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ECLIPSES, 1881.

In the year 1881 there will be two Eclipses of the Sun and two of the Moon, and a transit of Mercury across the Sun's disc.

I. A partial Eclipse of the Sun, May 27, 1881. Visible in Canada, only partially, about sunset in Western Canada.

II. A total Eclipse of the Moon, June 11, 1881. Visible in Canada.

First contact with Penumbra (D)11 (H)10 (M)57 p.m.

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Magnitude of the Eclipse (Moon's diameter=1), 1.348.

III. An annular Eclipse of the Sun, Nov. 21, 1881. Invisible in Canada. A transit of Mercury across the Sun's disc, Nov 7, 1881. Invisible in Canada.

{A Chart with a LIST OF SUNDAYS IN 1881.}

{Charts on next three pages listing the phases of the moon for each month of 1881}

TERMS AND COURTS.

Hilary, 1st Monday in February to Saturday of ensuing week. Easter, 3rd Monday in May to Saturday of 2nd week thereafter. Trinity, 1st Monday in Aug. after 21st of said month to the Saturday of the following week except when dispensed with in Easter Term. Michaelmas, 3rd Monday in November to Saturday of 2nd week thereafter. One Judge of each of the Courts is to sit in open Court every week, as well in as out of term, except during vacation. One Judge may sit for both Courts of Common Law. County Court Terms are four, commencing respectively on the 1st Monday in January and April, and the 2nd Monday in June and October in each year, all ending on Saturday of same week. Surrrogate Court Terms commence 1st Monday in January, April, July, and October, and end on same week, except in York, where Terms commence first Monday in January and April and 2nd Monday in June and October, and end on Tuesday of same week. Assizes-Twice in each year in every county on union of counties in Ontario, between Hilary and Easter Terms, and between the 21st of August and Michaelmas Term. In the County of York there are two additional Courts, one in the vacation between Easter Term and the 1st of July, and the other in the vacation between Easter Term and 1st of July, and the other in the vacation between Michaelmas and Hilary Terms, and in the County of Wentworth there is one additional between Michaelmas and Hilary Terms.

Sittings of Courts of Assize may be held separate and apart from the Courts of Oyer and Terminer, and either on same or different day, and sittings may be held in any County for trial without Jury, whenever directed by the Courts. County Courts.-Sittings commence on 2nd Tuesday in June and December , except in York, where there are four, commencing respectively on the 1st Tuesday in March and December , and 2nd Tuesday in May and September. Except in York, there shall be sittings for trial, without Jury, on 1st Monday in April and October in each year. In all Counties, Judges may hold such additional Courts as they may deem fit for trial of cases, without Jury. General Sessions are held at same time as the several County Courts. The County Judge's Criminal Court sits from time to time for trial of prisoners out of Sessions and without Jury. Heir, Devisee and Assignee Commissioners sit on 1st Monday in January and July, and on the 13 days next ensuing the said days respectively, Sundays and Holidays expected. Court of Chancery.-A Judge sits in Court almost daily for transaction of business. Hearing and examination of witnesses are at such times and places as are appointed by the Court. Court of Appeal sits at Toronto five times in every year, commencing on the 2nd Tuesday in January, the 1st Tuesday in March, the 2nd Tuesday in May, the 1st Tuesday in September, and the 2nd Tuesday in November. Supreme Court sits in Ottawa 3rd Tuesday in February, 1st Tuesday in May, 4th Tuesday in October. Exchequer Court at any time and place appointed by rule of Court. Long Vacation from 1st July to 21st August, except in the Court of Appeal, where it ends 31st August.

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TABLE OF STAMP DUTIES.

Stamps required on Notes, Drafts, or Bills of Exchange, executed singly:

For \$25

{Chart listing Fixed and Movable Festivals, Etc. for 1881}

{Chart listing Members of Government and Privy Council}

Jan. Saturday, 1. 1881.

Bright and moderately frosty good sleighing and yet not more than 4 inches of snow. Spent most of day at home and had our roast turkey without any visitors. Was at Concert at night in Brampton Music Hall a great crowd.

Sunday, 2.

Singers last night, Mrs Caldwell, Miss Barr & Mr Warrington. This morning at S School lesson, Luke I 5 to 17. Afternoon at a Covenant service in C M Church, town. Tonight heard Rev N. R. Willoughby preach, text Psa CXXXIV 3rd verse. *{some scribbles on page}*

Monday, 3.

A very fine day. It being municipal election day, there was a partial cessation of business all over the County. For this township elected today Reeve - J P Hutton, D. Reeves Cunnington & Keys - Councillors Daly Lighthouse, In Brampton things were very quiet. Sold to J C Snell shearling ewe @ \$20.00.

Jan. Tuesday, 4. 1881.

Spent first half of today helping a neighbor. In the last half had a trip to town for sundries and to the grist mill. This evening at Ebenezer S. S. singing practice. Received copy of "New Orleans Picayenne".

Wednesday, 5.

After the "certain round of duty to be done" of the morning, drove to town for a meeting in Concert Hall on Pacific Railway James Young, M.P.T of Galt addressed the large crowd in an eloquent strain and threw light on whole subject.

Thursday, 6.

As this is week of prayer throughout Christendom services are held every night in the Brampton churches. A quiet day. Had some callers in afternoon to see father in his illness. Mr & Mrs A Ferguson & Robert came from Shelburn.

Jan. Friday, 7. 1881.

Had a light fall of snow yesterday and improved sleighing somewhat. Spent forenoon in town with our visitors and friends. This evening at S. S. practice at No 13.

Saturday, 8.

Entertaining our friends from Shelburne. Two trips to Brampton with Em who made a trip to Toronto. Weather moderate and good sleighing. Received from E Grafton a New Orleans paper.

Sunday, 9.

At S School this morning lesson, Luke 1st 46 to 55. "The Song of Mary". Afternoon at Zion Church, Rev Mr Howson preached our S. S. Anniversary sermon, text, Luke XIII, 7 & 8. Tonight heard N. R. W. at C M Church text, Amos IV, 12th.

Jan. Monday, 10. 1881.

Our Shelburne friends started for home this morning. Had another snow fall last night and we have now the best sleighing of the season. In town tonight the special services in C M Church are continued all through this week.

Tuesday, 11.

Last night was one of the coldest of this winter, the frost was most intense Bought from Jas Golding candies &c for S. S. Party. Tonight at singing practice in Zion Church.

Wednesday, 12.

Yesterday afternoon we put up platform in Zion Church and put up the candies at Mr B Watson's, 25 lbs candies, 10 lbs nuts & 1 box raisins into 275 paper bags. Tonight was 27th Anniversary of Ebenezer *{large ink blot covering part of Ebenezer}* U S S attendance not very large, but had a good meeting.

Jan. Thursday, 13. 1881.

Speeches last night, Messrs Daly A F Campbell and D J McKinnon, recitations by children. Had a good programme of music. Realized \$33.00 about. Today we dressed a 4 yr old cow, beef 500 lbs hide 70 lbs, tallow 50 lbs.

Friday, 14.

Went to town this morning to sell beef, Sold hind qt to Noble 130 lbs @ 6¼, \$8.15 & fore qt to J C Snell 120 lbs @ 4½ \$5.40, Hide to Milner @ \$5.00, also tallow @ 6{?} \$2.25, a sheepskin @ \$1.25
A very cold day.

Saturday, 15.

Prospects of another snow storm. A half day's pea threshing. And some business in town in afternoon made up the day. Paid yearly sub to Peel Banner @ \$1.00.

Jan. Sunday, 16. 1881.

Usual trip to S School, the lesson, Luke I last fifteen verses. "The Sons of Zacharias" Afternoon reading at home. Evening at C M Church, sermon by Rev Mr Hardy, text, Acts 26 - 28th verse. After services for two hours, many candidates for conversion.

Monday, 17.

In the morning a trip to G.T.R. depot and home by first line west to Jno Pulphers to arrange for cutting straw. This evening at special meeting in C M Church, a large number professing conversion.

Tuesday, 18.

A day's work in barn moving oats and threshing peas. Extra fine weather and capital sleighing. At the protracted meeting this evening, Rev Mr Hardy preached and a good meeting followed.

Jan. Wednesday, 19. 1881.

At noon today we made up a sleigh load of young folks and drove to Claude. The Co Peel S. S Association met here yesterday and today. The meeting was overcrowded and a lively interest manifested. We had a pleasant time indeed.

Thursday, 20.

An extra fine day for the season, but towards evening signs of a snow storm. Working in barn all day. Evening at Pancake social in P M Church, Brampton. Mr R Aitkin was presented with a gold watch by P. M. Church.

Friday, 21.

A big snow storm, N. East. Was cutting oat straw with Pulfer's machine, Cut about 5 good loads in 5 hours. The storm made it bad for horses 4 teams. Paid \$4.00 for day's work. Spent evening at Mr Ben Watson's.

Jan. Saturday, 22. 1881.

Snow fell all day as well as yesterday, more than a foot but it drifted very little. Had a trip to town with horse and cutter for some necessaries. The storm abated this evening.

Sunday, 23.

At C M Church, Brampton this morning. Mr Blight of Yorkville preached, text John XI, 39th. A revival sermon. Tonight Rev Mr Hardy preached text Acts II, 4th. After which a prayer meeting until 10.30 o'clock.

Monday, 24.

Part of today in woods with team moving rails and poles. An hour at blacksmiths getting repairs on bob-sleighs. Received cash \$40.00 from R J Williamson for a fat heifer (muly). Evening at home.

Jan. Tuesday, 25. 1881.

Had a trip to Caledon East with team and sleigh and brought from there a load of lumber for Isaac Modeland, From daybreak to nightfall. Spent this evening at party at Mr Benjamin Watson's.

Wednesday, 26.

No special work today save hauling 100 rails out of "lower woods" into pile for future use. Tonight at the special revival meeting C M Church. Also went to party at 10 P.M. at Mr Thos Crowforth's and got home at a late hour. *{some scribbling on page}*

Thursday, 27.

Weather continues steady cold, does not thaw enough to make first class sleighing snow being dry and loose. Part of today in town on business. Tonight at social by Mrs Robert Carter 1st line east, a large crowd, proceeds \$56.00.

Jan. Friday, 28. 1881.

Waited all day expecting the man from Toronto who bargained for our wool some six weeks ago, but he failed to put in an appearance. Spent tonight at the revival services. Rev C E McIntyre preached "Quench not the Spirit"

Saturday, 29.

A visit today from Mr Henry Modeland of Sarnia. Did not special work today beyond usual routine. In afternoon had a drive to 2nd line east and back home.

Sunday, 30.

Morning at S School, lesson Luke II 20 to 35, "The song of Simeon over the child Jesus". Afternoon at the revival meeting in C M Church addresses & prayer. Tonight Rev Mr Hardie preached text "Remember thy Creator in days of thy youth"

Jan. Monday, 31. 1881.

This month has been marked by extremely cold weather throughout, also by good sleighing. Today had usual work and some driving. Tonight at revival service, a good meeting over 20 stood up to manifest desire to lead a new life.

Feb. Tuesday, 1.

