to the 6 con for a load of wood got one load Snow & drift all day
	17	Alick went to the 6 con for wood he went the fields the road is filled up with drifts Brought 2 loads to the road & hear

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Feb	18	Alick went to 6 con brought 1 load of the road & 1 hear
	19	Alick went to 6 con for wood took 2 loads to the road
20		Mr Dousley preached this morning & Mr Gibson at night
	21	Alick 2 loads of wood 1 hear & 1 to the road
	22	Do{Ditto} 2 loads Do{Ditto} heare

	23	Alick Drew 1 load of wood in the forenoon he drew thing for the tea meeting at {illegible} in the afternoon the Revd Mr {illegible} Prescott & Revd Mr McGilvery from Brockville came up on the Express they came for to speack at the meeting the Revd Mr Calhard & a slaughlaod came hear from Gananoque at night there was a large meeting
	24	Alick went for wood to the 6 con this morning drew two loads left them both hear
	25	Aleck drew two loads of wood left them bother here
{illegible in margin}	26	Do Do Do Do {Ditto} I went to Gananoque with Wallace McNiel I received forth dollars from Mr Britton that is the money that I sent to Ellen the 4th of October to Nebraska it was a Post office order She left Nebraska before the order got there so after a long time waiting & writing the order was returned I setteled with Mr Brough & paid him twenty two dollars & five cent \$22.5c the roads is good cold day
27		Revd Mr Gibson preached this morning Mr Dousley at night Vest & Ablest & Billie went to Delta to night
	28	Alick went for wood this morning he drew only one load to the road very in the afternoon
	29	Alick drew two loads of wood one to the road & one here

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March	1	Fine day {rest of entry illegible}
	2	Alick drew a 2 loads of wood I have {illegible} very cold day {illegible} home from Delta brought {illegible} to work

	3	Alick & Vest drew 2 loads of wood to the road and 2 here at night fine day
	4	Alick & Vest drew 4 loads of wood to the road and 2 here the raids is failing
5		Revd Mr Dousley preached in the morning & Mr Stewart at night
{illegible entry in margin}	6	Alick & Vest drew 2 loads of wood to the Rail road they brock 3 bolts out of there Slaugh shoes & had to get them put in at the Shop
	7	Alick went to the 6 Con to draw Sawlogs for a house on that place he drew 4 to the mill & 1 home Vest & me took 26 bushel of oats to Escott for to grind for the cows the roads is nearly bair
	8	Alick went home this morning the roads is so that there can be no drawing with the Slaugh Vest helped me to clean 40 bushel of oats for to take to the mill we loaded them into the waggon
	9	Vest & me went to Escott with the 20 bags of oats got them ground brought them home put them in the bin that the peas was in fine day
	10	Vest went to Delta with Davids horse I drew 5 loads of sawdust to the barnyard put some on the road between the house & barn fine day
	11	mended Jenies boots in the forenoon went to an Agriculture meeting at Deans
12		went to Fairfax with MrDousley Mr Stewart preached in the morning & Mr {illegible} at night {rest of entry illegible}
	13	rain most of the night it turned to snow about 9 oclock snowed about an inch & half

	14	hard frost this morning Ad came home from Younge with the cutter I took the horses out to the road Wallace went to Escott to Mill
	15	Ad got Jenne Shod She interfered I helped him laid a load of Sawdust for the icehouse at the road

{The following entries from March 16 to 31 are transcribed from photos taken of the Walter Beatty fonds at Queen's University Archives. These photographs of the missing handwritten diary pages are not available on the Rural Diary Archive}

March	16	Stormy day rain & snow Bruces boy brought the horses home
snow	17	I went to Gananoque with 16 bushel of wheat to mill gave Bruce McNiel 100 of our Redfern flour we are to get 100 of his White See flour so as to see which is the best to sow in the spring went with the Slaugh there is about six inches of snow poor Slaughting going up it is good coming back
	18	Alick came last night he went to 6th con to draw saw logs drew 8 to the mill cold day
19		Revd Mr Dowsley preached in the ornge hall this morning Mr Gibson at night the church is not ready yet
	20	Alick went to 6th con to draw sawlogs to Blairs Mill and 2 to the mill here it began to about 5 oclock
	21	it is still Snowing it Snowed about 15 inches last night no work nor driving on the road we got the shoes removed on Jennie she interfered
	22	Alick went to the 6 Con he expected to find Isk Nowland to help him to cut ash logs he did not come he cut a tree himself & brought a log home with him
	23	Alick went to the 6 con he drew 8.17 feet ash logs to

		mill & brought home with him Nowlan help him I helped to clean out the church after the painting
	24	Alick went to 6 con this morning drew 6 ash logs to the mill brought 2 pine logs home
Snow & rain	25	stormy day no work done snow & rain the Revd Mr Snadgress came here to night he is to preach tomorrow
26		Revd Mr Snadgress preached this morning & evening the communion was dispensed in the morning fine day
	27	Mr Snadgrass went to Kingston this morning Wm Scott Mrs J Scott Ellen Jennie & the children all went to young with our horses fine day
Snow & rain	28	Stormy day Snow & rain
	29	Do Do Do{Ditto}
	30	stormed in the forenoon little Billie brought Jennet and Lissie home with the horses
Snow rain	31	a little disling Snow & rain

