

# William Beatty (1806-1897)

1863-1864

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Beatty,  
Walter  
Journal  
December 1863  
to  
October 1867

Rates for 1863, one pound even shillings x f {cut off}  
Do {Ditto} or for shool seventeen shillings, eleven {cut off}  
Rates for 1864 one pound ten  
Do {Ditto} is for Shool one pound  
Rates for 1865 one pound thirteen shillings, {illegible}  
Do{Ditto} for School one shilling & eight pence {illegible}

1864  
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{illegible} gave Thomas Scott four sheep we  
{illegible} accounts & square up to date  
{illegible} received from David five dollars{illegible}  
{next two lines illegible}  
{illegible} young Robinson to Armstrong Bull {illegible}  
{ line illegible}

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1866  
July 7 took the Lillie cow to G Picks to the Socities Bull again 26  
11 Do{Ditto} Granpas Cow to Wm Finnelys Bull  
15 Do {Ditto} Younges Cow Do Do{Ditto}  
August 10 think that yearling heifer took a Bull that was on the road

Cure for pain in the stomak  
one ounce turkey Rubarb  
half Oc Jesuit Barks put into a bottle of proof  
a table spoonfull every morning

1866

June 8 divided the line fence between J. Johnston & me I go from Faines post north to a stake 23 feet north of second growth Black Oak tree that stands on me near the line

1867 April

I took the white cow to Johnstons bull

June 28 Lillie cow to Socities at Wm Websters

July 3 the Heley heffer took own

4 the Lillie 2 year old Do {Ditto}

18 youngs Cow Do {Ditto}

1864

Jany	1	Heavy rain this morning with wind put a slow plowing Ad brock it out yesterday Elen & me went to Cris Young in evening
	2	very high wind all day I fixed the windows
3		no meeting here today very hard frost with very high wind all day
	4	went to Town meeting Mr Thomas Darlin was elected for this Ward fine day
Snow	5	Snowing this morning & most of the Day cleaned the poll oats put 39 bushel in the end barn & 3 ½ for feed that made 42 ½
	6	went to Gananoque with C. Younge paid Wm Brough thirty one dollars fifty cents & got one note from him that I gave him last spring for corn & flour <del>Ad took more oats</del> Ad went to J. Redmonds for slabs got 45
	7	went to the Scotts with Elen got dinner then them & me went to Mallorytown to the Annual Meeting of the Agricultural Socitie was chosen President again cold day
	8	drew wood from Malonnies got a peice to take the wood off
Snow	9	thrashed oats in the forenoon Ad cut wood for the School went to an agricultural meet at Johnston Schoolhouse was chosen President very high winds

		with Snow in the afternoon
10		the Revd Mr Gordon preached in the School house cold day with high winds S. West
	11	Ad went to Redmond for another load of Sta{cut off} took better than two bushel of oats to him for them I could do nothing with a boil
	12	drew 3 loads of wood from Malonnies fine day
	13	went to the School meeting Mr McConoll was Elected Trustee each puple is to pay 10 per month or find 1/4 cord of wood
	14	went to Malonnies for 1 load of wood Aunt Je{cut off} Aunt Jane Mary Lib Henderson came with Rob

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	15	went with Mr Morrison to the Trustees he offered to teach for 154\$ a year & board himself they would not hire him
	16	Robie went home this forenoon there was a little snow & rain most of the day
16		cleaned some oats & wheat & cut cord of wood for the School & took it the Schoolhouse -
	17	the Revd Mr Seymour preached in the School house& the Revd Mr Carrol in the curch fine day
X	18	went to Gananoque to the Mill took 10 bushel of wheat 3 bushel of oats got 14 lb of oatmeal for the bushel
	19	thrashed some oats went to McCormics formed a commitee chosen Chairman fine day
	20	went Farmersville to the Nomination Mr Jones Mr Richards Dary Magee JA McDonald were all nominated after a good deal of speachifying they all withdr{cut off} but Messrs Jones & Richards the returning officer called