A bitter cold day, dull with a keen north wind. Drove to town with chopping of 24 bush peas. Part of our family went to afternoon prayer meeting. Was at meeting tonight, Rev Mr Hardie preached "Ye must be born again".

Wednesday, 2.

Last night was coldest of the season, mercury 20° below zero. Clear and cold today. Service all day in C M Church 10 a.m. 3 P.M. and at 7.30 P.M. Set apart by our minister as special fast and humiliation before God.

Feb. Thursday, 3. 1881.

The bitter biting blast out of the North continues with very little abatement save bright sunshine about noon. In town this afternoon at prayer meeting, C M Church Also this evening at revival meeting, Rev Mr Reid preached.

Friday, 4.

Clear and frosty. Have to build daily fires in cellar to keep out "Jack Frost". This afternoon at funeral of Jas Alexander in Brampton. It was conducted with Masonic ceremonies. Spent evening at home.

Saturday, 5.

A busy day in the barn yard, attending to stock and flailing peas. Last night received letter from Shelburn and also one from Oakville. Clear and moderately frosty.

Feb. Sunday, 6. 1881.

At Quarterly meeting this morning in C M Church, town. Rev R Boyle preached text, John XIV 23rd. Tonight Rev N. R. W. preached, text Luke X, 39th "And he willing to justify himself said". A searching sermon, A good meeting afterward, 20 seekers.

Monday, 7.

Moderating, and signs of a thaw. Spent day making preparation for a long trip tomorrow. This evening at revival service, an earnest discourse *{scribble on page}* by a youth named Kirby, followed by a good prayer meeting.

Tuesday, 8.

Away an hour before daylight this morning on road for Shelburne with team and sleigh. Arrived there about 1. P. M. and sold my 12 bags apples at 80¢ per bag. A fine rain more or less all day.

Feb. Wednesday, 9. 1881.

The thaw and fine rain continued all day. In consequence I hurried off for home at 12 noon. taking only 11½ bush peas @ 60¢ for fear of bad roads the deep snow being very soft. Got home at 8. P.M.

Thursday, 10.

Warm, bright and sloppy. A trip to town in morning for some necessaries. In evening at revival service and extra good sermon by Rev N R Willoughby, text, Mark V, 34. During prayer meeting all young converts were put together and *{blank space}* joined C M Church.

Friday, 11.

Quite a number of Bramptonians went to Toronto last night to hear Rev DeWitt Talmalge lecture. Today's work was cleaning harness. Rev R. Boyle preached tonight at the meeting, text, "Sitting at the feet of Jesus".

Feb. Saturday, 12. 1881.

A high wind from N. E. and rain followed by a mist. Threshing peas with flail and attending the wants of the livestock made up today's programme.

Sunday, 13.

At S School this morning lesson, Luke IV 7 to 21, "The preaching of John the Baptist". This evening heard Rev N. R. W. preach at C M Church, text Mark I 21 to 25. A stirring sermon to an overflowing congregation.

Monday, 14.

Little of consequence to report for today. Am alone for the work now it takes a great deal of the day in barnyard. Tonight at revival service. Rev R Boyle preach text, Luke XIV, 22nd. Had a very good meeting.

Feb. Tuesday, 15. 1881.

Bought from J C Snell 8 bush peas @ 70¢ per bush for seed have about 20 bush in all now, for that purpose. This evening at home, wrote letter to A J Rossiter of Oregon.

Wednesday, 16.

Drove to Willow Lodge for the folks who were there visiting. In town tonight Rev R Boyle preached at revival service, text, "What shall it profit a man to gain whole world and lose his own soul.

Thursday, 17

Part of today at blacksmith's getting horse shoeing done. Had a visit from Mr & Mrs Robert Carter. Tonight at revival meeting, Rev Mr Totten preached, from the parable of prodigal son.

Feb. Friday, 18. 1881.

A snow storm from N. E. lasting all day, about 4 inches fell. Had a trip to Brampton on business. Tonight at revival service. Rev Mr Totten preached text, "Remember Lot's wife".

Saturday, 19.

Put in a steady day's work threshing peas, beside having to drive to town with Mrs Geo Duncan. Received yesterday a telegram from Alliston telling of death of our cousin, Mrs Muirhead.

Sunday, 20.

At S School this morning, lesson, Luke XIV, 14 to 21, "The preaching of Jesus Christ". Heard Rev Mr Totten preach in C M Church tonight, text Revelations II 17th, followed by prayer meeting and fellowship meeting.

Feb. Monday, 21. 1881.

A quiet uneventful day. Had a short visit from James Hanson of Blackheath near Hamilton, Ont. Evening in town, Em was playing piano at benefit concert.

Tuesday, 22.

Went to Toronto by morning train G.T.R. Bought a wolf skin robe lined @ \$10.00 and some root seeds at Rennies. Left my order at Treble's for 3 fine shirts @ \$2.00 each. Got home shortly after dark.

Wednesday, 23.

Mercury back to old notch this morning, down amg the zero's. Had pleasure of visiting our public school 1st line East. W A Hoath is a good teacher evidently. Evening at home.

Feb. Thursday, 24. 1881.

Nothing unusual today beside usual work among stock and pea threshing. Evening at home reading and home chat.

Friday, 25.

Had a trip to town early this morning. Remainder of day cleaning up a load of wheat for market. This evening at revival service, which is drawing to a close, Rev N. R. W. gave a good exhortation and advice.

Saturday, 26.

Drove on sleigh a load of wheat to market, sold it to K. C. & Co, 51 bush @ \$1.00. It was an inferior sample \$1.05 being standard price. Rest of the day cleaning up another load with help of boy Cook.

Feb. Sunday, 27. 1881.

At S School this morning, lesson, Luke V 12 to 25. "Christ healing the sick". Warm and raining a good deal during day and evening. Tonight heard Rev N. R. W. preach, text, Philipp I, 6th verse.

Monday, 28.

Drove to Norval Mills with a grist 13¼ bush mixed "Seneca" & "Wild Goose". Spent afternoon cleaning up remainder of wheat for sale, spring and fall. Tonight at P M Church in town, heard Rev Mr Antliff lecture, "Power of littles".

March. Tuesday, 1.

Opened with a cold fierce N. W. wind. Drove to Norval with load of wheat 30 bush @ \$1.00, 7 bush "White Fife" @ \$1.15 per bush. The sleighing has suffered a good deal by recent thaw, plenty of ice on the roads.

March. Wednesday, 2. 1881.

The work of today, extra care of stock, because of daily arrivals in sheep house and in cow house. This evening in town, at class meeting in lecture room of C M Church led by Rev N. R. W.

Thursday, 3.

A high cold wind from east all day, about sundown a driving snow storm set in. Insured house and barn in "London Mutual" for \$1000 & \$1100 respectively for three years from Saturday next, Robt. G. Ferguson came today on visit

Friday, 4.

Visitors came last night Aunt Phoebe Burke & Addie and Mr D. Muirhead of Alliston. Snow has continued to fall all day, but is a warm storm. Had a visit this afternoon from cousins from Seaforth, Elsie & Isaac Modeland.

March. Saturday, 5. 1881.

We have just had the biggest storm of the winter, fully 18 inches of snow but not very badly drifted, it being too damp. Our friends went home today. Bought from T Milner 2 bush clover seed @ \$5.50 per bush.

Sunday, 6.

At S. School this morning lesson, Luke VII 12 to 20, "the witness of Jesus to John". A bright warm day. Heard Rev Jas Pringle preach tonight in C M Church, text Matt, XI, 28th verse.

Monday, 7.

Just after breakfast a three hour's trip to Norval Mills for 1/2 ton of bran @ \$14.00 per ton. Afternoon weighed a fat cow on Smith's scales weight 1450 lbs, full.

March. Tuesday, 8. 1881.

A busy day in stockyard. Also cleaned peas for chopping. Evening in town at revival meeting in P. M. Church conducted by Rev Mr Stillwell.

Wednesday, 9.

Delivered at T. Milner's our last year's wool crop 454 151 lbs (washed) @ 29¢ 94 lbs tub washed @ 22¢ total, \$64.50. Paid Dr Heggie's bill \$27.00 Also bought fore. qt. beef 110 lbs @ 6¢ \$6.60.

Thursday, 10.

Beside the usual work hauled a load of wood for Ben Cook at No 10. And a trip to town for medicine and to mill for chopping. The evening at home, deep in newspapers.

March. Friday, 11. 1881.

Another cold snap. Sold 4 Berkshires 5 mos old to J C Snell for \$35.00 and a month's board. A great deal of sickness and colds prevalent just now and our folks have not escaped it.

Saturday, 12.

A busy day hauling into barn the remains of barley straw stack, about 8 loads. Our stock of fodder is running pretty low, so much cold weather has caused more consumption by all animals. Another snow storm tonight from N.E.

Sunday, 13.

Some four or five inches of fresh snow this morning. Through indisposition was not at S School, lesson, Luke VII 35 to 50, "Jesus the friend of sinners". At C M Church tonight, Rev N. R. W. preached text, Titus III, 5, 6, 7th verses.

March. Monday, 14. 1881.

Bright, warm sunshiny day. Bought from Jno Sanderson at G.T.R Depot a quantity of bulk salt @ \$5.50 per ton. Had a pleasant evening at home with some young friends, the Carter's and Mr Hoath {illegible} School teacher.

Tuesday, 15.

Brought home remainder of salt 3650 lbs, cost in full \$10.00 cash, Also sold sheepskin to Thos Milner @ \$1.25 cash Evening at home. Czar of Russia was shot and killed on Sunday last.

Wednesday, 16

Warm and thawing very fast all day, roads are getting muddy. Received cash \$5.50 from Jno Woodhall payment for 6 bbls of apples received by him last fall. Evening in town at P. M. Church revival services.

March. Thursday, 17. 1881.

St Patrick's Day. Warmer than yesterday. Had a busy day in barn yard. Putting seed barley into shape have 46 bush in all. Evening at home.

Friday. 18.

Spent forenoon in town attending to several matters of business. Received portrait of late Hon Geo Brown through "Globe" office. Warm and roads are getting very muddy.

Saturday, 19.

A rain storm from East with a high wind, nearly all day. Was in barn threshing peas. Evening at home.

March. Sunday, 20. 1881.

This morning at reopening of C M Church, Brampton Rev Dr Burns of Hamilton preached, text, Matt XXI, 13th "Prayer". Heard same man tonight, text, John XX 27th "Faith". An eloquent preacher but sermons very lengthy, 1½ hours

Monday, 21.

A dull cheerless day, not a bit like opening of spring. Brought Dr Heggie to see Ella who is very sick, a slight attack of inflammation of lungs. Spent evening at R Watson's with a few young folks mostly Carters.

Tuesday, 22.

Beside the usual work we cleaned some timothy seed and have 120 lbs, 2½ bush. Spent evening in town at C M Church anniversary tea and concert, principal singers Miss Hunter & Mr Jenkins Soprano & Tenor of Hamilton both excellent singers.

March. Wednesday, 23. 1881.

At home all day. Had a visit from Dr Heggie. Ella is some better apparently. Weather continues cold and dreary. Evening reading the news. The township assessor Mr Stephen Craig was here today.