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April	1	Fine day Richard Curie & Jennet went to Gananoque in the cutter in the afternoon
2		Revd Mr Dousley preach this morning & Mr Stewart at night
	3	a little rain & hail most of the day
	4	Mr & Mrs Dean Wallace & Mary Jane McNiel Jennet & Jennie all went to Young to Margrets to get Sugar with the Slaugh fine day with a little drisel of rain got home at

		about 10 oclock Ellen & Phillace came home with them
James McMullen brought 3 small logs to mill for the Suff	5	went to the 6 con to get two pine logs Is Nowland was to help me when I got to his house he was not at home so I got my Journey for nothing I got 300 feet at our own mill for the church & Some Slabs to fix the hog pen James McMullen found the {illegible}
X	6	I went to James Richardson & tendered him with forty eight dollars & seventy five cents a full pay for the board of Revd Mr Dousley he wanted about 89\$ when I laid the 48.75 on the counter he said that he would not take it & went forward to the counter on which it was laying swept it of onto the floor & told me to take it I said that I was not going to pick it up then demanded liberty to take Mr Dousleys Books & other propty away he said that he would sue for the remainder I told that would start the state for he could not charge for the tim that Mr Dousley was as he was away near 12 weeks but that I had only deducted 10 in fact he did not board more than half his time
	7	very stormy day rain first then Snow till about 3 oclock Vest & Albert then came last night they came with a load of plows went home this afternoon took Jessey with them
	8	Snow & rain part of the day
9		Revd Mr Stewart preached this morning Mr Dousley at night I went to the funeral of a granddaughter of Charles Shipmans the corps came from Belleville I took those that came down with the corps she was buired at Ebenezer Church Revd Mr Bell preached this was a large funeral

	10	fine day I take care of the cattle there is nothing else for me to do went to the church to a meeting of session nothing done Mr Moorehead is to go & tell A Cochran to come tomorrow
	11	Session met at one oclock I was appointed representative Elder for six months I went to Belville on the Express to attend the Presbytry stopt at Mr John McNiels faire there & back is five dollars dinner 25c
	12	came home on the Morning Express all well Ad came and stoped and took care of the things till I came home
	13	Snow nearly all gone fine day
	14	Snowed 2 inches
{illegible}	15	Snow nearly all gone again very backward spring Mr G. F Walker a student from the Montreal College came on the Express stoped over with us he is to preach for us for

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April	16	Revd Mr Gibson preached this morning night there was no meeting this morning {illegible} there was not time to give notice
	17	Billie & Vest came here on Saturday Billie went home this morning Vest Brought Jessie home with him {illegible}
Snow	18	I went with Mr Walker to Mr Fergusons Mr M {illegible} & Mr Cornetts Snow is about gone {rest of line illegible}
	19	fine day took Mr Walker to Mr Dickie he is going to board there ware to pay three dollars per week he is not to charge for his board when he is away for a number of days Dickie is to do his washing for {illegible}

	20	hard frost this morning got a summons for \$39 from James Richardson for Mr Dousleys board went & saw Wm Cornet he got one also we intend to go to Gananoque to morrow to see a Lawyer
	21	went to Gananoque with Wm Cornet put the case in Mr Smyths hands gave him one dollars & Mr Mcamman 55 cents for two summons for John Dickies & Thomas Darling {illegible}
	22	I served the summons on Dickie & Darling gave them one dollar & seventy five cents each fine day little frost last night
23		I went to Fairfax with Revd Mr Walker he preached here at night
	24	Billie brought out Watts instruments on Saturday Watt is sick Billie took Jennet home with him Ad {illegible} used the instruments and we laid out three lots north of the Sawmill it was laid out in {illegible} lots before
	25	I sent Wats instruments to Brockville by Mr Moorhead this morning Ad drew home what stuff we had at the mill fine warm day
	26	Ad came and we threshed two flooring of hay for seed with the horses fine day I worked the horses {illegible}
rain	27	heavy rain most of the day
	28	I oiled the harness fine day thrashed the rest of the Seed hay
	29	put the harness together Vest brough Jennet home from Delta Watt is better
30		Revd Mr Walker preached this morning & Mr Stewart at night