		for a show of hands there was nearly two {illegible} for Mr Jones he then call for a division which was the same Mr Richards then demanded a Poll which was granted
	21	{line stroked through} Ad brought a load of ceader from Younge I went to Gananoque in the afternoon
	22	thrashed some oats in forenoon went to Gananoque
	23	Do Do Do Do {Ditto}
24		No meeting to day
	25	went & examined the bridge that Blair was to fix in the morning then drew 3 loads of wood from Mr Jones
	26	Ad went to Yonge Ben & I went to Cooks, Bradley
	27	went to Robinsons Schoolhouse to the Election a vote for Jones A great many people then Mr Carlings was there for Jones with Charles, Sinkler for Richards.
	28	went again to the Election Jones has got a majority here
	29	went to Gananoque with the slate of the {illegible} done at 3 oclock, Jones got the Election by 76 of a majority
	30	went to Farmersville to the declaration after some speachifying Jones was carried around the square with a band plaing Farmersville never saw such a day every thing went off well
31		the Revd Mr Carrel preached in the curch

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February	1	Very stormy day snow & rain thrashed oats
{illegible}	2	Ad & Elen went to Gananoque Ben &lize younge went with them. I thrash some oats
	3	finished thrashing the little oats Ad is very bad with his head the cut he got in it when Doll ran

		away with him is festering
	4	went to the funeral of Steven Finallays child it was buried at Robinsons Revd Mr Brown exorted
snow	5	Cleaned the little oats 50 bushel in all that is thrashe Stormy day wind & a little Snow
little snow	6	put the Peas in that was in the Stack in the forenoon thrashed peas & oats in the afternoon
7		no meeting here to day
little Snow with wind	8	went to Grames & got the horses shod he charges 1s a shoe & 6d for a remove Ad drew a load of rails from Diers I bought one thousand rails from Mr Malonee he got them from Dier Paid Malonee a Barrel of Pork & one dollar the thousand
	9	cleaned the peas had 10 bushel clean oats had 38 filled up 8 bushel of Peas & 26 of oats for Kingston fine day
	10	went to Kingston with the oats Peas got 2s.3d for Oats & 2s.9d for Peas went to the Palace & got the flax Machin got home at 10 oclock
	12	went to bee of John Johnston to draw rails from Hazlaps fine day
	13	drew rail on to the road so as to make up the loads when we out of follow where the rails is
14 snow		Rev Mr McConnel preached at the school house very stormy day Snow & wind
	15	thrashed oats Ad & his Mother went to Yonge Henry Younge went with them to bring the horses home Ad is going to help Rob

1864  
snow

Feb	16	thrashed some oats & fixed the chain very cold day
	17	drew 2 loads of rails from Deirs 47 X 33 {Ditto} Do Do
	18	drew 1 loads of rails 50 expected Wm Hazelwood with Elen & to clean some flax
	19	drew 1 load of rails 50 Wm & Betsey Hazelwood brought Elen home we cleaned some of his flax fine day
snow	20	worked at the flax brock one of the beaters little snow this afternoon rather on the thaw Elen & Isabella went to Younge with Hazelwood
21		the Revd Mr Carrol preached in the Church this afternoon
	22	drew 2 loads of rails 50 x 54 fine day
	23	Do{Ditto} 2 Do of Do{Ditto} 50 & 52 fine day
	24	drew rails out of the woods to the road & one load of 40 home at night little rain at times
	25	drew of 43 rails, Nelson Shipman was here at noon when I came home he brought load of flax to get cleaned we cleaned part of it took the rest home again the Machin cleans very slow fine day
	26	drew two loads of rails 47 & 41 fine day Ad came home from Yonge he got the logs from Hogaboms
	27	Ad drew two loads of rails 41 & 47 I thrashed some oats fine day the roads is giting very bad
28		the Revd Mr Brown preached in our School house & the Revd Mr Carrol in the curch
	29	Ad drew two loads of rails from Malonees fine day