Thursday, 24.

Started the annual job of splitting and piling in woodshed the stock of stovewood. The assessed value of this farm \$5000, and live stock at present \$550.

Friday, 25

A trip to town for mail and some necessaries for the sick folks at home. At same work as yesterday R J Williamson inspected our fat cow but only bid \$65. did not sell at that.

March. Saturday, 26. 1881.

Has been growing colder all week. The roads are dry and dusty but there snow banks all along both sides. Mr & Mrs Geo Duncan spent evening here. Today's work in the wood shed.

Sunday, 27.

Spent morning at S School lesson, Luke IX, 1 to 6, "The Apostle's Mission". A Missionary lesson at close of Quarter. Tonight heard Rev Geo Brown of Streetsville preach in town, text, Heb VII, 25th.

Monday, 28.

Had one half day's help from Adam White in return for two hours service of our team, threshing and fanning peas. Spent evening at small party at John H Carter's No 9 Centre Road.

March. Tuesday, 29. 1881.

A day's work in the barn. Sold a fat cow to G Armstrong for May delivery @ 5¼¢ per lb live weight, less 5 pr ct full weight for shrinkage for export to England. Received \$4.00 on bargain. Spent this evening at R J Nichols in Brampton.

Wednesday, 30.

Have been threatened all day with another snow storm, a high N.E. wind. Spent the day in wood shed splitting and piling up stove wood.

Thursday, 31.

The storm has ended in a light flurry of snow, but a cold wind and hard frost prevails. So this month ends as it began, very cold. Hired a young man, Shoaff for 7 months @ \$14.00 per mo. board and washing included.

April. Friday, 1. 1881.

Opens like a winter month. Frost and snow in abundance. Spent forenoon in blacksmith shop, getting iron harrow teeth sharpened &c. In town tonight at annual letting of C M Church pews, increased by \$1.00 in price ours \$4.00 per annum.

Saturday, 2.

Sold and delivered to Geo Duncan 2 bags potatoes @ 70¢ per bag. Received \$3.00 from J Modeland on sand through J E Sterling. Bought at Harvey & Crawford's a new French bedstead @ \$3.50 3 sets castors .75¢. A large number of horses sold in town to Americans.

Sunday, 3.

At S School lesson Luke IX 50 to 62. "Following Jesus". A doz copies of S. S. Times were distributed in school. Tonight heard Rev N. R. W. preach, text, Psalms XCI 11 to 13th verses.

April. Monday, 4. 1881.

Our "whole season" man Wm Shoaff started work this morning. Spent today at wood pile. This evening in town at P. M. revival service. Rev Mr Reid led the meeting and preached have been quite a number of conversions.

Tuesday, 5.

Intensely cold with a very high N.W. wind. No indication of spring as yet. Threshing peas and cutting stove wood. At home this evening.

Wednesday, 6.

A winter morning, bright and keen. Had trip to town for some necessaries for Ella. Received letter from Oakville friends. Afternoon drove up to Mr Jas Hall's 2nd line west.

April. Thursday, 7. 1881.

Some warmer today. Spent a busy day at home at various jobs. Had a visit from both minister Rev N. R. W. and Dr Heggie, beside neighbor's calls. Evening at home.

Friday, 8.

A bright warm day tempted us to get at something like spring work. Drawing manure from barnyard into large pile in field behind barn, for roots. A couple of hours in town tonight.

Saturday, 9.

At same work as yesterday but gave it up for the present, this afternoon as it is getting very muddy.

April. Sunday, 10. 1881.

At S School this morning lesson, Luke *{stroked out}* X, 25 to 37. "The Good Samaritan". Afternoon had a good many callers from town. Evening at C M Church. Rev Mr Holmes preached text, James V, 19 & 20.

Monday, 11.

Spent most of the day at the wood shed. Weather is growing some warmer and snow banks are melting slowly but we get no rain, dust is flying on roads like the summer time.

Tuesday, 12.

At same work as yesterday. Had a trip to town, received from London, our "Fire Insurance Policy. Spent evening at J. C. Snell's in chat and reading. Bought a new buck saw .40 and buggy whip 90¢

April. Wednesday, 13. 1881

Was sowing clover seed on fall wheat "front field" 7 lbs per acre, 43 lbs on 6 acres. Received from R Watson \$12.00 int on a \$150. note, due on 1st Mch @ 8 per cent. Sold yesterday 3 pigs @ \$8.00 each to J. C. Snell to be delivered at 6 wks old.

Thursday, 14.

A bright warm day. Drove in buggy up to Charleston to take Emma to T. G. & B. R. R. Station on her way to Shelburn. The roads are dry most of the way, except on mountain where there is a lot of snow.

Friday, 15.

Good Friday comes late in the month this year. A bright warm day. Dusty roads. A few traces of snow banks along the fences. Observed as a holiday in town but not generally in country. At home all day.

April. Saturday, 16. 1881.

A very high west wind driving the dust in clouds down the Centre Road. Forenoon at blacksmith's Afternoon at wood piling. Fire at No 10. Geo Davis' house burned this P.M. Had a trip to town for medicine.

Sunday, 17.

At S School, lesson Luke XI 37 to 47. "Pharisees reproved" or "Saying & doing". Evening at C M Church Rev N R Willoughby preached text, Rev V, 12th verse.

Monday, 18.

Most of the day at the blacksmith's getting plows repaired for spring work. Picking stones off the meadows &c. My birthday - 1851 -1881.

April. Tuesday, 19. 1881.

A day's work sowing salt. Put on at rate of 200 lbs per acre on land intended for barley. Em came home from Shelburn tonight bringing a present from friends, maple sugar & syrup.

Wednesday, 20.

Telegraphed last night for Dr. Fulton, Toronto. He came out at noon train today to see Ella and thinks she is dangerously ill. Co Peel Spring Fair held today in Brampton, a fine day and a large crowd.

Thursday, 21.

Sowed in drills 3 lbs carrot seed on 1/3 acre, fresh plowed sod. Was cultivating with seeder land for oats. Weather fine and dry, have had no rain yet this month.

April. Friday, 22. 1881.

Seeding oats, sowing part of field broadcast and part drilled, at rate of 2¼ bush per acre. 7½ acres. Also started cultivating field for barley. Evening at home.

Saturday, 23.

Sowed barley in front field drilled it, ground very dry and lumpy. Sowed 1¾ bush per acre and seeded with clover and timothy. Somewhat of a venture to sow barley so early.

Sunday, 24.

At S School, lesson, Luke XII, "Beware of Covetousness". An exceedingly warm day. Tonight, heard Rev N. R. W. preach text, Colossians I, 12th verse. Had several callers to visit Ella. .

April. Monday, 25. 1881.

Rolling and putting on finishing touches on front field. Also rolled fall wheat, it is very slim crop. Weather is almost sultry and ground is very dry from absence of rain.

Tuesday, 26.

Had a light shower during last night, being the first rain during this month. Was plowing sod in "old orchard" field for oats. Had pastoral visit from Rev N. R. W. Rev C E McIntyre.

Wednesday, 27.

Sowed 5½ bush "Australian" oats on 2 1/5 acres, fresh plowed sod "old orchard" next to "Watson" line. A couple of hours in town this evening. Received letters from Oregon and Shelburn.

April. Thursday, 28. 1881.

Sowed another field of barley 8¾ acres, 19 bush broadcast and seeded with clover and timothy. Ella is very sick yet, has been in bed six weeks semiweekly visits from Dr. Heggie.

Friday, 29.

Sowed 6 acres of barley cultivated both ways. broadcast, 13 bush. Except peas this completes the grain seeding, 10 acres oats & 18 acres barley. Fall wheat is very slim. Very dry weather.

Saturday, 30.

Rolling and furrowing and putting finishing strokes on barley fields. Weather cool, pretty hard frosts at night. R G Ferguson arrived from Shelburn. Scarcely any rain this month.

May. Sunday, 1. 1881.

In morning at Quarterly meeting C M Church, Town. Rev Coverdale Watson of Toronto preached, text, Deut, XXXIII, 25th. Heard same minister tonight, text John XVII 16th & 17th.

Monday, 2.

Clear and cold and dry. Sold 8 bags potatoes, 3 @ 65¢ 5 @ 60¢ = \$4.95. Received from R G Ferguson payment of \$50.00 and int for 13 mos \$4.35 = \$54.35. Finished up rolling barley and oats.

Tuesday, 3.

A day's work at picking stones off the meadows about 15 acres. Sold to A M Campbell 5 bush oats @ 40¢ and to W Martin one bag potatoes @ 65¢. Cool and frosty, bright sunshine.

May. Wednesday, 4. 1881.

General jobbing all day. Shovelling drains, repairing fences, digging in garden and planting a few "Early Rose" potatoes. A great many callers this evening to see Ella, who is yet very ill.

Thursday, 5.

Commenced operations for roots by hauling manure from barnyard into field just behind barn. Worked very hard we put out 28 loads. In town an hour tonight for Dr Heggie who came at midnight.

Friday, 6.

At same work as yesterday. Had a light shower last night, enough to dampen the dust. Warmer today, the trees are getting a light cast of green. Fall wheat nearly ruined by the drouth.

May. Saturday, 7. 1881.

Completed job of manuring root and corn ground put 70 loads on 3½ acres. In town for some notions for our sick folks, this morning. Weather growing warmer every day but no rain.

Sunday, 8.

A very hot day. Forenoon at home, the S. S. lesson Luke XVI, "The Prodigal son". Afternoon had trip to town for medicine. Tonight at C M Church, Rev R Boyle preached, text, Dan VII, 18th. Rev N. R. W is very ill.

Monday, 9.

All day at crossplowing root ground. The hot weather reached its height today and culminated in a heavy thunder shower tonight. What grand rain for all the dry and thirsty land.

May. Tuesday, 10. 1881.

All nature is smiling this morning, what a bright rich green is shaded over all the vegetable world. At same work as yesterday. Evening at home as usual.

Wednesday, 11.

Getting root plot into good condition and all ready for drilling tomorrow. Weather is very hot. Obtained from Toronto a few ripe tomatoes for Ella, a rarity at this season.

Thursday, 12.

Drilled and sowed 1½ acres (nearly) with 6 lbs mangels, 2/3 of it "Yellow Globe" & 1/3 long red. Blossoms on plum and early apple trees. Callers every day to see Ella.

May. Friday, 13. 1881.

Had an early trip to town this morning on business and was detained until nearly noon. After dinner we washed the sheep (22) in Etobicoke. Plowing sod for peas.

Saturday, 14.

Planting "Early Rose" potatoes, 12 bush on 5/8 acre field just behind barn and plowed them in. A splendid shower this evening, the grain crops were suffering for want of it.

Sunday, 15.

A dull damp day. At S School in morning, the lesson, Luke XVI, "The rich man and Lazarus". Tonight in C M Church heard Rev Jas Pringle preach, text, Luke XIII, 24th verse.

May. Monday, 16. 1881.

A steady day's plowing in sod with one team. Spent half an hour at "Willow Lodge" this evening. Weather cool and dull threatening rain.

Tuesday, 17.