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May	1	very hard frost last night cold day I went to the funeral of the Widow Webster She was buried at the Union Church the Revd Mr Huston preached the church was full
	2	there is not work done yet the ground is to wet for any Spring work Ad & me cleaned up 42 bushel of oats for to take to Wm Kyes for to exchange for seed
	3	I went to the station to a trial between John David Latimar & Wm Sheapard Robert Shipman Wm Shealds & J Andrews case ajurned till the 15 June at Escott Ad got a load of hay from Bruce McNiels
a load of hay from Bruce McNiels	4	cleaned 42 bushel of oats for to take to Wm Kyes to rain most of the day
rain	5	I went to Wm Kyes & exchanged the oats little rain
rain	6	drew 2 loads of dung to the garden warm growing time rain this morning
7		Revd Mr Stewart preached this morning Mr Walker at night
	8	Ad went to Gananoque with the Cultivator for to get it fixed he got a new Section & got it all Sratened cot 75 c cents
	9	Vest drew 2 loads of loam from Mr Dean we drew 1 load of dung from Darlings yard & saw a {Rolling?} harrow working in Bruce McNiels field it did first rate
	10	took the potatos out of the seller had 17 baskets of Chillies & 11 of Erelie Roses Ad tried to roll the ground is to wet

	11	Ad took Bill & Daves horse to Springfield to get them shod I made a bill for the harrow {rest of entry illegible}
	12	Began the Spring work by Sowing oats in the south west quarter of the North field Sowed 13 bushel in it Vest worked Watts & Davids horses fine ground rather wet yet
	13	worked in the same fields
14		the Revd Mr Mathews preached this morning Mr Gibson at night
	15	Sowed clover & timothy seed on the north field where the oats was sowed Ad & Vest both worked Jennie is able to work the cultivator & draged
	16	Sowed 2 1/2 bushel of Redfern wheat on the summer fallow & 2 bushel of oats alongside of it it is on the north east quarter of the Northwest half they finished that part of the field and began the North half east of the midle field sowed 10 bushel
	17	finished that field at {rest of line illegible}

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May the woods look red to day	17	Vest got a load {rest of line illegible} to day he want {rest of line illegible} Ad got a telagram about {rest of line illegible} to Delta with Bruce McNiel Wallace helped with {illegible} all day Sowed part of the old house field with the White see wheat worked the two teams cultivated with the wheel coulter first then with {rest of line illegible}
	18	finished the old house field 4 1/2 bushel of the White See Wheat on it Vest & Ad got home at night
	19	Ad & Vest went out to the road & finished what

		was to do there & began the southwest part of the north field Sowed some peas there fine day
the wood begin to look green	20	worked in that field we Sowed 8 bushel of peas & about a bushel of oats
21	21	I went with Revd Mr Walker to Fairfax he preached here in the morning Mr Mathews at night
	22	rain this morning most of the day no work fixed the wheel of the cultivator there was very heavy rain yesterday morning
	23	very cold this morning Vest & Ad the south west half of the north field I dug a little in the garden sowed some Beets & planted onion unions
	24	they Sowed 5 bushel of oats & 2 bushel of peas in the North west half of the north field & cultivated the part that he intends to Summerfallow I was in bed most of the day
	25	Vest went to Delta this afternoon he took Davids things & the Children with him fine cold day I planted Halls beens in the garden next to the house
	26	I planted 3 bushel of Eyrely rley Roses potatos in the garden
	27	planted Some Sweet Corn in the garden & 4 rows of parch corn Ad plowed East of the Barn he has been picking Stones of yesterday & part of to day cold day ground dry
28		Revd Mr Walker preached in the morning Mr Stewart at night
	29	planted 3 bushel Erely Roses potatos in the

		garden
	30	Sowed about a pailfull& a half of Millet seed behind the Barn where Ad plowed & picked stones he draged & cultivated the ground there
	31	John McDonald with Mrs Torrance & Mrs Frank Hall Margret Hall & Jennie Gedin came here on {rest of page cut off}

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June	1	Planted 6 1/2 bushel of Chillies & Seedlings 3 1/2 of Wallaces Michigan potatos the north part of the {illegible} midle field
	2	planted 2 1/2 bushel of Chillies & seedlings & bushel of Wallaces Michigan {illegible} where it was plowed this spring Wallace helped us by times
	3	Vest came from Delta on the Express we put the stove up in the woodshed and other fixing about the house
4		Revd Mr Freshman preached this morning Mr Walker at night James McNulling took Mr Walker to Fairfax
	5	We got Bruce McNiels Bull & put him in with our cows David and Vive came here to day they are going to Parra Sound to live
	6	David & Vive went to Gananoque to take the Boat Ad took up there trunks with Wallaces Mare & Jennie Ellen Jennet & Me went with him the Boat did not come he went on the Express his mare & Buggy is to on the Boat tomorrow
	7	Vest went away on the Express this morning I watered & fixed the ground & planted 50 tomatos plants I got from Mr Thompson the ground very dry