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March	1	Ad drew two loads of rails from Malonees I thrashed oats little flurrys of Snow
snow	2	Ad drew two loads of rails from Malonnees I thrashed oats some squals of snow
Snow x	3	Ad drew two loads of rails I thrashed oats winds is South Southwest this morning South in at three oclock PM A very fine day Rob Beatty & Rob Armstrong came here at night Rob Beatty is very bad with a felon on his finger they want Ad
	4	Ad went to Yonge with Rob to help him to get out some rails I drew one load of rails that finished the drawing of the thousand that I was to get from Dier for Malonie the Slaighing is very bad
X rain & snow	5	cleaned oats & peas in the forenoon went to an Agriculture Meeting at Johnstons School house then went with Mr N. Willoby to examine the Bridge over Black Creek near Mr Watts
6		rain & snow most of the day no meeting today little Snow to day {in left margin} Snow starting to 9 Sorms this quarter
Snow rain	7	drew one load of wood from Malunies Snow & rain all day warm
	8	drew two loads of wood fine Day
	9	cleaned flax with the machin Ben Humph{cut off} younge helped with there horses fine day Robert brought Ad home to day
X	10	went to Mount Webster to let out a job on the Bridge did not agree with any one Ad taped some trees
	11	went to Mallorytown to an Agriculture Meeting went on horse back the Slaughting is all gone {left margin

		- went to corner the {Storm?}}
	12	boiled sap in the bush fine day Ad thrashed oats
13		Revd Mr Doxtater preached in the School house fine day

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March	14	Boiled sap Ad drew some wood out of the bush into Johnstons field & took the horse powr home to Henry Johnstons
	15	Ad thrashed oats I fixed my boot in the forenoon went to Escott Mills to attend a trial of {Traspass?} & damages between Mosuer & Hide
	16	mended the children shoes Ad finished the thrashing & chopped some wood in the bush
Snow	17	cleaned the oats had 27 1/2 bushel & cleaned the wheat that was in the bin had 17 bushel that is 27 in all little snow
Snow	18	drew dung to the orchard in the forenoon Snow and stormed in the afternoon
	19	drew all the dung we could get for the frost
20		Mr Morrison preached in the School house
	21	worked in the house at the doors very cold day hard frost Ad drew two loads of dung for Wm Thompson from the ashery
	22	put on two doors upstairs hard frost {in left margin - Insured the Barn & contents for 200 dollars the house for 400 in London mutul Insurance Company
	23	worked at John Youngs Cultivator Steamed two handles for it Ad cut bunk stuff
	24	went to Gananoque with the waggon with 10 1/2



		bushels of wheat & 6 1/2 of pussey grass seed I got the wheat ground but could not get the seed ground till after dark I got a coat & pants cut paid 3s for both
	25	worked at the cultivator part of the day went to Ben Younges to see his horse he got his foot badly cut
	26	worked in the Sugar bush Ad came from Young to night he went down yesterday for the collar that was at John Armstrongs {illegible} little rain to day
27		the Revd Mr Doxtator preached in the School house
	28	worked in the Sugar bush fine day
	29	worked in the blacksmith shop fixed the three inch auger & the boreing machin
Snow	30	bore some bunks Snowed all day
Snow & rain	31	went to Brockville & got Thomas Davis & Simpson Note that was at Blyths and gave it to Kyes the Balief of Mallorytown he came upon the cars with me to be sued at the first court there was a little rain & snow

April rain	1	helped Benj Younge to Ripple the flax little rain
	2	Do Do{Ditto} to clean the flax seed we weighed fifty six lbs flax before it was rippled then rippled it had forty four lbs of straw seven lbs of seed five lbs of wast
3		no meeting to Day
	4	worked at bunks & stakes fine day
	5	drew four loads of dung for a hot bed & splite

		some rails Ad boiled eight pails of sap fine day
	6	split some rails & drew about 100 to the line between Fair & me likewise some bunks
	7	fixed or worked at the garden fence fine day
	8	finished the fence around the garden
rain	9	fixed the hot bed & boiled some sap for vinegar little rain at night
10	Snow	heavy rain most of the night began to Snow at day light & Snowed all day so that there is no Meeting
snow & rain	11 X	Ad went to Cristies Youngs & got a load of Straw I worked at bunks snow & rain
rain	12	worked at bunks & stakes little rain
rain	13	Do Do Do Do{Ditto}
rain	14	Do Do Do{Ditto} Mr Robert Watson came here to see me about the raisin of flax
	15	I went to Mr Bucks & got two teeth drawn Ad fixed bunks
	16	fixed some tools in the blacksmith shop Wat came here on his way home
17	rain & snow	there was no preacher came to day rain & snow most of the day
	18	Ad helped Criste Younge to saw shingle stuff
	19	fixed Bills shoes & shod him John Young Criste came up for my boots they fit him James Laltimers Wife died about 3 oclock I helped Jo Bradley all night to make the coffin