Potato marketing at No 10 sold to different parties 10 bags @ 65¢ & 3 bags seed @ .50¢ = \$8.00. Sowing Yankee corn in drills, by hand machine in youngest orchard, also some Canadian in hills.

Wednesday, 18.

Splendid growing weather fine rain (light) every day this week from east. Sod plowing all day and harrowing in thoroughly Evening at home.

May. Thursday, 19. 1881.

At same work as yesterday. Plowing sod and harrowing it. Raining more or less all day, but only light the clouds seem nearly empty before reaching here.

Friday, 20.

Finished sod plowing Started reworking land for turnips. Spent part of the evening in town. A bright warm day. Received from A M Campbell for oats \$4.00

Saturday, 21.

Drilled up for turnips one acre beside mangolds and sowed nearly 3 lbs seed (Rennie's Prize"). Afternoon was spent doing some general job work.

May. Sunday, 22. 1881.

Morning at S School lesson, Luke XVIII, 1 to 14 "Two parables on Prayer". Have a good many Sunday callers to see Ella, who is now recovering. Heard tonight in C M Church, Rev Mr Brown text, Matt XXVII, 22nd.

Monday, 23.

Sowing peas with drill old orchard sod, well harrowed before drilling, put 18 bush on hardly 7 acres, good seed. Also rolled and ditched it. Bought in town tonight a new "Christy black felt hat & necktie \$3.00

Tuesday, 24.

Is a public holiday. A very warm day. At work in forenoon, dipping lambs &c. Spent evening in town at Grand Concert in Agri^c Hall, singers Mrs Caldwell Mr Warrington & Jenkins, Also a girl (only 14) who played violin capitally.

May. Wednesday, 25. 1881.

Weather grows hotter and dryer every day. New strawberries in Brampton yesterday @ 40¢ per quart. Started manuring our fallow, back field of "other place.

Thursday, 26.

At same work as yesterday despite the heat, running two waggons. Attended a school trustee meeting this afternoon at the school house, on repairs. Evening at home receiving callers, a great many.

Friday, 27.

Continuation of same job. Weather if possible hotter than yesterday. Towards evening had some rain and a wet night. Evening in town at Choir Practice.

May. Saturday, 28. 1881.

Put 75 loads manure on 9½ acres fallow. Received from Jos Snell \$24.00 cash for three Berkshires 8 wks old. Had trip to Edmonton and to Brampton. A rainy day.

Sunday, 29.

Spent forenoon at S School lesson Luke XIX "The parable of the pounds". Mr & Mrs A F Campbell here most of the day. Tonight in C M Church heard Rev Jno Hunt of Orangeville, text, Matt XXVIII 17th.

Monday, 30.

Started the first plowing of fallow, ground pretty hard and dry. Received from Mrs Micken for 3 bags potatoes @ 5 & 50¢ \$ 1.80. Fall wheat is showing out in head.

May. Tuesday, 31. 1881.

Delivered fat cow to Geo Armstrong, Brampton. She weighed full, 1570 lbs on town scales @ 5¼¢ \$78.00 less \$4.00 on deposit. Bought a new mower @ \$60.00 from Shantz & of Preston. Hot day.

June. Wednesday, 1.

A fine moist morning and a shower about sunrise. Plowing in fallow until noon. At raising of new barn for Mr J. A. Modeland 3rd line East. Spent evening at J L Newlove's.

Thursday, 2.

Plowing all day in fallow with both teams. All the spring grains and grasses are suffering for want of rain. Had a good many showers but very little rain at a time.

June. Friday, 3. 1881.

Stationing committee of Toronto Conference of C M Church met in Brampton Church this morning. Replanting corn and sowing rape in "old" orchard and fallow plowing. Evening wet, spent it at Choir Practice.

Saturday, 4.

Completed first plowing of fallow 9½ acres and harrowing it. Spent a couple of hours in Edmonton and an hour in Brampton this afternoon. Almost cool enough for frost.

Sunday, 5.

Morning at S School, lesson Luke XXIII, "The Crucifixion" Mr McLure visited the School on behalf of Township S. S. Union. Tonight heard Rev Mr Browning preach in C M Church text Isaiah LXVI, 13th. A public reception of new members took place.

June. Monday, 6. 1881.

A white frost last night but not much damage. Today started doing statute labor on roads the soil is remarkably easy worked, friable. Cool all day and like frost tonight.

Tuesday, 7.

Same work as yesterday continued and finished tonight, 7 days work. A little rain today with every indication of a great deal. This has been the character of all rains this season.

Wednesday, 8

Ho for the hay field. Made a start today cutting with our new "Preston" mower (Johnson patent) 3½ acres orchard grass, in field behind the barn. The mower does its work well. The Conference Educational meeting tonight.

June. Thursday, 9. 1881.

Horse hoeing among roots making no headway because of very dry weather. Raking and cocking hay. Conference Missionary Meeting tonight. Addresses by ~~two~~ three Manitoba missionari's.

Friday, 10.

Hauled in hay two large loads. Visitors Mrs Taylor from Oakville Mrs Adam Ferguson & Albert. Tonight Conference Reception of young men to be ordained on the Sabbath next. 7 young men. Splendid speeches by Dr Douglas, Dr Hunter & W H Laird.

Saturday, 11.

Had a trip to Stewart town (Lawson's Sawmill) and bought 500 ft good culled lumber @ \$5.00 per M = \$2.50 and 5½ squares No 2 shingles @ 70¢ per squ \$3.85 = \$6.35.

June. Sunday, 12. 1881.

At 9 A.M. attended the Conference Lovefeast, C M Church a season of religious enjoyment at 11 o'clock Rev Dr Douglass of Montreal preached Psa XC 4th After which 7 young men were ordained. Tonight Rev S J Hunter preached Heb XII 26.27. The church was literally packed.

Monday, 13.

Plowing the orchard grass sod with both teams. Sold a 10 ~~mes~~ wks old Berkshire to Crocker @ \$8.00 cash. A big wind storm tonight but not much rain. Had to go away on business this evening and did not get to Conference meeting.

Tuesday, 14.

Was drafted on the jury and had to go at noon today to Court House Brampton. Conference meeting tonight Temperance addresses by ministers and Prof Foster the great Scott Act speaker all the speeches were good.

June. Wednesday, 15. 1881

Spent all day at Court House but was not called to jury box. Came home this evening to find Ella a great deal worse and sinking gradually all evening at 11 o'clock tonight the end came and Ella passed peacefully away to Heaven.

Thursday, 16.

Last night was the most sorrowful in history of our family. Ella was conscious to last moment and had strength to bid us each goodbye and breathed last words "I love Jesus". What a mixture of sorrow and joy.

Friday, 17.

The day of the funeral. Our friends arrived at different times and everything was ready at 2 P.M and a very large procession started to C M Church. Rev W McFadden preached 2 Pet, 3, 11th Organ draped and choir sang "Mount Vernon" and we buried in New Cemetery

June. Saturday, 18. 1881.

Most of our friends lingered until with us until this forenoon and left us in deepest sorrow but in hope. Sowed millet this afternoon 2 bush on 3½ acres bought from J Learment @ 95¢. Mailed some more funeral notices.

Sunday, 19.

Mr George Rice of Oshawa came on midnight train this morning. Aunt Jennie came on Friday. None of us were at Church today. I drove Uncle George around among our friends. Rev Dr Young preached twice today in C M Church, Brampton.

Monday, 20.

Started mowing clover "other place" front field. A very good crop, cut 4 acres, one half of field. Our bees (one hive) swarmed yesterday and got them safely hived.

June. Tuesday, 21. 1881.

Weather quite cold and very dry, very poor hay weather. Raked up hay cut yesterday. (Half a days work cleaning out house well and repairing pump. Spent evening in town getting a hair cut. Wednesday forenoon *{lines indicating this should come after "repairing pump"}*

Wednesday, 22.

Did very little at hay today because of cool weather. Em and I took G.T.R. for Toronto this P.M. to attend National S S Convention in Hortia^l Gardens. Delegates from U. S. & England, good addresses and much enthuisasm in S S work displayed.

Thursday, 23.

I came home on midnight train, Em staid over for Convention continues three days. Hauling in hay today, 5 loads, but not in good condition. Received \$4.00 from A Campble for 10 bush oats.

June. Friday, 24. 1881.

Horse hoeing root crops. Finished raking and cocking the clover and makes a good show for this dry season. Have had a good many visitors this week. Received letters about Ella from S. B. Westervelt and Rev Jas Pearen.

Saturday, 25.

Some more work in hay fields cutting with mower and hauling couple of loads. Had a light rain this evening, wished for more but it did not come. Received \$3.20 for 2 days work on jury last week. Signed a 4 month note \$62.00 to Crawford undertaking

Sunday, 26.

Morning at S School, the lesson last eight verses in Luke's gospel. A missionary lesson. Afternoon at "Willow Lodge". Evening heard Rev Wm West preach in C M Church text, John I, 46th "Come and see".

June. Monday, 27. 1881.

Hauling in hay this forenoon until stopped by a shower. Rained more or less during afternoon. Mr & Mrs A. F. Campbell spent day here. Henry Ferguson from Missouri came on a visit, twelve yrs since he left Brampton.

Tuesday, 28.

A terrible thunder storm last night, killing David Lowe and damaging several building and trees &c. Another very heavy shower today. Working in root crop. Aunt Jennie Rice went home tonight.

Wednesday, 29.

At a special meeting of C M Church, Brampton, I was elected one of seven delegates from congregation on Quarterly Board. Sowed 2 lbs turnip seed on mangel drills. Working some in the hay today.

June. Thursday, 30. 1881.

One half of the year has fled. This has been a black letter month in the history of our family. Weather has been very cool. Today's work mowing clover, young orchard. Have 16 loads hay secured and 4 partly cured.

July. Friday, 1. 1881

"Dominion Day". Fourteen years old is our Dominion today. The great national holiday for Canada. A clear beautiful day just warm enough to be pleasant. Large excursion parties on railways. Was at home all day working in roots &c.

Saturday, 2.

Brought in 4 loads of bright clover hay this afternoon. Quite romantic forking hay among the apple trees, green above, around, everywhere. An hour in town tonight on business.

July. Sunday, 3. 1881.

Morning at S School the lesson, Exodus, I, 1 to 10. "Israel in Egypt". With this lesson is started a series on history of Israelites. Took tea at "Willow Lodge" this evening. Heard Rev J E Starr preach tonight in CM Church. He is stationed in Winnipeg and goes soon.

Monday, 4.

National Holiday in U States. The hottest day of the summer so far. Finished work with "mower" by cutting 4 acres timothy. Raked and cocked part of it tonight after tea.

Tuesday, 5.

A trip to town with this year's crop of wool, sold to K. C. & Co. 152 lbs, net several fleeces "docked" 1/3 because of being "matted" 22¢ = \$33.44. Horse raking and drawing in hay all afternoon.

July. Wednesday, 6. 1881.

Finished haying, 30 loads in all, nearly all in first class condition and especially last 10 loads. Spent the afternoon at picnic at No 10, R Watsons grove given by our public school No 22. Had a very pleasant time.

Thursday, 7.