	8	a little rain forenoon we washed the Sheep Wallace McNiel helped me to wash Ad caught them for us
	9	I mended the Scails & put heals on the shoes there was a little rain with thunder the ground is dry
	10	Billie came from Delta last night Ad drew rails from the north ditch east half to fence the peice that he brock up this spring back of the barn
11		Revd Mr Walker preached this morning Mr Gibson at night
	12	worked on the roads Ad & the team & Wallace McNiel
	13	I worked on the roads we had 5 days we did 4 yesterday me today was the 5 day very warm & dry
	14	Ad worked on the roads for Wallace I put up the part of the fence round the peice behind the Barn Ad drew the rest of the rails to finish the fence
	15	Sowed grass seed on old house field clover & timothy
	16	Rolled the old house field & the north half of the midle field very warm day the ground hard & dry
	17	Rolled the south west quarter of the North field
18 rain heavy most of the day		Revd Mr Gibson preached in the morning & Mr Walker at night Ad went to Gananoque for Mr Walker he preached for Mr {illegible} he was at the {page cut off}

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June	19	Went to council met at Horton stopt to see Mr Beck
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		about our Insurance it was runt out in the Kingston I Insurance again on the Cash system gave him my note for twelve dollars to be paid 1 of November
	20	I have been working Jinnie she foaled at sundown
rain	21	heavy rain last night & this morning I took some black wool to Mrs Moores & swaped it for black
	22	Sowed 12 ridges of the South East quarter of north field with grass seed Timothy & clover high wind had to stop sowing
	23	Sowed the remainder of the south East quarter of the north field & part of the north west quarter of it Ad rolled that that was sowed with grass seed cool day
	24	I went through the corn and potatos in the garden in the forenoon went to an agriculture in the afternoon at Mr Deans we revised the preamium list
25		Revd Mr Walker preached in the morning & Mr Gilpin at night
	26	I sowed grass seed on the Summer fallow that we fallowed last year Ad rolled it with the Mares that is the first time they have been worked together since they foaled I went with Mr Darling to Listons Mill to try Leonard Killyard for none performance of statute labour he paid his work and expenses with out a treat
	27	went to Johnstons this morning to show him how to mix grout for his house fixed {illegible} for the butter bean in the afternoon very warm day Ad rolled the Millet
	28	hoed the Tomatoes & the pop corn in the morning went to a raising of the Spire of the Methodist church in the afternoon warm day
	29	went to the School Examination in the forenoon & to the raising of the Spire of the Methodist church in the afternoon it is 104 feet in height to top of poll

	30	Ad went to Gananoque with bushel of wheat Ellen went with him expect Bessie to come home with them Bessie came home from Gananoque her school closed yesterday for the vacation
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July	1	Ad went through potatoes corn & beans with Pollie fine showr at night
	2	Revd Mr Stewart preached this morning Mr Walker at night
	3	Ad began to plow the Summer fallow it plowd well I picked over the potatoes in the Barn cut some Rye for {illegible}
	4	Bruce McNeil {illegible} him today they {illegible} a gang plow it did good work there was a number of farmers getting it wish they all it does work
	5	Ad worked at the Raod in a piece of {rest of entry illegible}
	6	Ad with the {illegible} for the potatoes {illegible} went to a school pick nick in our wood {illegible}
	7	Ad & Wallace hoed the potatoes & picked about a tea cupfull of potato bus of those in the ground
	8	Ad & Wallace worked in the potatos back of the Barn I worked at a bolster for the truck waggon
9		Revd Mr Walker preached this morning & Mr Peck at night
	10	finished the potatos back of the barn & worked at the potatos in the center field
	11	Ad did not come out from the road to day I picked bugs of the potatos in the morning & went to Kingston on the Express to the Presbytery

	12	came home on the Express from Kingston I left before it was closed the Revd A Willson was elected Moderator for the year Mr Walker will be till his time is up to go to the Collage Mr Catthard is moderator of our Session there was another fire in Kingston last night
	13	drew 8 loads of leached ashes to the road put them on about 3/4 of an acre of a Summer fallow
	14	drew 4 loads more to the same place & one to the orchard here I helped to load
	15	fixed the mowing machine & began to mow in the north field north west corner I picked bug of the potatos
16		Ad took Mr Walker to fairfax Mr Franklin preached this morning Mr Walker at night
	17	raked & drew in the hay that was cut on Saturday there was two loads it in the New barn south half of the Sheep part mowed part of the orchard Wallace helped
	18	Ad cut the orchard & the little field north of the house & drew them in 2 loads put part in over the Sheep part over {illegible}

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July	19	Ad took the mower to the Road last night he cut grass there to day fine day
	20	they drew in what the cut {illegible} very high with rain Ellen went to the mountain with {illegible} of athens they got {illegible} wet quite {illegible}
	21	began to cut in the midle field cut most of the South half I have been in bed most of the last two days
	22	{illegible} & got in one load put this in new barn got in the {illegible} no work done