	20	Wat run the East line it Keeps the old line on fence pretty well
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April	21	Began to make the East line fence with bunks fine at noon a little frost last night went to James Laltimers wifes funeral the Revd Mr Brown preached there was 32 waggons &buggys
	22	worked at the fence fine day
rain	23	finished the fence as far as our cross fine a fine drizz driseling rain in the forenoon Ad drew some Stones for <del>Mr Reeds foundation</del> the foundation of a Stone off Mr Reeds in the afternoon heavy rain in the afternoon
24		the Revd Mr Reeve preached at the School house
rain	25	worked at a cultivator heavy rain most of the day
the woods begin to look Red	26	Do Do {Ditto} dull heazy day
snow	27	went to the Turner neabourhood to see if there was any that would sow flax came on a heavy Snow storm so that I had to stop all night at Thomas Davises there is some that will sow a little
	28	came home from Davis this morning the roads is very bad
	29	went to see Mr Latimer about Sowing flax he will do all he can fine day Ad go five hundred of hay from Criste Young
	30	went over the lower end of the School Section to see and get the School bill & see if there was any that would sow flax there is some that will there

		has forty bushel of flax seed come from Mr Watson of Brockville for me to the Station fine day Ad went to Younge to see about the sawing of the logs that was got of Hogabom yesterday
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May 1 rain	1	Revd Mr Recine preached in the Shool house heavy rain last night & some this morning
	2	worked at a drag Ad went to Cooks to see if there was any of the farmers wanted flax seed put up notics we then drew up 20 bags or 40 bushel of flax seed from the Station that Mr Watson cant for distribution the Elens went to see Mrs Dickson she is very sick
	3	heavy rain all day worked at the drag
rain	4	worked at the cultivator in blacksmith shop a little shower of rain Ad helped Criste Young to saw shingle stuff a little sprinkle of rain
	5	worked at the dragteeth in the blacksmith shot Ad plowed for John Johnston that is the first plowing he has done this spring
	6	cut the teeth in the drag & other fixings on it Ad plowed at John Johnstons
rain	7	Do Do Do{Ditto} in the forenoon heavy rain in the afternoon I went to an agricultural meetting in the afternoon
8	rain	Revd Mr Reeve preached in the School house at six oclock we had the first sabath School this morning rain most of the day
	9	made some more of the line fence ground very wet no plowing yet
rain	10	rain to day made a gait for the road Ad went to Johnstons to plow

	11	drew rails to the peice of ground west of Healeys made the fence & plowed it for potatos
X	12	{in left margin} the woods is begining to look green went to Mallorytown to the Division count I sued J. Davis & J. Simpson they confession Judgment Ad & the boys planted about 2 1/2 bushel of Scotch Erelly
rain	13	heavy rain most of the day no plowing yet cut potatos
rain	14	Ad went to Gananoque took 6 bushel of flax seed to Dr Richman he is geting some parties to sow it he bought 100 of flour 12s, 100 of meal 7s 6d
15		Revd Mr Recine Preached in the School house heavy rain

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May rain	16	Made a cross fence in the paster east of the Barn to the line went to the Station to the Court of Revision there was a good many at it little rain
	17	Ad plowed for J. Johnston fine day
Plumb trees in full bloom	18	washed the Sheep at John Bradley I took 13 bags of the flax seed that Mr Watson sent here to the Station again & sent it to Ly to him there is very few that will sow it fine day
X	19	began to plow & plowed a pece in the grardens in the forenoon then plowed at the east line between the ditches the ground rather wet but is geting rather late late& there has been no rain for three days
	20	{in left margin} planted 2 1/2 bushel of potatos in the garden Ad plowed & draged in 1 1/2 bushel of Spring Rye that is the first sowing we have done fine day
rain	21	sowed 4 bushel of Barley East line between the