Started crossplowing fallow but was stopped by rain before noon which continued all day, steady but not heavy. Spent evening absorbed in newspapers. A. Henry Ferguson here this week.

Friday, 8.

A day among roots. Hand hoeing and thinning mangel crop, good plants but very thin in the rows. Evening in town at a Garden Party in "Castle" grounds given Y. P. A. C M Church.

July. Saturday, 9, 1881.

Hot! Hot!, 95° in the shade. Scarcely a breeze all day and sun streamed down heat incessantly. Was gang cross plowing or trying too, had a 4 hour noon spell.

Sunday, 10.

Another sweltering day. Was at home resting until even. The S. S. lesson, Exodus II "Birth of Moses". Reread "Gates Ajar" a deeply interesting book. Tonight at P M Church, Rev Mr Griffith preached from III of Malachi.

Monday, 11.

Some cooler today. Put in a busy day behind the gang plow, turned over nearly 6 acres in fine style. Barley and fall wheat getting ripe very fast. Small fruit crop a light one.

July. Tuesday, 12. 1881.

The "Twilvith" for the Orangemen. They had a monster excursion to Toronto, so we heard no drums and fifes today. Spent today in the turnip crop hoeing and thinning. Cloudy and sultry.

Wednesday, 13.

Completed the job of yesterday beside doing some general jobbing. Spent a pleasant evening at Mr Robert Carter's. Received cash \$9.2 from J C Snell in payment for seed oats.

Thursday, 14.

A days work at mowing fence corner grass around grain fields and cocking up the hay will have a ton in all. Spent evening at garden party at M. M. Elliot's, a fine night handsome grounds, a crowd.

July. Friday, 15. 1881.

Very warm day. Rilla Elsie and I spent forenoon picking raspberries near Snell's lake. Got 9 lbs. Afternoon putting the reaper in fix for the harvest.

Saturday, 16.

The harvest be upon us once more. Made a partial commencement by cutting roads around wheat and barley. It is not over ripe yet.

Sunday, 17.

At S. School, lesson, Exodus III "The call of Moses". We have a quarter's lesson on interesting history of Israelites. Evening heard Rev Mr West preach in C M Church, text John XIX, 30, "It is finished".

July. Monday, 18. 1881.

Mailed letter to A. J. Rossiter, Oregon Into harvest this morning, cut fall wheat 6 acres, bound and stooked, Bill E McMicking (@ 75¢ per day) and I, father drove the reaper, Crop is very light and rusted some.

Tuesday, 19.

Cutting barley, 4 acres in front of house, bound greater part of it. Also started down in lower field which is a handsome crop, all the barley is good (18 acres).

Wednesday, 20.

A shower this morning put damper on harvest work for today, except cutting some roads with cradle. A day of note in Brampton three weddings celebrated.

July. Thursday, 21. 1881.

Reaped 6 acres barley and 3 acres fall wheat and had four binders who kept up with reaper, that is we had all bound by sundown, former a heavy crop, the latter a light one.

Friday, 22.

Continued at barley harvest but with only 3 binders disposed of 5 acres beside a lot of work at stooking. Visitors Rev J. F. Dyer of Virginia U.S and Nellie Taylor of Oakville.

Saturday, 23.

This forenoon completed cutting and binding barley 18 acres, 15 of which we bound. Afternoon hauling in barley cut 4 days ago. A busy week.

July. Sunday, 24. 1881.

At S School this morning lesson, Exodus IV "The call of Aaron and Moses". Rev J. F Dyer addressed school and spent the day with us. Tonight heard Rev Mr West preach in town, text, "Sleep on now", "Arise let us be going".

Monday, 25.

At grain hauling very early this morning but a shower at 7 o'clock A.M. stopped us for a few hours. Towards evening we got in several loads. Had a hail and rain shower at 6 P. M.

Tuesday, 26.

Got all barley safely barned except rakings of one field We worked hard also had two teams most of time. In town tonight making farewell call on Rev C Watson and wife (Mary Nichol).

July. Wednesday, 27. 1881.

Have all fall wheat and barley secured tonight. Will have no other grain ready for a few days. Oats not quite ripe, peas very green.

Thursday, 28.

Off for a half holiday. Mr & Mrs A. J. Little, Miss Little J. C. Snell & family , Mr Eddie & Miss J. Boyle and our family spent afternoon at Snell's lake in a picnic party. Boating lunching and gathering ferns, moss & flowers.

Friday, 29.

Started fall plowing today cross plowing with gang plow barley and fall wheat stubble It works up in fine order being thoroughly dried out. Plowed 4 acres using three horse team.

July. Saturday, 30. 1881.

At same work as yesterday. Also started cutting oat crop, it is a good one but not quite ripe enough. Evening in town awhile. Weather extremely dry and warm.

Sunday, 31.

Morning at S School lesson, Exodus VII 8 to 77 "Moses and the magicians". Tonight at C M Church in town, Rev W J West preached text, Hebrews X, 23rd. A warm day.

Aug. Monday, 1.

Worked an hour at oat harvest but concluded they were too green and postponed for two days. At gang plowing. Had a splendid shower at noon today. Had a pastoral visit from Rev W. J. West.

Aug. Tuesday, 2. 1881.

All day shingling the roof of implement shed at N end of barn used 5 sq's of No 2 shingles, 3½ lbs shingles to square shingles. Some harvest apples, today but we have very few.

Wednesday, 3.

Reaping and binding oats. Mercury stood 95° in shade Three of us bound 6½ acres oats, an extra heavy crop. Evening at home and very tired. The hottest day of the harvest. A smoky atmosphere.

Thursday, 4.

Attended the funeral of our neighbor Mr Ambrose Woodhall 48 years. Rev Mr Reid conducted the service in Zion Church. "There remaineth therefore a rest for the people of God". A very hot day.

Aug. Friday, 5. 1881.

Reaped remainder of oat crop 2½ acres on sod, "old orchard" field and bound it. Also started ganging a second stubble field. An evening among the newspapers of the current week.

Saturday, 6.

Commenced second crossplowing of fallow. Had two heavy showers before twelve o'clock noon today, which set everything afloat while they lasted. In town tonight awhile.

Sunday, 7.

Quarterly services in C M Church, Brampton. Rev W J West preached, text Philippians I, 27th verses Tonight Rev C E McIntyre preached text, I John II, 1st After sermon the sacrament was administered.

Aug. Monday 8. 1881.

Sowed 24 lbs timothy on "front field" barley stubble to help a partial "catch" of spring grass seed sowing, gave two strokes sulky rake after sowing. Afternoon at gang plow. Sold 1 bush early pears @ \$1.40 per bush.

Tuesday, 9.

Sold 2 bush early pears to C Dawson @ \$1.30 pr bush. A fine crop of pears, beside using a great many at home have given away a great deal. Harvest work hauling in oats, drew 9 loads.

Wednesday, 10.

Brought in rest of oats 13 loads in all, in very good order. Also started a cutting pea crop, hardly ripe enough. Sold to J C Snell, 8 lambs 6 rams & 2 ewes @ \$100.00 to be delivered 15th Sept.

Aug. Thursday, 11. 1881.

Finished ganging fallow started ganging oat stubble for rye crop field to be fallow next summer. Pea crop gets ready but slowly pulled a few of them today.

Friday, 12.

A splendid rain of two hours duration this morning. Sent help to neighbor's threshing, at home myself plowing. In town tonight awhile. A very sultry evening.

Saturday, 13.

Father & mother started to Oakville in buggy for a four or five day's visit. Was cross plowing barley stubble. And pulling peas. A cool windy day.

Aug. Sunday, 14. 1881.

At S School this morning. Lesson, Exodus, XIV, "The deliverance of Israelites out of hand of Egyptians". Afternoon and evening at home reading "Northern Messenger", "Pleasant Hours", "Christian Guardian".

Monday, 15.

{scan too light to read} Cutting peas

Tuesday, 16.

A hard day's work 'Bill' and I put in in pea field cutting most of day and hauled in four loads. They are a good crop for the season.

Aug. Wednesday 17. 1881.

Brampton Civic Holiday. Nearly all the town went on excursions various ways. Completed job of pulling pea crop. Weather dry, bright and cool.

Thursday, 18.

Spent an hour in town this morning. Got a supply of sister "Ella's" photographs from J. W. Cole, taken from an ambrotype, a pretty good likeness, but not much of her expression. Left my order at K. C & Co's for suit, black clothes. Hauling peas afternoon.

Friday, 19.

The folks got home from Oakville yesterday. Henry Ferguson went home (Missouri) yesterday. Harvest Home! was the language at teatime tonight. Brought in rest of peas today, 14 loads in all from 6½ acres. Evening in town to J Coyne for pr heavy boots @ \$4.50

Aug. Saturday, 20. 1881.

Spent the day in fallow harrowing, rolling and marking into ridges 18 ft wide, 9½ acres. Had some dickering with an American about lambs but made no sales.

Sunday, 21.

Morning at S School, lesson, Exodus XVI, "The Manna or bread from Heaven". Afternoon in town, at the funeral of Mr Jas Spelman. Also had tea at A J Little's Heard Rev Mr West preach tonight, text, Eccles IX, 5th

Monday, 22.

Started ridging up fallow today and plowed rather more than two acres. Weather continues very dry and growing hotter every day. Evening in town at meeting of Quarterly Board of C M Church. 12 o'clock midnight meeting closed.

Aug. Tuesday, 23. 1881.

Spent forenoon at and around Willow Lodge, looking at Cotswolds and Berkshires. Afternoon at the plowing in fallow. Made arrangements for threshing on 9th & 10th Sept Jos Cation's steamer.

Wednesday, 24.

Put in another day at plowing. A grand excursion to Grimsby Camp meeting today, several hundreds went from Brampton and vicinity per C.V.R to Toronto, thence by steam boat.

Thursday, 25.

Plowing continued. Have "Bill" threshing peas to make room for machine threshing. Dry, hot, smoky & dusty. Evening at home.

Aug. Friday, 26. 1881.

Another day's ridging. An hour in town tonight getting mail and doing a little trading. Received post card from Shelburn and letter from A J Rossiter, Oregon.

Saturday, 27.

Finished ridging of fallow doing it in 4½ days, 9½ acres. Wound up pea threshing of 4 loads. Received post card from R W Boyle, Toronto in reference to our trip to city next week.

Sunday, 28.

A very hot day. Staid at home all day and gave horses rest after a hard week's work. Reading, writing & resting. Tonight heard Rev Mr West preach in C M Church, text, John I, 12th verse.

Aug. Monday, 29. 1881.

Harrowed the fallow, preparatory to drilling. Made a trade with Joe Snell in sheep, buying shearling ram @ \$50.00 and giving 3 ram lambs @ \$11.00 each, part payments Got my black suit @ K. C. & Co. @ \$30.00.

Tuesday, 30.

Em and I went to Toronto @ 7. A.M. to attend wedding of Mr R. W. Boyle and Miss L. Patterson took place at residence of bride's father, 10 Gloster St. @ 12 noon. Part of us had a nice trip to Niagara in afternoon & evening. An excessively hot day. Returned at midnight train.

Wednesday, 31.