23		Revd Mr Walker preached in the morning & Mr {illegible} at night
got the pitston of the mower in cut {illegible}	24	finished cutting the South half of the middle field & cut part of the north half I raked in the South half in the forenoon rain at noon got none in it is all in winnow hay & very light Ellen went to the mountain with A cornet got consistently wet again no more work done
	25	finishing cutting the north half of the middle field & got in two loads put them over the cows began to cut the Church field a little rain
	26	finished cutting the Church raked & drew it in had three loads put them over the cows raked & drew one load from the Middle field put it over the horses
	27	raked two loads in the middle put one of them over the horses Ad took the other out to the road to feed Davids horse then I went the funeral of a child of Ellen Deckers it was buried at Robinson school house Revd Mr Stewart {preached?}
	28	rain most of the night & this forenoon Ad took the Machin out to the road to work there
	29	I went out to the road & raked there drew in two loads it is very light fine day
30		Revd Mr Stewart preached this morning & Mr Walker at night
	31	I went out to the road & raked then Ad & Wallace drew in fine day

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August	1	I went to the road Ad & Wallace mowed in the swamp & bushes I raked we got a load drew it
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		in I brought the waggon home went & got the Machin brought it here warm day
there is a hen & 20 chickens killed with the heat	2	cut the peice that we left for seed it is the north end of the northeast feild Raked & drew it in a good load put it in the new Barn very warm day
	3	went to Marble Rock & examined the allowance of road rear of 3rd concession likewise staked out the old marble Rock road warm day
	4	picked potato bus of the potatos in the Midle field Ad worked on the Summer fallow yesterday & to day
	5	Ad went to Abram McNiels for a load of straw took to the road
6		the Revd Mr Walker preached in the morning Mr Trumble at night warm day
	7	Ad drew chipes from Whorrays woods to road Billie & Mrs Huack went on the Exprefs for Parry Sound to day I went to the council with report of {illegible}
	8	riged the Sawing machine and Sawed cordwood in the forenoon Wallace Bruce & Owen helped
	9	began the harvest cut the oats south half of the north field very warm day
	10	Owen & Wallace cut apart of the Midle field with the Syth & Bruce finished the north field in the forenoon they went home Wallace & me raked part of the north field Ad came out with the horse rake & raked the part of the Midle field that was cut drew in two load of it & one load of the north field

	11	Owen Wallace & Ad raked & drew in 5 loads of the north field I fixed the pump at the pit for to watter the cattle the pit is nearly dry
	12	Ad worked with Bruce McNiel Watts wife & Margret came on the Express this afternoon from Mallorytown
13		I took Mr Walker to Fairfax this morning he preached here at night Mr Trumble preached in the evening

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August	14	began to cut the wheat at the old house finished it & then went to the north field cut it & the oats alongside of it
rain	15	Bruce McNiel Wallace & Owen Sullivan helped a very heavy rain about 11 oclock that stoped work I went to Gananoque with Besie She expected the School to begin to morrow it is not to begin till Monday I took 2 bags of wheat to mill
	16	Set up & turned over the wheat got it in Wallace helped Owen & Ad & Wallace finished cuting the oats in the midle field
	17	drew in 5 loads of oats I turned them that was cut with the reaper them that was cut with the Syth did not n{illegible}
	18	I raked the oats at the road Ad & Wallace drew then in the forenoon they helped Bruce in the afrtnoon I picked bugs
	19	drew 6 loads of ashes to the orchard Ad helped me in the forenoon he helped Bruce in the afternoon
20		Revd Mr Walker preached this morning no meeting at night
	21	I picked bugs of the potatos Ad helped Bruce in the

		forenoon he cut oats in the Northeast field J Johnston cattle was in them all night destroyed them very much Mr Gramshaw the Bible S Calpartum left home this morning he has canvast the county thoroughly
	22	finished cutting the oats & all the peas but 6 ridges Bruce Wallace & Owen helped most of the day
	23	raked the oats & drew them in had two loads drew in one load of Peas Dry warm time
	24	finished hooking the peas drew them all in that finished our harvest expect the Millet {illegible}
	25	Ad is helping Bruce to day Wallace went to the camp meeting with a load Ellen went they wont from Halstons Banquet is in Sunday School {illegible}
	26	Ad is helping Bruce to day I am fixing more wheat
27		Revd Mr Stewart preached this morning Mr Walker at night
	28	boarded up floor of the New barn so as to keep out the hens in the forenoon attended a trial at the /station for selling liquor without liscence fined 20\$ it was R Stacey
	29	I drew 4 loads of ashes to the orchard Ad helped Bruce
	30	Ad helped Bruce I went with Mr Walker to James Bruce Cornets James McCormick J Shields
	31	I went with Mr Walker in to Mr {illegible} &Mr Darlings & {illegible} they were not a home Ad cut {illegible}