		ditches little rain in the afternoon fine growing times
22		the Revd Mr McCaull preached in the Schoolhouse the Revd Mr Carrol in the Church
rain	23	Sowed 2 bushel of barley then 6 bushel of poll oats & 5 bushel of John Younges peas on the fall plowing North of the North ditch worked with the cultivator the ground is run together - did not get all finished heavy thunder & lightning with rain at Sundown
	24	fine growing morning finished the peas & oats & then plowed for more Barley Sheared some of the Sheep
rain	25	plowed for Barley dull with a little rain
	26	sowed 4 1/2 bushel Barley little rain the ground is rather damp I cut potatos
	27	{in left margin} 15 bushel of Barly in all sowed 2 bushel Barley 2 of the ridges was plowed last fall all the rest was plowed this Spring
	28	sowed 2 1/2 bushel of Barley & one bushel of oats between the barley
29		the RevdMr Gordon preached in the School house
	30	prowed the Corn ground at the old Barnstead
	31	draged the Cornground & sowed 3/4 bushel of flaxseed at the North of it chained for the corn & planted most of it Ad plowed north of the first ditch for wheat the ground is geting hard {illegible}

1864

June	1	Sowed better than 2 bushel of Blacksee fine Shower
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rain		last night the ground is rather wet to day finished planting the corn planted about 1 acre got the Seed from George White began to plow in the orchard for potatos fine day
	2	plowed in orchard the wind is South at noon finished plowing the orchard & then draged it
	3	{in left margin} planted 30 bushels of potatos in all began to plant the potatos one bushel of all sorts next the East fence then 8 bushel of Corkreds then 6 bushel of princealberts Sowed 2 bushel of Black See Ad north of the first ditch planted 5 bushel of Garnet Chillas & 7 bushel of Cups & sowed better than 2 bushel of blacksee
5		the Revd Mr Reeve preached in the School house& the Revd Mr Carrol in the Church
	6	{in left margin} 12 bushel of peas in all Sowed 4 Bushel of peas John Johnston helped with his teem planted some beans in the garden Ad furneed 3 drills for beets next the fence in the orchard
frost	7	planted the 3 drills with Mangols Sugar beets & Kola Raba Sowed 3 bushel of peas that makes 7 of the Gardner Peas all sowed north of the first ditch west side of the path received a letter from Mr Watson with three dollars in it wanting me to go to Wadinton
hard frost last night	8	went to Brockville with the night Express saw Mr Watson & we went to Wadinton to see the Flax Machinery it workes fine stopted all night then came home at night Ad sowed 1 1/2 bushel of flax seed north of the old house & began to plow in the north Field John Johnston helped him in the afternoon fine day very dry
rain	9	plowed & sowed 5 1/2 bushel of oats J. Johnston helped Herny Armstrong helpe likewise fined rain to day
	10	plowed draged & sowed 12 1/2 bushel of peas oats

		Henery Armstrong & J. Johnston helped
	11	Sowed 2 1/2 bushel of oats & peas H. Armstrong & H Johnston helped to plow
12		{in left margin} in all 33 bushels oats the Revd Mr Reeves preached in the School house
	13	sowed 4 1/2 bushel of peas & oats that finished the Sowing

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June	14	I got Bill shod at Talermans Ad cleaned out the furrows of the oats ground in the forenoon split some rails & made a pice of line fence at the East line very dry weather
	15	began to work on the Roads Ad went to younge to Hannah Hazelwoods wedding she is to be married to Mr Camp from Gouldburn very warm weather
	16	worked on the Roads Ad came home from young
	17	Do Do{Ditto}
	18	finished the Road work self 3 days Ad 2 David 2
19		the Revd Mr Carrol preached in the Church
	20	Sowed 1 bushel of Buckwheat east of the old barnyard the ground is very dry
X	21	Ad roled some of the Peas & oats I made a door for the little bed room put 1 cow 2 heffers 2 steers in the Armstrongs paster
	22	Ad went through the corn with the disk I made another door for upstairs
	23	Ad roled the flax & wheat in the forenoon bill & me hoed corn gound very dry