Heat continues unabated 95° in shade, very smoky. Attending threshing bees. Got "Fultz" wheat from J C Snell and "Seneca" from Mr Ben Watson. August a warm dry month.

Sept, Thursday, 1. 1881.

A drouth of nearly 4 weeks duration was broken today by a fine thunder shower. Started cutting second crop clover, with reaper, which answers the purpose well. The crop is a light one.

Friday, 2

Fall wheat seeding. Drilled in fallow 9½ acres nearly 16 bush of mixed "Fultz" and "Seneca" across ridges. The ground was damp to depth 3 inches by yesterdays rain. Sowed at same time timothy seed, nearly 2 bush.

Saturday, 3.

Running furrows & cross ditches and shovelling. Finished cutting the clover crop. Spent evening at Snell's lake with a few friends from Brampton.

Sept. Sunday, 4. 1881.

Morning at S School, lesson Exodus XX, "The commandments" At "Willow Lodge" for dinner. Afternoon at Zion, Rev Mr Howson preached, text, Psa CVII, 23, 24. Tonight in C. M. Church Brampton, Rev Mr West preach text, Col. I, 21st.

Monday, 5.

Bought from Sanderson at G.T.R. Depot 1 ton of coarse salt @ \$5.00 and sowed it on Fall wheat field. A phenomenon occurred this evening in shape of dense clouds of smoke, hiding sun was real dark an hour before sunset, light lamp in house.

Tuesday, 6.

Hauled in "second" crop of clover, 4 loads, very dry and short, slow work handling. Delivered lambs to Snell's and brought home our shearling ram from Joe Snell's. Extremely hot weather, 90° in shade.

Sept. Wednesday, 7. 1881.

Drilled the rye, 6 bush on 3 acres, more or less. Washed lambs, (15 in all) in Etobicoke. Hauling manure on fall plowing, cleaning out yards previous to threshing. George Pearen & Miss E. Modeland of Iowa, gave us a call.

Thursday, 8.

Weather some cooler, but yet very dry. Finished cleaning out barnyards put out 26 loads manure and hauled some gravel for leveling. College Farm stock Sale at Guelph today.

Friday, 9

Spent the day in making final preparation in and around barns for threshing. Had a horseback ride over to 5th line west, for {engine} water tank.

Sept. Saturday, 10. 1881.

Threshing with Jno Cation's steam thresher, barley nearly all day, finishing shortly after four o'clock. About 600 bushels of No 1 sample. Moved machine into other barn for Monday.

Sunday, 11.

At S School this morning lesson, Exodus XXXII "The punishment of idolators". This evening in C. M. Church heard Rev N. R. Willoughby preach, text, John XV, 15th.

Monday, 12.

Finished threshing about 7 hours work at wheat about 100 bush fair sample oats about 400 bush of good quality. Part of today fighting fire on C.V.R Line Fire from engines has spread into woods and fences.

Sept. Tuesday, 13. 1881.

Cutting millet with mower and platform, raking off into bundles, the crop is thin and short. Considerable work at fire in woods and is pretty hard to control. Cool and dry weather.

Wednesday, 14.

Great crowds of people going to Toronto fair today. Part of today watching fire in woods, and curing millet hay. Em and I spent evening in town.

Thursday, 15.

Part of our folks went to Toronto Exhibition today. Hauled in millet 3 loads of extra quality, no dust, no horse-raking. A break in drouth at last, a S.E. rain this evening.

Sept. Friday, 16. 1881.

Potato harvest, turning them out with plow, a very fair crop, but not quite so large a sample as last year's crop. Marking out fields, cross plowed into lands for ridging.

Saturday, 17.

At same work as yesterday until noon, when rain came on for the afternoon and O how welcome it was. Getting ready a load of fall wheat for market.

Sunday, 18.

A rainy morning, spent at home reading &c. Came out a fine afternoon warm and bright. Tonight heard Rev N. R. W preach a sermon to young people in C M Church, text Dan. II, 17th.

Sept. Monday, 19. 1881.

Sold and delivered to K. C & Co 49.05 bush fall wheat, mixed Seneca & Fultz. @ \$1.28 per bu. Paid Blain for rye seed 6 bush @ 92¢ \$5.50 and \$10.00 for some necessaries belongs to house.

Tuesday, 20.

President Garfield (of U.S.) died last night. This event has caused a profound feeling of sorrow over the world. Tonight heard in Brampton Prof Foster the great temperance lecturer, it was a good treat.

Wednesday, 21.

Spent all day at neighbors threshing. Visitors today Uncle A Ferguson of Shelburn and a call from our Public school teacher N. A. Hoath. Weather dry and warm.

Sept. Thursday, 22. 1881.

Father and Uncle Adam started for St Thomas via C.V.R.R. this morning to visit some friends and attend London Exhibition. The grain market is the study of the hour, present prices, wheat \$.30, barley. 88¢.

Friday, 223.

Sold and delivered to K. C. & Co two loads barley, 155 bush @ 88¢ = \$136 and some cents the grade was No 1. Did not sell any more as market seemed advancing. At a school trustee meeting tonight at Mr P. Chisholm's

Saturday, 24.

Started ridging the fall cross plowing with two teams. Spent a very pleasant evening in town, Em and I at Rev R. Boyle's, their Toronto friends were there. Sold lamb today to C Wilson @ \$10.00.

Sept. Sunday, 25. 1881.

Spent the day at home, being quite unwell. Rev N R Willoughby preached in C M Church tonight a sermon on life and death of late President Garfield.

Monday, 26.

Had one team ridging. At Main's mill with a chopping. Mailed a letter to Wesleyan Book Room for two small books (24¢) Sold ram lamb to Mr J Modeland @ \$10.00.

Tuesday, 27.

Sold and delivered two loads of No 1 barley to K. C. & Co @ 90¢ per bush. 149 bush = \$134.00. Came to same conclusion as on Friday last vis. that the market would be up and quit selling for present. Had visit from Mrs L Lindsay of Michigan.

Sept. Wednesday, 28. 1881.

In town a couple of hours this morning. Paid Dr Heggie's acc/ \$50.00 and Hansy & Crawfords acc/ \$62.00. Mr Ben Watson for 9 bush seed wheat \$11.50. Father & Uncle got home from St Thomas this morning.

Thursday, 29.

Finished ridging one field. Mrs A J Little gave us a farewell visit previous to their removal to Petrolia. Weather continues warm and dry. Part of evening in town.

Friday, 30.

A warm day and very high wind. Was busy at apple harvest rather a scant one this year, but quality of fruit good. Will have about 150 barrels of sound apples. The month has been dry and warm.

Oct. Saturday, 1. 1881.

Opened with a rainy morning. It is warm also and a good growth among grass & wheat is expected. Cleared off towards noon. Plowing ridging in second and last field!

Sunday, 2.

A warm damp day with a little rain. Morning at S School, lesson, Exodus XXXV, "Giving cheerfully". Took dinner at Willow Lodge. Evening at home reading &c.

Monday, 3.

One team at the ridging all day. Peel Co Agric. Society Annual Exhibition opened this morning in Brampton. We are not making any exhibit this year. Weather bright and warm. Sisters and I spent evening at Mr Robt Carter's.

Oct. Tuesday, 4. 1881.

Second day of Brampton Fair A spring wagon load of us went down at noon and spent 4 hours on grounds. The Exhibit was tolerably good throughout but weather was very cold and windy. Number of people was greater than usual.

Wednesday, 5.

Closing day of the Brampton Fair was very fairly attended. Ridging with both teams. Had a trip to town tonight doing some important business. Had a call from Mr & Mrs Joel Hemphill {illegible}

Thursday, 6.

Left off plowing for a day and all hands helped at house cleaning and whitewashing. Also putting on new wall paper in dining room, a very dark pattern.

Oct. Friday, 7. 1881.

Spent part of today finishing the job of yesterday. Also completed ridging, 18 acres that were crossplowed. Evening at home busy absorbed in the week's newspapers. Had call today from Rev N R Willoughby & wife.

Saturday, 8.

Hauling manure from sheep house and putting on old orchard field, previous to plowing it. Had very hard frost last Tuesday night doing a great deal of damage.

Sunday, 9.

Morning at S School lesson Exodus XL, "Dedicating the tabernacle". Afternoon at dedication of new Presbyterian Church Brampton. Rev {illegible} Grant of Kingston, preached, text Haggai II 9th. Heard same man tonight Mary's {illegible} offering to Christ.

Oct. Monday, 10. 1881.

Started operations at cross plowing in old orchard. Evening in town at tea-meeting of New Presbyterian Church, a very pleasant time. Rev D Macdonell of Toronto, principal speaker also a quartette of singers from Toronto.

Tuesday, 11.

A very hard frost last night, because of which and threatening weather we concluded to start at root harvest. Mangolds come first, brought in four loads this afternoon they are of good quality.

Wednesday, 12.

A misty rain all day. However we plowed with both teams nearly all day. Just after dark there was a heavy rain. Spent an hour this evening at Mr R Carter's.

Oct. Thursday, 13. 1881.

Rain this morning for a couple of hours after breakfast. At same work as yesterday, crossplowing in "old orchard" field. An evening among the newspapers.

Friday, 14.

Resumed work at mangolds. Pulled and drew in 9 large loads of splendid roots, some of "Globes" weighing 13 lbs. Raining again this evening. Plenty of mud now.

Saturday, 15.

It just poured down all last night and today is as warm as a summer day. Ground too soft for plowing. In the barn putting the winter fodder into shape and places.

Oct. Sunday, 16. 1881.

At S School, lesson, Lev I, 1 to 14, "The burnt offering". Evening at C M Church Brampton, Rev N.R.W. preached funeral sermon on death of Mr S. Mycock text, Daniel XII, 3rd.

Monday, 17.

Manufactured about 18 gals cider from 6 bags apples with Mr Gummerson's cider press. Spent afternoon between plow handles. A very heavy rain again tonight.

Tuesday, 18.

A Loss. A promising yearling colt broke its leg by getting it fast under a root in woods and we were compelled to kill it. At plowing part of today ground is almost too wet.

Oct. Wednesday, 19. 1881.

Finished plowing "old orchard" field and water furrowed the same. Started plowing millett ground, works like a garden.

Thursday, 20

Thanksgiving Day for the Dominion of Canada. Generally observed as a public holiday in all cities and towns, services held in all churches. But in country not many farmers take the holiday.

Friday, 21.

Em and I spent last evening in town at Mr Sutcliffe's Today's work plowing and shovelling drains, also put in barn the remains of straw stack, which the cattle had undermined. Evening at Choir practice.

Oct. Saturday, 22. 1881.

Sold to J C Snell a 3 yr old Short Horn heifer @ \$60.00, also a pair of 2 yr old steers @ \$40.00 each. Weather has been dry for 3 or 4 days, and pleasant. Spent evening at Rev N. R. W.'s the C M Church Parsonage.

Sunday, 23.

Morning at S School lesson Lev VII, "The peace offering". Afternoon at Choir Practice took tea at J W Main's. Tonight heard Rev N. R. W. preach text, Rev, I 5 &6. A very wet evening.

Monday, 24.