1876

Sept	1	I drew 7 loads {most of the rest of the entry is
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		illegible} the Millet at the road {illegible} we raked ours and drew it in the afternoon {illegible}
	2	{illegible} forenoon I went to Gananoque with Mr Walker & brought Revd Mr Cattherd back with me he preached here at 2 oclock there was a letter from Hazelwood that Betsey was very sick Ellen & me went downe got there about 11 oclock She is very Sick
3		Revd Mr Cathard had the communion here Mr Walker preached for him in Gananoque I heard Revd Mr Brown in Caintown
	4	Came home to day Betsey is no better when we left there was a fine showr at Rob this morning there was none here
	5	went to a dinner at the New Church there was a fine meeting everything went of well Mr Walker was here for tea Rob Beatty & Rob McCleary was here they were looking at Big Joel Landons farm Betsy is a little better
	6	we unloaded the Millet of the waggon I got a Shoe on Jennie I paid for it to Allan I then drew two loads of ashes
	7	Ad hired Wm Millard to help get out the Ashes & dung we drew 8 loads to the orchard dry day
	8	drew 12 loads of Ashes to the orchard I went to Gananoque for Bessie in the afternoon She came home with me
	9	Ad & Wm drew 11 loads of Ashes I went to a directors meeting at Mr Deans there was Just a quarum
10		I went to Fairfax with the Revd Mr Cassels he came home on yesterdays Express the Revd

		Mr Trumbel preached in the morning
	11	we drew 11 loads of ashes to the orchard
the Widow Clow came up on the Express	12	drew 8 loads of ashes finished the orchard and put 3 of them on the little field
	13	drew 5 loads of dung from Mr Rings Stable put them in the garden
	14	drew 9 loads from Joseph Taylors Stable put them in the old house field
	15	Ad cultivated in the Sumerfallow in the forenoon him & Wm threshed peas in the afternoon I mended Ad & Jennie boots a very little rain to day the ground very dry
	16	I went to Gananoque to Mill took 3 bags of wheat & 6 of peas got the peas ground for the hogs Wm dug potatos in the garden potatos is a poor crop Ad & Ellen went to Young
17		Revd Mr Carswell preached in the morinng & Mr at night

1876

Sept	18	Ad took the horses to the road & cultivated the Summer follow Wm scraped up the dung there being heavy rain last night I intend to go to Hamilton on the Express
	19	Wm & Ad drew Dung at the road fine day
	20	they worked at the dung very dry
	21	Wm helped Henry Webster to thrash Ad drew dung
	22	Do Do Do {Ditto} Ad went for Besie to Gananoque in the afternoon I got home from Hamilton by the

		Express all well had a fine time a fine show everything good except field roots they poor & few of them I Stopped in Toronto at Frank Halls all night they are all well
	23	Wm is out to the road I am fixing things at home
24		Revd Mr Stewart preached this morning no meeting at night
	25	Ad & Wm drew dung to the south East corner of the north field I went with S Moorehead to see about calling the Revd Mr Cowsell
rain	26	began to rain about 3 oclock this morning rained most of the day thrashed peas & gathered the dung in the Sheeppen Billie came from Perry Sound on the Express
	27	Billie & me went to Young Betsey is no better I stoped at Menguels all night
drew out the dung	28	Billie & me went to Delta Fair good so far
got it all out	29	rain most of the night & most of the day I got home at night all well the Revd Mr Russel came on the Express
	30	dug potatos I fixed part of a gate

1876

Oct rain	1	Revd Mr Russel preached in the morning & Mr Trumbel at night {rest of line illegible}
	2	finished diging the potats at the Barn poor crop
rain	3	began to dig the potatos in the midle field I fixed the bin in the seller heavy rain the afternoon I put a gate at the pit next the Cooper Shop

	4	went to our fair it was a fine affair there was a very great crowd there was in at the gate
	5	drew a load Stones of the Barn field put them at the corner of the stable Wm drew coke for JD Bradley & Frank Dean from the Station rain in the night
	6	went to dig potatos dug a basket full then it began to rain we thrashed the peas finished them & cleaned them
	7	Wm Split some wood finished digging the potatos in the garden
8		Revd Mr Mansell preached in the morning Mr Russel at night
	9	killed a hog hear & 1 for Ad 1 for Bruce McNiel & dug some potatos I took Bessie to Gananoque
	10	finished digging the potatos in the midle field Ad paid Wm Millard he went home to Ogdensburg
	11	Sowed 2 1/2 bushel of Rye where we Summer fallowed last Summer in the North field sowed timothy & Clover seed in the Spring it did not take
	12	sowed 3 bushel of Rye in the North Field south east half the grass seed did not take there nearly
	13	I went to Fairfax to JP McCormick to meet Sam Moorhead he did not come till near noon we walked to A Cochrans got dinner went to all the members of the church to see what we could raise for a minister got home after dark had midling sucess
rain	14	heavy rain last night & this morning I went to Young to see Betsey She is some better
15		Revd Mr Stewart preached at night no Presbyterian minister