	24	drew gravel for Mr Weston for a road in to his place
	25	Do Do{Ditto} in the forenoon Robert Beatty came here brought Elen home
26		the Revd Mr Gorden preached in the School house Thomas Scott & his Wife came here this morning
	27	drew stones for Mr Westons road
	28	drew gravel for Do Do{Ditto} that it finished
	29	went to Gananoque with I Bradley to see if the flax brake was near ready it will not be ready for 10 or 12 days yet Ad went through the potatos with the disk
	30	went to A raising of Do Reeds at the Station Ad went to a loging Bee of Mr Roths

1864

July	1	worked at the potatos with deel
	2	fine rain this morning cobled the children's boots everything looks refreshed
3		the Revd Mr White preached in the forenoon & the Revd Mr Carrol in the church & the Revd Mr Revee in the School house in the afternoon
X	4	went to Marble Rock with Mr Darlin to survey a road to Mr Colmans Mill Ad went to Younge for a load of boards in the afternoon
	5	went to the funeral of John Weston child the Revd Mr Carrol preached Ad came home with 500 feet of board, brought Jennet with him
	6	Ad went throw the potatos with the cultivator
	7	loged the old paster the ground is very dry
	8	worked at the corn

	9	Do Do Do{Ditto} Ad drew Stones to the Station for a cellar for Mr Dean
10	rain	Ad & Elen went to Gananoque to church with the Youngs young people very heavy rain the Revd Mr Reeve preached in the Shoolhouse
X	11	I went to Thomas Scotts & him & me went to view Meadows & flax for the Young & Escot Agriculture Society Ad & Bille worked at the corn
	12	the Boys finished the corn then went to Mr Shels wood to hear the Revd Mr Carrol preach to the Orngemen the Revd Mr White & others spoke on the ocation I got home from driving at dark meadows & flax is light
	13	<del>worked at the potatos the ground is very dry</del> helped Cristee Younge to move this Barn
	14	I worked at the potatos Do{Ditto}
	15	Do Do Do{Ditto}
	16	Do Do Do{Ditto}
17		the Revd Mr Carrol preached in the Church at 3 oclock & the Revd Mr Reeve at 6 oclock in the Schoolhouse

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July	18	Began to mow & mowed front of the old house
	19	mowed in the North field west side grass light
	20	mowed 2 drew in some {illegible} took some flax with us
	21	went to Gananoque with Mr Watson to see the flax
	22	finished the 6 acres & drew some

	23	mowed in the midle field west side & drew in what was cut had 7 loads of the 6 cares put it in granery mow there has been no dew this week
24		the Revd Mr Reeve preached in the Shoolhouse
	25	finished the west side of the midle field this forenoon little dew this morning cut the Rye in the afternoon
rain	26	mowed in the midle field East line a little Shower this afternoon stopt the drawing in
	27	worked in the midle field drew in the west side of what was north of the house
	28	finished cuting the midle field this morning heavy dew with a fog raked & drew in the Rye had 1 load very dry weather
	29	A little Shower last night about 11 oclock Ad went to Beverly this afternoon to bring Isabla & David & Wat wife here spread out some of the hay & put it cock
	30	mowed a little in the North field Adam Armstrong came here the first time he has been here since we moved up raked & cocked what hay there was in the midle field Ad came home brought Isabla & Lizie & her brother David did not come
31		there is a field meeting in McNiels woods the Revd Mr Reves & the Revd Mr White preached in the forenoon & the Revd Mr Burns & White in the afternoon there was a great many here for dinner the Revd Mr Reve preached at 6 oclock in the Schoolhouse

1864

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August	15	Intend to got to Lyn by the half past eight train to commence with Mr Wilson at the flax pulling
1864 June		

No 1 {illegible}	16	went to the repair and start the lansdown jobs Wm Killingbeck to take down the hill fix the bridge, make a crossing grub out the center of the road 15 feet in width cut it all 40 feat No 2 Michel Oconner from the hemlock tree of No 1 to hemlock stub & tree to clear it 40 feat width 15 feet to be grubd in the center for 50 to from hemlock stub & hemlock tree to a stump marked 13 make Michal Oconner
	16	{illegible} to a Cars cow out laid out{illegible} at the Second Concession {illegible} put up {illegible] and reported to
Mar 16 {possibly}		Went to Gananoque Took in the cars laid out a Road on {illegible} the second concession of Leeds put up Notices & reported to council.

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