A thick fog most of the day. Plowing with one team. Topping with hoe the turnip crop, they are a pretty small sample.

Oct. Tuesday, 25. 1881.

Plowed the youngest orchard plot corn stubble ground. Working at carrot crop using iron plow without moldboard for loosening the roots. Evening at home reading.

Wednesday, 26.

An entire day's work at carrots. Have in cellar tonight 4 large loads. Spent evening with C. M. Choir at Springbrook S. S. Teameeting, had a lively pleasant time, the singing was well received.

Thursday, 27.

Today we brought in the turnip crop, 8 loads of fair size and quality. Weather is fine, but the night frosts are severe.

Oct. Friday, 28. 1881.

Completed the root harvest in all, mangolds 14 loads, turnips 8 loads, carrots 6 loads 28 loads = 750 bushels. Paid taxes to Collector Mr John Armstrong \$32.25. A wet night.

Saturday, 29.

Quite a heavy rain last night and this morning. Started sod plowing in field beyond Etobicoke it is in fine trim, will plow only 3 or 4 acres of it this fall. Paid taxes on town lot, \$2.40

Sunday, 30.

Morning at S School lesson, Lev. 10 chap, 1 to 10, "Nadab & Abihu" or "The Holy Lord". Tonight heard Rev N. R. W. preach a sermon to young men from text, II Chron, XXVIII 9th.

Oct. Monday, 31. 1881.

This month has been characterized by rain and latter part by heat and growth. Spent all day plowing root ground. "Hallow-E'en", a few boyish pranks played around Brampton.

Nov. Tuesday 1.

Warm and foggy this morning, a bright sunny afternoon. Sold and delivered to K. C. & Co 3 loads barley 180 bush @ 90¢ per bush. Spent evening at School House, a Trustee meeting.

Wednesday, 2.

Ridging up the root land. Ditching and shovelling drains for winter. In town tonight at Choir rehearsal for Concert tomorrow night.

Nov. Thursday, 3. 1881.

Completed the job of yesterday satisfactorily. Have 36 acres well plowed and drained ready for Winter. Spent tonight at Sacred Concert in C M Church for widow of late S Mycock. Good music and readings realized \$112.00.

Friday, 4.

Engaged all day on "far" hill of Etobicoke at sod plowing. Weather, cold, freezing all day, alos some light snow showers. A Plowing Match held near Edmonton today.

Saturday, 5.

Quite a wintry morning two inches of snow, but at noon a warm rain the snow quickly vanished. Delivered our last load barley 62 bush @ 90¢ to K. C. & Co. Total sold about {5 or 1}50 bush, yet 50 bush on hand.

Nov. Sunday, 6. 1881.

At Quarterly Meeting in Brampton C M Church at 10.30 A.M. Rev N. R. W. preached from text, Ephesians III, 20 & 21. He also preached from the same text tonight. Both capital sermons. Em & I took dinner at Mr Geo Duncan's.

Monday, 7.

Plowing sod all day. Picking stones into piles off the new meadow. Received from J. C Snell a cheque for \$96.00 on the Dominion Bank, being bal. of money on steers. Spent evening in town at official meeting of Quar. Board

Tuesday, 8.

Finished plowing for this year, plowed about 3½ acres of sod, left bal. of field for spring. Weather bright and warm, some appearance of "Indian" summer.

Nov. Wednesday, 9. 1881.

A choring day's work at "odds & ends". Had the man Shoaff chopping cordwoods in bush. Received cash \$4.50 from John McLure on sheep acc/. Weather dull and cloudy.

Thursday, 10.

Working in "other place" woods, cutting stovewood, with cross cut saw. Paid and dismissed our hired man, gave him bal. of wages \$69.00. Sold ram lamb to John Sinclair @ \$7.00 A visit from Uncle George Burke.

Friday, 11.

Working in woods alone chopping cordwood. A plowing match bet between two men \$20.00 each side took place near Brampton a good deal of interest and a lot of people to see it. Spent evening in town.

Nov. Saturday, 12. 1881.

Last night and early this morning we had the heaviest rain of the season. Most of today in and around barn taking care of stock. Sold our 2 yr old gobbler @ 10¢ per lb dressed, weight 20 lbs.

Sunday, 13.

Spent morning at S School lesson Lev XXII, "The Feast of Tabernacles". Our {Our} papers, "Messenger" and "Pleasant Hours" are improving all the time. Today and the week following are set a part for special prayer for Y.M.C.A.

Monday, 14.

A bright warm day. Forenoon helping Jno Learment to work. Afternoon in the wood chopping. Roads are very bad just now.

Nov. Tuesday, 15. 1881.

Hired Adam White for a few days @ .75¢ per day to help cut wood at "other place. Was sawing most of today into two foot wood soft maple and hickory. Quite a snow storm last night and wintry today.

Wednesday, 16.

At same work as yesterday. A fine mild day, most of snow melted away. In town an hour this afternoon getting some necessities. Bo't a copper bull's ring @ .40¢. Received letter from Shelburn with \$6.00 last payment on a ram.

Thursday, 17.

Put in another day's work in woods. Weather warm and showery. Roads almost impassable The sides are all cut up with travel. Evening at home resting after a hard day's work.

Nov. Friday, 18. 1881.

Heavy rain last night with a very high wind. Working in woods. Tonight we concluded to quit work in woods for a day or two rest. Had a visit from Willy Burke of Scarboro.

Saturday, 19.

North East snow storm a wintry morning. Forenoon in barn, pea threshing &c. Afternoon in town getting the mail and trading with some butter 8 lbs @ 25¢ per lb.

Sunday, 20.

At S School this morning lesson Lev, XXV, "The year of Jubilee". Took dinner at Willow Lodge. Evening heard Rev N. R. W preach text, Luke XIX 41 & 42.

Nov. Monday, 21. 1881.

Did some general work. Dressed a Berkshire of 150 lbs weight for present use. Bought a turkey gobbler from J Newlove @ \$1.50 Afternoon chopping in woods.

Tuesday, 22.

Forenoon in woods. Afternoon getting some repairing done at blacksmith's shop. Evening at J C Snell's birthday dinner.

Wednesday, 23.

Did a large day's work with Adam White's help at sawing in the woods, we put up about 5 cords of stovewood. Weather clear and pretty cold.

Nov. Thursday, 24. 1881.

A real cold day. A strong S.W. wind and keen frost. Roads are frozen hard and very rough. Threshing peas with flail. The National Thanksgiving in U.S.

Friday, 25.

Sold and delivered to Harm Dawson this years crop of turkeys, 25 @ 8¢ per lb. 237 lbs = \$18.96 for exportation to England. Evening at choir practice have a new Anthem Book published in Chicago.

Saturday, 26.

Had a grist and chopping at Main's mill. Part of today in woods. In Brampton a couple of hours at an auction sale of real estate of town property, little demand for the same.

Nov. Sunday, 27. 1881.

At C M Church, town this morning. Rev George Brown of Orangeville preached, text II Kings. 2. 16 & 17th. Heard same minister tonight, text II Kings V, 12 to 14th.

Monday, 28.

A quiet clear frosty day, growing warmer towards evening. Spent nearly all the time in and around barnyard at various jobs. A night's reading at home.

Tuesday, 29.

A hard day's work in lower woods. Adam White and I sawing beech and black ash into stovewood. Warm weather again and as a consequence into mud once more.

Nov. Wednesday, 30. 1881.

A clear warm day. Frost all out of ground. The folks went to Willow Lodge to a goose roast. Working alone at wood. Spent evening in town Mailed remittance 65¢ sub. for S. S. Banner, Toronto.

Dec. Thursday, 1.

Growing cold again. Sawing stovewood all day and finished that job for the present and paid my hired help \$5.75 for 8 day's work. A clear frosty night.

Friday, 2.

Spent most of today in woods. Sold to J Williamson 3 ram lambs for \$14.00 to be delivered on 5th inst. This clears out our stock of rams for this season. Tonight in town at Choir practice.

Dec. Saturday, 3. 1881.

Received letter from Henry Ferguson, Missouri. Also by mail two small books from Wesleyan Book Room, Toronto Tales from English History. Today's work was chiefly around stock yard. Mild weather and mud.

Sunday, 4.

Forenoon at S School Lesson, Numbers XXIV "Balaam" or "Doublemindedness". The S. S. Newspapers are very attractive at this season of the year. Tonight heard Rev. N. R. W preach, text, Gal VI, 4 & 5th.

Monday, 5.

Annual butchering job. Dressed 5 Berkshire for pork, 8 mos old combined weight 825 lbs, one two weeks ago 150. total 975 lbs. We also put a copper ring in bull calf's nose, "St Valentine".

Dec. Tuesday, 6. 1881.

A trip to town this forenoon for some groceries and necessaries, also some medicine from Dr Heggie for Father who is unwell these days. Weather mild and damp.

Wednesday, 7.

Rain and mud once more. All the weather wise people predict open winter and a green Christmas. An unimportant day on the farm.

Thursday, 8.

At a job of cutting 2 cords of green wood on "other place". @ 65¢ per cord to A. Arthur's. Spent afternoon at J C Snells. And evening at R Watson's. Frozen up again.

Dec. Friday, 9. 1881.

Doing a little clearing up in lower woods, burning brush piles. &c. Spent evening at Choir practice, using the new American Anthem Book.

Saturday, 10.

Had a visit from Mr & Mrs George Burke of Scarboro. They are in search of a farm to buy. Afternoon at Willow Lodge doing some work. Cold {illegible} weather now.

Sunday, 11.

This morning at C. M. Church, Brampton and heard Rev Thos Crosby a missionary from British Columbia, give an address. He has spent last 20 years there. Heard same man tonight again.

Dec. Monday, 12. 1881.

Indications of another breakup, warm and cloudy. Threshing peas with flail. Amount of peas will be small this winter, have only about 25 or 30 bushels turned.

Tuesday, 13.

Rain, fog and heat. Mud in abundance once more, rather discouraging weather for travelling. Little of consequence done today outside of "certain round of duty to be done. Evening at home.

Wednesday, 14.

Indication of frost which will be hailed with delight by everybody. The rest of today was occupied in a trip to town, getting some Christmas groceries &c. Mailed a letter to Petrolia Mrs A J Little.

Dec. Thursday, 15. 1881.

A day in the repair shop making and fixing the reaper rakes. No snow yet and apparently no prospects of any. An evening among the newspapers.

Friday, 16.

Splitting some rails in woods at "other place". Sold to J C Snell for \$6.00 a 3 month old Berkshire sow. Lost our shearling ram today from disease of lungs. Had splendid skin on him.

Saturday, 17.

Getting auger spring repaired at Anthony's shop @ \$1.00. Had visit from Dr Heggie this week to see father. Part of afternoon in woods. A bright warm beautiful day, roads getting dry. Paid to Mr Rice, Agt. for "Globe" "Guardian" and "Magazine" \$4.50.

Dec. Sunday, 18. 1881.

At S School this morning lesson "The Quarter's Review. S. S. Papers are brimful of good Christmas stories. Tonight heard Rev N. R. W. preach, text Heb II, 3rd. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation".

Monday, 19.