	16	Ad began to plow in the North field south East half
	17	Ad plowed in the Same field I ridled some peas for seed

1876

Oct	18	I went to the River to see what I could get for the minister Ad plowed in the North field South west half
	19	Ad plowed North field finished it this afternoon and began to plow the Summer fallow warm day
	20	Ad plowed in the Summer fallow I shoveld the furrows in the north field where the Rye is sowed that neaded cleaning out
rain	21	rain last night Ad had to leave the Summer fallow & plow in the midle field East line the ground is cloggy with the rain
22		the Revd Mr Stewart preached this morning no meeting at night
	23	Ad plowed in midle field we drew out some big stones took them to East line little rain at night
	24	Ad plowed in same field fine day
	25	Do Do Do{Ditto}
	26	Ad plowed in the same field Wallace got a horse of Mr Darlings & started two plows they both plowed there
	27	finished plowing that field Wallace began in the field at the old house Ad plowed some in the Summer fall it is so loose he could do nothing so they both plowed at the old house I have been Shoveling & cleaning out the furrows
	28	Ad & Wallace are both working in the old house field I cut & burned some of the plumb bushes there
29		there was no meeting to day Mr Bennet did not come

		Mr Tremble is sick
	30	I went to Gananoque with Bessie & brought home 2 barrels of salt \$1.25 per barrel 100 of flour 2.65 per 100 bls Ad plowed at h{cut off}
	31	Wallace finished the old house field & began to plow the garden & Sowed a bushel of salt on it a little rain to day ground very dry

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Nov	1	Wallace plowed a little in the garden there is rain with a very heavy fog could do very little work
	2	finished the garden more rain & began to plow behind the barn sowed 1/2 bushel of Salt on the two ridges East side
	3	Wallace finished the field back of the barn I sowed 2 1/2 bushel of Salt on it the East half ridge I put two a doble portion on it we intend it for potatos
	4	Ad plowed on the paster field below the Barn East line I cut out side on the old ditches Wallace tried his iron plow could do nothing he went to Willsons got it fixed got back at night I got a Telagram from Mr Smith of Kingston that there will a student for tomorrow I went to Shearers to give notice to Fairfax of the minister
5 the Station cows came into our field they hooked the youngs Cow So that She died yeserday		the Revd Mr Stewart preached a funeral sermon of Mr Wasts child in the morning &Mr Nairn preached at night
	6	Ad & Wallace plowed Sod in the field back of the Barn I atend a Congregation

		meeting in the church Revd Mr Colthard in the chair we concluded to call A Minister I was appointed to attend the Presbytry
	7	very heavy rain most of the night put the Cows in the Stable Ad and Wallace plowed Sod fine day
	8	Adam and Wallace finished plowing up to the center ditch at noon then they went to the road to plow I attend a cace between Ruben Fields & Thomas Kavanaugh for selling liquor without Licence this was not provd
Snow	9	I went to Marblerock & laid out a road or rather three roads one across lot No 18 near the drowned land another along the allowance between 18 & 19 in the 4 conse to the old Heacock road another between Killenbeck & King partly across 18 very Stormy in the forenoon Snow that is the first Ad plowed at the road
	10	Ad & Wallace plowed at the road I cleaned some furrows
	11	Do Do Do{Ditto} I split wood &othe chores the Revd Mr Green & Mr Cumberland came here on the Express Mr Green lectured in the church for the Bible Socitie
12		I took Mr Green to Mr Willson he preached in the New Church Mr Cumberland preached in our church in the morning Mr Stewart at night

1876

Nov	13	Ad & Wallace is plowing at the road I cleaned out the ditch near the North end of the field very fine day
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	14	they are plowing there I am working in our ditches
	15	I finished the middle ditch on the South East field our water furrows are all cleaned out now Ad & Wallace plowing on at the {illegible}
	16	we killed the two Spring pigs we had hear this morning Bruce helped hard frost So that they could not plow they plowed in the afternoon
	17	I cut up the pork this morning I went to Gananoque for Bessie at noon her & Miss Rogers came home with me
rain	18	Bessie & Miss Rogers went to Brockville to hear the Minister of Education rain most of the day I thrashed Millet for the cows
19		the New Methodist Church was opened the Revd Mr Douglas of Montreal preached in the morning & Revd Mr Brown at night
heavy rain last night	20	I took Bessie & Mrs Rogers to Gananoque this morning I got lbs of oatmeal I paid Mr Brough \$1.80c for the childrens Boots I got the horses shod that is 2 new shoes & 2 set
rain	21	I took the horses out to Ad he plowed I went to church to day this is a fair day mild
	22	rain this morning I thrashed Millet for the Cows we have in at night there is nothing for them to eat Ad is plowing
	23	I am thrashing oats for the horses & saw for the cows Ad is plowing & pulling willows next Calhoun
	24	Lizie & Ida went home on the Express fine day we cleaned up a bag & half of oats Ad took them & some hay out to the road he is plowing there
	25	Ad plowed in the afternoon the ground is hard