Putting remains of straw stack into barn. Received from J Williamson for 3 ram lambs \$14.00. also \$.25 for a sheep skin. Evening at a musical & Literary entertainment for P. M Church, Brampton.

Tuesday, 20.

Warm, sunny weather. No appearance of winter. Forenoon in woods. Afternoon at a neighbor's threshing. Grass and fall wheat has quite a green shade all over the fields.

Dec. Wednesday, 21. 1881.

Indications of a storm. Little of importance to report today. Doing some work in wood business chopping and hauling home some green chips to present use with dry wood.

Thursday, 22.

We had hoped for a snow storm this time, but alas the rain poured down all last night and today, more or less. Warm and foggy. Was not off the farm today and had no visitors whatever.

Friday, 23.

Cold and freezing again. Doing repairing on a variety of articles. Sold a young Berkshire 3 mos to J C Snell @ \$7.00. Evening at choir practice Special for Xmas.

Dec. Saturday, 24. 1881.

Today's work was similar to yesterday's. Evening in town, Xmas Eve, every store was bright & cheerful and streets crowded with strollers to a late hour. Christmas cards are just gorgeous and myriads of them.

Sunday, 25.

"Christmas Day". A bright warm day, not a speck of snow to be seen. Morning at S. S. lesson, Isaiah IX, 6,7. "Emmanuel". Evening heard Rev N. R. W. preach S S. Anni. sermon C M Church, Brampton text, John XXI "Feed my lambs" A capital discourse.

Monday, 26.

Observed as a public holiday by proclamation from Gov. General. This is like having two Xmas'. Chinguacousy Council elected by acclamation also Brampton council. Evening in town.

Dec. Tuesday, 27. 1881.

Bright warm and muddy. Doing some carpenter work, repairing verandah Had a pastoral call from Rev N. R. Willoughby. An evening at home reading. Got a young Berkshire sow (imp) from J {J} Snell in a trade.

Wednesday, 28.

Annual Meeting for Public School was held today in the several school houses. Our meeting was slimly attended. I was appointed Sec-Treas. for S. S. No. 22. Spent tonight at C M S. S. Anniversary, town. A great success.

Thursday, 29.

Did some money collecting yesterday for Ebenezer Y. S. School. In town this forenoon getting the week's groceries. Weather continues very warm and roads very muddy. Received a newspaper from St Thomas.

Dec. Friday, 30. 1881.

Freezing and colder weather. General jobbing and repairing. have nearly all that kind of work done about the place. Received letter from Oakville and some "holiday" cards from distant Friends.

Saturday, 31.

The last day of the year. Time is fleeting. The memories of 1881 contain some sad marks in history of our family and much we have to be thankful for. Who can tell what the coming year will bring.

Showers of snow from the N. W. and a pretty cold day. Roads very hard and rough. Beside the "certain round of duty to be done" had a trip to town on some business about public school matters. In the evening we sheltered for the night an aged couple man & wife, beggars.

Memoranda.

Another year has told its fourfold tale,
And still I'm left a traveller in the vale.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
To God be all the praise.

"Ars longa, vita brevis".
"Art is long and life is brief"

Memoranda.

Burdock Bitters
Turpentine
Razor
German Syrup
Letter

{Several lines illegible}

New Year card
{illegible}ut "Conservation"
1 Loaf Bread
Crackers
Beef
Maltine
Consevates
Licorice

138
146 bags
136
144
564

Barley
Broom
Coffee
Raisins
Pepper
Biscuit
Boots
1/2 D Oatmeal

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60) 69 x 11½
60
660
30
690
160
\$530

Memoranda.

Jan 4th	Gristed			9	bush	Seneca
Mch - 1st	"	7 b	spring	6	"	"
May - 25th	"	6	"	6	"	"
July - 12th	"	4½	"	4½	"	"
Sept - 19	"	5	"	5	"	"
Nov 26	"	4	"	7	"	"

		Peas	Oats
Jan - 4th	Chopped	7	9
Feb - 1st	" "	24	-
Mch - 9th	" "	25	
Apr - 15th	" "	12	
May - 25	" "	10	
July 12	" "	-	14

{List of groceries from prior page}

Memoranda.

Campbell's blacksmith acc/

Oats 4½ bush @ 40¢ = \$1.80

Potatoes 1 bag @ = 50
\$2.30

		Oats	Peas
Sept 26th	Chopped	9	4
Oct 22	"	9	4
Nov 26	"	14	

January. - Cash Received.

		\$	¢
14th	From T Milner for hide @ 7½¢	5	00
"	" T Noble for sheepskin	1	25
15th	" " " gr beef 130 lbs @ 6¼¢	8	15
"	" J C Snell for ewe and	20	00
	gr beef 120 lbs @ 4½¢	5	40
"	" R Watson on old acc/	9	50

24th	" R Williamson for fat heifer	40	00
		\$ 89	30

January - Cash Paid. {No entries}

February. - Cash Received.

		\$	¢
8th	At Shelburn for 12 bbls apples @ 80¢ per bag	9	60
23rd	From Peter Chisholm on cows acc/	1	00
26th	" K. C. & Co 51¾ bush Seneca @ \$1.00	<u>51</u>	<u>75</u>
		\$ 62	35

February. - Cash Paid.

		\$	¢
9th	To Jno Tribble for 11½ bush peas @ 60¢	6	90
19th	To Superannuated Minister's fund	1	00
22	For grey wolf skin robe in Toronto	10	00
" 26th	Sundries	11	00

March. - Cash Received.

		\$	¢
1st	From R Noble Norval for 37½ bush wheat @ \$1.00 & \$1.15	38	60
5th	" Milner for sheep skin	1	40
9th	" Milner wool crop 250 lbs @ 29¢ & 22¢	64	50
11th	" J C Snell part payment on 4 Berkshires	20	00
15th	" Milner for sheepskin	1	25
16th	" Jno Woodhall six bbls apples	5	50
29th	From Geo Armstrong cash deposit on fat cow trade	4	00
		\$ 135	25

March - Cash Paid.

		\$	¢
5th	To Milner for 2 bush clover @ \$5.50	11	00
9th	" Dr Heggie	27	00
"	" R J Williamson gr beef @ 6¢	6	60

15th	" " Jno Sanderson for 3650 lbs salt @ \$ 7.5-50	10	00
		54	00

April. - Cash Received.

		\$	¢
2nd	From Geo Duncan 2 bags of potatoes	1	40
"	" J Modeland for sand	3	00
13th	" R Watson Int on note	12	00
		64	40

April. Cash Paid.

		\$	¢
2	To Harvey & Cawford new bedstead and castors	4	25
"	" pew rent	4	00
20	To Dr Fulton fee	16	00
		24	25

May. - Cash Received.

		\$	¢
2nd	From R. G. Ferguson payment of note and int.	54	35
"	For 8 bags of potatoes	4	95
4th	" J C Snell bal. on Berkshires	15	00
17th	" potatoes	8	00
20th	" A M Campbell part payment on 15 bush of oats @ 38 & 40¢	4	00
28	" Jos G Snell 3 Berkshires	24	00
30	" potatoes	2	00
31	" Geo Armstrong bal on fat cow	74	00
		\$ 186	30

May - Cash Paid. {no entries}

June. - Cash Received.

		\$	¢
3th	From Crocker for a young Berkshire	8	00
23rd	" A M Campbell for 10 bush oats	4	00

25th	" Co Treas 2 day's on jury and mileage	3	20
		15	20

June. - Cash Paid.

		\$	¢
8th	For new mower	60	00
11th	For lumber and shingles	6	35
15	" new horse hoe	12	50
14	" Watch cleaning to W A Mitchel	1	00
		79	85
25th	Signed a 4 mos note to Harvey and Crawford for undertaking	62	00

July. - Cash Received.

		\$	¢
5th	From K. C. & Co this year's wool crop 153 lbs @ 22¢	33	44
13th	" J C Snell for seed oats 24 bush @ 38¢	9	12

		42	56
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July. - Cash Paid.

		\$	¢
	For dry goods	40	00
14	To M A Mitchell on watch repair	1	00

August. - Cash Received.

		\$	¢
8th & 9th	For pears	5	00

August. - Cash Paid.

		\$	¢
18th	To J W Cole for Photos	4	50
19th	" Jno Coyne pr heavy boots	4	50

September. - Cash Received.

		\$	¢
10	From Hurst for grass on town lot	5	00

19	" K. C. & Co 49 bush 5 lbs wheat @ \$1.28	62	80
24th 2nd	" C Wilson for ram lamb	10	00
23rd	" K. C. & Co. 155 bush barley @ 88¢	136	88
26th	" Isaac Modeland ram lamb	10	00
"	" J C Snell cheque for lambs	100	00
28	" K. C. & Co 149 bush barley @ 90¢	134	05
	\$	458	73

September. - Cash Paid.

		\$	¢
19	To Blain for rye	5	50
26th	" McMeking's bal. harvest wagon	5	75
"	" J C Snell for 10½ bush seed wheat @ \$1.27	13	33
28th	" B Watson seed wheat	11	50
"	" Dr Heggie's acc/	50	00
"	Harvey Garfield acc/	62	00

		\$	148	08
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October. - Cash Received.

		\$	¢
22	From J C Snell part payment on 3 cattle	40	00

October. - Cash Paid.

		\$	¢
4th	To Jno Cation threshing	16	00
"	" Joe Snell bal on sheep and sow	21	00
28th	" Collector taxes	32	25
29th	" Do town taxes	2	40

November. - Cash Received.

		\$	¢
2nd	From Mr P Chisholm for ram lamb	8	00
5	" K. C. & Co. 243 bush barley @ 90	218	75
7	" J C Snell bal on steers	100	00

9	" Jno McLure on sheep acc/	4	50
10	" Jno Sinclair ram lamb	7	00
12	" Wm Smith on sheep acc/	9	00
16	" A Ferguson payment on ram, sold a year ago	6	00
26	" H. Dawson for crop turkeys	19	00
		\$	372 25

November. - Cash Paid.

		\$	¢
5	To Campbell blacksmith acc/	12	00
7	" J C Snell on cows acc/	4	00
10	" Wm Shoaff bal. wages	<u>69</u>	<u>00</u>
		\$	85 00

December. - Cash Received.

		\$	¢
19th	From R.J. Williamson for 3 lambs and sheepskin	15	25
17th	From Hurst bal. on grass town lot	1	00
		16	25

December. - Cash Paid.

		\$	¢
1st	To Adam White per 8 day's work	5	75
17th	" Sub for "Guardian" "Weekly Globe" "Guardian"	4	50
22nd	" A Arthurs for chopping	5	00
"	" Sub to "Peel Banner" & "Conservator"	2	00
		17	25

Summary of Cash Received.

		\$	¢
Jan 31st	Cash	89	30
Feb 28	"	62 62	35 35

Mar 31	"	135	25
Apr 30	"	16	40
May 31st	"	186	30
June 30th	"	15	20
July 31st	"	42 42	56
Aug 31st	"	5	00
Sept 30th	"	458	73
Oct 31st	"	40	00
Nov 30th	"	372	25
Dec 31st	"	16	25
		\$	1439 59

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