		frozen this {illegible} this morning fine day
26		the Revd Mr Robinson preached this morning and at night in there own church
	27	hard frost last night Ad did not come out I fixed things about the hog pen fine day but cold
	28	we Sawed what wood was hear this afternoon Wallace & Bruce helped a little about 4 oc{cut off}
	29	I thrashed oats for the cattle & helped the Boys to load the Machin they took it out to the road & sawed wood at Bruces
	30	very hard frost last night with north wind I thrashed oats Ad went & got 24 bushels of wheat from Mathew Keer paid him one d{cut off} per bushel The Revd W Wright came on the Express his stopt all night is going to preach {illegible} for us

1876

	1	Ad went to Gananoque with a grist to the Mill Ellen went with him very cold day I did nothing with a pain in my thigh
	2	Snowed about two inches last night I split wood and thrashed oats for the cows Ad drew two loads of sand & banked part of the house with it cold day
3		Revd Mr Peek preached in the Methodist in the morning Revd Mr Wright at night in ours
	4	I thrashed oats to get straw for the cows this morning I atend the Council with the report of J Hills road in the afternoon Ad drew Sand to bank the house
	5	I thrashed oats for Straw for the Cows I atended a trial for selling Spiritous liquors between the Inspector and E Corban Corbin was fined 20\$ & costs or 30 days in Joal

	6	I thrashed oats for straw for cows & attended them
	7	Split wood & thrashed oats cold day
	8	Do Do Do {Ditto} very cold day
	9	went ot the funeral of Mrs Thomas Gilbert the Revd Mr Stewart preached in the New Methodist Church it was full the corps was buired a the McNiel burying ground a very cold day Snowed last night
10		Revd Mr Wright preached in the morning Mr Swart at night
	11	I went to Marble rock & laid out a road across lot No 18 in the 4 concession of Leeds cold day I went with {illegible}
	12	I cleaned out the granary & fixed it up as we expect the thrashers tomorrow I went to hear the Revd Mr Wright preach Thomas Webbs funeral Sermon he died yesterday they are going to take the Body to near Toronto on the morning Express
	13	the thrashers came this morning they thrashed 40 bushel of wheat Six bags of Redfern & 18 of the White Sea and 250 of oats D Cowan F McNiel Wm Bruce Wallace {Sumerby?} Cowan and the three McNiel thrashers
	14	Cleaned up the flour & put in the Chaff we cleaned up Six bags of Redfern wheat for the mill
	15	I took care of the Cattle and Split wood
	16	very Stormy day high wind and Snow with drifting could not let the Cows to water there such high winds
17		Revd Mr Ferguson preached in the Methodist Church in the morning Mr Wright in our own at night

1876

Dec	18	I went to Sixth concession of Leeds & laid out a
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		road there for to let Adam Armstrong out from letter A to the now boarded road very cold day
little Snow	19	high winds with Snow this morning took corn of the cattle and Split Some cold day Ellen got home on the Express
	20	fixed the hing of the woodshed door and took care of the Cattle
drisel of Snow in the morning	21	Ad went to Gananoque for Bessie here time is done with the School then Ellen and Mrs Dean went with them they went with the Buggy cold day
	22	I went to the nomination of councilor at McCrans school house there was 4 Reeves 4 Deb Reves & 15 Counilors nominated there was a large meeting a driseling snow most of the day
	23	I split wood did the chores Ad took the Sow to Escott to the Boare he left her there cold day
24		Mr Glasford came here last night he preached this morning Mr Cuningham at night in the New Church Ad and his Wife Jennet & Bessie went to Caintown to the church {illegible}
	25	Ad & the rest of them that went to Young came home to day in time for dinner Mr Glasford went back to Kingston on the Express Mary came up with Ad
	26	Ad brought the Sow home from Escott I cared for cattle
	27	I Split wood Ad came out & put on the outside windows fine day
	28	I fixed Some Strips for the windows & put them on in the weavers room the loom is taken {cut off}

	29	Ad & Bessie went to Brockville with the Slaugh this morning they got home a little after dark a very Stormy day Snow & wind
	30	Split wood for Sunday Mrs Sumerby corps came in the Express from Ottawa She died at her Son Wm Ad took Corps from the Station to the English church & then to the Robinson graveyard the Revd Mr Houston gave a Short Sermon
31		Revd Mr Tremble preached in the New Church in morning there was no meeting in ours the Train is Stopt the hands are all on a Strike no M{cut off} since yesterday so the Student could not get {cut off}

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